Biological Safety Inspection Checklist

Area inspected: SCILLS TC

Date of Inspection: 24/6/09

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1. Facility

a. Is the door to the facility appropriately labelled (i.e. biohazard & no access to cleaners)? No

b. Is access to the facility restricted in any way? Yes

c. What is the Hazard Group/Class of the work being done? CL 1 at present

d. If mixed, are MSCs and incubators used for HG/CL 2 work identified as such? n/a

1. Questions for personnel:

- a. Have you read any risk assessments relating to your work? Some including generic CL1 TC RA
- b. Are you aware of the Safe Operating Procedures that apply to your work? Yes

c. Who trained you when you first started work with cell cultures/biological material? **Existing, experienced staff**

2. PPE

a. Are lab coats available? Yes

b. If yes, are they worn? Yes

c. Which type of disposable gloves are available? Both; reminded of Uni Policy.

d. Are safety glasses readily available? Yes

3. Housekeeping & Hygiene

- a. Is the facility clean and tidy? Yes
- b. Is the wash-hand basin clean? Yes
- c. Are soap and paper towels available? Yes
- d. Is an eye-wash readily accessible? Yes; in main lab
- e. Are reagents safely stored (check inside fridges)? Yes

4. Equipment

- a. Are centrifuges clean and well maintained? Yes
- b. If required, are aerosol containment canisters available? Yes
- c. Are incubators clean and well maintained? Yes
- d. Are culture vessels clearly labelled? Yes
- e. Are microbiological safety cabinets clean and well maintained? Yes
- f. Are they being used appropriately? No workers observed during inspection

5. Disinfection

- a. Is 70% ethanol in use? Yes
- b. Are the bottles properly labelled (i.e. 70% EtOH; Flammable)? No
- c. Is 1% Virkon solution is use? Not used at present; reasons for using Virkon explained
- d. Are the bottles properly labelled (i.e. 1% Virkon made up on dd/mm/yy)? n/a
- e. Is the Virkon solution still pink? n/a

6. Waste

Is waste being disposed of/are waste receptacles being used appropriately?

Yes

- a. Sharps
- b. Large plastic pipettes Yes
- c. Large glass pipettes n/a
- d. Solid autoclavable waste Yes
- e. Liquid waste Yes
- f. Agar plates n/a
- g. Blood/tissue n/a

h. Is there a designated area for storing small items to be uplifted for autoclaving? **Not required at the moment; will get one if necessary**

i. Are the items stored so as to prevent breakage/spillage (e.g. in a plastic tub)? As above

7. Other

- a. Is a spill kit readily available? Yes
- b. Is the spill SOP on display? No

8. Action and Additional Comments

- LG to supply signs for suite door.
- LG to supply CL1 and Spill SOPs.
- TC Manager to label 70% EtOH bottles.
- LG to send latest cabinet test reports.
- Very high standard of tidiness/cleanliness.
- Suite not used to full capacity at present.