



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 23/02/2022

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.23.02.22

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **1b) N/A and 1c) N/A**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The addition of specific text in point 7 of the Benefits section.
- Further information in regards to specific procedures in the Project Harms section.
- Refinements mentioned during the applicants' presentation could be included in the Refinement section of the application.
- Further updating required in Protocol 1, fate of the animals section.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The AWERB committee reviewed the amendment and had no further comments to make before submission to the Home Office.

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The AWERB committee reviewed the amendment and had no further comments to make before submission to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- Further information required in Section 2.2 in regards to animals returned with a higher than anticipated severity in Protocol 5.
- Further information around whether any publications or manuscripts highlight the refinements mentioned in Section 3.7.

3. Retrospective Assessments

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around why animals are recorded above their severity in Protocols 1 and 6 in the table in Section 2.2.
- Further explanation around why usage numbers are lower on some of the Protocols in Section 2.5.
- The inclusion of references to the use of the cell line method in the replacement sections.
- The inclusion of a brief summary for each incidence included in Section 2.4.
- Further explanation in regards to specific references included in Section 2.11.
- The inclusion of a condition 18 report if relevant in Section 2.3.
- The breakdown of animal numbers per protocol in Section 2.7.
- Further information on specific techniques used and how they are refinements in Section 3.2.
- Further explanation around how specific facilities have affected the results and breeding efficiency in Section 3.6.
- Further information around the use of score sheets in Section 3.8.
- Review of answers given in Section 4.6.
- The recommendation that publications are highlighted in bold if references to the CRISPR technology is included in them.
- Further information included in Section 4.9.
- The inclusion of references to amendments in Section 5.1.

4. Minutes of last meeting 15/12/21, 22/12/21, 26/01/22

The minutes were approved.

5. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 12/01/22

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 21/01/22

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] – The committee reviewed and approved the Non-Regulated for teaching request but requested that the researcher make every effort to source any animals needed for future teaching, in house. They recommended that the UBS 3Rs enquiry list be utilised before purchasing any animals.



Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] – The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated procedure request and asked for explanation around how the researcher would recognise/identify individual birds in people's gardens on each occasion. They also requested further information around the requisite visitor's agreement from the department of Psychology and the [REDACTED] are in place if needed. They asked that the researcher update the form and return it to UBS for AWERB chair approval.

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 30/03/22