AWERB SUB-STANDING COMMITTEE

From: Scientists in attendance for 1a)  

Apologies:  

1. Project Licences
   (a) New licence:  

The committee discussed the following:
   • Further information regarding funding to be added
   • Clarification on how to determine animals are not pregnant if they are going to be re-used.
   • Amend the statement that vasectomized males will not be reused.
   • The recommendation under Protocol 6, that it should be amended to show animals are not re-used
   • Under Protocols 6 and 7, it should be clarified where control animals are being used and it was suggested further information be added regarding the number of immunisations to be given.
   • Recommended that an explanation is given as to how the volume is weight adjusted under Protocol 7
   • Further explanation on wording included in the Non-Technical summary.

   (b) Amendment:  

The committee discussed the following:
   • Revision to the text to clarify the same species transplants.
   • Review the text in Protocol 4 under Appendix A to ensure clarification of total volumes administered.
   • The recommendation that the information in the Lay Summary provided would be useful if included in the NTS
   • Formatting of additional figures and annexes

   (c) Amendment:  

The committee discussed the following:
   • Under Protocol 7 – Rewording of the text in the adverse effects section for weight loss.
• Review the table of administrations as there is a typographical error. Additional text to explain the use of control animals for weight loss.
• Animal experience – Inclusion of further information regarding infection stage and end points.
• The development of different assessment sheets for different diseases. These could be mentioned as a refinement.
• Protocol 10 to include clear end points for Step 3
• It was discussed the use of infrared thermometers how these could be used for future work. The NTS should be updated to reflect the amendment.

2. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
   None

3. Minutes of the last meeting 26/08/2020
   None

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing Committee 07/08/2020
   None

5. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

   (a) Non regulated procedure requests

   Several Non-Regulated Procedure requests were reviewed. The committee agreed these should be approved and signed off by the AWERB chair once revisions had been made.

   Date of next meeting: 09/10/2020