Minutes

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To  Sub-Standing Committee
At  Virtual
Subject  AWERB Sub-Standing Committee
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AWERB SUB Standing committee From:

1. Project Licences
   (a) Amendment: 

   The committee discussed the following:
   - Remove mice from the amendment if they are not needed.
   - Addition of the use of controls to Protocol 9, Step 1.
   - Rewording of text in Step 1
   - Recommend rewording Protocol 9, Step 1di to clarify the route of administration.
   - Suggested updating section 1diii from daily administration to the approximate number of times instead.
   - Amend Typographical error of mg/kg to ml/kg.

   (b) Amendment: 

   The committee discussed the following:
   - Update the number of SC 18 reports in the Project Plan or remove text.
   - In Protocol 5, Step 2 clarify that no additional adverse effects are expected from the additional procedures. Suggested clarification in Step 7 that the administration of agents would only be short term and that no adverse effects are expected.
   - Suggested the addition of routes to Step 8 to give options depending on the substances used.
   - Addition of body scoring range in Adverse effects section.
   - Further explanation in Protocol 6, Step 5 for the length of time the monitoring caging is used and the addition of suggested environmental enrichment as a refinement. Protocol 7, Step 6 further clarification as above for the use of the monitoring cages and the possibility of alternatives were discussed.
   - Suggested additional wording in Protocol 9, in the adverse section, and clarification humane endpoints. Review the 3Rs section to see if any additions could be made.

   (c) Amendment: 

   The committee discussed the following:
   - Suggest reviewing the general humane endpoints to see if additional information can be added to Protocol 7
   - Suggest reviewing the refinements section to take the animal’s experience into consideration.
2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) The committee discussed the following:
- Appraised the good quality of the retrospective review.
- Explain the cause for the loss of pups in Section 2.4
- Noted the request for increase of numbers as an amendment in section 2.12
- To update Section 3.4 as this included some techniques that are not regulated.
- Suggested when applying for a new licence to ensure sufficient funding is in place.
- Questioned the date on one SC 18 report

(b) The committee discussed the following:
- Consider reviewing the severity of protocols in future PPL applications.
- Questioned if all severe cases were reported under a SC18 report.
- Suggested that those using techniques under Section 2.2 are reassessed and their training records updated.
- Noted in Section 2.2 that a large percentage of animals were recorded under the incorrect severity.

(c) The committee discussed the following:
- The committee wanted to congratulate the graduate student who pioneered the in-vitro limb regeneration assay.
- In Section 1 please tick Box A
- In Section 2.4 please confirm the circumstances and severity experienced and if SC18 reports had to be completed.
- Complete the list of techniques in Section 3.4 along with how successful they were.
- Please include the titles of publications in Section 4.8 and highlight those that include 3Rs achievements
- In Section 4.8 include presentations suggested
- Consider reviewing the wording so that it more suitable to a Lay person.
- In section 5.4 refer to the CAM of 2016..

3. Any other business

Two Non-Regulated Procedure requests were reviewed by the committee. They agreed these should be approved and signed off by the AWERB chair.

Date of next meeting: 11/12/2020