Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Un-confirmed Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting
held on 5 May 2015 in the

Present:

In attendance:

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

2. **Unconfirmed Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2015.**
   The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes of the April Meeting**
   [redacted] noted that the A-Tune catalogue is limited. [redacted] has agreed to see if widening its scope was possible. [redacted] added that the tissue sampling website is not yet actioned and will look at this as soon as possible.

   It was noted the Governance Review are looking into adding retrospective publications involving animal research to record annually on a database.

   [redacted] continued looking into publications involving Tamoxifen and suggested it may be good to talk to [redacted] at another meeting. The delivery methods show the same adverse effects as weight loss and therefore it is unclear as to whether this is an issue with diet or IP injections. Diet can be sustained over a longer time period. [redacted] to pass papers to the Committee and to contact [redacted] regarding her work with Tamoxifen.

4. **Project Licence Applications**
   None.

5. **Retrospective Reviews**
   None.

6. **3Rs Information**
   An article from the Guardian was circulated to the Committee sent by [redacted] and was discussed.

   [redacted] noted that NC3R’s funding bodies will have a specialist to look at all experiment designs and grant applications. If any are rejected in 2016 they can be re-written but are not allowed to be amended after this year.

   [redacted] commented that there is never enough information on experiment design at present.

   [redacted] explained the NC33R’s are looking at funding larger groups to cover the whole work and are happy that the ARRIVE guidelines are being used. All other grant bodies will have to have standardisation with these changes across the
board within the next 12 months. This will cover all experimental work, not just work with animals.

to update committee when grants come in this year.

queried whether there would be guidance for PPLS on the stats section to cover the new changes.

responded that this can be included in the three hour talk given on the subject to licencees, but there are issues with P-values at present.

suggested examples could be provided in the 3R’s section of the website.

7. **Unconfirmed Minutes of NPC meeting held on 1\st\ April**

noted the February minutes were sent out for information as the March meeting was cancelled. It was noted the 3Rs Committee will report in to the Named Persons Committee and up to the AWERB Standing Committee.

queried the progress of feedback for ______ PPL. responded that all feedback had gone back to him and had now gone to the Home Office.

noted that the paperwork could be added into the Agenda for the Standing Committee meeting.

8. **Any other business**

noted the viewed adverse effects involved with irradiation but not across the board. There needs to be a discussion to figure out the best practice post-irradiation.

noted the Committee will look into this.

to find out whether ______ would attend the next 3R’s committee meeting to explain his experiences.

9. **Date of next meeting**

1\st\ June 2015.