Minutes

Date       Wednesday, 05/07/2023
Time       9:00 AM
To         Committee Members
At         Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Subject    AWERB 3Rs Committee

AWERB 3Rs Committee:

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Minutes –

1. Minutes
   The previous minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising
   The committee introduced themselves to the new observers. [ ] discussed the purpose and aims of the meeting. [ ] is unable to attend 3Rs meetings until October due to other commitments.

3. Retrospective Reviews
   The committee discussed the following:
   - [ ] – Neurobehavioral Mechanisms of Mental Health.
     - Section 2.3, protocol 18 reference to a rat becoming ‘hyperthermic’. is this a typo and should be ‘hypothermic’.
     - Section 3.1 reference to use of computational approaches. Does this also apply to the reduction section.
     - Section 3.7 the committee commended the work done to refine the stress-enhanced fear learning procedure.
     - Section 3.7 Anonymise the reference to [ ].
     - Section 4.4. How have the challenges faced during the life of this licence affected how the new licences have been written.
   - The committee commended the incredibly thorough completion of the retrospective review and attention to detail throughout.
- Haematological development and functional characterisation in tumour models.

- Section 2.2 the committee noted that not all protocols with differences in severity from the table in section 2.1 are listed.
- The committee commended the thorough completion of this retrospective review

4. Retrospective Assessment
   None

5. Amendments
   None

6. Project Licence Applications - New / Amendments
   None

7. Standard condition 18 reports
   None

8. 3Rs information/reports
   None

9. Highlights of AWERB Standing meeting 24/05/23
   None

10. Highlights of January AOC meeting 19/05/23
    None

11. Any Other Business
    None
    - Non-Reg Teaching Application - 
      The documents could not been seen by all attendees. This will be circulated after the meeting.
    - Ear notching update
      gave an update on the previous topic of early ear notching. Document circulated with the meeting papers.
    - discussed MCMS and how it reports animal numbers being exceeded on a protocol.

Date of next meeting: 2nd August in person

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