



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 28/04/2021

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.28.04.21

In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A & 1b) & 1c) [REDACTED]

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of named people as a resource.
- The review of wording around the transport and movement of animals.
- The recommendation that the Researcher checks the limitation on breeding age to ensure that it is consistent throughout.
- Rewording in Protocol 1 required so that all adverse effects and other signs that may indicate the animal has reached its humane end point are listed.
- The recommendation that the researcher checks the animal numbers listed in Protocol 3 to ensure they are correct or if they should be reduced.
- The recommendation that the researcher checks the life stages in the adverse effects are correct.
- The removal of specific adverse effects as they are not appropriate.
- The appropriateness of weight loss limits for the diet used.
- Further clarity required to ensure the text reads that mice will be checked at weekends.
- The removal of adverse effects that are not expected.
- The removal of severe adverse effects that are on a moderate protocol.
- The addition of specific routes of administration in Table 3.
- The removal of references to higher doses than normal if not necessary and further information around how this is being refined.
- The review of specific wording in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The addition of information included in the 3Rs section also added to the Non-Technical Summary.
- Review of the wording used in the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable to a lay reader.
- The recommendation that the Researcher ensure specific references are accurate.

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:

- The revision of specific paragraphs in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of specific paragraphs from the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The recommendation that the applicant checks specific references included in the Non-Technical Summary to ensure they are correct.
- Further clarity around the administration of specific substances in Protocol 1, Step 2.
- Specific life stage options should be unchecked in Protocol 2.

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

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED] (Attending on his behalf: [REDACTED])

The committee discussed the following:

- Rewording of specific sentences in the Aims section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further clarity required in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information in regards to the breeding strategy in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of references to 'pairs' in regards to breeding in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The recommendation that the Applicant simplifies the language used in the Non-Technical Summary so it improves readability.

The committee agreed minor changes are needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Clarification of animal numbers in Section 2.1
- Further information around the source of animals in Section 2.11.
- Further 3Rs information included in Section 3.
- Clarification around whether there were presentations at meetings and if there were these included in the Retrospective Review.
- The recommendation that the Researcher double-checks the Yes/No answers to ensure there is either a strike through or highlight over the answer in Section 4.0.
- Further clarification around mouse strains used in Section 2.10.
- The removal of percentages in regards to severity bands in Section 2.13.
- Further information around whether there were any Standard Condition 18 reports included in Section 2.13 and 5.2.
- Specific information around genetic models removed from the Replacement section and added to the Refinement section in Section 3.7.
- The recommendation that the group consider the suitability of their animal model for its translational and scientific validity.
- Whether papers included in Section 4.8 can be placed in bold.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- The committee raised no concerns as this Retrospective Review was triggered due to a PPL name change and the licence was only granted in January 2021.

3. Minutes of last meeting 24/03/21

The minutes were accepted.

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 05/03/21

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 03/03/21

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 26/03/21

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

PPL name change: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] also attended)

After a short presentation, the committee had no additional comments or concerns surrounding the Project Licence changing holder.

Non-Regulated Procedure request: [REDACTED]

The committee requested that the researcher update the Non-Reg form to explain why animals cannot be sourced in-house. They also asked for further clarity to ensure the form reflects that while working with animals, if the researcher notice any material change in their animals or any unexpected adverse effects that are more than minor they will contact a UBS NACWO, NVS and the Director for Governance and Welfare immediately. The committee agreed they were happy for this work to go ahead.

Non-Regulated Procedure request: [REDACTED]

The committee understood that this work is time critical so were happy for the work to go ahead. They requested that an additional comment be added to say that while working with animals, if the group notice any material change in their animals or any unexpected adverse effects that are more than minor they contact a UBS NACWO, NVS and the Director for Governance and Welfare immediately.

8. List items of note

Date of next meeting: 26/05/21