



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 12/04/2023

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

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:

- Spelling and typographical errors require amending.
- The removal of references to protocols in the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail required in the Benefits section.
- Further updating required in the Project Harms section to remove references that are no longer relevant.
- Further detail required in the Project Harms section.
- The inclusion of the cumulative total of animals for each severity as a percentage only in the Project Harms section.
- Further explanation required as to why non-animal alternatives are not suitable in the Replacement section.
- Further updating of the estimated number of animals to be used in the Reduction section.
- Rewording required so that it accurately reflects the increased severity in the Refinement section.
- Further re-wording required in regards to specific sentences.
- The inclusion of references to pilot studies in the Refinement section.
- Further updating required in the Scientific Background section as well as a summary explaining what has led to the inclusion of specific models.
- Further updating required in regards to Protocol 1 so that it includes specific models.
- Further information in regards to the proportion of animals that will experience specific severities in the Protocol justification section.
- Further editing of specific sentences in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific sentences in step 2 of Protocol 1.
- Further rewording required in regards to the frequency of monitoring.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific phrases used.



- Further detail required in regards to the clinical signs that will be monitored in Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of references to keeping animals at an earlier time point if this is the intention.
- The addition of other support and alleviating measures that can be given in regards to Protocol 1.
- Rewording required in regards to the humane endpoints listed in step 2, Protocol 1.
- Rewording of specific sentences in the Humane Endpoints section of step 2, Protocol 1.
- The inclusion of further clinical signs if appropriate in step 2, Protocol 1.
- Further clarification required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 1.
- Further justification required in the Protocol Justification section of step 2, Protocol 1.
- Further re-wording required in the experimental design section of Protocol 5.

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

b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation required in the Project Harms section.
- Further detail required in the Reduction section.
- The inclusion of pilot studies in the Refinement section.
- The recommendation that detail from the applicants presentation be included in the Protocol Justification of Protocol 4.
- Further updating of the dosing tables to reflect the change in dose rate in all relevant protocols.

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

c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of specific wording to ensure consistency in step 2 of Protocol 4.
- Further re-wording required in regards to weight loss and endpoints in step 2 of Protocol 4.
- Further clarification required in regards to specific wording in step 2 of Protocol 4.
- Specific wording requires replacing in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 4.
- Further updating required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 7.

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

d) Amendment: [REDACTED] (did not need to attend)

The committee discussed the following:

- Further updating of the animal numbers required in the Reduction section.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 08/03/23

The minutes were approved

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:



- The committee highlighted specific mouse lines in regards to Section 2.5.
- The recommendation that the researcher shares details of the scoring system used so it can be distributed to other groups for future use.
- The inclusion of short summaries detailing how the objectives have been met alongside the publications listed.

4. Any other business

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] - The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and requested that the researcher include the [REDACTED] to further support the sharing of excess animals and tissues. The committee agreed that the form would need to be updated before it could receive ethical approval.

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Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] - The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and requested that the researcher include further information in regards to the funding provided by the [REDACTED]; rewording in regards to Schedule 1 methods and the inclusion of the [REDACTED] to further support the sharing of excess animals and tissues. The committee agreed that the form would need to be updated before it could receive ethical approval.

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] The committee reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had no comments that needed to be addressed. They agreed this request would receive ethical approval.

5. Date of next meeting: 10/05/23