



## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 08/01/2020

Time 08.30am

To Committee Members

At Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

**In Attendance:** [REDACTED]

**Apologies:** [REDACTED]

**1. Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Retrospective Reviews**

(a) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] abbreviations should be defined

- More detail could be provided in Section 2.5 regarding the behavioural testing of 21 animals
- The committee would like to know how the adverse effects have been managed when importing animals from overseas
- Section 3.2 should be expanded. It was suggested that an estimate of the reduction in the numbers of animals used is included
- The committee have requested to know if any tissue has been shared with any external research groups and how many post mortems have taken place
- It was suggested that Section 3.6 is re-written due to the document being subject to Freedom of Information requests. Referring to the work in Australia, a statement should be included to clarify that the University policy for overseas animal work has been adhered to
- The publication in Section 3.7 should also be reported in Section 4.8
- The committee asked for a list of all animals currently being used in experiments to be provided
- The committee requested to see the Retrospective Review once the changes have been made

(b) [REDACTED]

- In Section 2.1 the numbers are incorrect and should be replaced with the actual number
- The committee asked for the proportion of genetically modified animals issued from the breeding protocol, used in experimental protocols to be added
- The 2008 publication should be removed from this Retrospective Review



- The committee suggested adding an example of how sample size calculations have been used under Section 3.1
- Dr Osborne was commended on a well written Retrospective Review

**4. Retrospective Assessments**

None

**5. Project Licence Applications**

**(a) [REDACTED] – amendment**

- The committee suggested seeing the current Return of Procedures for the relevant protocols to provide context for the change in animal numbers
- Due to the large increase in estimated numbers, the committee asked for more justification to be provided

**6. Severe Severity licence reviews**

None

**7. Standard Condition 18 reports**

None

**8. 3Rs information/reports**

None

**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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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