

# HFEA Research Licence Committee Meeting

11 September 2012

Finsbury Tower, 103-105 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8HF

## Minutes – Item 7

### Centre 0119 (Birmingham Women’s Hospital) – Voluntary Revocation of Research Licence R0172

Members of the Committee: Emily Jackson (lay) – Chair Andy Greenfield (professional) Sally Cheshire (lay) Neva Haites (professional)	Committee Secretary: Lauren Crawford  Legal Adviser: Stephen Hocking, DAC Beachcroft LLP
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Declarations of Interest: members of the Committee declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

#### The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- Executive Summary
- Previous Committee Minutes

#### The Committee also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Licence Committee Meetings and Hearings
- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- Decision trees for granting and renewing licences and considering requests to vary a licence (including the PGD decision tree)
- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21 January 2009.
- Guidance on periods for which new or renewed licences should be granted
- Standing Orders and Instrument of Delegation
- Indicative Sanctions Guidance
- HFEA Directions 0000 – 0012
- Guide to Licensing
- Compliance and Enforcement Policy
- Policy on Publication of Authority and Committee Papers

#### Background

1. Centre 0119 holds a treatment (including embryo testing) and storage licence and two research licences:
  - R0172: 'Human gamete interaction and signalling' and
  - R0186: 'Genetic screening of the preimplantation embryo'.
2. Research project R0172 was first licensed in January 2006. It was allocated two licence numbers: R0172 at centre 0119 and R0173 at centre 0209. Dr Jackson Kirkman-Brown is the PR at both centres.

### **Consideration**

3. R0172 and R0173 were both renewed by the Research Licence Committee (RLC) in November 2009 for the period 1 January 2010 – 31 December 2012
4. No eggs have been received or used, or embryos created, during the period of these licences.
5. An application to renew the licence at centre 0209 was submitted in May 2012 and an inspection took place on 12 June 2012. The renewal application is the subject of a report that will be considered by the RLC on 11 September 2012.
6. The PR has confirmed in writing that no research takes place at centre 0119 on this project and he does not plan it to in the future. Donated gametes are transferred to centre 0209 for all research activities. It was therefore agreed with the Head of Research Regulation that research project R0172 at centre 0119 does not need to be renewed.
7. No embryos are in storage for this project at either centre.
8. The Committee noted the Inspectorate's recommendation to revoke the centre's licence (Licence R/0172/2/b)

### **Decision**

9. The Committee accepts the centre's request to revoke Licence R/0172/2/b at centre 0119.

Signed:

Date: 24/09/2012



Emily Jackson (Chair)