



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 09/02/2022

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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Present: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences

a) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] (was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further updating required in the Project Harms section so that it includes the proposed amendment.
- The inclusion of reference to the amendment proposed in the Refinement section.
- The inclusion of anaesthetic codes as well as time frames and durations for specific procedures planned in Step 2 and 3 of Protocol 7.
- Further clarity required in regards to the administration of specific agents.

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

b) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] (attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of additional housing considerations in regards to specific adverse effects in the Refinement section.
- The recommendation that the researcher develops a grading system with the NVS to find the most appropriate end points.
- The inclusion of information around whether the researcher is able to quantify the phenotype including the likely frequency and duration of incidences of specific adverse effects.
- Further clarity required in regards to specific humane end points in Protocol 26.

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

c) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] (was not required to attend)

The committee discussed the following:



- The committee reviewed the application and didn't have any recommendations to make ahead of the researcher submitting the Licence to the Home Office.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 12/01/22

The minutes were reviewed and noted.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The need to tick box A in Section 1 as the researcher is not planning on writing a new Project Licence.
- The inclusion of reference to the Licence not being used and the animals held under it having either been killed or re-homed in Section 2.2 and 2.3.
- The inclusion of 'N/A' under Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 as no experiments have been performed.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around potential animal wastage in Section 2.7.
- Further information around whether the researcher was able to reduce their animal numbers in Sections 3.2 and 3.3.
- The recommendation that refinements in regards to the management of germ-free animals in Section 3.7 are internally disseminated to other users.
- Further information around the monitoring systems in Section 3.8.

4. Retrospective Assessments [RA]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information in regards to Refinements listed in the Refinement section.
- Further information in regards to any replacement techniques that have become available that could potentially be used.

5. Any other business

Overseas Request: [REDACTED] – The Overseas Request form was reviewed by the AWERB committee and they requested further information in regards to the work planned and the effect on the data. Further information around whether the researchers have the relevant experience, if the animals need to be humanely killed. They also requested further explanation of how DNA samples will be stored and potentially transferred. While the committee did not feel this would hold up the work they requested a revised Overseas Request form.



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6. Date of next meeting: 09/03/22