Minutes

Date Monday, 16/11/2015
Time 1.40pm
To Committee Members
At
Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Present:

Apologies:

AWERB STANDING COMMITTEE

The committee agreed to pass on all comments to the Home Office Inspectors.

1. Project Licence Application - gave a short overview.
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Clarification on who will hold the licence
   - More information on the regular check ups
   - Consideration of controls used
   - More information about irradiation
   - The potential use of prophylactic antibiotics given that part of the argument for the use of animals is the need for the presence of complex feedback loops. These will be reduced/ altered if the animals’ microbiomes have been affected by antibiotic use.
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

2. Project Licence Application - gave a short overview.
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Clarification on pain observation
   - The current developments in the field
   - Clarification on the location of the x-ray
   - More information on some protocols and why applicable
   - Current developments in the field, including the existence of a cell based European Medicines Agency licensed Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Product indicated for lesions in knee cartilage (ChondroClect), and several on-going clinical trials of cell based therapies. This challenges the ethical basis for a fresh wave of animal work.
The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

3. Project Licence Application—gave a short overview. The committee discussed the following:
   • Clarification on the classification of protocols
   • More information on dose amounts
   • More information on previous successful work
The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

4. Project Licence Application—gave a small overview. The committee discussed the following:
   • Clarification on funding
   • Discussion on alternative methods
   • More information on injecting sites
   • The possibility of replacing one section of the planned work with human genetic epidemiology using samples from, for instance, the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC: University of Bristol) or The Millennium Cohort Study (University of London)
The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

5. Minutes of meeting held on:
   a) 21 September 2015
   b) 5 October 2015
   c) 9 October 2015
   d) 19 October 2015
   e) 2 November 2015
Minutes were agreed with minor changes.

6. AWERB 3Rs Committee Minutes
Minutes were discussed. Advised changing of phrasing in the 2/11 minutes.

7. Matters arising from the minutes
None

8. Correspondence
   to attend RSPCA Lay Persons Meeting in December, and the IAT Joint Autumn Symposium later in November. and attending LASA Winter meeting.

9. Any other business
   and attended the MRC AWERB for the PPL. The secondary availability has been approved.
   The PPL amendment will be fast tracked through AWERB Amendment committee for comment.
10. Date of next meeting
Friday 11 December 2015,