**Biosafety Risk Assessment: Biological Agent Evaluation Worksheet**

This worksheet is intended to be used in conjunction with the “Conducting a Biosafety Risk Assessment” Standard Operating Procedure. This is meant to be used in the “Consideration of Biological and Chemical Hazards” step and will allow for evaluation of procedure-independent considerations for a biological agent or toxin.

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| **Biological Agent/Toxin Being Evaluated:** |
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| **Date of Evaluation Completion:** |
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| **Names of Individuals Involved in Conducting the Evaluation** | |
| **Name:** | **Role:** |
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| **Information Sources Used for Evaluation:** |
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**Definitions**

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| CDC/APHIS Select Agent | As listed at <http://www.selectagents.gov/SelectAgentsandToxinsList.html> |
| PAPR | Powered Air Purifying Respirator |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |

**Vaccination**

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| Is a vaccine available? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, is it recommended prior to work with this agent/toxin?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Classification**

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| Risk group of agent/toxin: | 1:  2:  3:  4: | | Unknown: |
| Is the agent/toxin a CDC/APHIS Select Agent? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Disinfection**

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| Recommended disinfectants: |  |
| Comments: | |

**Recommended PPE**

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| Which of the following is recommended for work with this agent/toxin: | | | |
| Gloves: |  | | |
| • Latex: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Nitrile: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Other (specify): |  | | |
| Eye protection: |  | | |
| • Safety glasses: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Goggles or face shield: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Goggles and face shield: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Protective clothing: |  | | |
| • Laboratory coat: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Sleeve covers: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Back-fastening gown: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Coveralls: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Liquid-impervious apron/gown: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Other (specify): |  | | |
| Respiratory protection: |  | | |
| • N95 Respirator/PAPR: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • Half mask respirator: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Mouth/nose splash protection: |  | | |
| • Surgical mask: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Foot/shoe protection: |  | | |
| • Shoe covers: | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Inhalation Risk**

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| Is this agent/toxin known to cause infection via inhalation (to cause infection via droplets or droplet nuclei that have entered the upper or lower respiratory tract): | | | |
| • In a laboratory setting? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • In the natural environment? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Is the infectious dose (ID50) of this agent/toxin for the inhalation route known? | | | |
| • Is the inhalation infectious dose known? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, what is the infectious dose (ID50)?* |  | | |
| ⮡ *If yes, is the infectious dose less than 1000?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Percutaneous Exposure Risk**

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| Is this agent/toxin known to cause infection via percutaneous exposure (to cause infection through compromised skin or direct injection into the blood stream): | | | |
| • In a laboratory setting? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • In the natural environment? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Is the infectious dose (ID50) of this agent/toxin for the percutaneous exposure route known? | | | |
| • Is the percutaneous exposure infectious dose known? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, what is the infectious dose (ID50)?* |  | | |
| ⮡ *If yes, is the infectious dose less than 1000?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Mucosal Membrane Risk**

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| Is this agent/toxin known to cause infection via direct contact with mucosal membranes: | | | |
| • In a laboratory setting? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • In the natural environment? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Is the infectious dose (ID50) of this agent/toxin for the mucosal membrane route known? | | | |
| • Is the mucosal membrane infectious dose known? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, what is the infectious dose (ID50)?* |  | | |
| ⮡ *If yes, is the infectious dose less than 1000?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Ingestion Risk**

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| Is this agent/toxin known to cause infection via ingestion (to cause infection via contact with the gastrointestinal tract): | | | |
| • In a laboratory setting? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • In the natural environment? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Is the infectious dose (ID50) of this agent/toxin for the ingestion route known? | | | |
| • Is the ingestion infectious dose known? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, what is the infectious dose (ID50)?* |  | | |
| ⮡ *If yes, is the infectious dose less than 1000?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| Comments: | | | |

**Post-Exposure Treatments**

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| Do post-exposure treatments (including immuno-globulin, vaccines, and antimicrobials) exist? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, what are they?* |  | | |
| Comments: | | | |

**Stability**

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| Is this agent/toxin stable outside of a host? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, specify this stability:* |  | | |
| Comments: | | | |

**Location**

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| Is this agent/toxin endemic: |  | | |
| • In this state? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| • In this country? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| If only found outside of this country, in what geographic regions is this agent/toxin endemic? |  | | |
| Comments: | | | |

**Non-Human Specimen Sources**

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| Are specimens from non-human sources tested in this institution? | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, considering the host range, could this agent/toxin be present in non-human sources tested in this institution?* | Yes: | No: | Unknown: |
| ⮡ *If yes, in what non-human sources tested in this institution could this agent/toxin be present?* |  | | |
| Comments: | | | |

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