



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 28/01/2026

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) [REDACTED], **1b) N/A & 1c) N/A**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further expansion of specific methods listed in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific references in the title of objective 1 in the Action plan, Project plan.
- Further clarification required in the Action plan in the Project plan.
- The inclusion of examples of specific experiments and the types of outcomes in the Action plan in the Project plan.
- Confirmation that specific methods are required and the removal of these methods if they are not required in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification regarding specific procedures planned in the Animal experience section of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification regarding specific animals in the Animal experience section of Protocol 1.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the weight ranges in the table to ensure they are consistent in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the refinements mentioned in the researcher's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific timeframes in step 3 of Protocol 9.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:



- Further review of specific sentences in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of adverse effects and humane endpoints for specific animals in the Animal experience section of Protocol 7.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Completion of the total column for Protocol 7 as well as the whole total column in Section 2.1.
- Completion of Section 2.2. required.
- Spelling mistakes require correcting in Section 2.4.
- Further clarification regarding specific animals in Section 2.5.
- Completion of Section 2.9 required.
- Completion of Section 4.1 required.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of Section 1 to ensure the correct box is ticked.
- Further detail required for specific animals on Protocol 4 in Section 2.2.
- The removal of the bracketed information in Section 2.2.
- Specific information in Protocol 7 in Section 2.2 should be added to Section 3.8 where it is more appropriate.
- Further clarification required in Section 2.2.
- Further detail required regarding specific animals in Protocol 8 in Section 2.2.
- The inclusion of percentages and numbers of animals for each explanation in Section 2.3.
- Further review of specific information given in Section 2.3, 2.1 and 2.2 to ensure that it is accurate. The inclusion of further information if appropriate.
- Further clarification required in Section 2.4.
- Further review of specific wording regarding Protocol 7 in Section 2.4.
- Further detail required in Section 2.7.
- Further explanation required in Section 2.7.
- Further justification required in Section 2.7.
- The removal of any specific methods that were not used in Section 3.4.
- The movement of the final paragraph from Section 4.5 to Section 3.7 where it is more appropriate.
- The inclusion of specific outcomes in Section 5.3.
- The inclusion of specific outcomes in Section 5.4.

3. Minutes of last meeting 26/11/25 & 17/12/25

The committee approved the minutes from the previous meetings.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 10/12/25

The minutes were noted by the committee.



5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 12/12/25

The minutes were noted by the committee.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 05/11/25

The minutes were noted by the committee.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

(a) Antibody Licence Annual AWERB Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the level of detail given in Section 5.
- Further explanation required regarding the data provided in the table in Section 7.
- Further clarification required regarding specific animals in Section 9.
- Further information regarding any expected or unexpected adverse effects from the use of specific adjuvants in Section 16 and 19 and whether the researcher would consider sharing their experience with [REDACTED]

(b) Antibody Licence Annual AWERB Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required in Section 11.
- Further information regarding specific reductions required in Section 11.
- Further information over specific reductions in Section 16.

(c) Antibody Licence Annual AWERB Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Confirmation required that the details listed in Section 5 are correct.
- Further review of all sections to ensure they have been completed.

(d) AWERB Bird Use Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification regarding how the increase in researchers will be offset against the number of animals available for studies.

(e) Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

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

8. List items of note

[REDACTED] Lay Members' Forum notes were noted by the committee.

Date of next meeting: 25/02/2026