



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 27/03/2019

Time 2pm

To Standing Committee

At Meeting Room, UBS

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.27.03.19

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **and 1b) N/A**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further refinements in the 3Rs Refinement box.
- The movement of text from where it currently appears, to the Part D: Continuation of work box.
- Clarification required for durations and maximum numbers in regards to specific procedures in the Part E: Protocols.
- Further information required around a typical number of procedures planned during one experiment in the Part E: Protocols.
- Clarification required in regards to clinical signs in the Adverse Effects sections of the Part E: Protocols.
- The committee recommended the applicant review the information provided for mild and moderate severity levels in the Adverse Effects sections to ensure it is clear and appropriate.
- Clarification of titles in Protocol 4.
- Further information around control animals (if appropriate) in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The addition of specific words in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information around experimental design in the Reduction box of the Non-Technical Summary.

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

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The increase in the administration of specific substances and the impact of this.
- Further justification in regards to the amendments included in the Part D: Project Plan.
- Husbandry concerns.
- Further clarification and potential re-wording required in regards to specific procedures planned in Protocol 9, in the Part D: Project Plan.
- Further clarification around volumes administered.
- Rewording required in specific protocols in regards to imaging.



- The recommendation that the Non-Technical Summary is amended to reflect the changes requested.

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2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The review and potential update of numbers in Section 2.1.
- The difference between the severity classifications in the protocols and the actual severity recorded.
- The new procedures and monitoring that has been put in place to prevent animal numbers from increasing to higher than expected.
- Severity reclassifications and whether information can be disseminated to show others how the group has reduced the severity for the majority of animals.
- Additional references in Section 3.1.
- Publications mentioned in Section 3.7 that could also be highlighted in Section 4.8.
- The removal of specific references in Section's 2.2, 3.6, 3.7 and 4.4.

3. Minutes of last meeting 27/02/19

After a minor change the minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 08/03/19

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/03/19

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 15/03/19

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

[REDACTED] queried the way the 'burden of disease' in the Potential benefits section of [REDACTED] applications reviewed today and also in general was written. [REDACTED] felt that 'years of life lost' and morbidity were a much better way of expressing the burden of disease. [REDACTED] agreed to disseminate examples of this for the committee to review.

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 24/04/19