



Minutes

Date Friday, 10/01/2020

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Sub-Standing Committee

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Present: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Several typographical errors that require amending.
- Amendment to the wording of the mandatory step in Protocol 16.
- Review of the length of time animals are single housed to ensure that it is of a sufficient length and a true reflection of what is needed.
- Further information and clarification added to step 4 of Protocol 16 in regards to the administration of specific substances.
- The addition of specific text in step 7 of Protocol 16.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific phrases used in Protocol 16.
- Further clarification needed in regards to the use of a high fat diet in Protocol 16.
- Further information added in regards to weight loss persisting for 24 hours in Protocol 16.
- Further information around additional monitoring provided in regards to the administration of substances in Protocol 16.
- The recommendation that the Non-Technical Summary is updated to reflect the additional adverse effects expected.

The committee recommended changes be made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office

2. Minutes of the last meeting 06/12/19

The minutes were approved.

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 18/12/19

The minutes were approved.



4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Revision of animal numbers in Section 2.1.
- Further clarification in Section 2.2 around the adverse effects experienced that changed the severity in Protocol 2.
- Further clarification around the total number of animals bred and used in Section 2.7.
- The recommendation that specific publications listed in Section 3.1 are removed, as they are more than five years old and the addition of two other articles reported in Section 4.8.
- The addition of an example of sample size calculation to give further clarity around how the animals were used.
- The committee requested reassurance that the researcher would not exceed their animal numbers before the expiry of their licence.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information in the form of a spreadsheet that shows how many animals have been used on each study and how they have been used.
- Definitions to abbreviations added in Section 1.
- Section 2.1 and 2.3 require updating.
- Further detail required around specific tests undertaken in Section 2.5.
- Further information required in regards to the use of animals imported from overseas in Section 2.10.
- Further information regarding the sources of animals purchased in Section 2.11.
- Further information around the estimated percentage of animal reduction in Section 3.2.
- Further information and clarification around tissue sharing in Section 3.3.
- The recommendation that the researcher acknowledges the difficulties to complete their program of work they experienced and that changes were made and the situation continues to be reviewed to ensure work can continue in Section 3.6.
- Publications included in Section 3.7 should also be included in Section 4.8.
- Further amendments required in Section 3.8 to show the animals are closely monitored over five days following surgery and animals are checked daily by the staff and any health concern reported to the NVS.

5. Any other business

[REDACTED] expressed his concerns regarding the [REDACTED] and that it was potentially not a valuable use of time and in need of updating. [REDACTED] agreed to feed this back.

[REDACTED] noted that she now has the PDF versions of the FOI reports that have been completed for the past several years. A new page will be created on the UBS website and these will be uploaded to this.



████ informed the committee that █████ has made a request for a bridging licence because his current licence is due to run out before his new licence is granted. The Home Office (HO) has agreed for a bridging licence to be put in place to authorise the work undertaken by █████; this will enable them to complete their work. There are five detailed study plans for this program of work, which have been submitted to the HO and they will likely be approved in the next few weeks. As it is essentially a continuation of already granted work this has been noted not reviewed by the AWERB committee.

6. Date of next meeting: 07/02/20