

IARC Meeting 65: February 9th 2021: minutes

The meeting commenced at 10:00 UTC. AC, MC, MO, CW, GY and WL were in attendance.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
2. AC notified the meeting that affirmed sequences that were named by IMGT on November 20th have still not been incorporated into the IMGT gene tables. CW added that a number of sequences from his lab had also been named but were missing from the gene tables. The meeting agreed that AC should write to Sofia Kosida, expressing their concern with this situation. It was also agreed that AIRR-C members should be made aware of alternate sources of affirmed sequences, and that the IARC's commitment to accuracy, but also speedy reporting, should be highlighted to the community.
3. The meeting discussed the challenges associated with germline gene discovery from various genomic sequence sources. It was agreed that the IARC's experience with evaluation of inferences should allow it to offer guidelines to the research community. One check for gene discovery from genomic data will be whether or not the inferences that have been affirmed by the IARC can be identified in such data. Other thorough checks must be made, and this should be a responsibility of those who claim the discovery of new sequences in such data.
4. CW agreed to liaise with AIRR-C members who are working with IUIS to regularise IG/TCR nomenclature committees and their policies.
5. The next meeting (Meeting 66) will be held on March 8th at 10:00 UTC.

The meeting ended at 11:02 UTC.