

# **Minutes**

Date Wednesday, 18/12/2019

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

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Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.18.12.19

In attendance:	
Scientists in attendance for 1a) and 1b)	
Apologies:	

### 1. Project Licences

#### (a) New licence:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information included in the scientific background section.
- Further refinements added to the 3Rs sections.
- The addition and removal of specific text references in Protocols 1, 2 and 3.
- Further information around specific generations of animal and how they will be used in Protocol 2.
- Further clarification of life stages and details of monitoring in Protocol 4.
- Specific references removed from Protocol 4.
- The removal of step 6 from Protocol 4.
- Revision of specific information listed in the animal experience and the protocol justification sections in Protocol 4
- Specific references removed and further clarification added to Protocol 5.
- The removal of specific references in Protocols 5 and 6.
- The removal of references to animals used once specific procedures are completed in Protocol 7.
- Further explanation and justification in regards to specific procedures planned in Protocol 7.
- The review of animal numbers listed for each protocol.
- The recommendation that other methods are considered in regards to specific procedures planned.
- Review of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure that it is understandable to the general public.

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

#### (b) New Licence:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation in regards to funding.
- The removal of specific references in the scientific background section.
- Recommendations around the administration of specific substances.
- Further refinements taking into account the animals experience included in the justification of the protocols.



• The inclusion of additional monitoring in regards to specific procedures planned.

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

# 2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

#### 3. Minutes of last meeting 20/11/19

The minutes were approved.

## 4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 06/12/19

The minutes were noted.

#### 5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/12/19

The minutes were not available.

# **6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee** 13/12/19 Meeting cancelled.

# 7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB presented to the AWERB committee an update on his work (specifically about the two authorised protocols) carried out under his current Project Licence. has not used Protocol 2, which the AWERB committee previously requested he include and use before using Protocol 1. He explained that the researcher (who developed the model authorised on Protocol 2) no longer uses the model on the basis that it is unreliable and difficult to obtain the bone samples required for the scaffold on which tumour cells are implanted. Over the course of twelve months, encountered similar problems relating to the sourcing bone samples, which is why he has not been able to use this model. explained that whilst undertaking Protocol 1, his Home Office inspector had visited, reviewed the mice (pre and post-surgery) as well as the surgery itself and deemed the procedure satisfactory. As well as this, one of his team members has refined the techniques used thus improving model validity and animal informed the committee that now phase one was complete he would be applying for an amendment to this licence in the New Year to include the new refinements and to remove Protocol 2 with the inclusion of justification for this. informed the committee that had attended this year's RSPCA lay agreed to circulate his notes from this to all lay members on the members forum and committee. informed the committee that the had received FOI requests about use and authorisation of the Porsolt Forced Swim Test. The one UoC Project Licence authorising this procedure was redacted along with relevant AWERB papers/correspondence. Additional

justification was provided which explained the inclusion of this procedure on this licence.

## 8. List items of note

None



Date of next meeting: 29/01/20