



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 10/01/2024

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.10.01.24

Present:

(observer)

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

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

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

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of a lay sentence to explain why the amendment is required and how it will help achieve the scientific outcomes.

The committee agreed a minor change was required before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Consideration given to using the wording in the provided lay summary in the Reduction section to ensure the details in the application are suitable for a lay reader.

The committee agreed a minor change was required before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

c) Amendment: [REDACTED] were also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information in regards to the shipping of animals in the Project Harms section.
- Further information in regards to contingent harms associated with travelling for these animals in the 'What are the expected impacts and/or adverse effects for the animals during the project' section.
- Further detail in regards to the shipping that balance the contingent harms included in the Refinement section.
- Further updating of the Action Plan to include the requirement to ship specific animals.
- Further clarification required in regards to procedures occurring under a different project licence.



- Further clarification required in regards to specific humane endpoints detailed in Protocol 2.
- Consideration given to whether animals could be shipped at an earlier time point, further detail required in regards to who will check the animals fitness to travel before shipping and that upon arrival they will be assessed by an NVS.
- Update of wording required to allow for using animals that underwent procedures under the authority of a different licence.
- Further clarification required in regards to whether international or national travel is expected and the inclusion of the standard 14-day acclimatisation period for international shipments, or 7 days for national shipments in the Animal Experience section.
- Further justification required in regards to why specific animals need to be transported in the Protocol Justification section.
- Further consideration given to how specific steps will be achieved and whether the wording needs to be updated in regards to step 6 of Protocol 7.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 13/12/2023

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

- a) [REDACTED]
- The committee discussed the following:
- Whether specific refinements have been shared more widely.
 - The committee commended the thorough and well considered completion of this Retrospective Review in particular the inclusion of publications with 3Rs achievements in Section 4.8.

4. Any other business

None

5. Date of next meeting: 14/02/2024