



## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 11/05/2022

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.11.05.22

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:

- Rewording required in both the protocols and project plan sections in regards to specific procedures planned.
- Further updating required in regards to the adverse effects in Protocol 6 so they are consistent with those mentioned in Protocol 8.
- The inclusion of a humane endpoint that includes a time frame that could apply to specific adverse effects in the adverse effects section of Protocol 6 and 8.
- Further detail regarding specific procedures planned and the potential adverse effects, the recovery time and the outcome if animals do not return to normal health in the adverse effects sections of Protocol 8.

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

#### b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Re-writing of the Non-Technical summary so that is understandable to a lay reader.
- Further information around the use of kidneys within the application.
- Clarification around whether the proposed increase in animal numbers will be sufficient.
- Further information around how novel therapies will be selected and their safety for use in animals.
- Further information and clarification around how the procedures will be refined to minimise the welfare costs for the animals and that the information listed in the refinement sections matches what is written in the Protocols.
- Updating of the animal experience sections in Protocol 1 and 2.



- Further information required in the adverse effects, monitoring and humane endpoints section in regards to specific procedures planned in Protocol 3, step 1.
- Further clarification around the humane endpoints for Protocol 3, step 4.

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

**c) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The removal of references to NVS assessments for unexpected adverse effects in Protocol 20.
- The inclusion of humane endpoints associated with specific strains of animal in Protocol 20.
- The recommendation that the researcher discusses with the NVS whether it is necessary to update what will be done if there are incidences of irritation in regards to specific procedures planned.
- The inclusion of references to specific procedures being performed together as a refinement in regards to Protocol 20, step 3a) and b).

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

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting 13/04/2022

The minutes were approved.

## 3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

[REDACTED]  
The committee discussed the following:

- Whether the zero animals reported in the sub-threshold category of Protocol 4 require amending in Section 2.1.
- Further information around the health status of the facility in Section 2.4.
- Further clarification in regards to the labs restricted access rather than it being the facility itself during the COVID pandemic in Section 2.5.
- Clarification required in regards to the answer given in Section 2.7.
- Further clarification required in Section 2.8 a) in regards to animal numbers used in Protocol 4.
- The inclusion of a statement referencing the use of specific procedures in the Reduction and Refinement sections in Section 3.5.
- Further detail required in Section 3.8.
- The inclusion of the information regarding an amendment for increasing animal numbers in Section 5.1.

[REDACTED]  
The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of a statement to explain the higher retrospective severity of the animals in Section 2.2.
- The split of the percentages by protocol of animals wasted in Section 2.8.
- Further detail in regards to the method or approach for reducing animal numbers in Section 3.2.
- Further detail in regards to the monitoring systems used during the course of the Project Licence in Section 3.8.



**4. Any other business**

**5. Date of next meeting:** 08/06/22