

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2025

By zoom

Attendees: Leslie Diaz, Gaitree McNab, Charles Rice, Jennifer Rohr, Agata Smogorzewska, Amy Wilkerson

Chair's Remarks: The Chair thanked the members for agreeing to convene to review an amendment request outside the regular meeting schedule.

Conflict of Interest Statement: Members stated that they had no conflict with item of business in front of the Committee.

Amendments:

2024-04-005 Thomas Tuschl PI Based Registration: The PI requests to add the materials (seven USA-WA1/2020 plasmids containing the fragmented SARS-CoV-2 genome) and methods to assemble the full-length SARS-CoV-2 DNA genome. Using T7 transcription, they propose to produce the full-length SARS-CoV-2 RNA genome. The full-length RNA genome will then be electroporated into Vero E6 cells to produce SARS-CoV-2 virus. The SARS-CoV-2 virus will be used to test inhibitors developed by this PI's lab. Following discussion of the proposed work, the Committee decided that additional information is required to determine whether the proposed work is covered by Section III-A-1-a and what the appropriate containment level is. The Committee asked the Chair to notify the PI.