Date: 7th July 2017
Time: 10.00am
At: 
Subject: AWERB Standing Sub-Group Committee Minutes

Present: 

Apologies: 

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment: 
      The committee discussed the following:
      • Clarification on dosage amounts for irradiation experiment
      • Measuring core temperature
      • More information on metabolic profiling
      • Recommend change of the word ‘or’ in protocols 18 & 19
      • Criteria for decision of aging animals with optional steps
      • Definition of the word ‘perturbagens’
      • Justification for severe severity protocols
      • More information on additional benefits for new protocols
      • Justification for liver biopsy in mice
      • Explanation in adverse effects for different severity’s in protocols 18 & 19
      • Clarification for increase in intraperitoneal injections
      • More information on altered temperature and time period
      • Check wording regarding fighting is consistent across PPL
      The committee agreed the amendment should be referred to the 3Rs committee.

   b) Amendment: 
      gave a short presentation updating the committee on what has been achieved since his last amendment. The committee discussed the following:
      • More explanation about plan to use opioids
      • Additional context around requesting authority for all visceral organs
      • Possible typo on page 46 - “obstipation” vs “constipation”
      • Recommend seeking advice from inspector on a proposed experiment
      • Justification in project plan for further amendment

Following discussion it was agreed the further amendment would like to make to PPL can be added on to the current one without the need to come back to the AWERB.
2. Minutes of AWERB Committee 28/06/17
   The minutes will be circulated at the next meeting.

3. Retrospective reviews [RR]
   a) It was noted the Retrospective Review was well written. The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
      • More clarification how principles of experimental design will be applied in experiments
      • Further clarification on what determines when an experiment is terminated
      • Consideration to moving some text from Section 2.7 into Section 4.4
      • Was the faulty batch of dental cement reported to the MHRA, if so was a response received
      • Where additional advice could be sought around post-operative swelling
      • Recruiting staff issues

   It was agreed to send 2 good examples of Retrospective Reviews to [REDACTED] to help with the writing of a RR. It was noted copies of condition 18 reports had not been received. The committee noted issues experienced with the management of the licence and would like to see a list of measures [REDACTED] has or will put in place to ensure that similar issues are not experienced in future. It was recommended to reconsider responses to Sections 4.8 and 4.9.

   b) The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
      • Reconsider information in section 1.2
      • Remove publications listed before November 2012 and any that are not related to PPL
      • Clarification on information in table under Section 3.1
      • Concerns over some text in Section 3.2 Protocol 1, more information required about what happened
      • Recommendation to reconsider the information provided in Section 3.5, Section 3.6 and Section 3.8

   c) The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
      • Advise inspector, if not aware, of overuse of animals in protocol 1
      • Check RR for typos
      • Expand response in Section 4.2
      • Check publications listed under Section 2.8

4. Any other business
   Nothing to report.

5. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th July 2017