Minutes

Date Friday, 10/07/2020
Time 10:00 AM
To Sub-Standing Committee
At Meeting Room, UBS
Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.10.07.20

Present: [Redacted]

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

Apologies: [Redacted]

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   • Further justification needed in the Project Plan in regards to the administration of substances.
   • Further justification needed in regards to the additional establishment listed in the Project Plan.
   • The recommendation that specific information included in the applicants’ presentation be included in the 3R sections of the application.
   • The recommendation that the new protocols are checked thoroughly for any copy and paste errors.
   • Further clarification needed in regards to the administration of substances in Table 1.
   • The recommendation that volumes of specific substances included in Table 1 be reduced.
   • Further clarification needed in regards to specific end points and adverse effects.
   The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   b) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   • The recommendation that specific references are added to the Background section.
   • Further explanation of the use of pilot studies included in the Project Plan.
   • Further information around the use of telemetry probes included in the 3Rs Refinement section.
   • Further information around clinical signs, end points and adverse effects in regards to heart failure.
   • Further clarification around the point at which body condition scoring would begin.
   The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   c) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
The committee had no comments regarding this amendment and agreed this could be progressed to the Home Office.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 18/05/20 & 12/06/20
The minutes were approved

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
   a) The committee discussed the following:
      • Missing answers from Section 2.9.
      • Further explanation required in Section 2.11.
      • Further information around human data used in Section 3.1.
      • The recommendation that information included in the Refinement section should be moved to the Reduction section in Section 3.7.
      • Further information around the frequency of body temperature measurement in Section 3.8.
      • Query around publications included in Section 4.8.

   b) The committee discussed the following:
      • The removal of specific text from Section 1d.
      • Further clarity required in regards to protocol severities in Section 1.7.
      • The recommendation that future work is reviewed as the number of animals reported is already at a third of estimated numbers.
      • Further information around mortality rates in Section 2.2.
      • Further information around whether the researcher is investigating aggressive behaviors in regards to specific mouse strains.
      • Further detail around the reduction of animals in Section 3.2.
      • Further clarification around animal models in Section 3.6.
      • Further information around specific refinements included in Section 3.7.
      • Specific terms used in Section 3.8 need reviewing or a brief explanation included. If they are typographical errors, these need amending.

4. Any other business
A Non-Regulated Procedure request was reviewed by the committee. They agreed this should be approved and signed off by the AWERB chair.

5. Date of next meeting: 07/08/20