



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 29/04/2026

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:

- Review of specific sentences in the Project harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Review of the figures listed in the Project harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further review of refinements listed in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of specific references in the protocols.
- The inclusion of references to the score sheet as well as further detail around specific clinical signs that will be used to determine the humane endpoints.
- The removal of specific wording when referencing clinical signs throughout the application.
- Further review of the humane endpoints listed in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Typographical errors in the score sheet that require amending.
- Amendment of the title for step 5 of Protocol 1.
- Amendment of the title for step 6 of Protocol 1.
- Amendment of the title for step 7 of Protocol 1 as well as the inclusion of further information around specific methods.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of specific wording required in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration for whether there are specific techniques that can be included in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of specific anaesthetic codes for routes listed in steps 1 and 4 of Protocol 1.
- Further review of the first sentence in step 1 of Protocol 3.



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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to the inclusion of specific information in step 1 of Protocol 9.
- Consideration given to the amendment of specific clinical signs in step 1 of Protocol 9.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the protocol numbers and zero percent for each in the table in Section 2.4.
- The inclusion of an answer to each of the questions in Section 2.9.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 3.5.
- The inclusion of the answer 'Yes' to the question in Section 3.7.
- Further review of the information provided in Section 3.8.
- Amendment of the answers given in Section 3.10 to 'No' and further explanation regarding specific methods if appropriate.
- The committee asked if the researcher was able to share or publish specific information listed in Section 4.3.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail regarding the monitoring of a specific animal under Protocol 6 in Section 2.3.
- Further clarification required regarding specific animals under Protocols 9 and 13 in Section 2.3.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 2.11.
- Further detail required in Section 3.1 regarding the models used.
- The committee praised the information given in Section 3.2.
- The committee praised the refinements successfully implemented as detailed in Section 3.7.
- Further information regarding the amendment of specific endpoints in Section 3.9.
- Further detail regarding the outputs and what benefits have been achieved for each of these in Section 4.5.

3. Minutes of last meeting 25/02/26

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

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 11/02/26 & 11/03/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 05/03/26 & 19/03/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.



6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 20/02/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

None

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 27/05/2026