



MINUTES

5th BioEscalator Genetic Modification Safety Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2021, 14:00, MS Teams.

Present:

Khwaja Islam (Chair) (BioEscalator Biological Safety Officer)
Graham Ross (University Divisional Safety Officer)
Paul Brackstone (Nucleome Therapeutics Ltd)
Kevin Maskell (Bioarchitech Ltd)
Frankie Flintoft-Burt (Ochre Bio Ltd)
Chris Willberg (Medimab Biotherapeutics Ltd)
Lian Lee (Infinitopes Ltd) Observer
Senthil Chinnakannan (Infinitopes Ltd) Observer

1. Apologies:

Len Seymour (Professor of Gene Therapy, University of Oxford)
Samir Chitnavis (Cyanocapture Ltd)
Ashling Holland (Pepgen Ltd)
John Hinks (Base genomics)

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes approved by committee members.

3. Matters arising:

It was decided that multi-way confidentiality agreement document was no longer needed. Companies are advised not to declare any confidential information on the risk assessment (RA) which will be shared amongst the committee members for comments. GR mentioned there should be enough information or detail regarding the GM work and that one is able to assess the RA so the committee can approve it. KI mentioned if there is a conflict of interest regarding the GM work then one should mention that before the RA is circulated to the committee members.

3. Introduction of Member:

New members Frankie Flintoft-Burt, Paul Brackstone, Samir Chitnavis, Lian Lee and Senthil Chinnakannan were introduced to the Committee.

4. Company Departure:

KI informed that Theolytics Ltd have left the BioEscalator on July 2021 to Oxford Science Park and Exact Science have moved to the Science Park but will officially leave the BioEscalator on 31st December 2021.

5. Approval of Risk Assessments prior to the meeting:

KI reported two contained use activities (risk assessments) approved prior to the meeting as follows:

- a) 1 x class 1 (Nucleome Ltd)
- b) 1 X class 1 (Cyanocapture Ltd) Note: The work was already approved by HSE for work to be carried out at the Heyford Innovation Park and now re-sent it to HSE for change of centre number to the BioEscalator.

6. Any Other Business (AOB):

GR asked if the BioEscalator would be closed during the Christmas Holiday. KI responded that the BioEscalator and distribution team would be on holiday from midday on 24th December 2021 and back to work on the 4th January 2021, when the services will re-open from 8am. However, the building will be open 24/7 for the tenants same as last Christmas for those tenants who want to work during the Christmas vacation. The University security service will be around at Christmas as well as KI and Claire Shingler for emergency event. Liquid Nitrogen tank will be filled as normal on the 30th December 2021.

8. Date and venue of next meeting:

TBA for November 2022.