Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 06/09/2017
Time: 8.30am
To: [Redacted]
At: [Redacted]
Subject: AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

Apologies:

1. Minutes
   Approved

2. Matters Arising
   None

3. Retrospective Reviews
   (a) [Redacted]
       This licence has expired and a new licence is currently being written.
       • The committee would like to commend the specificity of the Objectives and Project Aims, and that the final numbers of animals used closely matches the expected.
       • The committee recommends the 3Rs section is expanded, any benefits of collaborating with other groups should be included.
       • Should the new licence also include protocols classed as "substantial/severe" then the 3Rs committee would urge the group to use or develop a formal scoring sheet in order to monitor and protect animal welfare.

4. Project Licence Applications
   None

5. Severe severity licence reviews
   (a) [Redacted]
       • The committee felt there was not enough detail given to be able to provide advice
       • The committee requests more information on the mice returned as severe
(b) This licence was granted in 2011 but has since expired and a new one granted.
   • Reported working with the group and their involvement in developing DigiGait technology. However, this was not reported in the Retrospective Review.
   • Good reductions and refinements were noted but no explanation was provided as to how this was achieved.
   • The committee would like to have seen reference to involvement with the RSPCA in refining the SCI model.

(c) This licence has expired and a new licence is active.
   • The actual amount of animals used and their severity was discussed.
   • The committee questions the accuracy of the returned data as inconsistencies were present.
   • Permission was not granted to share findings from this licence which the committee would like to find out why.

6. 3Rs information/reports
   • Tamoxifen workshop will be held on 28th September.
   • Asked if the committee had any suggestions for matters to raise in the Quinquennial Seminar. The committee noted that they are open to be contacted via the ubsholicencing inbox at any time.

7. Minutes of NPC meeting*

8. Any Other Business
   None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th October 2017

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