

**Loyola University Chicago Health Sciences Campus (LUCHSC) Institutional Biosafety Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 10/30/2025 11:30 AM**

**Called to Order: 11:30 AM**

**Location: 2160 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Bldg. 115 Maywood, IL 60153**

**IBC Members**

Please see the NIH Office of Science Policy Registration Management System for official Committee Members' roles.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Role</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Tom Gallagher	Chair	Present
Matthew Hejna	Director	Present
Maurizio Bocchetta	Member	Present
Abby Kroken	Member	Present
Dave Barefield	Member	Present
James Migliorisi	Member	Present
Mike Nishimura	Present	Present
Cynthia Tom	Member	Present
Farshid Azarafrooz	Member	Excused
Stuart Johnson	Member	Excused

**Registrations for Protocol Review**

<b>Principal Investigator</b>	<b>Submission Type</b>
K. Hullahalli	Resubmission (Full Committee review)

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Previous Meeting Date: 9/29/25

Determination: Approve

Comments: Kroken made a motion to approve the minutes. Nishimura seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously supported the motion.

**I. New Category III-D**

**Lab Documentation and Training:** All labs are required to have and maintain a current Laboratory Safety Plan, of which the Schedule G is a part, describing their lab space and any hazardous materials therein, and personnel must complete assigned safety trainings prior to conducting research described in the Schedule G. PIs are responsible for specific biosafety training procedures that are applicable to their grants and experiments.

**1) HULLAHALLI, K. Title:** Suppression of host inflammasome activation by ocular pathogens

**Biosafety Level:** BSL-2

**Purpose:** This project aims to understand how bacterial pathogens cause disease and how the immune system interacts with invading microbes. Biohazardous agents will be used to model and modulate the host-pathogen interface.

**Committee Comments:** Committee much clearer on aims of this protocol, PI has affirmed no gain of function. Minor corrections needed in regards to decontamination procedures and use of sharps.

**Status:** Designated Member Review (Vote 7-0-0)

**II. Old Business- Discussion**

**No Items**

**III. New Business- Discussion**

**No items**

**IV. Next IBC Meeting**

**11/25/25**

**V. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM**