

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 25/11/2020

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.25.11.20

In attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1b) [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Suggested clarifying what benefits were expected from the additional work undertaken
- Suggested amending the wording in Protocol 2, Step 7
- Suggested providing more information in the Refinements section to give clarity for the lay reader.

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

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

Specialist scientist: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Suggested adding more information to the Background section
- Suggested taking into consideration the pro-inflammatory dietary changes when designing experiments
- Amend text in the main achievements section which refers to the drug trials
- Review protocols to improve the wording on the progressive clinical signs
- Suggest expanding the benefits section, to give more information about the expected benefits. Move wording as suggested.
- Remove website reference in the 3Rs section
- Suggested using shorter sentences to improve readability
- Reword second sentence in the Benefits box
- In the Aim statement include names of the diseases worked on
- Suggested a lay person reads the summary to help with understanding for a non-scientific person

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft was considered by the AWERB 3Rs committee ahead of submission to the Home Office.



2. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting

The minutes of the 21 October, 2020 were noted.

3. Items to note

The Committee noted that the Licence for [REDACTED] which was granted for 3 years: i.e. until 2023 has been amended. Following an anaesthetic issue that was reported to the Home Office, the inspector requested an amendment to clarify anaesthetic management. In addition, the inspector requested clarification of the number of animals on this licence.

4. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

a) AWERB Engagement Pack Introduction

The Committee discussed the pack. There was a suggestion of a questionnaire for scientists.

b) Lessons from the Covid Lockdown

The Committee noted the lessons learned from the Covid lockdown. A comment was made that due to the AWERBS taking place on Teams that they had become more streamlined, but slightly more formal.

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

Date of next meeting: 21/12/20