



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 26/11/2025

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information regarding specific approaches that were considered and why they could not be used in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further updating of the information in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary to reflect the potential for specific studies.
- Amendment of the final sentence in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific refinements for procedures in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of the first sentence in the Experience section of the Applicant information.
- The committee suggested highlighting the references that specifically relate to the researcher in the Scientific Background section of the Project Plan.
- Further clarification regarding specific procedures in step 5 of Protocols 5 and 6, step 6 of Protocols 7, 9 and 10 and step 7 of Protocol 8.
- The inclusion of specific adverse effects and the movement of specific text to the Animal Experience section in step 3 of Protocol 6.
- Amendment of the title in step 1 of Protocol 7.
- Consideration for any control measures that could be included in step 1 of Protocol 7 and the Refinement section.
- The inclusion of additional detail in step 1 of Protocol 7.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]



The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to whether information discussed during the applicant's presentation could be included in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of additional detail about the 3Rs impact as described in the applicant's presentation in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of additional detail about the 3Rs impact as described in the applicant's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration for the inclusion of specific animals in Protocol 5.
- Amendment of specific time periods in step 1 of Protocol 5.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail regarding the decision making around the use of shams in the Experimental design section of Protocol 1.

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

(d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarity required in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further review of the animal numbers listed in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.

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

(e) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information regarding the reduction of animal numbers in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration given to the amendment of specific wording for consistency in step 4 of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of specific adverse effects, further information around how these will be monitored and managed and the inclusion of the humane endpoint in step 4 of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of specific wording in step 4 of Protocol 5.

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

(f) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the frequency and duration of specific procedures in the Action Plan of the Project Plan.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 29/10/25



The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 15/10/25

The minutes were noted by the committee.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/10/25

The minutes were noted by the committee.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the Overseas Research request and had no comments for the researcher to address. The committee confirmed this request would receive ethical approval.

7. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 17/12/2025