



## Minutes

Date Friday, 06/03/2020

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Meeting Room, UBS

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.06.03.20

Present: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

### MINUTES

#### 1. Project Licences

##### a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of specific references from the Project Plan.
- Several typographical errors that require amending.
- Rewording required in Protocol 6.
- Further updating of animal numbers in Protocol 11.
- Further information around adverse effects and end points for specific animal strains in Protocol 13.
- The inclusion of weekly weigh-ins for monitoring purposes adding to Protocols 6 and 13.
- The recommendation that an attempt (with the support of UBS facility staff) to breed out specific adverse effects from certain animal lines is made.
- Updating of the Non-Technical Summary so that it reflects the amendments requested.
- The recommendation that the researcher provides a report for the AWERB committee in six months' time outlining the steps taken to breed specific adverse effects out of the animal line and how this has been progressing.

The committee agreed changes should be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting 07/02/20

The minutes were approved.

The committee asked [REDACTED] to check if [REDACTED] had completed a report from the last RSPCA lay members forum he attended and if so [REDACTED] will circulate to the lay members.

#### 3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 25/02/20

The minutes were noted.



The committee suggested adding a sentence reflecting that the University has recently been recognised for their public outreach.

#### 4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

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The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification around severities listed in Protocol 1 and 2 needed in Section 2.1.
- Further information around how animals were maintained on a mild severity in Protocol 3.
- Further information regarding the reasons why Protocol 1 was more extensively used in Section 2.5.
- Further information around animal numbers in Section 2.5 across various protocols.
- The addition of a sample size calculation added to Section 2.8.
- Further justification around why the researcher was not able to refine contingent harms in Section 2.10.
- The recommendation that statements included in Section 2.3 could also be repeated in the Replacement section.
- Specific information included in Section 2.8 should also be included in Section 3.2.
- Further information included in Section 3.7 as well as the percentage of mortality reduction.
- The committee wished to commend the researcher regarding the information included in Section 3.7 and 3.8.

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The committee discussed the following:

- Clarification required in regards to the amount of animals used.
- Section 2.5 requires amending to reflect the correct number of animals used.
- Further update required in Section 2.9.

#### 5. Any other business

██████████ informed the committee that there will be six posters for the AWERB 3Rs Science Festival stand. Currently the Science Festival is still going ahead.

██████████ asked the committee if contingency plans were in place if the facilities were placed in lock down as a response to Covid-19. ██████████ reassured the committee that contingencies were in place to ensure animals were checked, fed and water provided if there became an issue with technicians travelling to their facilities.

The AWERB committee requested reassurance that there was an updated list of all UBS technicians and researchers who are able to get in to the facilities if staff who lived further away or relied on public transport had had difficulty travelling into the city.

#### 6. Date of next meeting: 17/04/20