



**Vaccinia Project Meeting Minutes**  
**November 26, 2010**  
**Robarts Room 2201, 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Present (Biohazard Subcommittee members):** Dr. J. Millar (Chair), Dr. S. Barr, Dr. G. Dekaban, Dr. T. de Langley, Dr. S. Koval, Dr. S. Siu, J. Stanley, E. Gray (OH&S Intern)

**Present (Others):** Dr. M. Haeryfar, T. Hammoud, S. Jarrett, W. Lagerwerf, D. Mazzuca Siroen

### **1.0 Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

### **2.0 Vaccinia Waiver/ Consent Form**

S. Jarrett presented the consent forms for persons willing and unwilling to be vaccinated but who wish to work on the research project. S. Jarrett discussed changes to be made to the form. Dr. Haeryfar and Dr. Dekaban would like the phrase “vaccinia infection has been reported on a regular basis” to be changed to “vaccinia infection has been reported.”

Motion to approve the Vaccinia Waiver subject to minor changes by the University legal counsel.

Moved: Dr. Koval

Seconded: Dr. Dekaban

### **3.0 Vaccinia Medical Surveillance/ Flowchart**

Dr. Siu discussed the Flow Diagram for Medical Surveillance for Vaccinia Virus. Amendments to the flowchart were suggested and include removing the dotted lines and replacing with an asterisks, with a description at the bottom stating “If a person at some point decides they wish to enter the process, the option is there for the person to enter into the other column.” The box on the bottom, right side of the page should be amended to say “Researcher/ Supervisor”.

#### **3.1 Vaccine**

Dr. Siu informed that there will be no charge for the vaccine. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) requires that the employer, vaccinee and the doctor administering the vaccine must all sign consent forms. Dr.

Siu sent a package to S. Jarrett to find out who will sign as employer representative.

### **3.2 VIG**

PHAC will not release the vaccinia immunoglobulin (VIG) until there is an actual exposure. Dr. Haeryfar will look into obtaining VIG through other sources (such as CDC). Dr. Haeryfar would like to have a procedure created for if someone does have an accidental exposure. This procedure should include names and numbers of individuals to contact.

### **3.2 Occupational Health Education Session**

The education session has been tentatively set for December 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning. It is important for the Employer to provide workers with information about the vaccine so they can have a chance to ask questions. Individuals can set up an appointment at Workplace Health if they want to ask questions in a confidential manor. They will also have a chance to discuss questions with Dr. Colby before getting the vaccine. W. Lagerwerf discussed the idea of having all ACVS staff attend so they can make an informed decision for themselves about whether they will work with vaccinia and whether they will get vaccinated. If no staff volunteer to work on this research project, Dr. deLangley will discuss the details of hiring new staff members with Dr. Ted Hewitt (VP Research).

Dr. Siu will talk about the risks and benefits of the vaccine. Dr. Haeryfar will talk about his research. J. Stanley and Dr. Siu will see if Dr. Colby is available for the session.

## **4.0 Standard Operating Procedures**

J. Stanley and W. Lagerwerf discussed the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the Vaccinia virus animal protocol. Changes were suggested and additions will be reviewed by J. Stanley, D. Mazzuca Siroen and W. Lagerwerf. Once the changes have been finalized, the SOP will be sent to the Biohazards Subcommittee for approval.

## **5.0 Other Details**

### **5.1 Starting Date**

Dr. Barr inquired about the labs eagerness to start this project once it is approved. There was a discussion around Level 3 shut down and shared space in animal quarters. ACVS will contact Dr. Rupar about possibly sharing Room 6009 temporarily with the Haeryfar project. ACVS will be responsible for allocating space for the research projects.

## **5.2 Weekend Animal Monitoring**

Dr. Haeryfar inquired about why it was necessary to monitor the animals on the weekends. ACVS informed him that it is a governmental regulation to monitor the physical well-being of the animals.

## **6.0 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Motion: Dr. deLangley

Seconded: Dr. Koval