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:

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

Apologies:

1. Project Licences
   (a) New licence:
   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.
   - 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:
   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.
The committee agreed changes needed to be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

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