

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 07/05/2025

Time 9:00 AM

To Committee Members

At Virtual via MS Teams

Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

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AWERB 3Rs Committee: [REDACTED]

Observer: [REDACTED]

Minutes – [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 02/04/2025 were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 02/04/2025.

3. Retrospective Reviews

- a) [REDACTED] - Radiation Combinations for Cancer Treatment – RR

The committee discussed the following.

- Additional information regarding animal outcomes needed in Section 2.3.
- Clarification needed in Section 2.3.
- All sections to be completed in Section 2.9.
- Further information regarding reduction needed in Section 3.2. Consider adding to Section 3.7.
- Additional information needed in Section 3.2.
- Additional information needed in Section 3.7.
- Yes, to be selected in Section 3.8.

4. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments

- a) [REDACTED] - Immune Responses to New Vaccine Platforms. SS
Amendment - Protocol 13

The committee discussed the following.

- Additional information regarding control animals needed in the non-technical summary.
- Consideration to be given to possible refinements in the non-technical summary.
- Protocol 13 to be added to the list of transfer protocols.
- Response to be changed to yes in Protocol 13 and subsequent sections to be completed.

- Additional information needed regarding analgesia in Protocol 13, step 1.
- Further clarification needed regarding antigenic agents in Protocol 13, step 1.
- Consideration to be given to additional monitoring measures in Protocol 13, step 1.
- Additional information regarding timeframes needed in Protocol 13, step 1.
- Wording to be reviewed in Protocol 13, step 3.

5. NIO Reports

NIO Report – A link has been included in the report to the virtual workshop for, Using the experimental design assistant (EDA). This workshop will take place on 20th May 2025. Camfest was successful. The team used a small inflatable pool which was filled with bedding and enrichment and toy mice. The young children were then encouraged to build a cage they thought the mice would be comfortable in. Older children had the opportunity to complete a DOPs assessment and when this was complete, they took home a certificate of completion. The team spoke with adults to discuss what the work involved. The day was supported by UBS technicians and researchers who helped make the day a success. The report from the recent visit to the germ-free facility will be submitted to July AWERB 3Rs. ■■■ reported there had been 26 SC18 reports in March 2025.

3Rs Drop in for ■■■ – The 3Rs drop in visits have been a very useful exercise for the team. ■■■ breeding has an enrichment rotation Rota which has been turned into a poster to assist staff. They have very clear labelling for their enrichment boxes. ■■■ have also implemented lots of other posters and guidance documents to support staff.

■■■ asked for clarification on the meaning of the process error that is mentioned in the SC18 pie chart. ■■■ explained this term is used to cover anything that happens at any point in a process that is not meant to happen.

6. Minutes of the AOC meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 21/03/2025 were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 26/02/2025 were noted.

8. Any Other Business

The committee had nothing further to discuss.

Date of next meeting: 4th June 2025 via MS Teams.