



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 25/03/2026

Time 10am

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A, 1b) N/A, 1c) N/A & 1d) N/A

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the information regarding the reduction of animal numbers from the researcher's AWERB presentation in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of an explanation for specific terminology in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further clarification regarding the age ranges needed for specific procedures in step 5 of Protocol 1.
- Further explanation required regarding specific procedures planned in the Fate of animal's section of Protocols 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9.

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

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information regarding the controls used to help manage the animal numbers in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail required regarding the timeframes for specific models in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- Amendment of the body condition score in the Animal experience section of Protocol 7.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration for the removal of specific animals in Protocol 1 if they will now not be used.
- The inclusion of specific stages for procedures carried out on step 3 of Protocol 1.

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



(d) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on his behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the information in the researcher's AWERB presentation in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the information in the researcher's AWERB presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of timeframes for specific clinical signs in step 1 of Protocol 14.
- Further detail required regarding specific procedures planned in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 14.
- The inclusion of the use of a pilot study and NVS check when first performing specific procedures in the Protocol justification section of Protocol 14.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the totals for year four for Protocols 1 and 4 in Section 2.1.
- The inclusion of the number of animals affected in Section 2.4.
- Further information required in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of 'not applicable' if the questions are not relevant in Section 2.9.
- Further revision of specific wording in Section 3.1.
- Further revision of specific sentences in Section 3.2.
- Further detail required in Section 3.5.
- Consideration for whether the researcher is happy to share the details of specific methods in Section 3.7.
- The removal of specific wording in Section 3.7.
- Consideration for whether the researcher would be happy to share the traffic light system being used in Section 3.8.
- The inclusion of an answer in Section 3.9.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 3.11 and if the researcher is happy to share the information included then the removal of 'N/A'.
- Further information required in Section 4.9.
- The inclusion of the SC18s as requested in Section 5.2.
- The removal of the tracked changes.

3. Minutes of last meeting 28/01/26

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the committee.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 14/01/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.



5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 12/12/25, 22/01/26 & 05/02/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/02/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 23/01/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

None

9. List items of note

N/A

Date of next meeting: 29/04/2026