Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 18/03/2020
Time  1pm
To  Standing Committee
At  
Subject  AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref  Doc.UBS.AWERB 18.03.20

In attendance: 

Scientists in attendance for 1a)  1b) N/A & 1c) 

Apologies:

1. Project Licences
   (a) New licence: 
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Further clarification around the types of experiments the applicant plans to undertake and the inclusion of clear experimental scenarios.
   - Further detail around the importance of studying resource allocation and its impact in the post-weaning period.
   - Further information around the potential use of GA animals.
   - Further information around the use of imaging.
   - Further justification, which was discussed during the meeting, for the routes of administration in regards to specific substances.
   - Clarification required in Protocol 7 in regards to weight loss.
   - Error requires amending in Protocol 8 step 2.
   - Rewording required in Protocol 8 step 2.
   - Whether specific references in the 3Rs section will be understood by lay members.
   - Further information and clarification around clinical signs expected and more robust endpoints needed in various protocols.
   - Rewording required in the 3Rs Reduction section in regards to references to the ARRIVE guidelines.
   - Rewording required in the 3Rs Refinement section.
   - Several typographical errors that require amending.
   The committee agreed changes are needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   (b) Amendment: 
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Whether consideration could be given to using a different type of anaesthetic agent in regards to specific procedures.
• Further clarification around the typical number of anaesthetic and intranasal inoculations one animal will receive.
• Whether specific volumes could be decreased and the impact this would have on scientific data.

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

(c) New Licence: 
The committee discussed the following:
• The ease of which ethical and welfare concerns could be considered within the application.

The committee agreed no changes are needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews
None

3. Minutes of last meeting 26/02/20
The minutes were noted.
A letter has been written back to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). A statement will be compiled and added to the UBS website.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 06/03/20
The minutes were not available.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/03/20
The minutes were not available.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
Three non-regulated procedure forms were discussed and approved by the committee.

7. List items of note
None

Date of next meeting: 29/04/20