

# **Minutes**

were in attendance)

Date Wednesday, 08/06/2022

Time 10:00 AM

то Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref DOC.UBS.AWERB.08.06.22

Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A

Apologies:		
Minutes:		

#### 1. Project Licences

a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- The information included in the researcher's presentation usefully included in the relevant Refinement section of the amendment.
- Further justification around the increase in animal numbers included in the Scientific Background section.

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

#### b) Amendment:

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The committee discussed the following:

- Further expansion of the comments regarding specific procedures and how they will affect the animal's wellbeing.
- Further information regarding the fate of animals if they develop specific adverse effects.
- Further detail and expansion regarding specific comments made within the amendment.
- Further information around adverse effects and acclimatisation in regards to specific procedures planned in Step 1 of Protocol 8.
- The inclusion of daily weighing upon the start of specific procedures which may then be reduced to three times weekly in Step 1, Protocol 8.

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

#### (c) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

• The committee reviewed the request to amend the PPL holder and had no recommendations.



### (d) Amendment:

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#### (e) Amendment:

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• The committee reviewed the request to amend the PPL holder and had no recommendations.

#### (f) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

• The inclusion of sufficient recovery time between Steps 1 and 2, the inclusion of a minimum period of time and whether the animals will be assessed before undergoing a second procedure included in the Animal experience section of Step 2, Protocol 10.

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

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting 11/05/22

The minutes were approved.

## 3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of animals reported for Protocols 5 and 15 in the severe section of the table 2.1 in Section 2.2.
- Review of the answer given in Section 2.9.to ensure it is correct.
- Expansion of Section 3.2 to include all the methods applied to reduce animal numbers.
- Clarity around whether the procedural refinements listed are applicable to all animal strains or strain specific in Section 3.7.
- The recommendation that the researcher explores any possibility of public outreach regarding 3Rs achievements that would not negatively impact their confidentiality agreements in Section 4.9.

The committee discussed the following:

- Review of Section 2.2 in relation to animal severities reported in relation to Protocol 7.
- Further clarity around specific animals reported under a moderate severity and whether this is correct in relation to Protocol 7.
- The inclusion of a statement if specific refinements have been shared with other users.

#### 4. Any other business



5. Date of next meeting: 13/07/22