



## Minutes

Date Wednesday, 12/07/2023

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At [REDACTED]

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.12.07.23

Present: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED]

Apologies:

Minutes: [REDACTED]

### 1. Project Licences

#### a) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Typographical errors that require amending.
- Further examples required in regards to the impact to the animal and how they will be treated in step 3, Protocol 6.
- Further information required in the animal experience section of Protocol 7.

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

#### b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Severity of Protocol 11 requires amending.
- The recommendation that the research has further discussions in regards to the practicality of specific procedures in Protocol 11.
- Further updating of the Non-Technical Summary sections to reflect the changes the researcher is requesting.

The committee agreed minor changes are required before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

#### c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification in regards to the transfer of animals.
- Further details around any new monitoring techniques in the Refinement sections.
- Further consideration given to whether the inclusion of Body Condition Scoring alongside weight monitoring will help refine endpoints.



- The inclusion of reference to bodyweight monitoring and that it will be regularly reviewed when animals are growing.
- The inclusion of specific humane endpoints to determine if there are any refinements which have been made since the PPL was granted in regards to Protocols 5, 6 and 7. If this information is not known then the recommendation is that future work to help develop these is included.

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

**d) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of references in relevant protocols that if animals exceed the universities recommended dosing guidelines they will undergo a health check from the Named Veterinary Surgeon before continuing.

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

**e) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of references in relevant protocols that if animals exceed the universities recommended dosing guidelines they will undergo a health check from the Named Veterinary Surgeon before continuing.

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

**f) Amendment:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee felt that they could not give their recommendation to the Establishment Licence Holder for the amendment to be endorsed until they have further information from the Project Licence Holder. Although the member of this group present gave the committee confidence that all future management of the use of animals would be thoroughly monitored they were unable to answer questions around how the overuse occurred and what were the benefits and outcomes regarding the use of the additional animals.
- The PPL holder will be invited to the next available AWERB meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting 14/06/2023

The minutes were approved.

## 3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

**a)** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further details from all the protocols with the differences in severity from the table details in Section 2.1.
- Further expansion of Sections 4.3, 4.8 and 4.9 in regards to achievements so far with using animals on the Project Licence.



b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Potential typographical errors that require amending in Section 2.3.
- Review of Section 3.1 to see if references to the use of computational approaches could be added to Section 3.2.
- The committee commended the work done to refine specific procedures in Section 3.7 and requested the researcher fully anonymises this section.
- Further information in regards to how the challenges faced during the life of the licence have affected how new licences have been written in Section 4.4.
- The committee commended the thorough completion of the Retrospective Review and attention to detail throughout.

**4. Any other business**

**5. Date of next meeting: 09/08/2023**