

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 29/01/2020

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.29.01.20

In attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A and 1b) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on his behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information added to the Benefits section so it reflects the group's opportunity to increase their learning around specific diseases.
- Further justification added to the Project Plan regarding the amendment requested.
- The recommendation that information included in the applicant's presentation is also included in the application itself.
- The inclusion of information regarding the additional funding received to look at specific aspects of the disease.
- Information that shows the work the group originally set out to complete was successful included in the 3Rs sections.
- Further information included in the Non-Technical Summary so that it reflects the amendment requested.

The committee agreed minor changes should be made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office.

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

The committee discussed the following:

- The recommendation that the Project Plan is updated to reflect the changes made to Protocol [REDACTED] as well as clear justification given for the use of additional procedures.
- Further review and update in the 3Rs sections to ensure the amendments are reflected.
- The removal of specific tests from Appendix [REDACTED] and the inclusion of these as a separate step in Protocols [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
- Further information included in Protocols [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in regards to specific tests planned.
- Further information regarding adverse effects included in Protocols [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
- Further information included in the Non-Technical Summary so that it reflects the amendment requested.
- The committee recommended that careful consideration was given to specific procedures planned and whether there is the possibility for further refinements.



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2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 18/12/19

The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 10/01/20

The minutes were not available.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 08/01/20

The minutes were not available.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 24/01/20

The minutes were not available.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

██████████ distributed new drafts of the Non-Regulated and the ██████████ forms. Once approved these will be used by researchers. A discussion took place around the correct way to record when an animal has been culled as the result of excess stock but is then used for teaching purposes or tissues are taken; and how this information should be captured.

A discussion took place regarding the committee's concerns that researchers have the potential to overbreed specifically to supply other groups rather than supplying them with actual excess stock. The committee acknowledged the difficulties in identifying this however ██████████ informed the committee that this issue should decrease with the introduction of ██████████ and it may be possible to add further information around animals culled then used in the form of a note on ██████████

██████████ requested the committee feedback any comments or suggested amendments to these forms to her or ██████████ before the 26th February (AWERB Standing meeting).

It was noted that a Non-Regulated form ██████████ would also need to be created. ██████████

██████████ agreed to complete this.

8. List items of note

██████████ informed the committee that they have received another report from ██████████. He reported that his group have completed a study using 10 mice. No adverse effects reported. 318 mice have been used in total on this licence.

Date of next meeting: 26/02/20