



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 13/05/2026

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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Present: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] 1b) N/A & 1c) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

a) New: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The recommendation that the researcher uses the Replacing Animal Research, Replacement Checklist to explore if there are any alternatives to using animals for their research in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further review of the animal numbers to ensure they meet the requirements of the planned studies for this licence in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further details regarding historic controls that could be used in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information required in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific refinements if appropriate in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further review of the answers given in the Scientific background section of the Project Plan.
- Further clarity required in the Action plan, Project plan.
- Consideration given to the use of the Sex Inclusive Research Framework tool to further support why only specific animals will be used in the General principles, Project plan.
- The inclusion of further information regarding specific procedures planned in step 2 of Protocol 1 and step 2 of Protocols 2 and 3.
- Further review of the percentage listed for specific animals in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further details required in step 4 of Protocols 1, 2 and 3 regarding contacting an NVS.
- The inclusion of timebound humane endpoints associated with each individual score sheet in step 4 of Protocols 1, 2 and 3.
- The inclusion of the maximum endpoint in step 4 of Protocols 4, 2 and 3.
- Further details regarding the return to normal behaviour in step 4 of Protocols 2 and 3.



- The inclusion of further information regarding acclimatising specific animals in step 4 of Protocols 2 and 3
- Further review of the wording in step 5 of Protocol 2 required.
- The inclusion of specific anaesthetic codes in step 5 of Protocol 2.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of references to the protocols in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further clarification required regarding the health status of specific animals in the Genetically altered animals section of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of further information regarding specific animals in step 11 of Protocol 7.
- Further review of specific wording in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 7.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to whether the reduction of animals can be quantified as a percentage in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the refinement discussed during the researcher's presentation in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further explanation regarding specific animals and the procedures they will undergo and the removal of specific detail in the Animals used in this protocol section of Protocol 15.
- Further review and amendment of specific wording in the Genetically altered animals' section of Protocol 15.
- Consideration given to the removal of specific sentences in the Genetically altered animals section of Protocol 15.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of specific routes in step 5 of Protocol 15.
- Further details regarding how harms will be minimised in the Protocol justification section of Protocol 15.

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

2. Retrospective Assessments [RA]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the spelling and grammar required.
- Completion of the table in Section 2.2.
- Further detail required in Section 2.3.
- Amendment of the answer given in Section 2.3.
- The inclusion of the answer 'Yes' to the question in Section 2.7.
- The inclusion of the list of specific percentages in Section 2.7.
- Consideration for whether specific answers should be changed to 'No' in Section 2.9.
- The removal of specific wording and consideration given to listing the answers as a, b and c in Section 2.9.



- Further review of the information listed in Section 2.10 and the movement of specific information to Section 3.7 where appropriate.
- The inclusion of the source of animals in Section 2.11 if animals were obtained from specific protocols.
- Further details regarding the techniques and models that have been a success in Section 3.5.
- Amendment of specific words used in Section 3.8.
- Further details required in Section 3.8.
- Further clarification required in Section 3.10.
- Consideration given to whether the answer in Section 4.2 should be changed to 'No' and further detail be added to Section 4.4.
- The inclusion of the scientific questions/objectives in the box in Section 4.3 and further explanation regarding what has been achieved against each one.
- The inclusion of further details in Section 4.5.
- Consideration given to whether the answer in Section 4.7 should be changed to 'Yes' and further information provided regarding new scientific or technical developments.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The selection of one of the options from the list in Section 1.
- The inclusion of an answer for Protocol 2 in Section 2.2.
- Further information regarding why work was limited to Protocol 2 in Section 2.5.
- Further details regarding specific animals in Section 2.6 as well as the updating of Section 2.1 and Sections 2.2 and 2.3 if appropriate.
- Consideration as to whether any refinements could be added to Section 2.10.
- The inclusion of an explanation for specific references used in Section 3.1.
- The inclusion of a list of techniques used in Section 3.4.
- Review of the answer given in Section 3.7 required and further detail included regarding the refinements mentioned.
- Consideration as to whether the monitoring of specific animals could be included in Section 3.8 and if so then the amendment of the answer included here to 'Yes' and further information included.
- Further review of the answer given in Section 4.3 and the inclusion of any information that can be provided.

4. Any other business

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation required regarding animals that need to undergo specific procedures.

The committee reviewed the request and agreed further changes were needed before it would receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- Further details required regarding how the animal numbers proposed have been calculated as well as further justification for the use of specific animals.
- Further explanation required regarding animals that need to undergo specific procedures.

The committee reviewed the request and agreed further changes were needed before it would receive ethical approval.

Non-Regulated Procedure request [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required regarding the breeding of specific animals and the use of surplus.

The committee reviewed the request and agreed further changes were needed before it would receive ethical approval.

5. Date of next meeting: 10/06/2026