IBC MEETING SUMMARY

White Oak (WO) Institutional Biosafety Committee

Thursday, July 16, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EDT
Meeting Location: Teams

Facilitator: Derek Ireland
Recorder: Tracey Brown

VOTING MEMBERS

P	Allard, Marc HFP	**P**	Lina, Taslima NCTR
P	Baer, Alan CBER	**A**	Linden, Sara CDRH
A	Bramhall, Elizabeth Comm. Member	**P**	Miller, Mayumi CVM
P	Debrabant, Alain CBER	**P**	Pandey, Ruchi CDRH
P	Gannavaram, Sreenivas CBER	**A**	Papafragkou, Efstathia (Efi) HFP
P	Ge, Beilei CVM	**P**	Perlman, Amanda Comm. Member
A	Inselman, Amy NCTR	**P**	Richter, Taylor HFP
P	Ireland, Derek CDER	**P**	Schwartzman, Louis OOSH
P	Khan, Saeed A. NCTR	**P**	Stantchev, Tzanko CDER
A	Khanna, Marilyn OCS/OSLA	**P**	Venkataraman, Thiagarajan (Raja) CBER
A	Kochan, Travis CBER	**P**	Verma, Anita CBER
P	Krishna, Ashok CDER	**P**	Waggener, Christopher T. HFP
P	Laassri, Majid CBER		

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS & OPTIONAL ATTENDEES

A	Aljazrawi, Aveen	**P**	Marth, Theresa HFP
P	Brown, Tracey OOSH	**A**	MacWilliams, Ziven OOSH
P	Buttke, Thida OC	**P**	McNeil, Ronald OOSH
A	Degrasse, Jeffrey OOSH	**P**	Nayak, Rajesh NCTR
A	Dixon, Jeremy OOSH	**P**	Nwoka, Adaobi* OOSH
A	Evans, Anissa Comm. Member for NCTR	**A**	Pittas, Tanya OOSH
A	Fowler, Joe NCTR	**A**	Ragan, Angela OOSH
A	Hadden, Phoebe OOSH	**P**	Reid, Ericka CBER
A	Howard, Michele OOSH	**A**	Sanad, Yasser Comm. Member for NCTR
A	Kemp, Margaret CBER	**P**	Snyder, Jessica CDER
P	Lien, Christopher OOSH	**A**	Tremonti, Annette OC

P = Present; A = Absent; CBER = Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; CDER = Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; CDRH = Center for Devices and Radiological Health; CVM = Center for Veterinary Medicine; FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration; HFP = Human Foods Program; NCTR = National Center for Toxicological Research; OC = Office of the Commissioner; OCS = Office of the Chief Scientist; OOSH = Office of Occupational Safety and Health; OSLA = Office of Science and Laboratory Advancement

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW APPROVALS

WO IBC Administrative Review Approvals Since 6/02/26		
App. #	**Title**	**Approval Date**
13260	Investigation of the immunobiological basis of attenuated COVID-19 infection and pathology in pediatric populations	7/07/26
13263	Development and evaluation of pathogen detection technologies for safe use of human cell, tissue, and cellular and tissue-based products and understanding the molecular mechanism of disease pathogenesis.	6/17/26

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Meeting Commencement:

- The WO IBC meeting commenced at 9:32 A.M. EDT.

II. Attendance

- A total of 18 voting members were present, which fulfilled the quorum needed to conduct IBC business.

III. Review of June 18, 2026, WO IBC Meeting Minutes:

- T. Richter motioned for approval of June 18, 2026, meeting minutes, and A. Baer seconded the motion.
- The June 18, 2026, meeting minutes were approved by 16 votes of approval, 0 votes of disapproval, and 2 abstentions.

IV. Applications

App. #	Title	NIH Ref	Outcome
13271	Evaluation of New Commercially Available Agars for Enhanced Detection of Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli (STEC) in Food and Environmental Samples	N/A	Approve ☒ Table ☐

*Approval is contingent upon full remediation of application, incorporating all reviewers' stipulations and requirements.

Application #13271 Project Overview:

Section A: Synopsis

- The study aims to enhance the detection of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) from foods and associated environmental water samples using commercially available agars (IDEA STEC and a novel STEC O157:H7 agar) to better protect public health.

Section G: Pathogen and/or Toxin

- N/A

General Comments from Primary Reviewer:

Primary reviewer recommends approval pending revisions and clarification. The primary reviewers' recommendations are as follows:

- Section A: Describe the spiking procedure for food and environmental water prior to enrichment; Use the word consistently for STEC. There are Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* and Shigatoxigenic *E. coli* throughout the application; Revise the start date to a future one as 6/1/26 has already passed.

General Comments from Secondary Reviewer:

Secondary reviewer recommends approval pending minor clarifications from the PI. The secondary reviewers' recommendations are as follows:

- Section A:
  - Clarify whether samples will be stored for consistency.
  - Revise start date to future date.
- Section B: Ensure all project team members have completed training.
- Section G:
  - See Section A, above.
  - PI indicates there is no sample repository but lists refrigerators and freezers that will store pathogen. Consider indicating "Yes" to sample repository question.

Discussions and Questions During the IBC Meeting

- None.

IBC Committee Recommendations for Application #13271:

- Primary reviewer motioned for approval of application #13271 with minor modifications. An alternate IBC voting member supported the motion.
- Application #13271 was approved by 18 votes of approval, 0 votes of disapproval, and 0 abstentions.

V. Meeting Adjournment: The IBC meeting was adjourned at 10:02 A.M. EDT.

VI. Next IBC Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026.