



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 22/09/2021

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.22.09.21

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **and 1c)** [REDACTED]

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Several typographical errors that require amending.
- Further information included in the Non-Technical Summary around early detection of tumours.
- Specific wording changed in the Non-Technical Summary so it is more understandable by a lay reader.
- The inclusion of references to tissue sharing in the 3Rs Reduction section.
- Further information in regards to successful grant applications.
- Further consideration given to areas of the Protocol sections that have been copied from other areas.
- Further clarity around the end points given in the Protocols.
- The re-writing of specific wording in regards to adverse effects in Protocol 5, step 3.
- Further information around the scientific need to use specific animal strains.
- Further information around the frequency of specific procedures in Step 5, Protocol 5.
- Further review needed of Step 7, Protocol 5.
- Removal of specific references from Step 3, Protocol 6.
- Further review needed in Protocol 8 under 'How did these animals start their use.'

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

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Re-writing of the lay summary so it is more understandable to a lay reader.
- Further information around how the researcher will maximise the outputs of this work.
- Further explanation needed in the Replacement section as to why more animals are needed.
- Further information in the Reduction section around specific procedures planned.



- Further review of the Refinement section regarding pain relief given.
- Re-wording required in regards to Step 2, Protocol 2.
- Further details required in regards to specific procedures in Step 5, Protocol 2.
- Further information and re-wording required in regards to expected and unexpected adverse effects in Step 5, Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of methods of monitoring and scoring in the application where necessary in Step 5, Protocol 2.
- Further explanation around the duration of Protocol 3.

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

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

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2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

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3. Minutes of last meeting 25/08/21

Minutes were noted.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 03/09/21

Minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/09/21

Minutes were not available.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee (date)

Minutes were not available.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure Request for [REDACTED] and signed the application giving approval for the work.

The committee thanked [REDACTED] for their Bird Use report and found the information given informative and clear. The committee noted the lack of use of the birds in recent months and discussed the frequency of these reports. They requested the researchers next update the committee in March 2022.



The committee noted the [REDACTED] had removed [REDACTED] availability. They also notes that the [REDACTED] Project Licence had switched primary availability to the [REDACTED].

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 27/10/21