

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 03/12/2025

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At Virtual via MS Teams

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

Our Ref Doc.AWERB.3Rs.03.12.25

In attendance:

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 05/11/25 were not available.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 05/11/25.

3. Retrospective Reviews

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

- a) [REDACTED] – Nutrient sensing in the brain – SS Amendment – Protocol 10
- The committee discussed the following:
- The rephrasing of the final two sentences in the Project harms section of the Non-Technical summary.
 - The correction of a spelling error in the Project harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
 - Consideration to be given to amending the severity percentage in the Project harms section of the Non-Technical summary.
 - The amended wording in the Reduction section to be relocated to the Refinement section of the Non-Technical summary.
 - The need for additional detail regarding the specific procedure in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical summary.
 - The need to review the spelling and grammar throughout Step 3.
 - The need to amend the wording in the first paragraph in Step 3.
 - The need to amend the frequency of post op checks detailed in point e, Step 3.
 - The inclusion of a body condition scoring example in Step 3.
 - The inclusion of specific humane endpoint information in Step 3.
 - The inclusion of specific wording in paragraph 3 of Step 3.

5. NIO Reports

██████████ reported that there was a recent announcement from the government regarding phasing out the use of animals in research. There are links within the NIO report to be able to read more on this subject. The highest number of Standard Condition 18 (SC18) reports in October were due to procedural errors. The primary error being weighing animals at the wrong time. There were also reports regarding mis-dosing which has been identified as an issue surrounding the technique. ██████████

██████████ asked if anyone on the committee has received the survey that had been distributed by the ██████████

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting - 24/10/25

The minutes were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes were not available.

8. Any Other Business

██████████ has forwarded the information regarding male mouse aggression to ██████████

Date of next meeting: 07/01/26 in person at ██████████