

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 03/04/2019

Time 08.30am

To Committee Members

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

[REDACTED]

Apologies:

[REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Approved.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

This licence is being taken over by [REDACTED].

- In section 1.6 it was unclear which unit was affected by mites, this should be updated
- Further detail could be provided in section 3.6 about wastage. It was suggested that an estimate of animals wasted is provided
- The committee noted there was minimal detail about the refinement in section 4.4 and data showing accuracy improvement or quicker recovery would be welcomed
- The committee requested information on how many less animals were used since CRISPR has been adopted

(b) [REDACTED]

This licence was transferred to the [REDACTED] in 2014 and expires in September 2019.

- The committee noted that DMSO had been used as a vehicle for the fluoxetine. Extra information on concentration and why this was used instead of saline was requested
- The committee felt the use of cell reporter assays detailed in Section 3.1 would be more appropriately placed in the reduction section
- The committee queried if the use of Hamilton Neuros syringes and that the reduction in injection site damage is planned to be published

4. Retrospective Assessments

None

5. Project Licence Applications

None

6. MTA discussion

It was noted that MTAs can be difficult to draw up as many people are involved in the process. [REDACTED] offered to share an example of an MTA but it will not be a blank template. [REDACTED] will be invited to speak to the committee at a future meeting.

7. Wastage discussion

The committee discussed how many animals are being wasted. Extra data is currently being collected from licence holders which details some of this information. Some of this data should be available on the MCMS database but this isn't being reflected in Retrospective Reviews.

8. 3Rs information/reports

The science festival went well and the stand was exceptionally busy. A couple of pages will be printed on this in the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] attended the NC3Rs Research Review along with two technicians. Reports of the meeting will be written up in [REDACTED].

9. Feedback from previous Retrospective Reviews*

10. Minutes of NPC meeting*

11. Minutes of AWERB Standing meeting*

12. Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2019

***Items for information only unless un-starred by committee member**