Minutes

Date  Friday, 05/11/2021
Time  10:00 AM
To    Sub-Standing Committee
At    Virtual, MS Teams
Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.05.11.21

Present:  

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

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:
   - Further environmental enrichment included in the Project Plan, Aim 3.
   - The inclusion of references to natural gnawing behaviors in the adverse effects section of the relevant protocols.
   - The inclusion of the change of bedding post-surgery in the Refinement section.
   - The consideration of any replacement enrichment options that may alleviate stress for single housed animals included in the Refinement section.
   - The amendment of specific words in Protocol 8, step 2b.
   - The removal of specific references in the title of Protocol 11.
   - The recommendation that the researcher liaises with colleagues in regards to specific procedures planned.
   - The inclusion of time points in regards to specific procedures planned in the adverse effects section of Protocol 11.
   - Further information required in regards to expected adverse effects and end points included in the Non-Technical Summary.

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

b) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:
   - The recommendation that the researcher takes into account the comments previously provided by the Project Support Team and where appropriate include the responses within the application.
   - The suggestion that the researcher includes secondary contact details in the Resources section of the application.
The consideration of potential adaptations to housing in regards to specific adverse effects.

Further clarification required in regards to specific steps in Protocol 14.

Further administration options included in Protocol 14, Step 1.

Further information included in regards to monitoring steps and humane end points in the adverse effects section of Protocol 14.

The removal of specific words in regards to the humane end points of Protocol 14.

The recommendation that the researcher liaises with the NVS to develop a scoring system to help define points for intervention and to develop clear humane end points.

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

c) Amendment: n attendance

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around the suitability of specific models planned for use in the Scientific Background section.
- Further information around the potential phenotypes of specific models planned for use in the Scientific Background section.
- The inclusion of references to the likely number of cases of SDS in the Benefits section.
- Further information around adverse effects included in regards to Protocol 25.
- Further consideration given to specific terminology in Protocol 26.
- The inclusion of maximum durations for specific procedures planned in Protocol 26, Step 1.
- Further information around how any pain and discomfort will be mitigated in regards to the adverse effects in Protocol 26.
- The inclusion of references to Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome in the Non-Technical Summary.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 08/10/21
The minutes were not available

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 27/10/21
The minutes were not available

4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
None

5. Any other business

6. Date of next meeting: 03/12/21