

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