



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 26/03/2025

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) [REDACTED] **& 1b)** N/A

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Typographical errors that require amending.
- Further review of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure any technical or scientific terms are explained using lay language.
- The inclusion of wording to show how the outputs from this licence could benefit the progression of this work in the future in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific references to procedures planned and the potential adverse effects in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of an example of the human condition that relates to specific injuries in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of additional explanation for specific procedures planned and how this helps to achieve the aims in the Action Plan, Project Plan.
- Consideration given to adjusting the title of step 6 in Protocols 2 and 3.
- The inclusion of a sentence to explain the use of specific devices in the Protocol Justification section of Protocols 2 and 3.
- The inclusion of a sentence to explain the reason for the use of specific tests in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 2.
- Further review of specific procedure sections in step 1 of Protocol 3.
- The deletion of a repeated word in step 4 of Protocol 4.
- Amendment of a specific word in step 2 of Protocol 6.
- Further consideration given to the monitoring listed in step 3 of Protocol 6.
- The inclusion of humane endpoints for specific adverse effects in step 4 of Protocol 6.

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



(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Information included in the researcher's presentation should also be included in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific references in the Replacement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further expansion of the justification for the increase in animal numbers in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the titles for each of the steps in Protocol 17.
- The inclusion of a separate step for specific procedures in Protocol 17.
- The inclusion of further adverse effects and humane endpoints in step 2 of Protocol 17.
- The inclusion of references to step 3 and step 11 when specific procedures planned are mentioned in step 2 of Protocol 17.
- The removal of specific wording in step 2 of Protocol 17.
- Further expansion of the sections on monitoring and humane endpoints regarding step 5 of Protocol 17.
- Further clarification required regarding location and maximum number of sites that may be used for specific procedures planned in step 9 of Protocol 17.
- The inclusion of a hyphen between specific words in the first paragraph in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 17.
- The inclusion of references to making use of data from other groups where possible before carrying out pilot studies in the Experimental design section.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 17.

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2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information regarding severity in the relevant protocols in Section 2.2.
- Further information in Section 2.3.
- Further detail regarding specific animals in Section 2.3.
- The removal of specific wording from Section 3.2 and moving it to Section 3.1.
- The removal of identifiable information in Section 3.6 and other areas where appropriate.
- Consideration given to whether information included in Sections 3.6 and 3.7 could also be included in Section 3.2.
- Further revision of Section 3.8.

3. Minutes of last meeting 26/02/25

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee

The minutes were not available.



5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting

The minutes were not available.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 05/02/25

The minutes were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 24/01/25

The minutes were noted.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Report on Breeding – The committee reviewed the report and asked the author to consider including the numbers as percentages to enable comparison across the two facilities.

9. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 30/04/2025