



Minutes

Date Friday, 09/10/2020

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual

Subject AWERB Sub-Standing Committee

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Present:

Lay member – (not in attendance)

Apologies:

MINUTES

1. Project Licences

(a) Amendment:

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:

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: [REDACTED]

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) [REDACTED]

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) [REDACTED]

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) [REDACTED] Amendment

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

c) [REDACTED] Amendment

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

d) [REDACTED] 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