

IARC Meeting 36: May 2nd 2019: minutes

The meeting commenced at 23:00 AEDT. AC, MC, CS and MO were in attendance. William Lees joined the meeting.

1. The minutes for Meeting 34 and 35 were accepted. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated in the coming days so that they can be accepted via email, prior to the Genoa AIRR-C meeting.
2. With great pleasure, the meeting noted the recent decision of the IMGT-Nomenclature Committee (Report #2019-11-0418) to recognise all recently submitted Level 1 inferences. Although the Level 1 sequences have been accepted by IMGT, the committee agreed that they would continue to accumulate data in support of these and other inferences, until each sequence reaches Level 3. It was noted that the sequences are now available in the IMGT IGHV Gene Table, and that the IARC names are provided in the 'Clone Name' column. The IMGT-NC report notes four different kinds of sequences, and the committee will seek clarification regarding the meaning of the different designations. One sequence, IGHV1-3*04 (IGHV1-3*i01: MH779622) is recorded as a partial sequence. Investigations will be undertaken to determine why this is so, and to rectify any errors.
3. Submission completion was discussed. Although some submissions may be subject to further consideration, as a result of sequences being affirmed as Level 0 sequences, it was agreed that such submissions can be marked as 'completed'. AC will complete submissions S00003, S00007 and S00008, including writing appropriate notes that will be forwarded on to the submitters.
4. The future membership of IARC was discussed. AC notified the meeting that an email has been sent out to the Germline WG seeking nominations, and that William Lees has been nominated for membership. It may be that others will be nominated before the Genoa meeting, and membership for the coming cycle will be finalised at that meeting. All current members agreed to continue in their positions for the next cycle. It was agreed that the chair of the group will be re-considered at the first IARC meeting after the Genoa meeting, when the membership of the group is clear. AC will continue as chair until that time.
5. The meeting considered the draft report of the Germline WG to the AIRR-C executive. This report needs to be submitted to the executive prior to the Genoa meeting. The goals of IARC for the coming cycle were discussed and the text of the document was supported by the committee. The discussion particularly focused upon the opportunities that there will be for researchers to make use of genotype data that is accumulating in OGRDB. This will be particularly useful for evolutionary studies and population genetics.
6. The time of the next meeting (Meeting 37) will be determined at the Genoa AIRR-C meeting.

The meeting ended at 00:10 (May 3rd) AEST.