

IBC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2026 1:00 PM

Present: Bobby Clark, Dr. Amy Abell, Dr. Amber Jennings, Dr. Chidambaram Ramanathan, Dr. Jennifer Mandel, Ellen Whelan, Ley Aik Tan, Tim Barton, Donny Ray, Myat Thiri Maw, Kellie Watson

Absent: Dr. Shawn Brown

- I. Meeting began at 1:00 PM.
- II. Bobby discussed the approval of our first protocol of the year at the last meeting.
- III. Bobby discussed the fact that there are two new protocols for the committee to review.
 - a) FY2026-02: *Measuring the Thermal Tolerance of Human Central Nervous System Cells* Dr. Hadyen Carlton
 - i) Dr. Ramanathan reviewed the protocol with the committee. The only issue raised was the completion of the CITI training, which had not yet been completed.
 - ii) The committee voted unanimously to approve the protocol pending the Dr. Carlton's completion of the training.
 - b) FY2026-03: *Motivation and DA Dynamics in Wistar Rats Following Perinatal Exposure to THC* Dr. Helen Sable
 - i) Dr. Ramanathan reviewed the protocol with the committee. Bobby raised a concern regarding the ability of the AAV vector to become replication competent in a person that gets stuck with a needle containing the virus if they happen to be infected with the helper virus (adenovirus).
 - ii) The committee voted to approve the protocol if Dr. Sable could give could ensure that the scenario Bobby proposed was highly implausible and was willing to provide more information in the protocol as to why this is the case. This protocol is also pending CITI training completion.
- IV. Bobby discussed the fact that a new community member is needed for the IBC as one of our members has left his previous company.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

- VI.** After the meeting, Dr. Ramanathan and Bobby emailed Dr. Sable for clarification. She confirmed that while the proposed scenario of infection is possible that it is highly unlikely to happen. The reasons include that the needle used for infection has a blunt tip and the researchers wear gloves. Further, the virus is not added to the syringe until after the needle is stuck into the target tissue.
- VII.** Dr. Sable added the explanation to the technical description of the project. The amended description was distributed to the full IBC for review and all who attended the meeting agreed that the explanation was satisfactory. They also voted via email to approve the protocol as amended.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Additional questions on the protocol sent to Dr. Sable	Chida Ramanathan	April 30, 2026	Completed
Check both protocols to ensure that CITI training is completed	Bobby Clark	April 30, 2026	Pending