

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 04/06/2025

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: None

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 07/05/25 were approved

2. Matters arising

There were no matter arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 07/05/25

3. Retrospective Reviews

a) [REDACTED] - Understanding the regulation of fat mass and its association with metabolic disease – RR

The committee discussed the following.

- Wording to be removed in Section 2.2.
- Information regarding the fate of the animal to be added to Section 2.3.
- Figures to be check in Section 2.3 and Section 2.4.
- Figures to be added to the first box, and additional information needed regarding the numbers in Section 2.7.
- Answer to be reviewed in Section 2.9.
- Clarification regarding animal strain needed in Section 3.2.
- Figures to be added in Section 3.2.
- Details regarding tissue sharing needed in Section 3.3.
- Methods not used to be included in Section 3.10.
- Answer to be changed in Section 4.2.
- Information to be sense checked in Section 5.1.

b) [REDACTED] - Biobehavioural basis of vulnerability to impulsive/compulsive spectrum disorders - Optimisation and service protocols – RR

The committee discussed the following.

- Clarification needed in Section 2.1, protocol 2.
- A review of the figures and the table needed in Section 2.1.
- Definitions of abbreviated words needed in Section 2.5.

- Answers to be reviewed in Section 2.9.
- Additional information needed in Section 3.1.
- Information in Section 3.2 to be moved to Section 3.7.
- Additional information needed in Section 3.3.
- Information regarding how technologies in Section 4.7 related to techniques in Section 3.4.
- Additional information needed in Section 3.5.
- A review of the answer needed in Section 3.6.
- A review of the answer needed in Section 3.7.
- Consideration to be given to the use of the welfare scoring system in Section 3.8.
- All authorised non-schedule 1 procedures to be listed in Section 3.10.
- Further clarity needed in Section 4.5.
- Only papers relating to this licence to be included in Section 4.8.

c) [REDACTED] - Characterisation of vaccine candidates against viral diseases – RA

The committee discussed the following.

- Completion of Section 1 required.
- Table to be updated in Section 2.1.
- Figures for year five to be added in Section 2.1.
- A review of the information needed in Section 2.2.
- Numbers of each species used to be provided in Section 2.3.
- Additional information to be provided in Section 2.4.
- Information to be broken down by protocol in Section 2.5.
- A review of the wording used, and references needed in Section 2.7.
- A review of the answer needed in Section 2.8.
- A review of the answer needed in Section 2.10.
- A review if the table needed in Section 2.11.
- The committee were interested in the refinement in Section 3.7.
- A review of the answer needed in Section 3.10.
- A review of the wording used needed in Section 4.3.
- Additional information needed in Section 4.6.
- Consideration to be given to moving refinements in Section 4.7 to Section 3.7.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

a) [REDACTED] - Nutrient sensing in the brain – SS Amendment – Protocol 10

The committee discussed the following.

- Details of the amendment benefits to be added to Benefits section.
- Clarification of the procedure to be added to Project harms section.
- Sense checking of Project harms section needed.
- Additional information to be added to Step 8.
- Additional information to be added to Step 16.
- Consideration to be given to adding AB for d) in Step 16.
- Step number to be reference in Step 16.

5. NIO Reports

NIO report – This report was circulated prior to the meeting. [REDACTED] expressed how much she enjoyed supporting the team during the Cambridge Festival weekend.

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting

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

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes from the meetings held on 18/12/24, 29/01/24 & 26/03/25 were noted.

8. Any Other Business

The committee had nothing further to discuss.

Date of next meeting: 2nd July 2025 in person at [REDACTED].

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