



Minutes

Date Friday, 04/06/2021

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Held virtually using MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.04.06.21

Present: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

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1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Clarity should be provided regarding the dose volume and the maximum the animals will be receiving at each injection site.
- Additional information regarding how this translates to man should be included in the justification.
- The committee suggested including that dose rate will start small (pilot studies) due to efficacy.
- Confirmation to be included that although not expected, if transient pain at the site of injection is experienced, and the animal does not return to pre injection condition the animal will be culled following NVS advice.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The whole application should be updated so it is relevant to the current work plan at the [REDACTED]. The following should be considered:
 - Transferring of animals and additional genotyping pre transfer.
 - The generation of new lines
 - Transferring animals from Protocol 1 to other Project Licences if they look to exceed the severity.
- It was recommended to include anxiety and stress due to excessive handling in the humane endpoints sections if this is expected. The committee suggested carrying out a trial regarding the handling techniques to see if the stress can be reduced and would like to see a report if this takes place.
- A dosing table should be included which details all the routes planned.
- It was suggested that an update is made to the refinements undertaken for the irradiation step.

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



c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- More justification should be provided for the increase of volumes in the application.
- Monitoring temperature and fluids need to be considered whilst under anaesthesia.
- The committee felt that information provided in the presentation could be added in to the PPL to support the application.
- Terms of quantification in reference to guided intubation should be added.
- Wording should be updated to make clear where the incision will be to achieve the guide for the intubation.

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d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Regarding the potential loss of strain, consideration should be taken to contact others who have been provided animals in the past to see if they can share the strain back. This could be added as back up justification in the PPL amendment.
- The frequency of monitoring the weight of the animals post induction should be increased in Protocol 7, Step 1.
- Corrections should be made to the size of the tumour under the GA strain section in Protocol 10.
- The committee suggested adding more information about the endotoxin units when using LPS in the diet. Information should include the adverse effects and an explanation regarding the use of a low dose to minimise suffering.
- The possible adverse effects should be added in the animal experience section in Protocol 5. 'Aged animal' should also be selected from the life stages list.

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2. Retrospective Reviews

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting 07/05/21

N/A

4. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 26/05/21

N/A

5. Any other business

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed this request and were happy to approve it once a fully signed document had been provided with NVS and NACWO signatures. The group would be asked to report back to the committee in 6 months with regards to progress in using surplus stock animals.

6. Date of next meeting: 09/07/21