

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 07/01/2026

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 05/11/25

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 05/11/26

3. Retrospective Reviews

- a) [REDACTED] - Epithelial stem cell behaviour away from homeostasis; translational relevance – RR

The committee discussed the following.

- Box B to be ticked in Section 1.
- Additional information to be included under section 2.2, Protocol 4.
- Consideration to given to removing the bracketed information at the end of section 2.2, Protocol 6.
- Procedural information to be moved to section 3.8, from section 2.2 Protocol 7.
- The need for additional information regarding the severe severity in section 2.2, Protocol 8.
- The inclusion of percentages and animal numbers in Section 2.3.
- The need to review the information relating to the two Standard Condition 18 reports in Section 2.3.
- The reviewing of the word “tolerance” used in Section 2.4.
- The need for additional information regarding the cause of the delays, and how this will be prevented in the future in Section 2.7.
- The need for further explanation of the point titled ‘justification for culled surplus’ in Section 2.7.
- The need for further justification as to why males are prioritized over females in Section 2.7.
- The listing of only methods used for genotyping in Section 2.7.
- The removal of the final paragraph in Section 4.5 and consideration to be given to adding the genotyping and social housing refinements to Section 3.7.
- The need to include the Home Office outcome in Section 5.3.

- The need to include the Home Office outcome for the incident dated 25th August 2025, in Section 5.4.

b) [REDACTED] - Papillomavirus Transmission, Infection and Lesion Formation – RR

The committee discussed the following:

- The need to complete the total and the whole total column in protocol 7, Section 2.1.
- The inclusion of severity details to the table in Section 2.2.
- The need to correct the spelling error in Section 2.4.
- The need for further clarification regarding the studies detailed in Section 2.5.
- The completion of the four questions in Section 2.9.
- The completion of the question in Section 4.1.

c) [REDACTED] - The integrated stress response in respiratory disease - RR

The committee discussed the following:

- The reviewing of the total numbers in Section 2.1.
- The need for additional information in all protocols in Section 2.2.
- The inclusion of protocols numbers in Section 2.5.
- The anonymization of researchers named in Section 2.5.
- Point C to be answered in Section 2.8.
- The inclusion of all procedural techniques used needed in Section 3.4.
- The need to include all dates in Section 5.2.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

[REDACTED] - Mechanisms driving regeneration and fibrosis – New Severe Severity application – Protocol 9

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of specific wording.
- Consideration to be given to the consistency of information detailed regarding analgesia, post-surgery checks and Schedule 1 in Step 1.
- Clarification needed for the wording used in Step 1.
- The removal of specific information in Step 4.
- The need to check the availability of equipment detailed in Step 5.
- Additional information regarding animal weights in the animal experience.
- The need to be more specific with details in the animal experience section.
- The inclusion of administration information in the table in Step 2.
- Consideration to be given to the inclusion of an additional Step in addition to Step 7.

5. NIO Reports

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting. The latest [REDACTED] newsletter has been circulated. [REDACTED] will soon be circulating information about the 2026 Cambridge Festival and will be asking for volunteers.

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting – 24/09/25 & 29/10/25

8. Any Other Business

Date of next meeting: 04/02/26 via MS Teams

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