



Minutes

Date Friday, 09/07/2021

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, 1c) N/A & 1d) N/A**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED]

([REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED]

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) [REDACTED]

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