Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 13/09/2023
Time  10:00 AM
To    Sub-Standing Committee
At    
Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.13.09.23

Present:  

Scientists in attendance for 1a) – 1f) N/A

Apologies:  

Minutes:  

1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment:  
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Further clarification required in regards to specific procedures planned in the Project Harms section.
   - Information included in the researcher’s presentation could usefully be included in the Reduction section of the licence.
   - The inclusion of references to pilot studies in the Refinement and the Experimental design sections.
   - Further detail required in the Refinement section.
   - Consideration given to the inclusion of a scoring system in the Refinement section.
   - Consideration given to splitting steps for clarification in regards to step 2 of Protocol 6.
   - The inclusion of the different forms of monitoring in step 2 of Protocol 6.
   - The inclusion of specific wording in regards to clinical signs that would trigger a humane endpoint in step 2 of Protocol 6.
   - The inclusion of a humane endpoint for specific procedures in step 3 of Protocol 6.
   The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

   b) Amendment:  
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Specific parts of the amendment can be removed as they are not required.
   - Expansion of the Project Harms section and the Animal Experience sections in the relevant protocols.
• Further clarification required in regards to the wording of specific procedures in Protocols 5, 6, 7 and 9.
• Further examples required in regards to specific therapies planned in the relevant steps of Protocols 5, 6 and 7.
• Further refinement of specific humane endpoints required in Protocols 5, 6, 7 and 9.
• Amendment of weight loss limits required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 10.
The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

c) Amendment: [Signatures attended in her place]
The committee discussed the following:
• Further information in regards to specific systems planned for use and how specific equipment will improve efficacy in the Project Plan.
• Further reassurance required in regards to specific procedures planned in Protocol 8.
• Further information in regards to the amendment planned included in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

d) Amendment: [Signatures]
The committee discussed the following:
• Further review of the clinical signs expected and the severity limits in Protocol 8 to ensure they are appropriate.
• Further consideration given to whether Protocol 8 should be split into two.
• The inclusion of specific areas in step 2 and 3 of Protocol 8.
• The removal of specific adverse effects if they are not expected in step 6 of Protocol 8.
The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

e) Amendment: [Signatures attended in her place]
The committee discussed the following:
• The inclusion of further detail in the Benefits section.
• The recommendation that the researcher checks the Protocol numbers to ensure they are correct.
• Further information in regards to what an individual animal's weight loss will be compared to in step 1 of Protocol 11.
The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

f) Amendment: [Signatures]
The committee discussed the following:
• Further clarification required in regards to wording in step 5 of Protocol 4.
• Further checking of anaesthetic codes required in step 5 of Protocol 4 to ensure they are correct.
• Further checking of anaesthetic codes in regards to specific procedures planned in step 6 of Protocol 4.
The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** 12/07/23 & 09/08/23
   After a minor change the minutes were approved.

3. **Retrospective Reviews [RR]**
   None

4. **Any other business**
   None

5. **Date of next meeting:** 11/10/23