



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 12/02/2025

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.12.02.25

Present:

(providing written feedback)

Scientists in attendance for 1a) core & 1b) core

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the values for each funding listed in the Funding section.
- The inclusion of the Home Office standard suite of protocols for specific procedures planned.
- Amendment of specific wording in Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of reference points for specific adverse effects in step 4 of Protocol 3 and other steps where it is appropriate.
- Review of specific wording in step 2 of Protocols 4, 5 and 6.
- Amendment of specific wording in step 2 of Protocol 5.

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

b) Amendment:

() attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required regarding monitoring and treatment in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Specific wording moved to the appropriate section in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information regarding specific adverse effects in step 1 of Protocol 1.
- Further information regarding the monitoring of animals in step 1 of Protocol 1.
- Further information regarding the time frame for specific treatments in step 1 of Protocol 1.
- Amendment of specific wording in step 1 of Protocol 1.

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



c) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Amendment of specific wording in step 1 of Protocol 10.
- Further information regarding the limiting of adverse effects in step 1 of Protocol 10.
- Further information regarding monitoring in step 1 of Protocol 10.
- The committee requested an update after the next experiment is carried out.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 11/12/24 & 15/01/25

The minutes from both meetings were approved.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the answers given to ensure that 'yes' or 'no' is selected as appropriate throughout the Retrospective Review.
- The removal of specific wording in Section 2.2.
- Further information required regarding the animals returned on Protocol 5 in Section 2.2.
- Further updating of Section 2.3.
- Further information required in Section 2.5.
- Further review and detail required regarding wastage in Section 2.7.
- Further information regarding specific procedures in Section 2.10.
- Further information regarding the amendment in Section 2.12.
- The completion of Sections 3, 4 and 5.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the thorough completion of the Retrospective Review.
- The inclusion of Protocol 8 and an explanation regarding protocol severity in Section 2.2.
- Further clarification regarding point 8 in Section 2.3.
- The inclusion of specific wording regarding Protocol 8 in Section 2.4.
- Further explanation required regarding wastage in Section 2.7.
- Further information regarding animal lines in Section 3.5.
- Further information regarding specific procedures in Section 3.6.
- The committee encouraged discussions with Named Persons and the UBS Colony Management group as sources of support.
- The inclusion of publications in Section 4.8.
- Further explanation required in Section 4.9.
- Consideration given to specific protocols in the researchers' new application.

c) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- Further detail required regarding specific references in Section 2.4.
- Further detail required regarding clinical signs in Section 2.7.

4. Any other business

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Expansion of the reasons given for the monitoring being UK based.
- The committee questioned whether the duration of the project was long enough to gather the data required.

The committee agreed the Non-Regulated request would need to be updated before it would receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around specific procedures listed.
- Further explanation around how close the researcher would need to get to the animals.
- The committee questioned whether the duration of the project was long enough to gather the data required.

The committee agreed the Non-Regulated request would need to be updated before it would receive ethical approval.

AWERB Bird Use Report: The committee reviewed the information and had no comments for the researcher to address.

5. Date of next meeting: 12/03/2025