



Institutional Biosafety Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/25/2026 Start time: 3:00pm (ET) End time: 5:00pm (ET)

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Chair: Darlene Ward

Voting Members Present: Scott Swindle (Committee Member), Nichole Tower (Committee Member), Warren Rummage (Committee Member), Alain Houmeidan (Committee Member), Jackie Lomeli (Committee Member), Paul Gulig (Committee Member), Iwona Spath (Community Member), Jennifer Dimitroff (Community Member)

Other Persons Present: [REDACTED]

Conflict of Interest: The IBC Chair queried the IBC to identify any potential conflicts of interest and requested that any potential conflicts of interest be disclosed to the IBC. The IBC Chair then reminded the IBC that if any potential conflicts of interest were identified as the meeting progressed, disclosure would need to occur at that time. Identified potential conflict of interest: Yes No

Study Summary Information for Minutes			
Protocol #	[REDACTED]	IBC Study Submission ID #	PROTO202500051
Study Title	A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Masked, Active-Controlled Trial of a Single Intravitreal Injection of [REDACTED] in Adults with Macular Neovascularization Secondary to Age-Related Macular Degeneration [REDACTED]		
Agent	Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV)		
Agent Characteristics	Replication deficient vector; Risk Group 1		
rDNA Category	III-C-1		
Description of Recombinant Nucleic Acid Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] 		

Description of Genetically Modified Microbes or Vectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replication-deficient Adeno-associated virus (AAV) 				
Description of Transgene Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] 				
Risk Assessment of Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Dose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharps Safety ○ Standard Precautions • Administered Injection into the Eye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharps Safety ○ Standard Precautions • Dispose of all materials as biohazardous waste 				
Site Information					
Site Name	University Retina and Macula Associates - Oak Forest, IL	IBC Site Submission ID #	SAF202600044		
PI Name	Veeral Sheth				
Site Biosafety Level	BSL2				
Staff Training Verified by PI Signed SOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	
Motions, Votes, and Committee's Decision					
Motion: Approve					
Conditions: N/A					
Motion	First: [REDACTED]		Second: [REDACTED]		
Votes	For: 9	Against: 0	Recused: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0

Chair Signature

Approved by Chair:

Name: Darlene Ward

Date: 2026/03/05