



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 22/11/2023

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED], 1b) [REDACTED] 1c) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] & 1d) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information in regards to why single housing is necessary for animals in the Project Harms section.
- The inclusion of refinements highlighted in the researcher's presentation could usefully be included in the Refinement section of the project licence application.
- Further definition required in regards to the adequate time for monitoring the animals post procedure in the Project Harms section.
- Further detail around how genes of interest are selected in regards to the traits the researcher wishes to investigate.
- The recommendation that the researcher checks all references to protocol numbers throughout the application to ensure they are correct.
- The removal of specific references in step 3 of Protocol 2.
- Specific steps require re-naming in Protocol 2.
- Further clarification in regards to the movement of animals across protocols and severities in the Fate of animals section of Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of examples and further information in regards to specific procedures planned in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 2.
- Further detail around frequency of specific steps and how long specific procedures will last in regards to step 3 of Protocol 3.

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

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- Further consideration given to the objectives listed and whether they are appropriate for what is planned in regards to the Scientific Background section and the Action Plan.
- Further review of the answers given in the Reduction section in regards to the power calculations and whether they can be more specific.
- Further detail required in regards to adverse effects for specific procedures planned.
- Further review of the wording required in regards to step 5 of Protocol 4.
- Rewording required in regards to the humane endpoints in Protocol 4.

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

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further justification required in regards to why specific animals have been included in the application. If not required in the near future consideration given to whether they should be removed at this stage.
- The inclusion of examples of models that may be used and why they are the model of choice in the Refinement section.
- Further explanation required in Appendix 2 of the Action Plan.
- Consideration given to the use of adjuvant in future studies and if planned further updating of the application to reflect this.
- Further explanation required in regards to specific references in the Action Plan.
- The inclusion of standard wording in regards to specific procedures planned in regards to step 3 of Protocol 1.
- Further information required in regards to why the proposed time frame is required for specific procedures and potential intervention that would support animal recovery in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of a specific table in the protocol Justification section of Protocol 1.
- Review of specific reports to ensure all relevant details have been covered in the application.

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

(d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee agreed that further discussions with the current PPL holder would need to take place in regards to the suitability of a new proposed licence holder.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 25/10/23

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 04/10/23

The minutes were noted.

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

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] – The AWERB committee reviewed the [REDACTED] Non-Regulated Procedure request and asked for further detail on how individual photos will be taken if the animals are to be specifically housed. The committee agreed further updating of the request was required before it could receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED] – The AWERB committee reviewed the [REDACTED] Overseas request (OS2023/14) and had no comments for the researcher to address. They agreed this would receive ethical approval. The AWERB committee reviewed the [REDACTED] Overseas request (OS2023/15) and had no comments for the researcher to address. They agreed this would receive ethical approval.

[REDACTED] report – This was noted by the committee.

[REDACTED] Ethics & Welfare applications – This was noted by the committee.

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 18/12/2023