

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 07/02/2024
Time 09.00am
To Committee Members
At Greenwich House
Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee
Our Ref Doc.AWERB.3Rs.07.02.24

AWERB 3Rs Committee :

In Attendance:

Minutes –

Apologies:

1. **Minutes – 03/01/24**
The minutes were approved.
2. **Matters arising**
None.
3. **Retrospective Reviews**
 - a) [REDACTED] - 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) [REDACTED] - 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) [REDACTED] - 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

[REDACTED] discussed the previously circulated report with the committee.

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: [REDACTED] to look into creating a traffic light scoring poster for rodent health.

RCPCA Road Map

[REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]. An email with further details will be circulated to the committee following the meeting.

[REDACTED] 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.