

**University of Idaho  
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

**Date:** Monday, January 12, 2026

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. PT

**Location:** IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/84464078614> Passcode: 665362 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 844 6407 8614.

Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiel, Josie Boyer, Russell McClanahan, Dorah Mtui, Steve Russell, Nathan Schiele, and Kasia Duellman

**Attendance:** Non-voting: Arch Harner (Non-voting), and Samir Shahat (Non-voting)

Quorum was met with 8 of 9 members present

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Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**I. Old Business**

- A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.
  - 1. Discussion - None
  - 2. Motion to above.
    - a. Approved Unanimously
- B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

**II. New Business**

A. New Protocols

- 1. IBC-25-030 (Liang) – *AG Science 129A IBC application.*
  - a. Proposed at BSL-2
  - b. Discussion
    - 1. 5.2
      - a. Clarify meaning of “opioid activity.”
      - b. More information on aims of project
    - 2. 5.3
      - a. Add more in-depth aims, context, and rationale.
      - b. Describe human sample collection methods.
      - c. Clarify animal-derived materials and model systems.
      - d. Define aerosol-generating activities.
      - e. Remove unnecessary respirator references.
      - f. Move decontamination content to Section 5.3.C.
    - 3. 5.3.C
      - a. Specify sharps safety devices.
    - 4. 5.4
      - a. Rewrite to describe double containment for transport.
    - 5. 6.3 / 8.1
      - a. Resolve contradictions about animal use and LARF involvement.
    - 6. 7.1 / 11.1
      - a. Clarify permit requirements
    - 7. 7.1 / 10.2
      - a. Clarify IRB oversight
    - 8. 8.9
      - a. Explain pig intestine, bovine source and oversight requirements
    - 9. 9.1

- a. Update biosafety inventory to current version
- 10. 10.1
  - a. Update materials list to include all human and animal samples.
- 11. 12.1
  - a. Clarify whether USDA APHIS or NIH oversight applies.
  - b. Check OSHA Bloodborne pathogens
- c. Motion to approve for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items above. With full committee review.
  - 1. Approved Unanimously

2. IBC-25-031 (Ahmed) – *Efficacy of acoustic simulation to improve sleep in patients with hypertension and short sleepers: the ASLEEP-HTN pilot study.*

- a. Proposed at BSL-2
- b. Discussion
  - 1. 4.2
    - a. Confirm linkage to external funding as mentioned.
  - 2. 5.2
    - a. Remove unnecessary references currently included in this section.
  - 3. 5.3
    - a. Specify which assays will be performed in-house versus off-campus.
    - b. Clarify mention of reagent discs—what testing will occur locally?
    - c. Identify which equipment is at risk of failure (e.g., centrifuge?).
    - d. Delete redundant section starting with “Actions will be taken to mitigate risk...” since 5.3.C covers this in more detail.
    - e. Clarify why a “certified phlebotomist” still requires training.
    - f. Remove any aims or procedures unrelated to biosafety or biological samples (e.g., acoustic stimulation and arterial stiffness) to keep protocol focused on biological safety.
  - 4. 5.3.B
    - a. Fix incomplete sentence starting with “Both...”.
    - b. Require masks during handling open blood samples—remove “optional.”
      - 1. If N95: respiratory protection program required.
  - 5. 5.3.C
    - a. Add Bloodborne Pathogen training to existing lab safety course requirement.
    - b. Add specific description of how aerosol creation will be mitigated while pipetting blood samples.
  - 6. 5.5
    - a. All waste (A, B, C) should be autoclaved
  - 7. 5.6
    - a. Resolve contradiction: They indicated no outgoing shipments, but 5.2 suggests samples will be sent off-campus.
  - 8. 6.2
    - a. List IRIC-144 as autoclave location
- c. Motion to approve for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items, with BSO review. But if found that samples are processed in laboratory BSO may forward to full committee
  - 1. Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m.