

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC)

IBSC Guidelines for College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University Khanapara, Guwahati-781 022, Assam

1. All Principal Investigators (and/or Co-investigators in case of inter-department, inter-campus and inter-institutional projects, wherever applicable)/Researchers/Faculty members/Students willing to conduct research activities must get prior approval of IBSC before commencement of the experiment under the following conditions:
 - a) For all experiments that fall under Categories II & III (and above) genetic engineering experiments on microorganism (as per *Regulations & Guidelines on Biosafety of rDNA Research & Biocontainment*, 2017) involving Recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology/Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)/Living Modified Organisms (LMOs).
 - b) All research activities/experiments on pathogens (Natural or Modified) belonging to the risk groups (RG) 2, 3 and 4 (as per *Regulations & Guidelines on Biosafety of rDNA Research & Biocontainment*, 2017).
 - ***Although for Category I experiments the IBSC approval is exempted, the respective PIs/Researchers must intimate the Member Secretary of IBSC before commencement of any experiment.***
 - ***All category III and above GE experiments would also require subsequent approval from RCGM before commencement of the experiments through submission of information in the prescribed proforma.***
2. Two hard copies as well as a soft copy of the application in the prescribed format (downloadable from the website www.vetbifg.ac.in) for IBSC approval, along with one hard copy of the project proposal/synopsis are to be submitted through the respective Head of Department to the Member Secretary, IBSC. The softcopy should be submitted through e-mail (e-mail ID: ibsc_cvs@vetbifg.ac.in).
3. The IBSC would normally meet twice in a year (preferably in January and July). Exceptions would be made for genuine exigencies, if the need arises. In such cases, the IBSC may confer on the proposal through circulation via e-mail, in case majority of the members are physically not available.
4. The application should be submitted at least 15 days before the IBSC meeting which will be notified at least 30 days earlier.
5. The application will be evaluated by the committee (and subject experts, if required) and the applicant may be asked to furnish other documents, if and when needed.
6. The committee may request the applicant to present his/her proposal before it, and the decision of the committee would be communicated to the applicant by a week from the date of the meeting.

7. The PIs/Scientists/Faculty Members/Major Advisors (for students) should strictly follow the biosafety measures in their respective laboratories as per *Regulations & Guidelines on Biosafety of rDNA Research & Biocontainment* (2017).
8. The members of IBSC may visit the respective laboratories from time to time to ensure compliance to the biosafety norms.