Minutes

Date       Wednesday, 07/08/2019  
Time       08.30am  
To         Committee Members  
At         
Subject    AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance: 

Apologies: 

1. Minutes  
The minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising  
None

3. Retrospective Reviews  
   (a) This licence in finishing in April 2020.  
      - The committee asked that if there are plans for a new licence to be written, that these are included in Section 1.1  
      - The totals should be included in the vertical columns in Section 2.1  
      - The committee requested clarification on the exact number of animals that had to be culled for each of the reasons mentioned. There were concerns that some of the reasons given would have exceeded the severity limits of the protocols under which the animals would have been kept  
      - It was advised that [ ] have a monitoring system in place and if this is being followed, should be reflected in the answer under Section 3.8

4. Retrospective Assessments  
None

5. Project Licence Applications  
None

6. Severe Severity licence reviews  
None
7. Standard Condition 18 Reports
   (a) The committee reviewed 6 reports covering the period from 28th March – 3rd June 2019 and recommended the following:
      • Implementation of a monitoring system to determine whether there is an elevated rate of unexpected death in the NSG line
      • Increased monitoring and establishing disease progression through blood tests, if NSGs are needed to be kept for an extended period of time
      • The establishment of a leukaemia score sheet would help monitoring disease progression as well
   (b) The committee reviewed 5 reports covering the period from 20th February – 15th May 2019 and recommended the following:
      • The establishment of a bleeding baseline and use as a monitoring system
      • Analyse the times of death proposedly from onset of leukaemia and bleed more frequently in times that death is more likely
      • The use of a leukaemia score sheet to determine onset of disease

8. 3Rs information/reports
   Last month was awarded the NC3Rs champ for her poster on disease in Xenopus. This month, and her team have been approached to be the next NC3Rs champs for their work trialling less cage cleaning of the rats in their facility. The revision of the ARRIVE guidelines are available in pre-print and the NC3Rs are looking for peer reviews will be asking licence holders for feedback. The Crack It challenge has been circulated to the licence holders, further information is available on the NC3Rs website. and are currently in the process of designing something for the challenge. NC3Rs are looking for a lead for the NC3Rs Board for the next three years. Information will be circulated to licence holders and will be in the next CamTechCare.

9. Feedback from previous Retrospective Reviews*

10. Minutes of AOC meeting*

11. Minutes of AWERB Standing meeting*

12. Any Other Business
    None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2019

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