



## Minutes

**Date** Wednesday, 29/10/2025

**Time** 1pm

**To** Standing Committee

**At** Virtual, MS Teams

**Subject** AWERB Standing Committee

**Our Ref** Doc.UBS.AWERB.29.10.25

**In attendance:** Sam Virtue, Kate Tansley, Amelia Phillips, Selina Ballantyne, Holly Bloy, Becca Westwood, Dominic Corkill, Robin Labesse, Alan White, Oliwia Kicek (Observer)

**Scientists in attendance for 1a)** Dr Laura Thei **1b)** Dr Simon Mendez-Ferrer

**Apologies:**

**Minutes:** Toni McEvoy

### 1. Project Licences

**(a) New licence:** Dr Emre Fertan

The committee discussed the following:

- The reviewing and amending of adverse effects in the Project Harms section in the Non-technical summary.
- Consideration to be given to expanding the content in the General Principals section in the Action Plan.
- The inclusion of additional adverse effects and subsequent monitoring and humane end points in step 1 of Protocol 5. step 2 of Protocols 6 and 7. and step 4 of Protocol 8.
- Consideration to be given to the implementation of a supportive SOP and the details of this added to step 1 of Protocol 5. step 2 of Protocols 6 and 7, and step 4 of Protocol 8
- The reviewing of bodyweight loss intervention measures in step 1 of Protocol 5. step 2 of Protocols 6 and 7, and step 4 of Protocol 8
- The addition of information regarding what the animal weight is measured against in step 1 of Protocol 5.
- The removal of the reference to continued use and the changing of the answer to 'Yes' in step 2 of Protocol 5.
- The removal of the second paragraph in Protocol 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- The separation of the procedures detailed in step 5 of Protocol 6. and step 3 of Protocol 7
- Further clarification needed regarding the procedure detailed in step 1 of Protocol 8.

**(b) New Licence:** Professor Brian Huntly

The committee discussed the following:

- The amendment of terms used in the Aims section of the Non-technical summary.
- The replacement of terms used in the Benefits section of the Non-technical summary.



- The addition of information about the clinical benefits of this work in the Benefits section of the Non-technical summary.
- The removal of the reference to the protocols in the Project Harms section of the Non-technical summary.
- The need for acronyms to be written in full, detailed in the Project Harms section of the Non-technical summary.
- Further explanation needed regarding the effects of the procedures under one of the protocols detailed in the Project Harms section of the Non-technical summary.
- The addition of further information in the protocols regarding the experiences of the specific procedure detailed in the Project Harms section of the Non-technical summary.
- The removal of identifiers in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical summary.
- The listing of specific species rather than invertebrates in the Refinement section of non-technical summary.
- The need to review the fifth bullet point in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical summary.
- The need to review scoring system detailed in step 3 of Protocol 5. Additionally, the updating of the Animal experiences section of Protocols 6, 7 and 8.
- The inclusion of weight loss calculation information in step 1 of Protocol 6.
- The removal of specific wording in step 2 of Protocol 6.

**(c) Amendment:** Dr Wei Li

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the additional dosing detail added to the Refinement section of the Non-technical summary.
- The need for further information regarding the procedures in step 3 of Protocol 6.
- The need for further clarification regarding the adverse effects of the specific procedure in step 3 of Protocol 6.

**(d) Amendment:** Dr Tetsuo Hasegawa

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration to be given to the inclusion of an additional standard protocol.

## **2. Retrospective Reviews**

**(a) Dr Mekayla Storer**

The committee discussed the following:

- The commending of a well completed Retrospective Review paying particular attention to Section 2.3, 2.5 and the 3Rs.
- The inclusion of information regarding the outcome of animals listed in Section 2.2. of Protocol 7.
- The need for further information relating to the possible additional partial replacements to help with the reduction of animals in Section 3.2.
- The recommendation of two papers that may be of interest to the applicant.

## **3. Minutes of last meeting 24/09/25**

The committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting.



**4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 13/08/25 & 10/09/25**

The minutes were noted.

**5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 18/09/25**

The minutes were noted.

**6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 03/09/25**

The minutes were noted.

**7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 19/09/25**

The minutes were noted. Amelia Phillips (AP) asked for additional detail in relation to an event mentioned in the minutes. It was explained that the specific detail isn't discussed in the AWERB Standing meeting.

**8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB**

None.

**9. List items of note**

None.

**Date of next meeting:** 26/11/2025