



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 11/03/2026

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) 1b) N/A & 1c) N/A

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) New: were also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of specific wording to ensure consistency throughout the application.
- Further clarity required regarding specific models planned for use.
- Specific terminology requires clarification in the Benefits section.
- The inclusion of specific timeframes in the Project Harms section.
- The inclusion of specific information that was mentioned during the applicants AWERB presentation in the Reduction section of the application.
- Consideration for specific links shared with the researcher regarding the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary
- The inclusion of specific refinements if appropriate in the Refinements section of the Non-Technical Summary and relevant protocol steps.
- Consideration for specific refinements if appropriate in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding specific refinements listed in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific references in the Refinement section.
- The inclusion of the flowchart in the Action plan.
- The inclusion of the maximum number, volume and minimum time between administrations for each route in step 1 of Protocol 1 and other steps in other protocols where relevant.
- The inclusion of the maximum number of administrations when used in combination in step 1 of Protocol 1, step 2 of Protocol 2 and step 2 of Protocol 3.
- Further consideration for specific animals in step 1 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required in step 2 of Protocol 1.



- Further information regarding specific adverse effects in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further information regarding the monitoring for specific adverse effects in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification regarding the omission of specific numbers in the scoring system in step 2 Protocol 1.
- Further review of the checking frequency in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required regarding the monitoring of specific animals in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Review and updating of specific wording required regarding electronic databases in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required regarding scoring systems used in step 2 of Protocol 1 and step 3 of Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of an endpoint for specific animals in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Consideration of earlier humane endpoints or further clarity required in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further consideration required in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of clinical grades for animals undergoing specific tests in step 3 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required regarding step 3 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required regarding step 6 of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of further information and clarification required regarding the monitoring and treatment of specific animals in step 7 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required in step 7 of Protocol 1.
- Further scientific justification required regarding specific animals in step 8 of Protocol 1.
- Amendment of the title in step 11 of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of specific steps as mentioned in the Animal experience section of Protocol 1.
- Consideration for the cumulative impact on specific animals in the Animal experience section of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of further explanation in the Animal experience section of Protocol 1.
- Further review of the answer given in the Protocol justification section of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of clear scientific justification in Protocol 1 regarding specific procedures planned.
- Amendment of the title in step 1 of Protocol 2.
- Further explanation required regarding the body condition score in step 1 of Protocol 2.
- The removal of specific references and specific procedures need separating into their own steps in step 3 of Protocol 1.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further updating of the PPL title.
- Further details regarding the different establishments and how this helps with reduction.
- Further review of the changes made to Protocols 2 and 3.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the amendment and had no recommendations for the researcher to address ahead of submission to the Home Office.



2. Minutes of the last meeting 14/01/26

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the committee.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the new PPL holders name in Section 1D.
- Further information regarding specific animals from Protocol 1 in Section 2.2.
- Correction of the numbering for each question required from Section 2.3. onwards.
- The inclusion of the dates for the SC18 reports and the percentage of animals affected in Section 2.3.
- The inclusion of an explanation for specific animals in each protocol in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of specific information in Section 2.7.
- The inclusion of specific wording if the questions are not relevant to the work carried out under the PPL in Section 2.8 and 2.9.
- Further consideration regarding the use of topical creams in Section 3.7.
- Further information regarding the public engagement activities and how this directly related to the PPL in Section 4.9.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information required in Section 2.5 regarding animal numbers.
- The inclusion of specific information in Section 2.7.
- The inclusion of specific wording if the questions are not relevant to the work carried out under the PPL in Section 2.8 and 2.9.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 3.1 and the inclusion of further explanation.
- The inclusion of further detail regarding specific techniques and models used in Section 3.5.

c) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the PPL granted date in Section 1.
- Correction of the spelling of specific words in Section 2.1.
- Further review and amendment of severities listed in Section 2.2.
- Further information required regarding animal numbers in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of specific information in Section 2.7.
- The inclusion of specific wording if the questions are not relevant to the work carried out under the PPL in Section 2.8 and 2.9.
- The inclusion of an answer in Section 2.12.
- Consideration of whether there are any ongoing refinements that can be used or potentially new ones coming up that could be included in Section 3.7.

4. Any other business

Overseas Research request: [REDACTED]



The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required in the Scientific justification section.

The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated procedure request and confirmed changes were needed before the request could receive ethical approval.

The committee noted that the Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED] amendment had been approved.

5. Date of next meeting: 15/04/2026