

Dear Dr. Mehta;

The Biohazards Subcommittee met in December to discuss your protocol application and have a concern that your fume hood may not be the equivalent of a biological safety cabinet (BSC). Your lab may have a fume hood equivalent to a BSC but if the fume hood is not certified as a BSC your work cannot be conducted in that location.

More specifically, your facility needs to have a BSC (or equivalent) that meets the requirements set out by the Public Health Agency of Canada Containment Level 2 Checklist:

Is your BSC certified in accordance with the requirements outlined in National Sanitation Foundation NSF/ANSI 49 Class II (Laminar Flow) Biosafety Cabinetry?

Please resolve this issue with Jennifer Stanley as soon as possible.

Sincerely;
Jack Millar
Chair, Biohazards Subcommittee