Minutes

Date       Wednesday, 13/07/2022
Time       10:00 AM
To         Sub-Standing Committee
At         Virtual, MS Teams
Subject    AWERB Sub-Standing Committee
Our Ref    Doc.UBS.AWERB.13.07.22

Present:  

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

Apologies:  

Minutes:  

1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment:  
   The committee discussed the following:
   1. Further clarity needed in regards to monitoring, clinical signs and humane end points in step 2 of Protocol 2.
   2. Typographical errors require amending in step 2 of Protocol 2.
   3. Rewordings required in regards to specific concentrations referenced in step 2 of Protocol 2.
   4. Further information around the humane end points for step 2 of Protocol 2 and whether scientific data can be obtained at an earlier time point.
   The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   b) Amendment:  (was also in attendance)
   The committee discussed the following:
   1. Further justification around the increase of animal numbers in the Reduction section.
   2. Further consistency required in various parts of the Non-Technical Summary in regards to specific procedures planned in step 3 of Protocol 8.
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   c) Amendment:  
   The committee discussed the following:
   1. Further expansion of specific references in regards to clinical signs in all protocols.
• Further clarity in regards to when animals will be killed in regards to signs of pain and the addition of an objective measurement of the pain to determine a clear endpoint in all protocols.
• The recommendation that the researcher goes back to the other establishment to obtain some clearer end points in regards to specific models planned for use. Or the inclusion of time points for specific adverse effects expected.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 08/06/22
The minutes were approved

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
The committee discussed the following:
• The review and amendment of errors in the table in Section 2.1.
• Animal numbers listed need amending as currently incorrect in Section 2.1.
• Animals recorded under protocol 6 and protocol 8 need revising.
• Further explanation in regards to the 2% listed in protocol 4 in Section 2.4.
• The recommendation that the researcher utilises the UBS 3Rs enquiry list in Section 3.3.
• Further information in regards to devices mentioned in Section 3.7.
• Further information in the form of percentages could be usefully included in Section 3.9 in regards to the effect on animal numbers due to weight loss.

4. Retrospective Assessments:
The committee discussed the following:
• Clarity around whether the researcher is planning on writing a new Project Licence in Section 1.
• Further information around the use of a 3D printed guide in Section 3.7.
• The recommendation that the researcher bold fonts the presentations and publications that provide 3Rs benefits in Section 4.8.

5. Any other business
N/A

6. Date of next meeting: 10/08/22