

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 06/08/2025

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 2nd July 2025 were approved.

2. Matters arising

None

3. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required in Section 2.3.
- Further clarification required regarding information about animal numbers in Section 2.3 and the inclusion of any SC18's that have been submitted.
- Further information in the relevant boxes in Section 2.5.
- Further information regarding why protocols were not used in Section 2.5.
- The removal of specific words in Section 2.8.
- The inclusion of references to in-house breeding in Section 2.11.
- The inclusion of the techniques and procedures used in Section 3.4.
- The inclusion of specific refinements if appropriate in Section 3.2.
- Further review of the response in Section 3.9 to ensure it is appropriate.
- Further information required in Section 4.4.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of a sentence to explain why the answer has been broken down by year rather than protocol in Section 2.4.
- Further information around why specific animals were not used in Section 2.5.

- Further clarity required regarding the percentages listed in Section 2.7.
- Further information regarding specific issues that had to be managed in Section 3.7.
- The committee commended the thorough completion of the Retrospective Review.

(c) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the figures in the tables to ensure they are accurate in Section 2.1.
- Further review of the projected incidence to ensure this is accurate in Section 2.2.
- The inclusion of the percentages in Section 2.3.
- Further information regarding any additional training that was carried out in Section 2.3.
- Further information regarding investigative work and 3Rs efforts for each protocol in Section 2.5.
- Further review and information required in Section 2.6.
- Further review and information required in Section 2.7.
- Further clarification required regarding specific devices used in Section 2.10.
- Further information regarding the source of animals and clarification for specific wording used in Section 2.11.
- The inclusion of figures as percentages in Section 3.1.
- Strikethrough of 'No' in Section 3.2.
- Further explanation regarding why tissue sharing was not possible in Section 3.3.
- The inclusion of further details regarding procedural techniques and animal models in Section 3.4.
- Further information to explain how successful the techniques and models have been in Section 3.5.
- The inclusion of an answer in Section 3.6.
- Further detail required in Section 3.7.
- Further detail required and information about the monitoring systems used in Section 3.8.
- The removal of the strikethrough from the question number in Section 3.9.
- Inclusion of specific procedures individually and whether they were used or not in Section 3.10.
- The inclusion of an answer in the second box in Section 3.10.
- Further detail required in Section 4.3.
- Further information required in Section 4.5.
- The removal of the strikethrough from the question number in Section 4.7.
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4. Project Licence Applications New/Amendments

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of all sections of the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure they accurately reflect the life stages that are detailed in the protocol steps.
- Consideration given to whether there is any additional information that can be added to the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further review of the percentages listed to ensure they are accurate in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of the title of Protocol 5.
- Further review of the answer given in step 1 and step 3 if appropriate of Protocol 5 and how the adverse effects will be monitored and controlled in this step.
- Review of specific wording required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 5.



- Further explanation required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 5 regarding the movement of animals across protocols.
- The inclusion of further information around specific procedures planned in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- Consideration given to the administration of specific substances in step 9 of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of a worst-case scenario that an animal could experience in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 10.

5. NIO Reports

3Rs Drop in Report (Germ Free): This report was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting, and they had no additional comments.

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6. Minutes of the AOC meeting 20/06/25

The minutes from the noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting 28/05/25

The minutes were noted.

8. Any Other Business

OBSERVE Guidelines: Cancer models guidance: This guidance was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting, and they had no comments on this. [REDACTED] informed the committee that this guidance will also be reviewed by the AWERB Standing committee before it is circulated more widely.

Date of next meeting: 03/09/2025