



## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 09/03/2022

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.09.03.22

Present: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

### 1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of Steps 2 and 3 in Protocol 20 for clarity around what is optional and what is not.
- Review of adverse effects listed in the Adverse Effects sections to ensure they are appropriate for the model.
- Specific wording needs revising in the Adverse Effects sections.
- Further information in regards to acute and chronic pain and how they are addressed in the Adverse Effects sections.
- Updating of the application required to ensure it reflects that pain relief is always administered in regards to specific scientific endpoints.
- Further justification required in regards to the prevention of analgesic administration and the recommendation that pilot studies are conducted to assess the effect of analgesic on the experimental outcome.

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

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

The committee discussed the following:

- Reference to specific work being preliminary but that previous data will not become obsolete in the Refinement section.
- Further review of the stocking density proposed for specific work planned.
- Further justification required in regards to the increase in duration of fasting across all the Protocols where this is relevant.
- Review of specific procedures to ensure they are consistent in frequency across the protocols they occur.



- Further information around the frequency of specific tests planned and how long the animals will be given between each occasion.
- Further information referencing additional monitoring that will need to take place in regards to the increase in IP injections.
- The committee recommended that the researcher ensures equipment is appropriately alarmed. The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

**c) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the application and had no recommendations at this time.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting 09/02/22**

The minutes were approved

**3. Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting 26/01/22**

The minutes were noted

**4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]**

[REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The acknowledgement that the Project Licence was not used as planned and the recommendation that a statement explaining this within the Retrospective Review would be useful.

**5. Any other business**

Administrative Amendment: [REDACTED]. The committee noted the administrative amendment to this licence.

Overseas Request: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the Overseas request and requested further additional information. The committee asked for an update on how Line 1 and Line 2 experiments went now they are completed. They requested further information around the behavioural tests that are being performed and requested further information around the NC3Rs assessment that was conducted on this research in 2018. The committee agreed that this information would need to be provided before they could approve the request.

Overseas Request: [REDACTED]. The committee reviewed the Overseas request and had no comments for the researcher to address. This request was approved by the committee.

Overseas Request: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the Overseas request and requested further additional information. The committee asked the researcher to provide the NC3Rs approval as well as any other peer reviews. They requested further justification as to why cats are the most appropriate species to use for this work. They requested further information in regards to the animal experience throughout the



experiments as well as further information around the frequency of specific procedures and what their post op care will entail. The committee questioned whether specific procedures proposed were the most refined for the species. They requested further explanation in regards to the 'code' used for identification. The committee agreed that this information would need to be provided before they could approve this request.

**6. Date of next meeting:** 13/04/22