



Minutes

Date Monday, 18/12/2023

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Observer)

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **& 1b) Core**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further consideration should be given to the lay person in regards to the Non-Technical Summary and this should also be anonymised.
- Further details needed for the choice of models and more specific percentages need to be addressed in the Project Harms section.
- The committee suggested a biostatistician be consulted to assist with experimental design in regards to the Reduction section.
- Details regarding planned pilot studies should be included in the Refinement section.
- Information of how the work is to be funded needs to be included in the Funding section.
- Only work that will be carried out now should be included in the application.
- The committee suggested referring to the set templates due to the status of the animal facility.
- Controls need to be included in each step, where necessary.
- Further consideration required in regards to the humane endpoints in each protocol.
- The removal of specific references throughout the application.
- Reference to specific environments should be removed from the Animal Experience section in Protocol 1.
- Details of specific life stages need to be removed from Protocol 2.
- Specific procedures in Protocol 2, step 1 should be separated out and clearly defined by their purpose.
- Further details required on how many times animals will undergo procedures in Protocol 2, step 3.
- Further information on whether there will be adverse effects that are more than mild and transient included in Protocol 2, step 5.
- Details of the procedures need further clarity in Protocol 2, step 6.
- Protocol 2, step 7 needs to be changed to mandatory.



- Specific life stages need to be included in the typical experience or end-to-end scenario for an animal in Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of further details of the procedures that will be carried out on Protocol 3, step 6.
- Further information in regards to the likely adverse effects in Protocol 3, step 6.
- Further detail in regards to potential consequences of specific procedures need to be included in Protocol 3, step 6.
- The inclusion of a summary of the typical experience or end-to-end scenario for an animal being used in Protocol 3 in the Animal Experience and Project harms sections.
- Further details in regards to the most appropriate scientific approach and the most refined method for specific procedures should be added to the Protocol Justification section in Protocol 3.
- The inclusion of further information around the decision making process in regards to specific procedures should be included in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 3.
- Further reasoning required in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 3.

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required in the Reduction section of the Project Plan.
- The inclusion of an additional sentence that explains the reasoning for the amendment in the Project Summary of the Non-Technical Summary.

2. Retrospective Reviews

None

3. Minutes of last meeting 22/11/23

The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 11/10/23

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/11/23

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 22/09/23 & 20/10/23

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

NR2023/61 – The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments for the researcher to address. They agreed this would receive ethical approval.



NR2023/63 – The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments for the researcher to address. They agreed this would receive ethical approval.

NR2023/67 – The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments for the researcher to address. They agreed this would receive ethical approval.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request (Teaching): [REDACTED]

- The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated (Teaching) request and asked that further details of the reductions made recently in reference to animal numbers be added to the application. The committee agreed the request would need to be updated before it would receive ethical approval.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

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

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Microchipping report (Nov 2023)

The committee thanked [REDACTED] for submitting their monthly report for the last four months. The committee requested [REDACTED] submit another report to the AWERB committee in six months' time.

8. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 24/01/2024