



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 27/07/2022

Time 1pm

To Standing [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.27.07.22

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) core, 1b) [REDACTED] & 1c) core

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED] attended on his behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Revision of the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable to a lay person.
- Further information in regards to specific procedures planned in the Project Harms section.
- Further information around the impact on adverse effects in regards to specific models planned for use.
- Further information around the clinical signs assessments and scoring systems mentioned in the Refinement section.
- More details required in regards to Refinements of specific surgical procedures.
- Further clarification required for Objective 7 and how this related to the work planned on Protocol 10.
- Further clarification around the types of analgesia that can and cannot be used in the Refinement section.
- Further updating of Protocols 1-4.
- The recommendation that if Protocol 5 is required, further justification is needed in regards to the severity classification.
- The recommendation that Protocol 8, step 3 is made more measurable.
- More details required in Step 5 of Protocol 10 with regards to mandatory steps and specific adverse effects
- Further updating required in regards to specific adverse effects and end points that will be applied in the Animal Experience sections.
- Further information around the typical experience of an animal in regards to specific procedures planned.
- Further information in the experimental design section.

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



(b) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- New Home Office guidelines that need to be implemented in regards to Protocol 4.
- Further information around time scales requested in Protocol 5.
- The removal of references to life stages that are not relevant in Protocol 5.
- Further information around the time periods between specific procedures planned in Protocol 5, step 1 and Protocol 6, step 4.
- The inclusion of an additional step in Protocol 5, step 2.
- The amendment of step 3 in Protocol 5 to mandatory.
- The inclusion of specific adverse effects, monitoring measures and humane end points for aged animals in Protocol 5, step 3 & Protocol 6, step 2.
- The recommendation that if adverse effects are expected for specific procedures these are included along with clinical signs, monitoring and humane end points in regards to Protocol 6, step 1.
- The inclusion of information around weight loss and body condition scoring in the potential adverse effects and monitoring sections of Protocol 6, step 1.
- Further explanation around percentages listed in Protocol 6, step 2.
- Further clarification required in Protocol 6, step 3.
- Expansion of information given in regards to the administration of specific agents in Protocol 6, step 6.
- Specific references require amending in Protocol 6, step 8.
- Further information in regards to the amount of anaesthetics an animal could experience in Protocol 6.

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

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Revision of the adverse effects so they are clearly defined for each species.
- Further clarity in regards to locations of specific procedures planned in Protocol 2, step 1a.
- Splitting and further clarification of steps under Protocol 2 in regards to specific procedures planned.
- Further clarity required in regards to the frequency of specific procedures planned under Protocol 2, step 2.
- Further information in regards to the experience of the animal in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of references to specific procedures if these are intended.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 29/06/22

The minutes were not available and will be submitted to the next AWERB Standing meeting.



4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 08/06/22

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/06/22

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 24/06/22

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED] The AWERB committee reviewed this Overseas Request and had no comments to be addressed. This was approved by the committee.

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Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] The AWERB committee reviewed this Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments to be addressed. This was approved by the committee.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] left the meeting while this Non-Regulated Procedure request was discussed.)

The AWERB committee reviewed this Non-Regulated Procedure request and did not support the total number of animals requested. The committee had several comments they wished the researcher to attend to which included:

- The recommendation that the researcher liaise with the UBS facility NACWO and NVS to try and source surplus stock or animals that are at the end of their studies in the first instance.
- Further justification required around the use of specific species and the preferred method of Schedule 1 killing.
- Whether the researcher could use rats instead.
- The exploration of what other institutions use for teaching purposes and whether they would be willing to share online material they already have.
- Whether live demonstrations can be given instead of one animal per student group.
- Whether students visiting animal facilities to see live procedures take place could be actioned instead.



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8. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 31/08/22