

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 05/02/2025
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]

Mentioned: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 08/01/2025 were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 08/01/2025.

3. Retrospective Reviews

a) [REDACTED] - Discovery of novel compounds for the treatment of dementia – RR
The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the thorough completion of the retrospective review.
- The inclusion of protocol 8 and further explanation regarding animal severity in Section 2.2.
- Further clarification needed in point 8 of Section 2.3.
- Review of the wording required regarding protocol 8 in Section 2.4.
- Further information needed regarding usage in Section 3.5.
- Further explanation required regarding specific procedures mentioned in Section 3.6.
- The committee suggested contacting Named Persons and the UBS Colony Management group regarding procedures in Section 3.6.
- Additional publications that could be listed in Section 4.8.
- The inclusion of an explanation regarding why animal work was not discussed in Section 4.9.



- b) [REDACTED] - Immunological mechanisms in pregnancy and cancer – RR.

The committee discussed the following:

- 'Yes' or 'No' to be selected as appropriate for each question.
- The removal of specific information from Section 2.2.
- The inclusion of further information in Section 2.2.
- Further information needed regarding SC18 reports in Section 2.3.
- The completion of Section 2.5.
- Review of the numbers and further detail required in Section 2.7.
- Further detail regarding specific procedures mentioned in Section 2.10 to be included in Section 3.7.
- Further information around amendments made to be included in Section 2.12.
- The completion of Sections 3, 4 and 5.

- c) [REDACTED] - Development of novel therapeutics for pain – RR

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation of specific procedures in Section 2.4.
- Clarification needed in Section 2.7.

- d) [REDACTED] - Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic studies to support Neuroscience.

The committee had no comments for the researcher to address.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

- a) [REDACTED] - CNS Neuron-glia interactions, myelin plasticity, and regeneration, in health and disease – SS Amendment – Protocol 9, 12, 20.

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of the terminology used in the Benefits section
- Additional information required regarding housing in Protocol 9, Step 5, Protocol 10, Step 4 & Protocol 20, Step 3.

5. NIO Reports

- NIO Report – The report was circulated prior to the meeting and the committee had no comments or questions.
- 3R's [REDACTED] drop in report – This was noted by the committee.
- Call for Camfest volunteers. [REDACTED] discussed the 2025 Camfest taking place on 29th and 30th March and asked if anyone would like to volunteer their time to discuss their research with the public. If anyone would like to attend, please contact [REDACTED]. Posters for the festival have been circulated to the facilities.

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting 20/12/2024

The minutes were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes from the most recent meeting were not available.

8. Any Other Business

The committee noted that [REDACTED] Amendment was reviewed at the AWERB Standing committee meeting on the 29th of January. [REDACTED] informed the committee that this amendment was not submitted to the AWERB 3Rs meeting as it was a reduction in animals on the severe severity protocol and therefore a refinement.

[REDACTED] discussed the changes to the AWERB 3Rs meeting structure. The committee rota's have been sent to the NACWO's and scientists.

Date of the next meeting: 5th March 2025 via MS Teams.

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