Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 25/01/2023
Time  1pm
To  Standing Committee
At  
Subject  AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref  Doc.UBS.AWERB.25.01.23

In attendance: 

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A, 1b)  and 1c) N/A

Apologies: 

Minutes: 

1. Project Licences
(a) Amendment:  was also in attendance)
   The committee discussed the following:
   - The inclusion of specific refinements if they are relevant in the Refinement section.
   - Re-wording required in the General humane endpoints section of Protocol 10.
   - Further information required in regards to specific procedures planned in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 10.
   
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(b) New Licence:  was also in attendance)
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Further explanation that shows this application is part of a suite of PPL’s within a group.
   - Further justification for the use of specific species in the Project Harms section.
   - The inclusion of reference to pilot studies in regards to the process of accepting/rejecting work.
   - Further description and justification for the workflow planned for use in different animal models.
   - Further clarification in regards to specific procedures planned in the Refinement section.
   - Further information required in regards to animals that develop clinical signs in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 1.
   - Further information in regards to specific protocols in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 7.
   
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(c) Amendment:  was also in attendance)
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Further amending required in the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable to a lay person.
   - Further explanation required in regards to specific references in the Project Harms section.
• Further explanation required in regards to why specific species are a good model for the experiments planned.
• The addition of any new funding in the Funding section.
• Further information required to explain that the PPL will be amended at a later time once further details around specific species are known, including a scoring system.
• The committees encouraged the researcher to ensure they had adequate housing at the facilities where they wish to hold specific species before designing specific experiments.

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 30/11/22 & 19/12/22
The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 14/12/22
The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/12/22
The minutes were noted.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
Non-Regulated Procedure request: [Redacted] The committee reviewed this Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments to be addressed. They agreed this request could be signed off.

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7. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 22/02/23