



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 15/01/2025

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.15.01.25

Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) core, 1b) core, 1c) core & 1d) core

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) New:

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure any technical terms are explained using lay language.
- The inclusion of the Named Information Officer in the Refinement section.
- Revision of specific steps and the removal of specific wording in Protocol 5, step 7.
- Revision of number of uses per animal in Protocol 6.
- Revision of specific steps and the removal of specific wording in Protocol 6, step 3.
- Review and amendment of humane endpoints in Protocols 5 & 7.
- Separate non-recovery work into a new non-recovery protocol.

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

b) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure any technical terms are explained using lay language.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of specific steps in Protocol 2.
- Further amendment of Protocol 2, step 2.
- Amendment of specific humane endpoints in Protocol 2, steps 1 & 2 and Protocol 3, step 1.
- Further clarification needed for step 1 of Protocols 2 and 3.
- Specific wording in Protocol 2, step 2 was reviewed by the committee and was felt to be appropriate.
- Consideration given to the inclusion of an earlier humane endpoint in Protocol 2, step 2.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the amendment and were happy to support the transfer of project licence holder and had no recommendations to make ahead of submission.

d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of the Non-Technical Summary to ensure any technical terms are explained using lay language.
- Further review of the wording in the Project Harms.
- Explanation needed on ASPEL regarding animal numbers change.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 11/12/24

The minutes from the previous meeting were not discussed.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

None.

4. Any other business

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED]: The committee reviewed the Overseas Research request and had no comments for the researcher to address. The committee agreed this request would receive ethical approval.

Antibody Annual Report: [REDACTED]. The committee discussed the report and highlighted that [REDACTED] are now called [REDACTED]. These reports will not be submitted to the Home Office however they must be available to them upon request.

5. Date of next meeting: 12/02/25