



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 24/04/2024

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.24.04.24

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **1b) core, 1c) core and 1d)** [REDACTED]

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around the routes of specific procedures required in the Refinement section.
- Further review of steps in Protocol 5 to ensure one of them is mandatory.
- Further review of adverse effects in Protocol 5 to ensure the severity is appropriate.
- Further detail required in regards to specific procedures planned in step 5 of Protocol 6, step 3 of Protocol 5 and step 8 of Protocol 7.
- Further information required in regards to animal handling as well as consideration given to information included in the paper provided by the researcher, in step 5 of Protocol 6, step 3 of Protocol 5 and step 8 of Protocol 7.
- Further information required in regards to success rates for specific procedures planned in step 1 of Protocol 7.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of locations listed for specific procedures in the Project Harms section.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanations for acronyms required so they are understandable to the lay person in the Non-Technical Summary.



- Re-wording required in regards to step 1 of Protocol 9 and other locations where the same procedures are to be carried out.
- Further information in regards to frequencies of specific procedures planned in step 3 of Protocol 9.
- Further clarity in regards to the frequency of specific procedures planned in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of life stages and at what stages they will occur in the steps as well as the inclusion of references to animals undergoing certain steps where appropriate in regards to Protocol 11.
- The inclusion of the adverse effects for life stages in regards to Protocol 11.
- Further detail required in regards to endpoints for specific animals in Protocol 11.

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

(d) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail from the applicant's presentation could be included in the Non-Technical Summary of the project application.
- Further information required in the Aims section.
- Further information required in the Project Harms section.
- Further consideration required in regards to specific procedures planned.
- The inclusion of references to control animals being used when needed.
- Further information required in regards to step 1 of Protocol 2 and step 1 of Protocol 6.
- The inclusion of specific routes of administrations in regards to step 3 of Protocol 3.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific procedures planned in step 1 of Protocol 4.
- Further specificity required in regards to referencing specific animals only in step 1 of Protocol 6.
- The inclusion of anaesthetic codes in regards to step 8 of Protocol 7.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 24/01/24 & 27/03/24

The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Regulated Procedure Committee 15/02/24 & 29/02/24

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee

The minutes were not available.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee



The minutes were not available.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

None

8. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 29/05/2024