



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 28/08/2024

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of duplicated text in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of a flow diagram in the Action plan of the Project plan.
- Further information around specific procedures planned in regards to step 2 of Protocol 5.
- Further consideration given to clinical signs that could be seen because of specific procedures planned and whether additional monitoring could be put in place in regards to step 4 of Protocol 6.
- The inclusion of additional steps in Protocol 6.
- Specific wording requires amending in step 5 of Protocol 6.
- Further clarification required in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of specific examples in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of further information on the potential risks to specific procedures planned in step 2 of Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of reference to specialist training that will be completed before specific procedures are carried out in regards to step 2 of Protocol 7.
- Specific references require amending in step 5 of Protocol 7.
- Further clarification required in step 3 of Protocol 9.
- Further clarification required in step 4 of Protocol 9.
- The removal of specific references in steps 4 and 5 of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of specific routes in step 5 of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of references to specific adverse effects in regards to step 5 of Protocol 11.
- Specific steps should be made mandatory in step 7 of Protocol 11, 12 and 13.

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



(b) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to specific wording and whether it is consistent compared to the Animal Experience section in step 5 of Protocol 1.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of a percentage or the number of animals that may not continue to the end of the study in the Project Harms and Animal Experience sections.

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

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee were happy to support the transfer of the project licence and had no recommendations to make ahead of it being submitted to the Home Office.

(d) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the new models in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the additional adverse effects in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the explanation of the procedures planned and how these will be refined in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Expansion of the Action plan in the Project plan to reflect the new models.
- The inclusion of specific steps in regards to the new protocol.
- The removal of specific sections in the Fate of Animals section of Protocol 4.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific procedures planned in the new protocol.

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

(e) Amendment: [REDACTED] (Attendance not required)

The committee discussed the following:

- Removal of the references to specific protocols in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Re-wording or removal of specific sentences in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific wording in step 1 of Protocol 7 and where relevant in the licence.

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

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review and amendment of animals recorded in the table in Section 2.1.
- Further detail required in Section 2.4.
- The committee asked the NIOs to contact the researcher to share information about tissue sharing schemes.



- Further information around why non-animal methods were not attempted or were unsuccessful in Section 3.1.
- Further information in regards to how specific techniques have been disseminated in Section 3.2.
- The inclusion of an estimate of the total number of animals reduced by using specific techniques in Section 3.2.

(b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information required in the table in Section 2.1.
- Further detail required in Section 2.5.

3. Minutes of last meeting 26/06/24 & 24/07/24

The minutes from the 26th June and the 24th July were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 10/07/24

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee

The minutes were not available.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 21/06/24

The minutes were noted.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

Microchipping Adverse Effects Report: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the report and had no comments for the researcher to address.

8. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 25/09/2024