Minutes

Date       Wednesday, 27/02/2019
Time       2pm
To         Standing Committee
At         Meeting Room, UBS
Subject    AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref    Doc.UBS.AWERB.27.02.19

In attendance:

Scientists in attendance for 1a)

Apologies:

1. Project Licences
(a) New licence: 

The committee discussed the following:
  • Further context in the Non-Technical Summary.
  • Further refinements (some of which are included in the Non-Technical Summary) included in the Part D: Refinement section.
  • Amendment of animal numbers.
  • Rewording of specific references for clarification.

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

(b) New Licence:

The committee discussed the following:
  • Further detail around adenoviruses and why these are the most appropriate.
  • Further information included in the Part D and Non-Technical Summary: 3Rs Refinement sections.
  • The addition of specific clinical signs in the Part E: Protocol Adverse Effects sections.
  • Clarification around expected adverse effects in regards to specific models.
  • The addition of standard Home Office text in the Part E: Protocols Adverse Effects section in regards to specific procedures planned.
  • Further information around weight loss time periods in the Adverse Effects sections of the Part E: Protocols.
  • References to body scoring in the Part E: Protocol Adverse Effects section.
  • Several typographical errors that require amending.
  • The recommendation that specific sentences are re-written in the Non-Technical Summary so they are easier for the general public to understand.
  • Specificity in regards to the typical experience of the animals in the Non-Technical Summary.

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

(c) New Licence:

The committee discussed the following:
• The recommendation that the applicant reviews the information in the Part D: 3Rs Refinement box as it may be more suitable in the Reduction section.
• The recommendation that the applicant includes information from their presentation to the committee, in the Part D: 3Rs Refinement section.
• Restructuring of sentences in the Non-Technical Summary.
• The rewording of specific sentences in the Non-Technical Summary.
• Further clarification required in the Non-Technical Summary in regards to the typical experience of the animals.
• Spelling errors that require amending.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews
(a) None.

3. Minutes of last meeting 30/01/19
The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 08/02/19
The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/02/19
The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 15/02/19
The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
The AWERB symposium poster from theEDURE was distributed to the committee. REQUESTED it also be emailed to all lay members not present and all scientists.

8. List items of note
None.

Date of next meeting: 27/03/19