

University of Idaho
Institutional Biosafety Committee

Date: Monday, May 11, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. PT

Location: IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/88248325769>
Passcode: 996708 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 882 4832 5769.

Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiell, Penny Borden, Russell McClanahan, Dorah Mtui, Steve Russell, and Nathan Schiele

Attendance: Non-voting: Samir Shahat (Non-voting)

Administrative: Kiah Stewart

Quorum was met with 7 of 9 members present

Meeting called to order at 11:07 a.m.

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.

1. Motion to approve.
 - a. Unanimously approved, no discussion.

B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

A. New Protocols

1. IBC-26-012 Daniels – *Albumin metabolism in BT-549 cells*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-1
 - b. Discussion
 1. 4.1 Select Internal Funding.
 2. 5.3.C. Clarify that some procedures (i.e. microscopy) will be done on the benchtop and describe how aerosols will be mitigated.
 3. 7.1 Select Human Subjects and complete additional questions.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-3 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.
2. IBC-26-011 Shafiee – *Effects of Galacto-Oligosaccharide Supplementation on Fecal Microbial Metabolites, Tryptophan Metabolism, and Depressive Symptoms in Young Women: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Crossover Trial*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-2

S. Russell joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

b. Discussion

1. 5.3 Adjust temperature typos in relation to freezers.
2. 4.2 Link the associated proposal(s).
3. 6.1 and 6.2 Complete questions.
4. 6.3 Remove the Other selection.
5. 8.1 Complete the table for Human Materials.
6. 5.3 Provide additional details about handling and processing human fecal materials.
7. 5.3.B.1. List that eye protection will be worn at all times.
8. 9.1 Select OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens.

9. 8.3 Select Yes.
 10. 8.2 Select *Collecting, receiving, or sharing human tissues/specimens* and *Collecting, receiving, or sharing data about humans*.
 11. 5.4 Describe containment and transportation procedures for transporting from participant home to the laboratory.
 12. 5.5.A. Select a decontamination method for liquid waste.
 13. 5.5.B. Remove “or disposed of via your institution’s approved biohazard waste contractor.”
 14. 5.5.C. Select decontamination method for pipette tips.
 15. 5.3.C.1. Waste Management Remove “or handled via institutional biohazard waste services.”
 16. IBC Form Update: 3.0 Update language to “IBC recommends two personnel listed on the protocol.”
 17. 7.1 Select Biological Agents (Not Recombinant DNA) and list unknown human derived bacteria.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-15 and 17 above.
1. Unanimously approved.

B. Three Year Renewal of Previously Approved Protocols

1. IBC-26-013 Caplan - *Copy of Copy of Characterization of genes contributing to potato cyst nematode resistance in the nonhost species, Solanum sisymbriifolium*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-1; Renewal: B-014-23 Expires: 07/11/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 5.3 Eliminate extraneous details.
 2. 5.3 There is a description of bleaching bacterial waste and plant material, followed by autoclaving. These procedures would create toxic chlorine gas. Please update decontamination methods to either chemical disinfection or autoclaving.
 3. 5.3 Discuss recombinant DNA work.
 4. 5.3.B.1. Safety goggles should be updated to face shield.
 5. 5.4 Styrofoam boxes are not leakproof. Update to a leakproof container for transportation.
 6. 11.1 Verify that permits are not needed. Update accordingly.
 7. 5.3.B.1. Update to lab coats, eye protection, and gloves will be worn in the lab. Remove FEMA reference.
 8. 10.3 Complete the biosafety level for *Agrobacterium EHA105*.
 9. 8.1 Complete the source for *Meloidogyne hapla* and *Meloidogyne chitwoodii*.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-9 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

III. Other Business

- A. Next IBC Meeting: June 9, 2026, at 10 a.m. (PDT)

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.