



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 17/12/2025

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED] (provided written feedback)

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED], **1b) N/A & 1c) N/A**

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information relating to research data outputs included in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding outreach events that support the dissemination of the work in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail regarding specific models planned for use in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further clarity required in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further updating of the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary required.
- Further review and amendment of the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary so that it more clearly conveys the likely animal experience.
- The inclusion of further information regarding the move from the previous facility and how this resulted in a reduction in the number of animals in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding specific refinements planned in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail regarding specific models in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail required in the Scientific background section of the Project Plan.
- Further explanation regarding specific models planned for use in the Scientific background section of the Project Plan.
- Further information regarding specific animals in the Experimental design section of Protocol 4.
- The inclusion of citations of the studies specific calculations are based on in the Experimental design section of Protocol 4 and in the same section for each of the other experimental protocols.



- Revision of the weight loss limit in the Genetically altered animals section of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of examples of specific agents intended for use in step 5 of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of additional information regarding the types of drugs that will be used in the Protocol justification section of Protocol 5.
- Further clarity required regarding the routes of administration as well as dose volumes in step 1 of Protocol 9 and step 2 of Protocol 10 and 11.
- The inclusion of examples of specific procedures planned in step 1 of Protocol 9.
- Amendment of specific endpoints required in step 2 of Protocol 12.
- Amendment of the monitoring timeframes in step 1 of Protocol 5, step 1 of Protocols 7, 8, 10 and 11, steps 1, 2 and 3 of Protocol 13 and steps 1, 2 and 6 of Protocol 14.
- The inclusion of further information regarding how often step 7 of Protocol 14 will be carried out and how long each session will run for.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed this application and had no recommendations for the researcher to consider before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of refinements from the Project Harms section.
- Further information required in the What are the expected impacts and/or adverse effects for the animals during your project? section.
- Further explanation required regarding specific reductions listed in the Reduction section.
- Amendment of specific wording in the Refinement section.
- Further clarity regarding the order of the steps and the impact of the administration of specific substances in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of typical time frames for specific procedures planned in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 11.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 12/11/25

The minutes were noted.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 21/11/25 & 04/12/25

The minutes from both meetings were noted.



5. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 25/10/25

The minutes were noted.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Non-Regulated Procedure request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of any environmental enrichment in Section 10.
- Further information regarding why the work planned is not regulated as well as the reasoning for specific procedures planned in Section 17.
- Further clarification required regarding specific procedures planned in Section 20.2.
- Further information required regarding who the research community are, how the proposed research will benefit them and whether the proposed work has been peer reviewed in Section 20.4.
- The inclusion of explanations for technical terms used in Section 20.5 so it is understandable to the lay reader.
- Further clarification required regarding whether specific animals are transferred onto a Project Licence after specific procedures take place in Section 20.5.
- Further information required in Section 22.

The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated procedure request and agreed that further information was required before the request could receive ethical approval.

7. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 28/01/2026