

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 07/08/2024
Time 9:00 AM
To Committee Members
At Virtual via MS Teams
Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee
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AWERB 3Rs Committee : [REDACTED]

In Attendance: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 03/07/2024 were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 03/07/2024.

3. Retrospective Reviews / Retrospective Assessments

(a) [REDACTED] - Zebrafish models for inherited neurological diseases – RR

The committee discussed the following:

- A review of the severity in the table in section 2.1.
- Further information needed in Section 2.4 regarding protocol 4.
- UBS NIOs to contact the researcher to provide information on university tissue and sharing schemes.
- Further information to be provided in section 3.1 regarding non-animal methods.
- Further information in section 3.2 needed regarding the dissemination of techniques.
- Further information in section 3.2 needed regarding the reduction of numbers

(b) [REDACTED] - Breeding and maintenance of germ free and gnotobiotic animals service licence – RR

The committee discussed the following:

- A review of the numbers in section 2.1 needed.
- Further information needed in section 2.5 regarding breeding.

(c) [REDACTED] - Protection after heart attack or stroke – RA

The committee discussed the following:

- Additional information needed in section 2.9 regarding sharing.
- Clarification needed in section 3.2 regarding achievements made..
- The committee commended the work achieved in section 3.7.

(d) [REDACTED] - Tuberculosis pathogenesis & treatment in zebrafish and medaka – RA

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information needed in section 2.7 regarding animal numbers.
- Further information in section 2.13 needed regarding general husbandry processes.
- The committee commended the thorough completion of the 3Rs section.
- A review of all publications listed in bold in section 4.8.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

There were no applications to review.

5. Standard Condition 18 Reports

[REDACTED] discussed the SC18 Report from June 2024. 50% of the SC18 reports were for animals reported found dead. Around 25% of the reports were due to human error and the remaining were for various other reasons.

6. 3Rs information/reports

There was nothing to report this month.

7. Minutes of the AOC meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 21/06/2024 were noted.

8. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes from the meetings held on 24/04/2024 & 29/05/2024 were noted.

9. Any Other Business

[REDACTED] discussed the Microchipping Adverse Event Report. The issue appears to be being managed better. Microchipping adverse effects have been reduced since the previous report.

Date of next meeting: 4th September 2024 in person at [REDACTED]