



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 25/06/2025

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A and 1b) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review and amendment of any typographical errors in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further clarity required regarding when specific animals will be used in the Benefits section.
- The inclusion of the definition for specific references in the Benefits section.
- The inclusion of specific methods in the Project Harms section.
- Further review of the Project Harms section to ensure information listed is consistent and correct.
- The inclusion of specific animals in the Replacement section.
- Further review of specific animal numbers to ensure they are correct in the Reduction section.
- Further specificity required regarding specific procedures planned in the Reduction section.
- Further detail required regarding specific procedures planned in the Refinement section.
- Further information regarding specific animals and group housing in the Refinement section.
- Further updating of the Action Plan required.
- Further information around specific animal facilities in the Project Location section.
- Further information regarding the supervision of work in the Project Location section.
- Revision of specific references in Protocol 3.
- Further clarity required in step 1 of Protocol 3.
- The inclusion of specific dosing routes in step 1 of Protocol 3.
- The inclusion of specific administrations in step 1 of Protocol 3.
- Revision of specific wording in step 2 of Protocol 3.
- Revision of specific wording regarding adverse effects in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 3.

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



(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further updating of the researcher's training record on ASPeL required once they have completed their PPL course and relevant PIL modules.

The committee were happy to support the transfer of PPL holder.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 28/05/25

The committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 08/05/25

These minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/05/25

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 23/05/25

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

[REDACTED]

The committee thanked the author for the detailed and comprehensive report and regarding groups 10, 1 and 12 and discussed the following:

- Further robust, scientific justification regarding the quality of the scientific data and the impacts on research.
- Further scientific justification as to why animal welfare in relation to the information contained in the report should be compromised to gain the scientific data required. The inclusion of further information regarding relocation.
- Confirmation required as to whether the health status and mortality rates are being reported when publishing.
- Confirmation and explanation required as to whether animal numbers are correctly predicted in the project licences.
- Further information regarding funds available for the additional cage costs.

The committee agreed that a letter with their recommendations would go back to the author of the report to be shared with the working group. Responses to this letter should be returned to the licencing team by the 22nd August 2025.



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8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 23/07/2025