



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 13/09/2023

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) – 1f) N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

a) Amendment: [REDACTED] attended on her behalf)

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: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were also in attendance)

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: [REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED]

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