



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 10/12/2025

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A, 1b) N/A & 1c) N/A

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) **New:** [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of specific procedures that were mentioned during the researcher's presentation in the application itself.
- Further explanation for specific wording in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the husbandry refinements that were mentioned during the researcher's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding the monitoring of specific animals in step 1 of Protocol 1.

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

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

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of the last two sentences in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Correction of spelling errors in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of specific percentages listed in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The movement of specific wording in the Reduction section to the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail regarding the refinements mentioned in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.



- Correction of spelling and grammatical errors in step 3 of Protocol 10, What are the likely adverse effects of this step? section.
- Correction of the grammatical errors in step 3 of Protocol 10, How will you monitor for, control, and limit any of these adverse effects? section.
- Amendment of specific wording in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- Amendment of specific wording in point e of step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of body condition scoring examples in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The movement of specific wording to where it is more appropriate in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of specific humane endpoints for the body condition scoring in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of specific words in the third paragraph of step 3 of Protocol 10.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the benefits that were mentioned during the researcher's presentation in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Typographical errors require correcting in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of references to power calculations in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further checking of the baseline weight for specific animals to ensure it is appropriate in Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of score sheets in step 3 of Protocol 5 and steps 5 and 7 of Protocol 9.
- Amendment of specific sentences in the Protocol details section of Protocol 9.
- The removal of specific wording in Protocol 9.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned in step 2 of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of the answer 'yes' to specific questions regarding steps 2 and 3 of Protocol 9.
- Amendment of specific humane endpoints in step 6 of Protocol 9.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 12/11/25

The minutes from the meeting held on the 12th November 2025 were approved by the committee.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required in Section 2.3 regarding the SC18s submitted.
- Amendment of specific wording in Section 2.4.
- Further updating of Section 2.7.
- Further review of the wording in Section 3.2.
- The committee informed the researcher that for future applications, the numbers mentioned in Section 3.6 can be increased if scientific justification and appropriate supporting measures are included.



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4. Any other business

None

5. Date of next meeting: 14/01/2026