

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 14/08/2024
Time 10:00 AM
To Sub-Standing Committee
At Virtual, MS Teams
Subject AWERB Sub-Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.14.08.24

Present: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) core, 1 b) core, 1 c) core, 1 d) core

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

a) New: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further description of the general humane endpoints that will be applied during Protocol 2.
- Further information required around the fate of the animals in Protocol 3.
- Further clarity around the severity category listed, in Protocol 3.
- More detail required in Protocol 3 in regard to how the phenotype will affect the animals.
- The recommendation that step 1 of Protocol 5 is split by purpose.
- The recommendation that step 3 of Protocol 5 is split into smaller protocols and further explanation around the procedures each animal might undergo.
- Further description needed in regard to the procedures planned in Protocol 5, step 3.
- Further description needed in regard to the procedures planned in Protocol 5, step 7.
- Clarification required around how the animals will be housed in Protocol 6, step 3.
- The recommendation that inconsistencies in the authorisations which allow animals to move between protocols are reviewed.

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

b) New: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Typographical errors require correcting.
- Further information regarding what will be done to an animal and any impacts or adverse effects in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.

- Further information required in regard to the checklist in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further information required in regard to the humane endpoints and monitoring in Protocol 5, Step 1.
- Further information is needed in regard to monitoring for adverse effects in Protocol 5, Step 2.
- Further information required regarding the humane endpoints and monitoring in Protocol 5, Step 2.
- Further information required in regard to how control groups will be chosen in the Experimental Design section of Protocol 5.
- Further information required around how group sizes will be determined in the Experimental Design section of Protocol 5.

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 the wording in Protocol 13, Step 2 to explain the scoring system.
- Further information required in the humane endpoints section around the timeframe that will be used.
- Further information around the use of pilot studies included in the summarise the typical experience part of the Animal Experience section.
- The inclusion of an overall weight loss endpoint in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 13.

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

d) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information required around possible adverse effects in Protocol 7, Step 2.
- Further details of the scoring system mentioned in Protocol 13, Step 2.
- Further information in regard to the timeframe for weight loss if no clinical signs are present in Protocol 13, Step 2.

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting 10/07/24

The minutes were approved.

3. Retrospective Assessments [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information required in regard to sharing in Section 2.9.
- Clarification is required in regard to specific wording used in Section 3.2.
- The committee commended the work achieved in Section 3.7.

e) [REDACTED]

- Further information required in regard to specific animal numbers in Section 2.7.
- Further information required in regard to specific methods listed in Section 2.13.

- The committee commended the thorough completion of the entire 3Rs section in Section 3.
- Further review of publications listed in Section 4.8.

4. Any other business

Non-regulated procedure request (teaching): [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Specific volumes require amending in the replacement section.
- The removal of specific references in the methods of schedule 1 section.

5. Date of next meeting: 11/09/24