Minutes

Date Wednesday, 07/02/2024
Time 09.00am
To Committee Members
At Greenwich House
Subject AWEB 3Rs Committee
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AWERB 3Rs Committee:

In Attendance:

Minutes –

Apologies:

1. Minutes – 03/01/24
The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising
None.

3. Retrospective Reviews
a) Phenotypic plasticity and adaptation of cichlid fish in response to novel environments.
The committee discussed the following:
• The proportion of animals found dead under one of the protocols did not seem to match the reported severities.
• Is a SC18 report required due to the cause of death?

b) Development and evaluation of imaging agents in rodent models of neurodegeneration.
The committee discussed the following:
• The committee noted and commended the effective use of a scoring system in section 2.3 and asked for further information about the system used.
- Section 2.7 has been highlighted but fully completed.

  c) Understanding the dynamics of cell fate decisions during zebrafish embryogenesis.

  The committee discussed the following:
  - All animals are recorded as mild. Severities in section 2.1 did not seem to match what was included in the rest of the retrospective review.
  - The committee noted that section 2.4 had been highlighted with very little information provided.
  - The committee asked for further information on specific facilities that animals were sourced in section 2.11.
  - The committee commended the refinements made to specific procedures and asked if further details could be included in section 3.7.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments
   None.

5. Standard Condition 18 Reports
   The NIO report was circulated prior to the meeting.

6. 3Rs information/reports
   The NIO report was circulated prior to the meeting.

7. Minutes of the AOC meeting (17/11/2023) & (15/12/2023)
   The minutes were noted.

8. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting (18/12/2023)
   The minutes were not available.

9. Any Other Business
   Action: to look into creating a traffic light scoring poster for rodent health.

   RCPICA Road Map
   informed the committee that UBS has been approached by the RSPCA to run a workshop on the road map to reduce severe severity. This workshop will be held in person after the June 3Rs Committee meeting at . An email with further details will be circulated to the committee following the meeting.

   asked the committee to email UBS enquiries if they are attending the 3Rs meeting and workshop would like a parking space to be booked for them.

  Date of next meeting: 6th March 2024 at 9am on MS Teams.