

**The University of Western Ontario
Biohazard Subcommittee Meeting**

Minutes of December 19, 2008
10:00 – 11:30, SSB 5161

Present: Dr. G. Kidder, Dr. S. Siu, J. Stanley, Dr. G Dekaban, Dr. T. DeLangley
Regrets: Dr. S. Barr

1.0 Introductions

No introductions needed.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2008

Motion: Dr. S. Barr (by e-mail) Dr. S. Siu

3.0 Modification of 2009 Meeting Schedule

Schedule to me modified to reflect Dr. T. DeLangley and Dr. S. Siu's schedules.

4.0 Biohazardous Agents Registry Forms

4.1 Dr. G. Southam

Motion: Dr. T. DeLangley Dr. G Dekaban

Approved: Clarify source of soil.

4.2 Dr. P. Foster

Motion: Dr. T. DeLangley Dr. G Dekaban

Approved: Biosecurity required for Pertussis toxin. Researcher to contact Anne Marie McCusker regarding nanoparticles.

4.3 Dr. M. Mann

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. T. DeLangley

Approved: Correct section 4.4 to reflect E1A and T-antigen from HEK 293 cells.

4.4 Dr. J. MacDonald (Revisit)

Motion: Dr. T. DeLangley Dr. S. Siu

Approved: Pending inspection. 4.4 is yes (HIV sequences).

4.5 Dr. S.O. Kim

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. T. DeLangley

Approved: Biosecurity measures required. Clarity required for use of anthrax.

4.6 Dr. A. Wang

Motion: Dr. T. DeLangley Dr. S. Siu

Approved: Pending review by outside expert such as Kam Donnelly or Dianne Couples.

4.7 Dr. A. Leask (Modification)

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. S. Siu

Tabled: Pending clarification and input from Health Canada.

4.8 Dr. S. Barr (Modification only)

Motion: Dr. S. Siu Dr. G Dekaban

Approved: No issues.

4.9 Dr. A. Allan (Modification only)

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. T. DeLangley

Approved: Clarify cell lines as Level 1 or Level 2.

4.10 Dr. A. Nelson

Motion: Dr. T. DeLangley Dr. S. Siu

Approved: No biological safety cabinet in room, use designated autopsy Level 2 room (PM room in West Valley). Use of heavy duty, puncture-resistant gloves. Discuss project with Dr. DeLangley and how brain tissue will be removed from skull. Discuss SOP for Herpes B virus with Workplace Health. Health care/ water resistant N95 fit-tested mask or face shield required. Position Hazard Forms must be completed, if not already done so.

4.11 Dr. C. Guglielmo

Motion: Dr. S. Siu Dr. T. DeLangley

Approved: N95 fit-tested mask and puncture-proof (leather) gloves required. Contact Workplace Health regarding medical surveillance.

4.12 Dr. F. Dick

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. S. Siu

Approved: No issues.

5.0 Hazard Communication Form

Changes suggested: add NHP facility, "Containment level" not "biosecurity level", radioactive substances, dB (not dbs), add magnetic resonance. Training responsibilities to be addressed. K. Brown to be invited to the next meeting.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Biohazardous Agents Registry Form

Remove "of plant or animal origin" from Question 1.1.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion: Dr. G Dekaban Dr. S. Siu

Adjourned at 11:21 am.