

University of Dundee

GENETIC MODIFICATION AND BIOLOGICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE (CITY CAMPUS)

A meeting of the Committee was held on 23 Feb 2011 at 11am in JBC-2L3-206. The meeting closed at 11.20.

Present: Prof D van Aalten (Convener), Dr A-C Declais, Ms E Emslie, Dr A Knebel, Dr N Helps, Dr A Javelle, Dr J Chubb, Dr L Newman, Dr P Robertson, Dr I Scragg, and Dr J Zomerdijk

MINUTE

Item	Action
1. Welcome Prof van Aalten opened the meeting	
2. Apologies Received from Dr S Wyllie.	
3. Minute of previous meeting Approved.	
4. Matters Arising	
<p>Dr Scragg reported that he plans to work with Ms Grayson to produce a powerpoint based training package. Prof van Aalten reminded members of the plan to include this training package as part of the induction training of new staff and students.</p> <p>Prof vanAalten asked about the proposed new Biological Agents Regulations. Dr Scragg reported that in his opinion it seems unlikely that the Coalition Government will implement these new Regulations as they are currently drafted.</p>	Dr Scragg and Ms Grayson to progress.
5. Outstanding issues Prof van Aalten asked members to remind PI's in their Division to send information to Ms Grayson.	Members to 'chase' PI's.
6. Review of new risk assessments	
6.1 David Gray, Growth Inhibitor Screening of P.aeruginosa Dr Helps queried if this work with a Hazard Group 2 pathogen could be carried out on the bench in the general lab. Ms Grayson confirmed that there are safe operating procedures for work in open labs with Hazard Group 2 pathogens that are usually transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces.	Members approved this pilot scale work.

<p>6.2 Inke Nathke, Expression in mammalian cells of retroviral vectors to create stable cell lines....</p> <p>Dr Helps commented that more detail on environmental hazards is required. Dr Scragg noted the inconsistent information about the nature of the lentiviral vector. He recommended that a 'third generation SIN' vector as detailed in the SACGM Compendium of Guidance be used.</p> <p>6.3 Paul Crocker, Retroviral transduction of bone marrow progenitors.</p> <p>Dr Helps commented that more detail on environmental hazards is required. Dr Scragg commented that more information about the retroviral vector is required.</p>	<p>Ms Grayson and Mrs Robertson to discuss with PI, and update risk assessment.</p> <p>Ms Grayson and Ms Emslie to discuss with PI, and update risk assessment.</p>
<p>7. Date of next meeting 11am, Weds 24 Aug 2011.</p>	