

## ARTHROPOD CONTAINMENT GUIDELINES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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In response to the perceived absence of specific guidelines for laboratory containment of arthropods of public health importance, a committee has been appointed by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) to develop a document that fills this need. The document is currently in draft status, but when finalized and accepted by the ASTMH, will be recommended to NIH-CDC for inclusion in revised form in Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL). While the format is based

roughly on BMBL, the authors recognize and attempt to account for significant biological containment provided by temperate locations in which research is performed on largely tropical organisms.

The Guidelines Draft Committee welcomes comments on the document from the biosafety community. These comments can be routed to [Mbenedict@cdc.gov](mailto:Mbenedict@cdc.gov). The most recent draft of the guidelines can be obtained at: [klab.agsci.colostate.edu/~mbenedic/ACGdraftv22.pdf](http://klab.agsci.colostate.edu/~mbenedic/ACGdraftv22.pdf).

## ERRATAS

The following are the correct References for the article "Human Laboratory Acquired Arbo-, Arena-, and Hantavirus Infections" by S. Ya. Gaidamovich, A. M. Butenko, and H. V. Leschinskaya which appeared on pages 5-11 of *JABSA* (Volume 5, Number 1, 2000).

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