
**Research Ethics Committee (REC): Biological and Environmental Safety (REC: BES) Meeting Minutes
14 August 2025**

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WELCOME: Prof SL Sampson

PRESENT: Prof SL Sampson, Mrs J De Kock, Dr S Groenewald, Dr D Rip, Mrs N Sunday, Mr FM October, Dr JH Groenewald, Prof K Storbeck, Dr NJD Verhoog, Prof SMJ Hemmings, Prof M Van de Vyver, Prof C De Beer, Ms SR Matukane, Dr TU Macqweba, Mrs B Thompson-Graham, Miss K Naicker

APOLOGIES: Prof WJ Goosen, Mr WA Beukes

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: 22 May 2025 - approved

GENERAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. **Congratulations to Prof Karl Storbeck on his inaugural lecture** – Prof SL Sampson. Prof Sampson congratulated Prof Storbeck on his inaugural lecture on behalf of the REC: BES.

GENERAL MATTERS:

2. **First Aid Kits and their Accessibility** – The Committee noted concerns regarding the accessibility of first aid resources in certain research environments. The matter was identified as a potential safety risk and has since been addressed through appropriate corrective measures. The relevant environment is working in collaboration with the Faculty's Occupational Health and Safety team to ensure ongoing compliance.
3. **New REC: BES Member** – The Chair welcomed a new member to the REC: BES. The member will formally commence participation in Committee activities from 1 January 2026.
4. **Welcome of returning REC:BES member** – The Chair welcomed a returning member back to the REC: BES following a period of leave from Committee activities.

5. **Welcome of new staff member** - The Chair welcomed a new permit compliance officer within the Office for Research Integrity and Ethics.
6. **SU collaborative projects with external research institution** – The Committee discussed REC: BES applications relating to projects conducted at an external research institution involving SU-registered students and supervisors. It was noted that, in the absence of an equivalent REC: BES structure at the external institution, submission to the REC: BES is required. Further engagement between the respective institutions is planned to clarify administrative scope and oversight responsibilities, with feedback to be provided to the Committee.
7. **Students listed as PI** – The Committee noted that students had been incorrectly listed as principal investigators on some applications. It was confirmed that application forms will be updated to clarify that only SU-employed researchers or supervisors may be listed as principal investigators.

Application Number	Department	Project Title and Description	1st Reviewer Redacted	2nd Reviewer Redacted
1. BES-2025-33795		Redacted		
2. BES-2025-33719		Redacted		
3. BES-2025-34135		Redacted		
4. BES-2025-30368		Redacted		
5. BES-2025-33665		Redacted		
6. BES-2025-33021		Redacted		
7. BES-2025-33454		Redacted		
8. BES-2025-33452		Redacted		
9. BES-2025-34195		Redacted		
10. BES-2025-34157		Redacted		

11. BES- 2025- 33267		Redacted		
12. BES- 2025- 33988		Redacted		
13. BES- 2025- 30914		Redacted		
14. BES- 2025- 28868		Redacted		
15. BES- 2025- 16762		Redacted		
16. BES- 2025- 18963		Redacted		
17. BES- 2025- 17043	Biomedical Sciences	<u>CASCADE - COVID REC:BEE</u> Amendment Form Review Outcome: Approved with Stipulations		
18. BES- 2025- 29426		Redacted		
19. BES- 2025- 22735	Biomedical Sciences	<u>REC-BES: Investigation of ancestry-specific TB susceptibility in southern African populations</u> Amendment Form Review Outcome: Approved		

20. BES- 2025- 28480		Redacted		
21. BES- 2025- 30741		Redacted		
22. BES- 2025- 30740		Redacted		
23. BES- 2025- 29426		Redacted		
24. BES- 2025- 14745	Biomedical Science	<u>Transmission of Tuberculosis Among illicit drug use</u> <u>Linkages</u> Progress Report Form Review Outcome: Approved		
25. BES- 2025- 22185	Biomedical Science	<u>TRUST I and TRUST II</u> Progress Report Form Review Outcome: Approved with Stipulations		
26. BES- 2025- 30581		Redacted		
27. BES- 2025- 28663		Redacted		
28. BES- 2025- 16762		Redacted		

29. BES- 2025- 23654		Redacted		
30. BES- 2025- 28868		Redacted		
31. BES- 2025- 22495		Redacted		
Ratifications				
32. BES- 2025- 31748		Redacted		
33. BES- 2025- 32836		Redacted		
34. BES- 2025- 30840		Redacted		
35. BES- 2025- 32783	Biomedical Science	<u>Evolution, biology and host-pathogen interactions of mycobacteria 2025</u> New Application Form Outcome: Approved		
36. BES- 2025- 32658		Redacted		
37. BES- 2025- 32451		Redacted		
38. BES- 2025- 31982		Redacted		

39. BES- 2025- 24651		Redacted		
40. BES- 2025- 30507		Redacted		
41. BES- 2025- 32558		Redacted		
42. BES- 2025- 23928		Redacted		
43. BES- 2025- 23928		Redacted		
44. BES- 2025- 23928		Redacted		
45. BES- 2025- 18901		Redacted		
46. BES- 2025- 22781		Redacted		
47. BES- 2025- 22780		Redacted		
48. BES- 2025- 25384		Redacted		
49. BES- 2025- 27394		Redacted		
50. BES- 2025- 22183		Redacted		
51. BES- 2025- 29995		Redacted		

52. BES- 2025- 23928		Redacted		
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