



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 29/05/2019

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.29.05.19

In attendance: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further consideration and tailored explanations provided in regards to the use of weight loss as an indicator of ill health in the Part E: Protocols adverse effects section.
- The recommendation that a final check is completed on the application to remove any inconsistencies in information between the different sections.
- Further information added to the Part E: Protocols section.
- The recommendation that the information around specific strains is removed from the protocols where it is not relevant.
- The scoring sheets used and the recommendation that these are removed from the main application and uploaded as supporting documents.
- The removal of anaesthetic codes from administration routes that are not required from the protocol steps.
- The addition of specific references in the Part D: Replacement box.
- The removal of scientific language and add explanation for abbreviations which appear in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The removal of references to specific places in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Several typographical errors that require amending.
- Specific sentences require a change of tense in the Part C: Background section.

The committee felt changes should be made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office.

(b) New Licence: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The addition of specific references in the Part C: References box.
- Editing of references to the ARRIVE guidelines needed in the Part D: Reduction box.
- Further clarity required in regards to Protocol 7.



- Further explanation required in regards to specific experiments in Protocol 7 in the Part D: Refinement box.
- Rewording required in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The simplifying of specific parts of the Non-Technical Summary to make it easier for the general public to understand.
- The recommendation that a commitment is made for the use of environmental enrichment within the application.
- Whether the leader of the group or the person doing the work specific to the licence application would be the most appropriate licence holder.

The committee felt changes should be made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office.

(c) New Licence: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The recommendation that how the information presented in the Part B: Benefits section is reconsidered.
- Further explanation around the use of drugs in the Part D: Project Plan.
- Further clarity in the Part D: Reduction box.
- The removal of references to specific type of tissue biopsy method used for genotyping that will not be used in Part E: Protocols 1 and 3.
- Further information around environmental enrichment in the Non-Technical Summary.

The committee felt changes needed to be made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of last meeting 24/05/19

The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 10/05/19

The minutes were noted.

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/05/19

The minutes were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 17/05/19

The minutes were not available.

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

None

8. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 26th June 2019