

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 03/01/2024

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At Virtual via MS Teams

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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AWERB 3Rs Committee : [REDACTED]

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Minutes – [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2023 were approved.

2. Matters arising

N/A

3. Retrospective Reviews

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the thorough and well considered completion of the Retrospective Review and had no comments for the researcher to address.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further comment required on whether animals returned as severe was a higher or lower proportion than expected in Section 2.2.

- The committee commended the thorough and well considered completion of the Retrospective Review.

4. Retrospective Assessment
N/A

5. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments
N/A

6. Standard Condition 18 Reports

The Microchipping adverse event report dated November 2023 was shared prior to the meeting. ██████████ confirmed that this was the final report having been previously submitted to the AWERB committee. She acknowledged that the group have worked hard to reduce the animal numbers and further more Jax have found that certain microchips are more effective than others; further information in regards to this will be shared soon.

7. 3Rs information/reports

██████████ shared the Vas Stud Male and Companion Poster prior to the meeting. She requested the committee feedback any comments on this to her directly.

██████ shared her NIO report with the committee during the meeting and a discussion took place on the breakdown within the report of the Standard Condition 18 reports (SC18). The committee asked about how the number of SC18s compared to the number of animals used at the university, and ██████ confirmed she was looking into how best to capture this information.

8. Minutes of the AOC meeting 20/10/23
The minutes were noted.

9. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting 22/11/23
The minutes were noted.

10. Any Other Business

██████████ informed the committee that UBS are working on a policy to address the increasing concern around the buying-in of animals from external companies, for the specific use of teaching. The committee acknowledged the need for balance between the 3Rs and the ability to teach students effectively and ██████ confirmed that discussions have taken place with those who will be directly impacted by the policy. The committee agreed that it was important to promote the practice of looking into alternatives to buying in animals for this sole purpose however the policy itself would need to take a flexible approach. ██████ confirmed that once the policy document is complete it will be circulated to the AWERB committees for comment and

feedback before being submitted to the University Biomedical Services Governance and Strategy committee.

Date of next meeting: 07/02/2024 (In person at [REDACTED])