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Research Ethics Committee (REC): Biological and Environmental Safety (REC: BES) Meeting Minutes  
27 November 2025

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**WELCOME:** Prof SL Sampson

**PRESENT:** Prof SL Sampson, Prof C De Beer, Dr D Rip, Prof K Storbeck, Mr FM October, Dr NJD Verhoog, Prof M Van de Vyver, Dr JH Groenewald, Mrs J De Kock, Prof V Mavumengwana, Mr WA Beukes, Ms K Naicker, Mrs B Thompson-Graham

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs N Sunday, Prof SMJ Hemmings, Dr S Groenewald

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** 30 October 2025 - **approved**

### GENERAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. **Research Integrity and Ethics Symposium (31 October 2025)** – Mr WA Beukes. Mr Beukes noted that the event had been well attended and issued a special thanks to Prof Corena De Beer for serving on a panel at the symposium in which she discussed the role of supervisors in ensuring that students understand the importance of ethical research design.

### GENERAL MATTERS:

2. **Disposal of Biological Waste** – Mr WA Beukes. Mr Beukes requested that this matter be tabled for the first REC: BES meeting in the 2026.
3. **Farewell to Prof M Van de Vyver** – Prof SL Sampson. Prof Sampson indicated the Prof Mari Van de Vyver had decided not to renew her REC: BES membership for the 2026 – 2027 period. A special thanks was given to her for her assistance and insights over the many years serving on the committee.

Application Number	Department	Project Title and Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Reviewer Redacted	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reviewer Redacted
1. BES-2025-33665		Redacted		
2. BES-2025-33153		Redacted		
3. BES-2025-35034	Biomedical Science	<u>RECBES POI Nemes Continuation</u>  <a href="#">New Application Form</a>  <b>Review outcome: Approved with Stipulations</b>		
4. BES-2025-35077		Redacted		
5. BES-2025-35115		Redacted		
6. BES-2025-31796		Redacted		
7. BES-2025-21619		Redacted		
8. BES-2025-28868		Redacted		
9. BES-2025-29544		Redacted		
10. BES-2025-31269		Redacted		

11. BES- 2025- 33267		<b>Redacted</b>		
12. BES- 2025- 33454		<b>Redacted</b>		
13. BES- 2025- 34157		<b>Redacted</b>		
14. BES- 2025- 32159		<b>Redacted</b>		
15. BES- 2025- 33452		<b>Redacted</b>		
16. BES- 2025- 30976		<b>Redacted</b>		
17. BES- 2025- 30103		<b>Redacted</b>		
18. BES- 2025- 25558	Biomedical Science	<u>REC BES: Targeted Sequencing to Enhance, Liven, and Optimize Treatment of Drugresistant Tuberculosis - A Pragmatic, Implementation Evaluation</u>  <b>Adverse Events Form</b>  <b>Review outcome: Approved</b>		

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