

**UNTHSC IBC Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2026**

**12:03 pm – 1:05 pm**

**Teams meeting**

**Members in Attendance**

Rance Berg – IBC Chair

Maya Nair, BSO – *IBC Coordinator*

Egeene Daniels -UNTHSC member

Jayoung Kim - UNTHSC member

Richard McKee- UNTHSC member

Christopher Parker (Community member)

Raghu Krishnamoorthy - UNTHSC member

Mike Chumley (Community member)

Anne-Sophie Brocard (IBC vice Chair, UNTHSC member)

**Members Absent**

None

**Quorum – Present**

**Other individual in Attendance**

Tania Ghani, Assistant VP, Research Compliance

**IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM**

**The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest as each registration is reviewed.**

**I. Minutes Approval:**

February meeting minutes were approved

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained:0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

## II. Submissions for Convened Review – 1

1. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/rNDA/JK/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: **Evaluation of Biomarkers in serum and tissue samples of cancer patients**  
PI: Jamboor Vishwanatha, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL2  
NIH Category: IIID-1, IIIE-1  
Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained:0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please mark the usage of select agent “no”
- Please be consistent with the names used for PPE
- Please add Tetanus vaccine for those who perform animal studies
- Please add online waste pick up request will be completed for waste pick up.
- Please add culturing cell as an unattended activity.

2. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/rDNA/ TT/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: Tissue remodeling in human and mouse eye tissues and cells  
PI: Tara Tovar, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL2  
NIH Category: IIID-1  
Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained:0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please add long pants and closed toe shoes to the PPE section.
- Please provide the details of the tissue culture and testing process.
- Please specify the type of spills for spill clean up.
- Hepatitis B vaccine must be recommended.
- Please explain the transportation - Need a better description of primary, secondary and tertiary containers.
- Please provide frequency of decontamination

3. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/ rDNA/DT/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: zIFVs as broad-spectrum drug/vaccine hybrids against infectious agents and cancer  
PI: De-chu Christopher Tang, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL2/ABSL2  
NIH Category: IIIE, F1 and F8  
Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained:0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please complete the refresher training and provide the updated dates.
- Please provide the appropriate disinfectant and contact time for the specific agents listed in your protocol

- Please specify the type of spills for spill clean up.
- Hepatitis B vaccine must be recommended.
- indicate where is the closest autoclave for waste processing
- Please provide frequency of decontamination

**4. Protocol Number: IBC/ p/ JT/2026-1**

Protocol Title: Characterizing transmural structure and function in human heart failure

PI: Jonathan Tune, PhD  
 Biosafety Level: BSL2  
 NIH Category: None  
 Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
 Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained:0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please provide training dates
- Please change to yes for handling chemicals
- please provide details of the tissue processing where it will be done. what will you do with unused tissue?
- Provide details on waste disposal process.
- Please clarify the process of spill cleanup.

**III. Response to Requires Modification to Secure Approval- 2**

PI	Protocol approval date	Title	Protocol number
Jayoung Kim, PhD	2/25/2026	Targeted non-viral delivery of nucleic acid to diseased tissues and cells	IBC/rDNA/JKim/2026-1
Xinyue Liu, PhD	2/25/2025	Prohibiting Cell Death in Human Keratocytes: New insights for Non-surgical Keratoconus Treatment	IBC/p/LX/2026-1

**IV. Amendments approved Administratively: 2**

PI	Protocol approval date	Title	Protocol number
Melissa Petersen	6/27/23	Translational Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Program	IBC/P/MP/2023-1
Bruce Bunnelle	2/12/24	Chage PI from Dr. Bunnell to Dr. P. Mathew	IBC/rDNA/BB/2024-1

**Public comments: There were no public comments.**

**Adjournment: IBC chair moved to Adjourn the meeting at 1:10PM**

**IBC Chair**

**IBC Coordinator**

**Name:** Rance Berg, PhD

Maya Nair PhD, RBP (ABSA)

**Approved on 4/15/2026**