

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 10/07/2024

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.10.07.24

Present:

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

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the Non-Technical Summary required to ensure it is written in lay terms. Specific words need explaining when they are first used.

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

b) Amendment:

(attendance)

were also in

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the amendment details in the Non-Technical Summary and further checking of the percentages mentioned to ensure they correlate with the new ones requested.
- Amendment of the Reduction section.
- Consideration given to if there are any adverse effects that need to be included in regards to step 1 of Protocol 2.
- Further scientific justification required in regards to animal numbers in Protocol 3.
- Further justification required in regards to specific procedures planned in step 2 of Protocol 5.

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

c) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee were happy to support the transfer of PPLh and had no recommendations to make ahead of submission to the Home Office.



d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to specific routes of administration and further justification if they are required, across the relevant protocols.
- The inclusion of the refinements and reductions from the researcher's presentation in the application itself.
- Further checking of specific procedures required.
- The inclusion of the justification in the researcher's presentation in the Protocol Justification sections of the relevant protocols.
- Consideration given to whether body condition scoring can be used to help refine how the animals wellbeing is monitored.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 08/05/24 & 12/06/24

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

3. Retrospective Assessments [RA]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required in regards to adverse effects recorded and the SC18 reports listed in Section 2.4 and Section 2.3.
- Further information required in regards to adverse effects encountered and what has been done to mitigate these moving forward in Section 2.4.
- Further information in regards to reuse in Section 2.6.
- The inclusion of suppliers used in Section 2.11.
- The completion of Section 3.5.
- Further clarity in regards to specific statements in Section 3.8.
- Further information around specific methods listed and whether they will be included in the new project licence in Section 3.10.
- The completion of Section 5.2.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation required in Section 2.9.
- The inclusion of specific refinements detailed in Section 2.8 in the 3Rs sections as well.
- The committee commended the thorough completion of the Retrospective Assessment.

4. Any other business

None

5. Date of next meeting: 14/08/2024