
Research Ethics Committee (REC): Biological and Environmental Safety (REC: BES) Meeting Minutes
30 October 2025

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WELCOME: Prof SL Sampson

PRESENT: Prof SL Sampson, Prof M Van de Vyver, Mr FM October, Prof SMJ Hemmings, Dr D Rip, Mrs J De Kock, Dr S Groenewald, Dr NJD Verhoog, Prof V Mavumengwana, Prof K Storbeck, Mrs N Sunday, Mrs B Thompson-Graham, Mr WA Beukes, Ms K Naicker

APOLOGIES: Dr JH Groenewald, Prof C De Beer, Prof WJ Goosen

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: 02 October 2025 – approved

GENERAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. **SU-SAMRC projects**– The committee noted that ongoing efforts are underway to review and strengthen existing arrangements for collaborative research. This includes ensuring that appropriate governance structures are in place and that research activities are conducted in line with applicable standards. Updates will be provided to the committee once these processes have been concluded.

GENERAL MATTERS:

2. **Research Integrity and Ethics Symposium (31 October 2025)** – Mr WA Beukes. Mr Beukes encouraged the REC members who had registered for the Research Integrity and Ethics Symposium.

Application Number	Department	Project Title and Description	1st Reviewer Redacted	2nd Reviewer Redacted
1) BES-2025-34907		Redacted		
2) BES-2025-32451		Redacted		
3) BES-2025-30533		Redacted		
4) BES-2025-31269		Redacted		
5) BES-2025-26831		Redacted		
6) BES-2025-32150		Redacted		
7) BES-2025-28068		Redacted		
8) BES-2025-30976		Redacted		
9) BES-2025-30103		Redacted		
10) BES-2025-33988		Redacted		
11) BES-2025-33267		Redacted		

12) BES- 2025- 33021		Redacted		
13) BES- 2025- 30740		Redacted		
14) BES- 2025- 17043	Biomedical Sciences	<u>CASCADE - COVID REC:BEE</u> Amendment Form Review outcome: Approved		
15) BES- 2025- 16762		Redacted		
16) BES- 2025- 23654		Redacted		
17) BES- 2025- 27987	Biomedical Sciences	<u>Evaluation of immunomodulatory properties of short-chain fatty acids produced by the gut microbiome on alveolar macrophage function in TB patients</u> Progress Report Form Review outcome: Approved		
18) BES- 2025- 28136		Redacted		

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