Minutes

Date  Monday, 18/05/2020
Time  10:00 AM
To  Sub-Standing Committee
At  Meeting Room, UBS
Subject  AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref  Doc.UBS.AWERB.18.05.20

Present:  

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment: 

The committee discussed the following:
   - The recommendation that information included in the applicants presentation be included in the Project Plan.
   - Further information around the support available and the types of non-pathogenic viruses likely to be used included in the Project Plan.
   - Further information around the typical experience of an animal in regards to the optional steps in Protocol 10 included in the Project Plan.
   - The recommendation that the information included in the applicants presentation regarding the 3Rs Refinement and Reduction sections also be included in the 3Rs section of the application.
   - Further clarification needed in regards to Step 1, Protocol 10.
   - Further text added to Step 8c in Protocol 10.
   - Further information and clarification required in regards to weight loss included in the Adverse Effects section of Protocol 10.
   - The recommendation that references to specific adverse effects should be removed if they are not expected.

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

b) Amendment: 

The committee discussed the following:
   - The recommendation that the funding section is updated to reflect additional funding granted through to 2022.
   - Further information included in the Reduction Section.
   - Further information included in regards to specific procedures planned.
   - Further information around new refinements due to changes of specific materials included in the application.
• The recommendation that the Refinement section in the Non-Technical Summary is reviewed to ensure the language is not too technical. The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

c) Amendment: [Redacted]
The committee discussed the following:
• The recommendation that information included in the applicants presentation be included in the application itself.
• Further information around the fate of animals included in Protocol 7.
• Further information around continued use included in Protocol 11.
• Further information about the use of cross fostering included in the 3Rs sections.
• Further clarification required in regards to the end points for specific adverse effects.
• Further refinements in regards to the adverse effects in Protocol 16 added to the Refinement section of the application.
• The addition of specific references included in the Non-Technical Summary.
The committee agreed changes needed to be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 17/04/20
The minutes were noted.

3. Minutes of AWERB Standing Committee meeting 29/04/20
The minutes were not available.

4. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
None

5. Any other business
The committee reviewed an Overseas Research request. They agreed further information was needed before it agreed and signed off by the AWERB chair.

6. Date of next meeting: 12/06/20