



## Minutes

Date Friday, 09/04/2021

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual. MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.09.04.21

Present: [REDACTED]

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

Minutes: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

### MINUTES

#### 1. Project Licences

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

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation of the justification that appeared in the letter to the Home Office included within the application.
- Further explanation around the justification for areas of administration.
- Further justification and explanation around how the group will overcome the technical difficulties in regards to specific procedures planned.
- The committee offered UBS help in regards to specific procedures planned by providing skilled support and/or training for the group.
- The committee recommended that the group invite someone who is competent, with up to date experience and completed training records to come to the University to train the group or go to another establishment to learn the techniques needed before they undertake specific procedures alone.
- The recommendation that the researcher reconsiders whether specific procedures are actually a reduction rather than a refinement.
- Further clarification around inducing agents in Protocol 7.
- Further clarification around which models planned for use.
- Further information around the genes selected and the information given during the meeting added to the amendment itself.
- Further clarification around breeding protocols.
- The recommendation that the frequency of monitoring for specific procedures is increased.
- Whether other methods for specific procedures planned could be used.
- Further clarification in regards to monitoring adverse effects. The committee recommended that scenarios and monitoring systems should be put in place until pilot studies have been completed.



- Other monitoring methods that can be used in regards to end points.
- Further clarification of the adverse effects and end points for neonates.
- The recommendation that pilot studies for the palatability of compounds should be undertaken before full studies are started.
- Further clarification around scientific end points.
- Further information around a typical experiment.
- Typographical and grammatical errors that require amending.
- Further revision of the Non-Technical Summary so it is understandable by a lay reader.

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

**b) Amendment:** [REDACTED] attended on his behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further emphasis on exploring strategies to reduce the weight loss if animals do not eat the diet that is currently provided included in the amendment.
- Changes to the frequency of monitoring as discussed during the meeting.

The committee agreed no major changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

**c) Amendment:** [REDACTED] (did not attend in person)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further reassurance regarding the limits around how many samples could be withdrawn over the stated period.
- Further information in regards to what would happen to the animals if specific work was not completed in the stated period.
- Further information around whether the group encountered any losses in regards to specific procedures.

The committee agreed no major changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes not available

## 3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting

Minutes not available

## 4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

None

## 5. Any other business

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the two Non-Regulated Procedure requests and noted the difficulty in sourcing and sharing wild type animals using the MCMS system. The committee requested information around how many animals the groups were able to source in-house and how many they had to buy in. The committee agreed that this work could continue.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had the following recommendations:

- Further justification required to give further clarity around the request.



- The addition of work undertaken in other buildings and an update of animal numbers to reflect this.
- Further clarity around methods of confirmation of death.
- Revision of the end date listed.

The committee agreed they would need to see an updated form before this can be signed off.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and asked for information around specific methods of killing the animals over the previous year. They also requested further information around who is trained and responsible to undertake specific procedures and whether there is someone always available if this is necessary. The committee agreed the work could continue but the additional information would be useful to include.

[REDACTED]: Administrative amendment

The committee discussed [REDACTED] administrative amendment to her Project Licence and agreed they had no further comments or recommendations and this could be submitted to the Home Office.

**6. Date of next meeting:** 07/05/2021