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Aus protocol
(Item 5.1)

Subject: Re: Containment Level request: Recombinant adenovirus
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Date: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 16:10:09 -0400
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Hi Jennifer,

Containment level 2 for sure as the wild-type adenovirus is a risk group 2. I am not too worried about the transgene as CRE is not an oncogene or tumor suppressor or cell cycle regulator.

I don't think that containment level 3 operational practices are required (although the University can decide to implement them). I would however, make sure that the following practices are followed:
I would make sure that appropriate PPE are worn, especially that we are discussing aerosol challenges. I would recommend all work to be carried in a Class 2 BSC. Also make sure that the infected animals are not in proximity to non-infected animals. You might want to keep the cages in a different room or use HEPA filtered cages. Make sure to address the issue of shedding and to discard the animal bedding appropriately.

If you need further assistance, let me know.

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Hi Genevieve
So what containment level do you recommend? It must be at least Level 2..Level 2 plus? Level 3?
Jennifer

Geneviève Lacroix wrote:

> Hi Jennifer,
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> It sounds good to me. I would however make sure that the issue of shedding

is be addressed, and therefore proper disposal of cage bedding.

Let me know if I can further assist.

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Hello there
I am wondering if you can give me your opinion on the containment required
for the project described below.
Thanks
Jennifer

"Mice carrying a lox-stop-lox-RasG12D allele (callled Kras tm4tyj) are anesthetized, allowed to inhale a solution containing adenovirus-Cre, allowed to recover and monitored for cancer incidence. Inhaled virus infects lung epithelium and expresses Cre. Cre then deletes the lox-stop-lox and oncogenic Ras is expressed in the infected cell. Some of these cells develop into tumors. More details can be found at the following web site http://web.mit.edu/jacks-lab/NP_Jacks.pdf "

"Since animals are being infected with a hazardous agent (recombinant adenovirus), mice will be housed in individual vented cages in the special inclusion barrier. Mice will be infected only in a BL2 rated safety cabinet, and cages will only be changed and mice will only be inspected inside a BL2 cabinet."

"Virus will be delivered intranasally. In brief, the anesthetized mouse will be held on its back with its head elevated. The viral solution will be slowly expelled from a pipette tip over one nostril, so that it can be inhaled. See http://web.mit.edu/jacks-lab/NP_Jacks.pdf for more details."

Resulting Changes: "Mouse cells that are infected with recombinant adenovirus-Cre will express Cre recombinase and DNA sequences between

LoxP sites in these cells will be deleted as a result. Control mice will be infected with recombinant adenovirus-GFP that will express green fluorescent protein"

-------- Original Message --------
Subject:RE: Viral Vector Policy and Dick Protocol
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Hi Jennifer,
This is a virus carrying an active oncogene based on what I understand. It is to be used in a form that will result in potential aerosols. At a minimum this should be a level 3 experiment. I would go to health Canada on this one. It is the worst possible type of experiment for us to consider. In fact since our level 3 does not support aerosol containement experiments we may not be allowed to do this experiment.
Greg