Minutes

Date  Friday, 09/10/2020
Time  10:00 AM
To   Sub-Standing Committee
At   Virtual
Subject AWERB Sub-Standing Committee
Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.09.10.20

Present: [Redacted]
Lay member – [Redacted] (not in attendance)

Apologies: [Redacted]

MINUTES

1. Project Licences
   (a) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   • Further clarity on the justification for, and the nature of, the work to be undertaken in species requested
   • Additional text in the Project Plan regarding the dose volume.
   • In Protocols 1: Step 2g), Protocol 2: Step 3g) insert the wording as used in other protocols which explains the dosage
   • Review the benefits and refinements sections and give more details in relation to the requested amendment
   • Carefully proof read and amend the typographical errors

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

   (b) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   • Change experience from PILC to PIL F.
   • Amend error in the new text in the Project Plan
   • Suggest changing the text in Protocol Adverse effects
   • Suggest making reference to a publication mentioned in the meeting with regards to the repeat anaesthesia
   • Clarification of Protocol 4 humane end-points
   • The committee asked for a report to be submitted to AWERB after the first pilot study.

   The committee agreed changes should be made before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.
(c) **Amendment:**

The committee discussed the following:
- Rewording the text in the Project Plan and two Protocols so that they are the same
- Remove the dose volume table in Protocol 1.
- Suggest amending the wording in the amended Protocol
- Clarification needed in amended Protocol. Amend the text to make clearer and delete text that is not required
- Amend the wording in amended Protocol and review the additional text in the Project Plan to ensure consistency
- Amended Protocol Adverse effects, clarify if the adverse effect is expected and if not remove reference
- Suggested inclusion of the 3Rs information which appeared in the presentation in the Reduction and Refinement sections

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

2. **Retrospective Reviews**

(a) 

The committee discussed the following:
- Noted under Section 2.1 that only a small number of animals, and two Protocols were used
- Section 2.1 Protocol 4 – do the figures represent a true upward trend and if so what was the considered cause
- Sections 2.2 and 2.4 – clarify the information as they appear contradictory.
- Section 2.9 – Clarify if the answer is yes or no
- Sections 3.1 and 3.2 - Clarify if the answer is yes or no. Please provide more details on the impact of the organoid technology and indicate if this was collaborative work or developed yourself.
- Noted the publication and presentation included in the 3Rs

(b) 

The committee discussed the following:
- Suggest completing sections 3.2 and 3.7 explaining the reduction of animals and refining methods used
- Explain under Section 3.3. why you were unable to engage is tissue sharing
- Under Section 3.6 explain why you feel the licence was not ‘fit for purpose’
- Clarify in Section 3.8 what is meant by electronic documentation
- Section 4.8 should only list references pertaining to the licence under review

3. **Minutes of the AWERB Standing Committee [26/08/2020]**

The minutes were approved.
4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing Committee [03/09/2020]
   The minutes were approved.

5. AOB

Two Non-Regulated Procedure requests were reviewed. The committee agreed these should be approved and signed off by the AWERB chair.

a) AWERB Annual Report for 2019-2020
   One typo was mentioned but otherwise was approved.

b) Amendment
   The committee had no comments regarding this amendment and agreed this could be progressed to the Home Office.

c) Amendment
   The committee had no comments regarding this amendment and agreed this could be progressed to the Home Office.

d) Amendment
   The committee had no comments regarding this amendment and agreed this could be progressed to the Home Office.

Date of next meeting: 06/11/2020