



## Minutes

Date Friday, 15/01/2021

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Meeting Room, UBS

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.15/01/21

Present:

Apologies:

### MINUTES

#### 1. Project Licences

a) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] in attendance for [REDACTED] ))

The committee discussed the following:

- Suggestions were made regarding the reasons for the weight loss.
- Consider the option of introducing the animals to mash 48-72 hours before surgery.
- Suggestions to help with weight loss were discussed.
- Reword the Project Plan taking particular care with the grammar.

b) **Amendment:** [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] in attendance for [REDACTED] )

The committee discussed the following:

- The different diets that could be used for models and the difference in weight losses.
- Suggested that pilot studies could be carried out to see if the group housed animals ingesting the drug through the drinking water were getting an adequate dose of the drug and if this is the case, this could be used as a refinement.
- The increase in numbers of animals.

c) **Amendment:** [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Suggest reviewing the number of injections on the protocols and whether this will cause restriction problems.
- Check text for anomalies with the type.
- Add the number of administrations of the viral vector to the appropriate protocols.

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were not available



### 3. Retrospective Reviews

(a)

- Complete the table in Section 2.2.
- Section 2.3: Problems with the null allele to be explained further. Section 2.3 – The committee wondered if the pups born were able to be killed rather than be born and die?
- Section 2.7 Second line: simultaneous is spelt incorrectly
- Section 4.8: The committee would like to check if any of the meetings 3Rs achievements were disseminated?

(b)

- In section 1, the project purpose ought to match the aims of the licence, as written in section 3.5.
- In section 1, a mark should be made next to the appropriate plan for the licence.
- In section 2.1, Ensure that all the protocols are included, even if they have not been used. Ensure that the severity for each protocol is correct. The Committee noted that the number limit on Protocol 9 has been almost reached.
- Section 2.1, Protocol 9 please update this section.
- Section 2.3, give more information as to why an animal was given two anaesthetics on the same day.
- Section 3.5, what do the numbers in brackets refer to? Please remove if not needed.
- Section 3.6, suggest the group research ulceration further to refine the methods that are used.
- Section 5.5, Provide an answer?
- Consider if more quantitative methods could be used in the assessment of the animals by using methods such as the Digigait?
- Recommend promoting the huge impact the work has achieved with the clinical trials in man.

### 4. Any other business

Three Non-Regulated Procedure request were reviewed. The committee agreed two should be approved and signed by the AWERB chair. The other request needed some clarification before signing.

#### Amendment to note

It was noted that the wording of the adverse effects section in relation to implants in Rhesus Monkeys had been set out more clearly but that there was no intention to change the end points. There was a suggestion to use future tense.

### 5. Date of next meeting: 05 February, 2021