

Institution	Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences
Meeting Date	Thursday, March 19 2026
Meeting Time	10:00 AM
Meeting Type	Hybrid Meeting

IBC Members Present	Name	Role	Attendance
	Dr. Gerwald Koehler	Committee Chair	Present
	Dr. I-Hsiu (George) Huang	Scientific Member	Present
	Dr. Sue Katz Amburn	Scientific Member	Present
	Dr. Crystal (Niki) Johnson	Scientific Member	Present
	William (BJ) Reddig	Lab representative	Present
	Dr. David Wallace	Animal Expert	Present
	Dr. Fang (Fiona) Liu	Non-affiliated member	Absent
	Jennifer Nangle	Non-affiliated Member	Present
	Dr. Vikram Gujar	Alternate Member - Affiliated Scientist	Absent
Quorum	Quorum is met. The IBC has seven (7) voting members present, and four (4) voting members are required to conduct business.		

Others in Attendance	Name	Affiliation	Title
	Kadin Falkensten	Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences	Research Compliance Coordinator, Biosafety Officer

Call to Order	The IBC Chair called this meeting to order at 10:01 am.		
Conflicts of Interest	The IBC Chair asked all members present to identify any conflicts of interest with the materials that are to be reviewed. No conflicts were identified for the materials to be reviewed at this meeting.		
Discussion of previous minutes	No additional discussion was held regarding the previous minutes. BJ made the motion to approve, and Dr. Wallace seconded. All members were in favor of approving, with none opposed or abstaining.		
Review and Approval of	Date of previous meeting	Motion	Votes; for/against/abstain

Review of Prior Business	Business	Review and Discussion
	Report of pending/outstanding protocol(s)	At this meeting, there are no protocols pending review. One protocol is pending changes from the PI after the February meeting, IBC-00001251.

## New IBC Registrations and Amendments for Review

## Review of IBC-00001254

PI Name(s)	Dr. Subhas Das	
Registration Title/Number	Effect of cecal slurry/fecal slurry or probiotic bacteria on different mouse/rat/human cell lines	IBC-00001254
Project Overview	<p>Cecal/fecal slurry is a complete consortium of gut microbes that play an important role in gut health. Additionally, probiotic bacteria like Akkermansia also play an important role in maintenance of normal gut health. How these microbes and microbial components or metabolites affect the gut epithelium is not known. These studies will provide us the preliminary data to understand their effect of gut epithelial homeostasis. The goal of this study is to better understand the role of microbes and microbial components/metabolites on overall gut health. The agents used in this protocol will be the bacteria <i>A. muciniphila</i>, the cell lines CCD-18Co and Caco-2 (human colon cells), and the rat intestinal cell line IEC18. Additionally, fecal samples will be collected from lab rats, and the microbiome of these samples will be used. All agents will be from established cell lines of wild-type characteristics, and the fecal samples will be collected from healthy rats with no known transmissible pathogens. No additional nucleic acid sequences will be used, and no manipulations will be made to any genetic materials. No host/vector systems will be used. The primary experimental manipulations that will be employed will be standard cell culture and bacterial cell growth procedures. Animals will be handled for the collection of fecal materials; however this manipulation and collection will occur separately under an approved IACUC protocol. The proposed biosafety level of this protocol will be biosafety level 2.</p>	
NIH Guidelines Section	No NIH Guidelines sections applied to this protocol.	



	No new business was brought up at this meeting.
Additional/Other Business	Discussion about teaching/instructional protocols. Kadin discussed a few things to consider with the teaching/instructional protocols with the committee, and got their input on the volume of students, courses, and general types of experiments that would be undertaken.

Review of Incidents	No incidents were reviewed or discussed at this meeting.
Inspections/Ongoing Oversight	No ongoing inspections or oversight were discussed at this meeting.
IBC Training	No IBC Training occurred at this meeting.
Public Comments	No public comments were recorded at this meeting.
Adjournment	The IBC Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 am. The next IBC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 2026