

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 03/07/2019

Time 08.30am

To Committee Members

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

[REDACTED]

Apologies:

[REDACTED]

1. Minutes

The minutes were approved after a minor amendment.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

This licence was granted in March 2015 and is being replaced. The committee praised [REDACTED] for a well written and honest Retrospective Review.

- The information stated in Section 1.4 should be moved to Section 1.5 as the event was not treated as a non-compliance problem.
- The committee felt that only publications regarding the in-vivo work should be mentioned, this is to have greater clarity regarding the number of publications using animals.
- The committee recommended that information on the use of a cloud system to record the weight of animals in Section 4.1 is disseminated to other research groups.

(b) [REDACTED]

This licence was granted in 2018 and will not be replaced.

- The totals in Table 2.1 are inaccurate so should be reviewed
- The committee asked for further information on why the number of animals reported in this review are so low compared to those estimated in the licence
- Some answers to the yes/no questions have not been provided
- Section 2.11 refers to *Xenopus* coming from the USA but no reference is made to the contingent harm caused by being transported such a long distance. Therefore, it was recommended that the statement in Section 2.10 should be amended.



(c)

This licence expired in December 2018 and has not been replaced. The Retrospective Review has already been reviewed by the AWERB Sub Committee and the comments were disseminated.

- It was noted that the reduced number of animals used due to scientific objectives not being completed didn't constitute as a reduction
- It was requested that the scoresheet referenced in Section 4.5 can be shared with [REDACTED]

(d)

This Retrospective Review has already been reviewed by the AWERB Sub Committee and the comments were disseminated. The 3Rs Committee felt they had no further comments to make.

4. Retrospective Assessments

None

5. Project Licence Applications

None

6. Severe Severity licence reviews

None

7. 3Rs information/reports

[REDACTED] recently spoke openly on BBC Radio regarding use his of animals, [REDACTED] to ask for feedback responses.

8. Feedback from previous Retrospective Reviews*

9. Minutes of NPC meeting*

10. Minutes of AWERB Standing meeting*

11. Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th August 2019

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