

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 21/10/2020

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.21.10.20

In attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED]

CRUK Members in attendance for 1c) [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

Specialist scientist: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Suggested the need to take into consideration the long term use of ob/ob mice and the possibility of varying data being obtained when bringing new animals into an established colony
- Review the number of blood samples being taken during a Glucose Tolerance Test to ensure that the number is sufficient
- Review the section regarding the use of measuring blood glucose
- The suggestion of using the animals maximum weight as a starting point when using weight loss as an end point
- Review the wording around single animal housing
- Further explanation of how score sheets would be used
- Clarification in Protocol 4 regarding the clinical signs of animals becoming clinically dehydrated
- Suggested that if a microchip was used, this could be used as the first method of identification
- Suggested giving more information in the refinement and reduction sections as given in your retrospective review

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED] attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Explain why the need to move the work to [REDACTED]
- Include text explaining that heavily pregnant females would not be moved
- Clarify that the hydrodynamic tail vein injections would not be repeated within a 28 day period
- Update Protocol 6 and remove AA



- Include the range used for the Body Condition Scoring

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

The committee discussed the following:

- In the transfer and movement of animals section clarify that it is a one way transfer followed by terminal procedure
- Include text making it clear that mice are used as controls and clarify that the naked mole rats undergo regulated procedures before moving establishments
- In Protocol 8 Step 4 remove sentence that mentions the use of rehydration
- In Project summary, change wording University vehicle to appropriate vehicle

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2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were not available

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting

The minutes were not available

4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

None

5. Any other business

One Non-Regulated Procedure request was reviewed. The committee agreed this should be approved and signed by the AWERB chair.

Date of next meeting: 25/11/20