



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 23/10/2024

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.23.10.24

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) core, 1b) core, 1c) core & 1d) core

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Typographical errors throughout the application that need to be addressed.
- Additional information required to help explain the objectives in the Action Plan.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of one or two further objectives to support the purpose of Protocol 10.
- Amendment of the flow chart in the Action Plan to show that objective one will be regulated.
- The inclusion of a title for each of the protocols.
- Consideration given to the re-ordering of the protocols.
- The replacement of the moderate breeding protocol with a mild one regarding Protocol 1.
- The correction of specific references in step 3 of Protocol 1 and the Protocol Justification section.
- The separation of specific steps regarding step 7 of Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of a percentage in the answer in the Protocol Details section of Protocol 3.
- The removal of specific paragraphs if not relevant in the Protocol Details section of Protocol 3.
- The removal of the final paragraph in step 2 of Protocol 3 if specific adverse effects are considered rare.
- Further clarification regarding the study duration in step 4 of Protocol 3.
- Consideration given to any adverse effects from specific procedures planned in step 4 of Protocol 3.
- Further review of the wording in step 6 of Protocol 3 to ensure that it is correct.
- The inclusion of specific wording in the Genetically Altered Animals section of Protocol 5, 9, 10 and 11.
- The inclusion of additional supportive measures regarding specific adverse effects in step 1 of Protocol 6.
- The inclusion of adverse effects for specific procedures planned in step 5 of Protocol 6.



- Further information and detail regarding specific tests planned in step 6 of Protocol 6.
- Further amendment of step 1 of Protocol 9 so that end points are specific for each adverse effect.
- If appropriate further amendment of step 3 of Protocol 9 and the Animal Experience section regarding specific procedures planned.
- Consideration given to the use of standard volumes in step 4 of Protocol 9.
- The removal of specific wording if specific adverse effects are a rare occurrence in step 4 of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of maximum volumes for specific procedures planned in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 9.
- Further amendment of specific wording and anaesthetic codes to include the standard sampling volumes if appropriate in step 3 of Protocol 10.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of specific wording in step 9 of Protocol 6.
- The removal of specific wording in step 9 of Protocol 6.
- The removal of specific wording and the correction of typographical errors in step 1 of Protocol 10.
- Further clarification required regarding how the weight will be calculated before specific procedures take place in step 2 of Protocol 10.
- Further clarification regarding specific strains and adverse effects in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of specific wording regarding animals that begin to lose weight and the amendment of the last sentence in step 3 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of the answer yes and further information around the supportive measures in place for specific procedures and adverse effects in step 4 of Protocol 10.
- The removal of specific administration routes from step 9 of Protocol 10.
- The removal of specific references (if not expected) in step 9 of Protocol 10.
- The inclusion of the explanation given during the AWERB meeting in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 10 of the application justifying the weight loss expected in certain animal strains.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Specific sentences require amending in the Project Harms section.
- Further review of the wording in the Project Harms section.
- Consideration given to splitting step 3 in Protocol 3 to clarify different time points for each different scenario.
- Consideration given to the use of specific refinements in step 3 of Protocol 3 and the Refinement section.
- Further information required in the Protocol Justification section regarding step 3 of Protocol 3.
- Further review of the Animal Experience section of Protocol 3 to ensure it includes all the relevant information to aid the harm benefit analysis.

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 had no comments for the researcher to address before submitting a draft to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 25/09/24

The minutes were approved.

5. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 03/09/24 & 19/09/24

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 04/09/24

The minutes were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 19/07/24

The minutes were noted.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

None

9. List items of note

[REDACTED] noted [REDACTED] Project Licence went through an administrative amendment to switch primary availability to the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] reminded the committee that the Home Office have extended their review time by 15 days.

Date of next meeting: 27/11/2024