



Minutes

Date Friday, 03/12/2021

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.03.12.21

Present: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

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1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of specific wording in Steps 3a and b of Protocol 8.
- Re-wording in regards to recovery in Step 3c of Protocol 8.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further text explaining the benefit to animals in regards to specific procedures planned in the Refinement section.
- Further information in regards to specific procedures planned in the Refinement section and the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of maximum volumes in the Adverse Effects section of Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of a separate step in regards to specific procedures planned in Protocol 2.
- The inclusion of additional monitoring steps if appropriate in the adverse effects section of Protocol 2.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The review of the application to ensure the Project Support Team comments have been addressed.



- The recommendation that the researcher contacts the Licence Managers in regards to experienced researchers at the University and training and support.
- Review of text in regards to procedures planned in Protocol 7 to ensure it is accurate.
- Further information around how many times specific procedures will take place in Protocol 7.
- The recommendation that animals are checked more than once per day initially after specific procedures planned in Protocols 8 and 9.
- The inclusion of reduction and refinement information from the 3Rs area of the application in the Non-Technical Summary.

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

d) New Licence: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] attended as well)

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration as to whether submitting a smaller application with only the necessary protocols included would allow their colonies to remain breeding (given the short time frame left).
- Consideration given to the University's Responsible use of Project Licence Authorities policy document when considering the movement of animals between Project Licences.
- The inclusion of recent publications in the Scientific Background section.
- The inclusion of CRISPR information in the Replacement section.
- Further justification needed in regards to the high number of animals proposed in the Reduction section.
- Further information around enrichment included in the Refinement section.
- Further simplification around how the animals will move between protocols.
- Further clarification needed in Protocol 7 in regards to whether animals will give birth.
- The recommendation that a pilot study is carried out first to see if the time animals are single housed can be reduced, in Step 2 of Protocol 14.
- The inclusion of flow diagrams or tables for clarity in the Animal Experience sections.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 05/11/21

The minutes were noted.

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 24/11/21

The minutes were not available.

4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

None

5. Any other business

The administrative change in the [REDACTED] amendment was noted by the committee.

6. Date of next meeting: 12/01/22