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) 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) 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

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

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 24/04/19