

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 11/06/2025

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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Present: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

a) New: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the spelling and grammar required.
- Specific steps regarding diet require re-phrasing as well as the inclusion of examples of specific diets in step 4 of Protocol 1 and step 4 of Protocol 3.
- Further information regarding the type of non-standard cages used in step 5 of Protocol 1 and step 5 of Protocol 3.
- The inclusion of an example of a typical study including a worst-case scenario if needed in the Animal Experience section of Protocols 1 and 3.
- The inclusion of specific wording in point two of the Re-using Animals' section.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of specific wording in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of specific references in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding specific phenotypes that are now included in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Specific abbreviations need to be written out in full in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of specific terms in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific refinements in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further consideration regarding the scoring system and whether it is appropriate needed in step 1 of Protocol 7 and step 2 of Protocol 8.



- Further clarification required regarding clinical signs and the removal of specific terms if they are not appropriate in step 1 of Protocol 7 and step 2 of Protocol 8.
- The inclusion of further information regarding the typical use of specific animals in the Animal Experience section of Protocols 7 and 8.
- The inclusion of further information in the Protocol Justification section of Protocols 7 and 8.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 16/04/25

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

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required around the animals listed under Protocol 2 in Section 2.1.
- Further review of the totals in the table in Section 2.1.
- The inclusion of the definitions for the abbreviations in Section 2.5.
- Revision of specific answers given in Section 2.9.
- The inclusion of further context on the specific behaviours being assessed in Section 3.1.
- The recommendation that the information listed in Section 3.2 should be moved to the refinements in Section 3.7.
- Further detail required in Section 3.3.
- Further specificity required in Section 3.4.
- Further expansion of the answers given as well as the inclusion of examples in Section 3.5.
- Further information required in Section 3.6.
- Further consideration given to the answers listed in Section 3.7.
- The inclusion of the welfare scoring system if it is appropriate in Section 3.8.
- The inclusion of all specific methods authorised on the licence in Section 3.10.
- Further clarification regarding specific procedures in Section 4.5.
- Further review of the papers listed in Section 4.8 to ensure they relate to the work carried out during the tenure of the licence.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Removal of specific references in Section 2.2.
- Further information regarding specific animals is required in Section 2.3.
- Further checking of percentage totals for Protocol 5 required in Section 2.4.
- The inclusion of the number or percentage of specific animals and further information regarding animal wastage in Section 2.7.
- Revision of specific answers in Section 2.9.
- Further clarification required in Section 3.2.
- The inclusion of actual numbers as well as the percentages in Section 3.2.
- The inclusion of references to the 3Rs enquiry list if appropriate in Section 3.3.
- The inclusion of other methods listed on the PPL in Section 3.10.



- Revision of answers in Section 4.2.
- Further checking of the amendment details in Section 5.1.

4. Retrospective Assessments

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Completion of Section 1 required.
- Further updating of the table in Section 2.1.
- The inclusion of the figures for the fifth year in Section 2.1.
- The inclusion of the species in Section 2.2.
- Specific figures required in Section 2.3.
- The inclusion of a summary for each incident in Section 2.4.
- Further review of Section 2.5 so the response is broken down by protocol.
- Rephrasing of specific references in Section 2.7.
- Review of the response given in Section 2.8.
- Amendment of the answer given in Section 2.10.
- Further amendment of the table listed in Section 2.11 if appropriate.
- The committee were interested in sharing specific refinements listed in Section 3.7.
- Amendment of the answer given in Section 3.10.
- Re-wording in Section 4.3 required.
- Further detail on the objectives achieved through non-animal work in Section 4.6.
- Specific refinements listed in Section 4.7 could also be in Section 3.7.

5. Any other business

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The completion of the Working with Animals overseas form.
- Amendment of specific wording.
- Amendment of specific sentences.

The committee agreed that changes were needed before the Overseas Research request could receive ethical approval.

PPL Amendment (PPL holder) [REDACTED]: This amendment was noted by the committee.

6. Date of next meeting: 09/07/2025