Minutes

Date       Wednesday, 24/06/2020
Time       1pm
To          Standing Committee
At          
Subject     AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref     Doc.UBS.AWERB.24.06.20

In attendance: 

Scientists in attendance for 1a) and 1b) 

Apologies: 

1. Project Licences
(a) New licence: in attendance for this PPL)

The committee discussed the following:
- The recommendation that the applicant checks the cross referencing to the papers quoted in the Background section of the application.
- Further clarity required in regards to the types of animals used.
- Further information and clarification around specific adverse effects expected in Protocol 3.
- The removal of references to transporting animals to other facilities.
- The removal of references to water restriction from the application as this is not relevant.
- References to specific steps within the application require revising.
- The recommendation that the applicant reviews the number of animals intended for use.
- The recommendation that specific references are added to the 3Rs Reduction section.

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

(b) New Licence: 

The committee discussed the following:
- Rewording required in regards to the Benefits section.
- Further clarity required around humane end points in Protocol 2.
- Further information around specific refinements discussed during the AWERB meeting included in the 3Rs Refinement section.
- Further revision of the Non-Technical Summary so that it can be better understood by the general public.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews
(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 27/05/20
The minutes were approved
4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 15/05/20
The minutes were noted

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 03/06/20
The minutes were not available

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 26/06/2020
The minutes were not available

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
The committee discussed three Non-Regulated Procedure requests. These were all approved and it was agreed they would be signed off by the AWERB chair.

The new Non-Regulated Procedure request form for teaching was noted by the committee.

[redacted] an update on [redacted]. She explained that the original licence has been split into three smaller licences, one of which has been approved by the Home Office. It was agreed that because the original licence has already been reviewed and approved by the AWERB committee the licences did not need to be reviewed by AWERB again. The committee requested the Non-Technical Summary’s for these licences be made available to the committee’s lay members before they are submitted to the Home Office.

8. List items of note
None

Date of next meeting: 29/07/20