

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 02/07/2025

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At Virtual via MS Teams

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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AWERB 3Rs Committee: [REDACTED]

Minutes – [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 04/06/25 were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 04/06/25.

3. Retrospective Reviews

- a) [REDACTED] - Characterizing the biological function of select evolutionary conserved KRAB zinc finger proteins – RR

The committee discussed the following:

- Additional details needed in Section 2.4.
- The inclusion of further information in Section 2.7 regarding stock animals mentioned in section 2.8.
- Information regarding wastage needed in Section 2.7.
- The committee commended efforts made to archive mouse lines in Section 2.8.
- The committee commended the replacements made. Additional information regarding this is needed in Section 3.1.
- Further information regarding possible reduction of animal numbers needed in Section 3.2.
- Further clarification needed in Section 3.3
- Information regarding situations that limited work needed in Section 3.6.
- Answer to be changed to 'no' in Section 3.8.
- Details of any publications to be included in Section 4.8

- b) [REDACTED] - Ageing and therapy in mouse models for neurodegenerative diseases – RA

The committee discussed the following:

- Box A to be selected and additional information to be added to Section 1.
- Numbers to be reviewed in Section 2.1, 2.2 & 2.4.
- Information to be reviewed in Section 2.2.

- The keep alive request information to be added to Section 2.3.
- Additional information to be provided and amendment to some of the text required in Section 2.4.
- The information to be reviewed in Section 2.4.
- Additional information to be considered for inclusion in Section 2.7.
- Environmental enrichment information to be added in Section 2.10.
- Information included in Section 4.7 to be moved to Section 3.7.
- Additional SC18 information to be added to Section 5.2.
- The keep alive request to be highlighted in Section 5.2.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

There were no Project Licence applications or amendments to discuss.

5. NIO Reports

████ informed the committee that the application to Understanding Animal Research (UAR) for the Leaders in Openness award was successful. We were placed in the top ten. The ponies that were rehomed from the █████ have settled in well to their new homes. There is now a bank of evidence that supports the use of male and female mice in research. If anyone would like to see this, please contact █████. An update on SC18 reports was given. █████ asked if there is somewhere the reports can be viewed after the meeting. █████ said the information is often filtered and included in the newsletter.

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 23/05/25 were noted. █████ discussed the transport box guidance that has been written.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 30/04/25 were noted.

8. Any Other Business

Date of next meeting: 06/08/25 in person at █████.