



INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

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Registration #: 2014-MRIA34
Title: Expression and propagation of a non-coding RNA aptamer in *E. coli* in order to block the formation of biofilms
Infectious Agent: RP437 (*E. coli* K-12), RP5838 (*E. coli* K-12), ZK1056 (*E. coli* K-12 F⁺IN(rrnD-rrnE)1 rph-1D(argF-lac)U169)
Recombinant DNA: M13K07, LITMUS28i-I716104, pT7-merRNA-BBa_B0015, LITMUS28i-I716104-pT7-merRNA-BBa_B0015
Biosafety Level: BSL-1
Registration Approval Date: May 14, 2014
Registration Expiration Date: May 1, 201

Dear Dr. Nair,

Your above named Biohazardous Material Registration has been reviewed by the Biosafety Office and administratively approved at Biosafety Level 1 (BSL-1). Detailed information on general BSL-1 practices and procedures can be in the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories 5th edition* and Tufts University specific BSL-2 practices and procedures can be found in *Tufts University/Tufts Medical Center Biological Safety Manual* both manuals can be found on the Environmental Health & Safety Website at the following url: <http://publicsafety.tufts.edu/ehs/biological-safety-references/>.

It is the Principal Investigator's responsibility to ensure that all lab staff are trained on appropriate biosafety practices and procedures and have demonstrated competency prior to doing independent work with biohazardous material. All trainings should be documented and kept on file for the duration of this work. The IBC has developed a PI Checklist that you may find useful when training your staff. This checklist can be found on the IBC website at the following url: http://www.tufts.edu/central/research/IBC/PI_checklist.htm.

Your registration has been approved for a 3 year period. If you would like to amend your approved registration, please complete an Amendment form and submit to the IBC Office at ibc-office@tufts.edu. Amendment requests must be submitted prior to initiating any changes in this approved registration.

The Biosafety Office is available to assist you and your staff as you conduct this research. We wish you success and look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully,

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