Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Un-confirmed Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting
held on 1 September 2015 in the

Present:

In attendance:

1. **Apologies for absence**
   
   Apologies were received from [redacted].

2. **Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting held on 03/08/2015**
   
   The minutes were approved with minor changes.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
   
   None.

4. **Retrospective reviews**
   
   None.

5. **Project licence applications**
   
   [Redacted] suggested that in future, some context should be provided together with project licences prior to the meeting explaining why a licence was to be discussed.

   [Redacted] noted that there was not enough information on animal numbers and would like to see the justification offered in the British Heart Foundation grant application for the animal use.

   [Redacted] circulated a letter (dated 20/08/15) sent by [redacted] to [redacted] containing comments from the AWERB.

   [Redacted] will meet [redacted] to discuss statistics, animal numbers and experimental design, including the following points from the committee:

   - How were the final numbers for the Protocols (i.e., 400 & 800) arrived at? Were there any power calculations?
   - What are the novel drugs to be tested?
   - How many drugs and doses are to be tested?
   - Is there a role for pilot studies in the design? E.g., to evaluate basic toxicity with novel compounds, and to provide preliminary data for power calculations.
   - Are there any positive controls?
   - Will the experimental design incorporate randomisation of animals into treatment groups and blinding of operators? If not, why is this considered to be unnecessary?

6. **3Rs information/ Reports**
   
   None.
7. **Any other business**
   - raised the possibility of the 3Rs meetings forming sub-groups and discussing specific issues which could generate recommendations for University policy.
   - noted consultation with users help changes be accepted.
   Committee to bring any issues to the next meeting for a list to be compiled.

8. **Date of next meeting**
   Monday 5th October 2015.