

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 02/04/2025

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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AWERB 3Rs Committee: [REDACTED]

Minutes – [REDACTED]

Apologies: None received.

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 05/03/25 were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 05/03/25.

3. Retrospective Reviews

a) [REDACTED] – Roles for genomic instability in cancer and ageing – RR
The committee discussed the following.

- The inclusion of additional information in the table in Section 2.1.
- The amendment of the information in the table in Section 2.1.
- Information to be completed in Section 2.1.
- Further explanation needed in Section 2.2.
- The need for additional information in Protocol 5. Section 2.2.
- The need for information to be linked to the Protocols in Section 2.3.
- The addition of animal numbers needed in Section 2.4.
- The need for additional information in Protocol 6. Section 2.5.
- The review of Section 2.7.
- Further explanation needed in Section 2.7.
- The second part of the table needing to be completed in Section 2.7.
- The full acronym description needed in Section 2.8.
- The removal of and inclusion of additional information in Section 2.9.
- Amendment of wording in Section 2.10.
- Further clarification of the procedure used in Section 3.1.
- The removal of the strikethrough in Section 3.1.
- The need for further explanation of the techniques used in Section 3.2.
- The completion of Section 3.2.
- The inclusion of procedures used in Section 3.4.
- Further clarification of the wording used in Section 3.4.

- Further clarification in Section 3.5.
- The removal of additional wording in Section 3.6.
- The inclusion of publication details in Section 3.7.
- Further clarification needed in Section 3.10.
- The questions to be answered in Section 3.10.
- The amendment of the answer in Section 4.2.
- Further explanation of the procedures used in Section 4.3.
- The inclusion of all publications in Section 4.8.
- The inclusion of dates in Section 5.2.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

- a) [REDACTED] - Development of bioelectronic therapies for the central nervous system
– New SS – Protocols 4 & 6

The committee discussed the following.

- The need for further procedural information in Protocol 4.
- Additional incident rate information needed in Protocol 4, Step 2.
- Further clarification needed regarding the procedure in Protocol 4, Step 2.
- Further detail regarding the length of time the adverse effects last needed in Protocol 4, Step 2.
- The inclusion of additional information in Protocol 4, Step 3.
- Further detail to be included regarding controls in Protocol 4, Step 4.
- Additional information regarding the monitoring of animals needed in Protocol 4, Step 4.
- The deletion of duplicated text in Protocol 4, Step 6.
- The inclusion of humane endpoint information in Protocol 4, Step 7.
- The addition of information regarding housing in Protocol 4, Step 13.
- Further information regarding animal recovery needed in Protocol 4 & Protocol 6.
- Further clarification needed in Protocol 6, Step 4.
- The need for alternative wording in Protocol 6, Step 4.
- The inclusion of timings and humane end points needed in Protocol 6, Step 4
- The inclusion of humane endpoint information in Protocol 6, Step 5.
- The need for additional information regarding refinements in Protocol 6.
- Additional detail needed in the protocol justification section in Protocol 6.

5. NIO Reports

Next month [REDACTED] will submit a report giving an update on the visit to [REDACTED] & germ-free breeding. There are some NC3RS links on the NIO report previously circulated. [REDACTED] has a 3Rs meeting called Critical Connections at the end of this month. This is a good event for researchers and technicians to meet.

The SC18 pie-chart shows data for January – March 2025

The Camfest weekend was successful. Members of the [REDACTED] were joined by some researchers and technicians at the festival. The highlight of the show was the paddling pool filled with bedding, toy mice and cage enrichment. The purpose of this was to teach the children how to build cages. For older children there was the opportunity to complete a mini-DOPs assessment on cage assembly. When the children completed the assessment, they were issued with a certificate of completion, and the team gave them a round of applause. The children were also taught handling techniques.



6. Minutes of the AOC meeting

The minutes from the meeting held 21/02/2025 were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes were not available.

8. Any Other Business

The committee had nothing further to discuss.

Date of next meeting: 7th May 2025 via MS Teams.

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