Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 29/05/2024
Time  1pm
To  Standing Committee
At  Virtual, MS Teams
Subject  AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref  Doc.UBS.AWERB.29.05.24

In attendance: [Redacted]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A, 1b) N/A, 1c) N/A, 1d) N/A, 1e) N/A

Apologies: [Redacted]

Minutes: [Redacted]

1. Project Licences
(a) Amendment: [Redacted]
The committee discussed the following:
- Further information in regards to the new estimated number of animals requested in the Reduction section.
- Specific words require defining in the Refinement section.
- Step 2 of Protocol 6 needs to remain mandatory but the inclusion of references to specific animals is also required.
- Consideration given to referencing the use of pilot studies in regards to step 2 of Protocol 6.
- Further review of the weight loss listed in regards to step 6 of Protocol 6.
- Simplification of the text required in regards to step 6 of Protocol 6.
- Further detail required in regards to what is expected after the 96 hours recovery time in step 2 of Protocol 6.

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

(b) Amendment: [Redacted]
The committee discussed the following:
- Several typographical errors require amending.
- Further checking of the second highlighted sentence in the Benefits section.

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

(c) Amendment: [Redacted]
The committee discussed the following:
- Detail provided in the lay summary need to be included in the Project Harms sections from point 5 onwards.
• The inclusion of further information in regards to the humane endpoints in step 12 of Protocol 3.
• Further specificity required in regards to the humane endpoints in all relevant protocols.
• Further expansion and definition required in regards to healing in the relevant protocols.
• The committee recommend the researcher speak to the NVS and NACWO in regards to specific adverse effects in the relevant protocols.
• Further information required in regards to dosing in Protocol 7.

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

(d) Amendment: 

The committee discussed the following:
• Further consideration given to the estimated animal numbers listed in the Reduction section.
• The inclusion of references to observations in regards to step 1 of Protocol 1.
• The inclusion of the maximum number of occasion’s animals will undergo specific procedures in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 2.

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

(e) Amendment: 

The committee discussed the following:
• The committee reviewed the amendment and had no recommendations that needed to be addressed.

The committee agreed a draft could be submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) 

The committee discussed the following:
• The committee requested the researcher take into consideration animal usage when drafting a new application.
• Corrections required in Section 2.5.
• Questions require completing in Section 3.
• Typographical errors require amending in Section 3.1.

(b) 

The committee discussed the following:
• The committee requested that communication with the facility NACWO and NVS be sought in regards to possible refinements to specific practises.

3. Minutes of last meeting 24/04/24

The minutes were approved.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 13/03/24 & 10/04/24
The minutes from both meetings were noted.

5. Minutes from the AWERB Non-Regulated Procedure Request Committee 07/03/24, 21/03/24 & 16/04/24
The minutes from the meetings were noted.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/03/24
The minutes were noted.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 23/02/24 & 22/03/24
The minutes from both meetings were noted.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
presented the to the AWERB committee. A date will be arranged for the committee to visit

9. List items of note
None

Date of next meeting: 26/06/2024