Meeting Minutes

Institution:	Southeast Retina Center
Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
Meeting Time	9:00 AM Eastern Time
Meeting Type:	Virtual Platform Teleconference (Remote) Open to the Public
Members in Attendance:	**Member** / **Voting** / **Member Type** Bavaret, Tammy / Yes / Chair: Biosafety Expert/HGT Expert Helm, Allen / Yes / Core Member: Biosafety Expert/HGT Expert Rastein, Daniel / Yes / Core Member: Biosafety Expert/HGT Expert Green, Mandy / Yes / Local Unaffiliated Member Payne, Susan / Yes / Local Unaffiliated Member Howell, Miranda / No / Site Contact
Invited Members Not in Attendance:	None
Guests:	Leibach, Diane Rex, Christina
Staff:	Payne, Kaylie Hemmelgarn, Marian

Call to Order: The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum was present as defined in the Sabai IBC Charter.

Conflicts of Interest: The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest (COI). No COI was declared by any voting member of the IBC for any of the items on the agenda.

Public Comments: No public comments were made prior to or at the meeting.

Review of Prior Business: None

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Previous Meeting Minutes: None

New Business:

PI:	Marcus, Dennis Michael MD
Sponsor:	AbbVie Inc.
Protocol:	M23-415 An Operationally Seamless Phase 2b/3, Multicenter, Randomized, Masked, Sham-controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Surabgene Lomparvovec (Suravec) Delivered via Suprachoroidal Space (SCS) Injection Targeting Subjects with Diabetic Retinopathy without Center Involved-Diabetic Macular Edema (CI-DME) (NAAVIGATE)
Review Type:	Initial Review
NIH Guidelines Section:	III-C-1

Trial Summary: M23-415 is a randomized, sham-controlled, masked, Phase IIb/III study sponsored by AbbVie Inc. and designed to assess the safety and efficacy of Surabgene Lomparvovec (sura-vec; ABBV-RGX-314) in participants with diabetic retinopathy without center involved-diabetic macular edema. Sura-vec is a replication-defective, recombinant adeno-associated virus (AAV) expressing a soluble binding fragment specific to Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF). The investigational product (IP) is administered by Suprachoroidal Space (SCS) Injection.

Biosafety Containment Level (BSL): The study agent surabgene lomparvovec is based on a Risk Group 1 (RG1) AAV vector that does not contain hazardous transgenes and is not handled or manufactured in the presence of a helper virus, thus biosafety level-1 (BSL-1) is the minimum recommended containment level for handling the study agent. The administration of this agent in a clinical setting further requires compliance with OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030).

Risk Assessment and Discussion:

- The Committee reviewed the clinical trial Sponsor's study documents and the Sabai-generated comprehensive study-specific Risk Assessment which collectively provided a thorough description of the recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules (investigational product/s) and the proposed clinical research activities involving the IP.
    - In summary, the primary risks in this clinical trial include potential occupational exposure from accidental spills or splashes of the IP during preparation and/or administration procedures and needlesticks due to the use of needles during preparation and/or administration. These potential risks are mitigated through a combination of relevant staff training, safe clinical practices (including Standard Precautions and sharps safety) and

use of appropriate PPE (as prescribed in the Risk Assessment and documented in the IBC submission package).
    - The Site confirmed that only study personnel who have been educated on the potential biohazards and the precautions to be taken when working with the IP will handle the IP or any materials contaminated by the IP.
    - The Site confirmed that study personnel are sufficiently trained in the practices and techniques required to safely work with the IP.
    - The Site confirmed that staff members receive Bloodborne Pathogens training.
    - Occupational Health Recommendations: None
    - The Committee had no additional significant comments or recommendations regarding the description of the potential risks and occupational exposure hazards associated with handling the IP in this clinical trial, or the proposed mitigation strategies, as detailed in the Risk Assessment.

- The Committee reviewed the Site's facility details, relevant study-specific procedures and practices, the PI's credentials and other applicable information provided by the Site for the purposes of the IBC review.
    - The Site verified that the information provided by the Chair was accurate.
    - The Site confirmed that the autoclave is only used for the reusable speculums.
    - The Site confirmed that there are no pipes underneath the cabinet where the biohazardous waste is stored. The biohazardous waste is collected and brought into the Soiled Utility room and stored for Vendor pickup.
    - The Committee discussed plumbed eyewash station availability and will confirm if they currently have one and will update Sabai.
    - The Committee commented on the chairs available in the preparation and dosing rooms. The Site confirmed that the chairs are currently fabric but are being replaced with plastic chairs.
    - The Committee discussed the biohazard sign and the phone number provided and recommended that the Site provides an additional emergency phone number.

Motion: A motion of Full Approval for the study at BSL-1 plus Standard Precautions was passed by unanimous vote. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

- Contingencies stated by the Committee: None

- Stipulations stated by the Committee: None

Review of Incidents: Nothing to report.

IBC Training: Nothing to report.

Reminder of IBC Approval Requirements.

Adjournment: The IBC Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM

Post-Meeting Pre-Approval Note: None