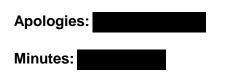


Minutes

Date	Wednesday, 26/10/2022
Time	1pm
То	Standing Committee
At	
Subject	AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref	Doc.UBS.AWERB.26.10.22

In attendance:

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



1. Project Licences

(a) New licence:

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of typographical errors in Protocol 4, step 4.
- Further clarity required in regards to the animal numbers in the pilot studies in Protocol 4, experimental design section.
- The recommendation that the researcher considers splitting Protocol 5 into two separate protocols.
- Further clarity required in regards to the frequency of step 1, Protocol 5.
- Further information required in regards to limits listed in Protocol 6, step 2.

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

(b) New Licence:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable to a lay person.
- Review of animal numbers in the Reduction section to ensure they are accurate.
- The inclusion of the additional support and observations that will be applied in regards to the neonates post-surgery in the Refinement section.
- The removal of identifiers in the Project Harms section.
- Review of life stages used in each step of the Protocols.
- Review of the administration of substances in the Protocols to ensure applicable limits have been set for each life stage.
- Further clarity required in the Animal Experience sections.
- The inclusion of specific procedures as well as the scientific justification as to why this needs to done at such an early age.
- Review of specific adverse effects.
- Further information in regards to Protocol 2, step 3.



- Review of substances mentioned in the Animal Experience sections to ensure they are a true reflection of those covered in that protocol.
- Review of all life stages planned for use in regards to Protocol 9.
- Further information required in regards to adverse effects, monitoring and humane endpoints in Protocol 9, step 4.

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

(c) New Licence:

was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable to a lay person.
- Removal of all references to protocols in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information around the published best practise the researcher will follow to ensure experiments are conducted in the most refined way.
- Further information around the expected severities and the proportion of animals in each category in the Project Harms section.
- Further information around the expertise and staffing that will be available to support the researcher.
- Further information around the funding granted.
- Further information around the general types and strains of animals in regards to Protocol 1.
- The correction of spelling mistakes in Protocol 1, step 1.
- The recommendation that the researcher uses the set templates in Protocol 1, step 2.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of SC18 reports that contain Home Office inspector comments only.
- Further detail required in Section 3.7.
- The committees commended the use of a scoring system, asked if it was developed by the group and wondered if it was possible to share this so other groups could also benefit from a similar system.
- Whether the outcome of using the jackets could be shared/disseminated to assist others in a similar situation.

(b)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around the use of specific substances in Section 2.3.
- The removal of names from Section 3.3.
- The recommendation that only publications with 3Rs achievements are highlighted bold.

3. Minutes of last meeting 28/09/22

After a minor change the minutes were approved.



4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 10/08/22, 12/09/22 & 14/09/22

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/09/22

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 22/07/22 & 26/08/22

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

- Further justification required in regards to specific procedures required.
- The committee advised the researcher to make contact with another researcher who has developed specific methods which could be a refinement.
- The committee advised the researcher to make contact with the NACWO to discuss sourcing animals in-house rather than buying from suppliers.

The committee agreed these comments needed to be addressed before this Non-Regulated Procedure request could be signed off.

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 30/11/22