



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 23/07/2025

Time 12pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED], **1b)** N/A, **1c)** N/A, **1d)** N/A and **1d)** N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of specific adverse effects if appropriate as well as specific references in the Project Harms section.
- Information that was included in the researcher's presentation could be usefully included in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of specific references in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of earlier endpoints and further explanation around how these will be used in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of the maximum number of administrations in step 1 of Protocol 1.
- Consideration given to the use of specific models in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 3.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of specific references in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of further detail to explain why current models are not suitable and development of new models is needed in the Scientific Background section of the Project Plan.
- Information included in the researcher's presentation should be included in the Scientific background section of the Project Plan.
- The inclusion of any updates to the [REDACTED] framework in the Scientific Background section of the Project Plan.
- Further detail required to explain the scientific need for objective four in the Scientific Background section of the Project Plan.



- Further specificity required regarding specific adverse effects in step 6 of Protocol 1.
 - Consideration given to specific treatment options in step 6 of Protocol 1.
 - The inclusion of a list of observable signs to help identify specific adverse effects in step 10 of Protocol 1.
 - The amendment of specific wording in step 10 of Protocol 1.
 - The inclusion of clinical observations to help define a specific humane endpoint in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 1.
 - The inclusion of a time frame in the Animal Experience section of Protocols 2, 5 and 7.
 - Consideration given to the inclusion of a typical and worst-case example in the Animal Experience section of Protocols 2 – 9.
 - Further detail required regarding why Protocols 1, 4 and 8 cannot be combined into one protocol.
- The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Information included in the researcher's presentation should be included in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Amendment of the percentage provided in the last sentence in step 1 of Protocol 8.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information around how the refinements relate to the welfare of the animal in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(e) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation for specific technical terms in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of a time frame of when the scientific objective is likely to be met compared to when the researcher expects to see specific clinical signs in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 3.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 25/06/25

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.



4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 14/05/25 & 11/06/25

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 05/06/25

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/06/25

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

8. List items of note

The committee noted the amendment in progress to the [REDACTED] Project Licence to add [REDACTED] and to allow specific work to take place.

Date of next meeting: 27/08/2025