Minutes

Date  Friday, 09/07/2021
Time  10:00 AM
To    Sub-Standing Committee
At    Virtual, MS Teams
Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.09.07.21

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:
   - Further rationale required in regards to intranasal dosing.
   - Further information around the behavioural work planned included in the Project Harms section.
   - Further information around the expected adverse effects in regards to specific animal strains.
   - Further supportive measures added to the Refinement section in regards to specific animal strains.
   - Anesthetic codes in regards to specific procedures in Protocol 6.
   - Further information in the animal experience section around what a typical experiment will look like including volumes and frequencies in regards to specific procedures.
   - The recommendation that the group considers the formulation of specific drugs and whether they speak to other research groups for further support with this.
   - Further specificity in regards to the humane end points in Protocol 7.

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

b) Amendment:  

attended in her place)

The committee discussed the following:
   - Further updating of the Non-Technical Summary and the main application to include the reduction and refinement of adding the imaging step.
   - Further scientific justification required in regards to fasting animals before specific procedures.
   - Further information around what a typical experiment will look like.
   - Further information around the cumulative impact of specific procedures.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.
(c) Amendment: [person's name] attended in her place.

The committee discussed the following:

- Rewording required in regards to the time frame listed in Protocol 6, step 6.
- Further explanation in regards to the adverse effects listed in Protocol 6, step 6.
- The recommendation that the animals are weighed daily at the onset of specific procedures.
- Further clarity in regards to the end points listed in Protocol 6.
- The recommendation that the Non-Technical Summary and the 3Rs section of the application are updated to reflect the refinement of this amendment.

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

(d) Amendment: [person's name]

The committee discussed the following:

- The recommendation that the information included in the lay summary is included in the 3Rs section as well.
- Further information around the adverse effects expected in regards to cysts.
- Further information around the specific actions that will be taken in regards to adverse effects listed in Protocol 8.
- The committee recommended and support tissue sharing where appropriate.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 04/06/21
The minutes were noted.

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 23/06/21
The minutes were noted.

4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
(a) [person's name]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around whether sheep will be included in the next Project Licence in Section 2.1.
- Further information around the source/supplier of the animals in Section 2.11.
- Further information around why specific animals are the species of choice for this work in Section 3.1.
- Inclusion of the facilities staff's work in the handling and pre-training of the animals as well as any other refinements made in Section 3.7.
- Further information around the benefits of this work included in Section 4.
- Further explanation around why no publications have been included in Section 4.8.
- Further information around training and competency in regards to the future use of specific procedures.
5. **Any other business**
   None

6. **Date of next meeting**: 06/08/2021