



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 11/02/2026

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

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) New:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further revision of specific wording in the Project Harms and Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the refinement mentioned during the applicant's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of references to a specific life stage in Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of specific anesthetic codes and consideration as to whether any controls will be needed for step 1 of Protocol 5.
- Further detail regarding specific clinical signs in step 1 of Protocol 5.
- Further clarification regarding specific endpoints in step 1 of Protocol 5.
- Further information regarding specific endpoints in step 2 of Protocol 5.

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

b) New:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further details are required in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific sentences in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further details regarding specific adverse effects in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific husbandry refinements that were included in the applicant's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of further information regarding the in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.



- The deletion of the duplicated Objective 1 box and further consideration given to adjusting the graphics to better illustrate how the objectives are connected in the Action plan in the Project plan.
- The inclusion of specific frequencies in the Genetically altered animals (GAA) section of Protocol 5.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of specific monitoring in step 3 of Protocol 5.
- Further specificity required regarding specific baselines in step 4 of Protocol 5.
- Further information regarding the typical experience of specific animals in the Animal experience section of Protocol 5.
- Further consideration given to specific observation periods in step 1 of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of specific routes of administration if appropriate in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- Further clarity required in the Animal experience section of Protocol 7.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification regarding specific animals in Section 2.3.
- Further review of specific sentences in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of the answer 'No' for the questions in Section 2.9 and further explanation required in the relevant boxes.
- Further clarification in the table in Section 2.12.
- The removal of the first sentence of the second paragraph in Section 3.1.
- The committee commended the use of tissue samples in Section 3.2.
- Further amendment of specific wording in Section 3.3.
- Further amendment of specific wording in Section 3.6.
- Refinements mentioned elsewhere could also be included in Section 3.7.
- The committee asked if the researcher would share specific score sheets referenced in Section 3.8.
- Further clarification required in Section 3.10.
- Further information regarding the poster referenced in Section 4.8.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of the table in Section 2.1.
- The completion of Section 2.2 for each protocol and further explanation regarding severities listed.
- Amendment of the answer given in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of a sentence to explain why there was no wastage in Section 2.7.
- The completion of specific boxes in Section 2.9.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 2.10.
- Further detail required regarding the replacement method mentioned in Section 3.1.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 3.2.
- The removal of specific sentences in Section 3.6.
- The highlighting of either 'Yes' or 'No' to answer the question in Section 3.7.
- Amendment of the link in Section 3.7.
- Further justification required and the inclusion of the answer 'No' to the first part of the question in Section 3.9.



- The removal of specific methods in Section 3.10.
- Further amendment of the answers provided in Section 4.2.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 4.4 as well as further information regarding specific devices.
- The inclusion of an answer in Section 4.7.
- Further review of Section 4.8.
- Rephrase or expansion of the answer given in Section 4.9.
- The inclusion of specific wording in Section 5.4.

3. Any other business

4. Date of next meeting: 11/03/2026