

## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 08/05/2024

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.08.05.24

Present:

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

Apologies:

Minutes:

### 1. Project Licences

#### a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of references (in the relevant sections) to the new equipment the researcher described in their AWERB presentation.
- Consideration given to whether there are any potential adverse effects that need to be included in regards to step 3 of Protocol 9.
- The inclusion of specific procedures that can be used to refine humane end points in regards to step 3 of Protocol 9.
- Further clarity required in regards to specific wording used in step 6 of Protocol 12.
- The inclusion of specific words in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 12.

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

#### b) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the amendment and had no comments for the researcher to address. The committee agreed a draft could be submitted to the Home Office.

#### c) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- Specific references require amending in the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific examples in regards to step 1 of Protocol 5.
- The inclusion of references to the weight of the telemetry device being included when working out percentage weight loss in regards to step 4 of Protocol 5.



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

**d) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of direct references to the [REDACTED] in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Future calculations of animal numbers can be assisted by the use of the NC3Rs design tool.

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

**e) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee were happy to support the transfer of this project licence and had no comments for the researcher to address.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting 13/03/24 & 10/04/24**

The minutes from both meetings were approved.

**3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]**

**a)** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee thanked the researcher for completing their Retrospective Review and had no comments for them to address.

**4. Any other business**

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the Overseas Research request and asked if environmental enrichment could be added to the home cage. They asked for the inclusion of maximum frequencies in regards to single housing and requested that the group used the preferred method in regards to specific procedures. The committee asked if there was a backup plan to reduce the risk of wasting animals if the overseas country was not able to continue the work. The committee also asked the receiving project licence to be amended to facilitate any work that had already been carried out if animals were imported. The committee agreed that the request would need to be updated before it could receive ethical approval.

Non-Regulated Procedure request: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and asked for the inclusion of an end date in Section 7.2. The committee also requested further references to animals being placed back in their home cage and testing stopped if they show any signs of distress in Section 20. The committee agreed that the request would need to be updated before it could receive ethical approval.

**5. Date of next meeting: 12/06/2024**