

**Research Ethics Committee: Biological and Environmental Safety Member List
2025**

Membership Category	Member	Institution	Department
With substantial experience in biosafety	Prof Samantha Sampson (Chair)	Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences	Molecular Biology and Human Genetics
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	Prof Karl Storbeck	Faculty of Science	Biochemistry
	Dr Nicky Verhoog	Faculty of Science	Biochemistry
	Prof Wynand Goosen	Animal TB Expert – University of the Free State	One Health Centre of Excellence
	Dr Sarita Groenewald	Biosafety Expert – non-affiliate	
	Dr Hennie Groenewald	GMO Expert – non-affiliate	
	Ms Shané Basson	Community Member – non-affiliate	
	Mr Francois October	Community Member – non-affiliate	
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