

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 18/03/2020

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB 18.03.20

In attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Apologies:

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification around the types of experiments the applicant plans to undertake and the inclusion of clear experimental scenarios.
- Further detail around the importance of studying resource allocation and its impact in the post-weaning period.
- Further information around the potential use of GA animals.
- Further information around the use of imaging.
- Further justification, which was discussed during the meeting, for the routes of administration in regards to specific substances.
- Clarification required in Protocol 7 in regards to weight loss.
- Error requires amending in Protocol 8 step 2.
- Rewording required in Protocol 8 step 2.
- Whether specific references in the 3Rs section will be understood by lay members.
- Further information and clarification around clinical signs expected and more robust endpoints needed in various protocols.
- Rewording required in the 3Rs Reduction section in regards to references to the ARRIVE guidelines.
- Rewording required in the 3Rs Refinement section.
- Several typographical errors that require amending.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Whether consideration could be given to using a different type of anaesthetic agent in regards to specific procedures.



- Further clarification around the typical number of anaesthetic and intranasal inoculations one animal will receive.
- Whether specific volumes could be decreased and the impact this would have on scientific data.

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

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The ease of which ethical and welfare concerns could be considered within the application.

The committee agreed no changes are needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

None

3. Minutes of last meeting 26/02/20

The minutes were noted.

A letter has been written back to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). A statement will be compiled and added to the UBS website.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 06/03/20

The minutes were not available.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/03/20

The minutes were not available.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Three non-regulated procedure forms were discussed and approved by the committee.

7. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 29/04/20