

## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 01/05/2024  
Time 9:00 AM  
To Committee Members  
At Virtual via MS Teams  
Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee  
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**AWERB 3Rs Committee :** [REDACTED]

**Minutes –** [REDACTED]

**Apologies:** [REDACTED]

### 1. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved.

### 2. Matters arising

None

### 3. Retrospective Reviews

**(a)** [REDACTED] - Support procedures for Neural Repair.

The committee discussed the following:

- SC18 report containing inspector comments to be included.

**(b)** [REDACTED] - Understanding how neutrophil migration behaviour is fine-tuned during inflammation.

The committee discussed the following:

- Number of animals required should to be considered when writing a new application.
- Typographical error to be corrected in section 3.1.

**(c)** [REDACTED] - Generation of novel antibodies with therapeutic potential.

The committee discussed the following:

- Support to be sought from NVS & NACWO to help refine practices to try and reduce the number of animals found dead.

#### **4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments**

- (a) [REDACTED] - Targeting Fibroblast Heterogeneity, Plasticity and Functions in Pancreatic Cancer - SS Amendment, protocols 3,4,6,7.

The committee discussed the following:

- Include that any animals showing clinical signs will be approved by an NVS before being deemed fit to travel.
- Consider singly housing animals after transfer to minimise potential stress during transport. .

- (b) [REDACTED] - Determining mechanisms of tumour development and relapse following treatment - SS Amendment, protocol 6.

The committee discussed the following:

- List weight loss details in ascending order to improve readability in Protocol 6.
- Simplify weight loss and time frame text.

#### **5. Standard Condition 18 Reports**

[REDACTED] discussed recent SC18 data gathered between January 2024 and April 2024. April has been one of the lowest months for SC18 reports being submitted.

#### **6. 3Rs information/reports**

[REDACTED] discussed the EAE mouse refinement information. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] has refined a process for mice showing signs of EAE

[REDACTED] found that cutting the side of the dish that the mice eat from allowed them easier access to the food. [REDACTED] shared some information in the meeting chat on this topic that he found on-line.

#### **7. Minutes of the AOC meeting 23/02/2024 & 22/03/2024**

The minutes were noted.

#### **8. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting 28/02/2024**

The minutes were noted.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

RSPCA Road Map - [REDACTED] reminded the committee that the RSPCA are holding a workshop at [REDACTED] on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. The workshop focuses on reducing severe severity suffering in animals. Invites have been sent out to AWERB committee members. The deadline for attendance bookings is 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please email [REDACTED] to book a place if you have not done so already.

**Date of next meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in person at [REDACTED]