



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 24/01/2024

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.24.01.2024

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) Core, 1b) Core & 1c) Core

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED].

1. Project Licences

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

The committee discussed the following:

- Abbreviations in the Non-Technical Summary sections (up to experience) should be written in full the first time they are used.
- Further information needed in the Replacement section on which non-animal alternatives have been considered for this project.
- Further details needed in the Reduction section for other measures to be used to optimise the number of animals being used on this project.
- If animals are going to be moved to protocol 3 from protocol 1 this needs to be included in the relevant section. The inclusion of maximum durations of specific procedures in the relevant section of Protocol 3.
- Removal or further explanation of specific procedures needed in the Protocol justification section.
- The removal of references to specific life stages from protocol 4 step2.

(b) Amendment - [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Inclusion of any benefits that will be gained from this amendment that will balance the new harms being requested.
- Further information required to show refinements in place to mitigate potential adverse effects.
- The number of days being requested should be consistent in the project harms, the expected impacts and/or adverse effects and the humane endpoints in Protocol 3, step 2.
- Additional information needed about the proposed changes and the likely adverse effects need to be added to protocol 3 step 2.



(c) Amendment - [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Consider if any updates are possible in the Benefits section.
- The inclusion of early interventions needed in the Refinement section.
- Specific details around how adverse effects are monitored, controlled and limited in protocol 1 step 4 and protocol 3 step 2.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- There were no comments to be addressed

3. Minutes of last meeting 18/12/2023

The minutes were not available.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 13/12/2023

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/12/2023

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 17/11/2023

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Non-Regulated Procedure request: [REDACTED]

The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments to be addressed. The committee agreed this request would receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research request: [REDACTED]

The committee reviewed the Overseas Research request and had no comments to be addressed. The committee agreed this would receive ethical approval.

The committee noted the 'She's Just a Friend' poster.

The committee noted the 'Volumes for Blood Sampling in Mice' poster.



8. List items of note

The committee noted the feedback submitted on the Lay member's forum abstract book.

The committee noted the Lay persons notes from the RSPCA Lay members forum.

Date of next meeting: 28/02/2024