

## Minutes

**Date** Wednesday, 29/01/2025

**Time** 1pm

**To** Standing Committee

**At** Virtual, MS Teams

**Subject** AWERB Standing Committee

**Our Ref** Doc.UBS.AWERB.29.01.25

**In attendance:** [REDACTED]

**Scientists in attendance for 1a) core, 1b) core, 1c) core & 1d) core**

**Apologies:** [REDACTED]

**Minutes:** [REDACTED]

### 1. Project Licences

#### (a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of specific wording as it is not required.
- The inclusion of the definition of specific words and the correction of typographical errors in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the specific definitions in step 6 of Protocol 2, step 8 of Protocol 4 and step 9 of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of specific humane endpoints in step 8 of Protocol 4.

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

#### (b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation of the benefits that may be gained in Protocol 6 regarding animal numbers.

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

#### (c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the level of detail given in the lay summary.
- The inclusion of further information regarding the amendment in the Refinement section.

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

#### (d) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:



- Further review of the wording in the Benefits section to ensure it is written in lay terms.
- Review of the percentages listed in the Project Harms section.
- The inclusion of the maximum number of times specific procedures can be completed in step 3 of Protocol 9.
- Further clarity required regarding step 5 of Protocol 9, step 4 of Protocol 10 and step 3 of Protocol 20.
- Review of specific wording in step 12 of Protocol 9, step 2 of Protocol 18 and other protocols where appropriate.
- Further clarity required in step 12 of Protocol 9 and step 2 of Protocol 18.
- Further information regarding monitoring in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 9 and Protocol 18.

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

## **2. Retrospective Reviews**

(a) None

## **3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were not available.

## **4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 11/12/24**

The minutes were noted.

## **5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 10/12/24**

The minutes were noted.

## **6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/12/24**

The minutes were noted.

## **7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee**

The minutes were not available.

## **8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB**

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation required as to why the work needs to take place in the specific location listed.
- The inclusion of a scientific explanation as to why only male animals will be used.
- Further detail required regarding the accommodation for the animals.
- Further clarity required regarding animal numbers.
- Further information regarding adverse effects and humane end points.



- Further information required regarding the funding listed.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned.
- Amendment of the start date of the work.

The committee agreed changes would need to be made to the Non-Regulated request before it would receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated request and had no comments for the researcher to address. The committee agreed this request would receive ethical approval.

Antibody Annual Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Any queries with the form itself should be raised with the licencing team.
- Further information in Section 12.
- Further justification required in Section 16.
- Further review of specific responses given in Section 16.

The committee agreed further changes to the Antibody annual report were needed before it could be signed by the AWERB chair.

Antibody Annual Report: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further revision required in Section 12.
- Further revision required in Section 13.

The committee agreed further changes to the Antibody Annual report were needed before it could be signed by the AWERB chair.

## **9. List items of note**

**Date of next meeting:** 26/02/2025