Date: Friday, March 10, 2017
Time: 10.00am
At:
Subject: AWERB Standing Sub-Group Committee Minutes

Present:

Invitees: new application

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment:
      The committee discussed the following:
      - Explanation and justification for severity of naphthalene inhalant model protocol written in the Project Plan
      - Recommendation that drug names are used and not brand names
      - Recommendation use of pain scoring sheets
      - More information for sentence “From our experience, mice with pancreatitis sometimes show transient symptoms that often recovered rapidly”
      - Clarification on diabetes in Project Plan
      - Revise wording that the mice will be killed if the diabetes is irreversible
      - Recommendation to check the accuracy and reliability of the automated dosing Lantus Solostar Pen
      - Consideration to using tamoxifen-spiked food
      - Classification of end-points for aged animals and provide an explanation in the Project Plan for keeping aged animals
      - Consideration and further explanation required for single housing of animals
      - Recommendation to re-identify instead of re-genotype animals

   b) New:
      [Redacted] also attended the meeting with [Redacted]. It was noted that [Redacted] has worked on publications with [Redacted]. The committee discussed the following:
      - Include CRISPR/Cas9 in 3Rs replacement section and considerations against adjuvant use in the refinement section
      - Reasons for mice dying prematurely
• Justification in Project Plan for chosen method for comparing bodyweight to age-matched controls or baseline weights
• Monitoring of animals at the weekend
• Clear explanation of class of drugs with names as examples in the Project Plan
• Remove references that are not related to current Project Licence
• Include commercial source of sheep in the Project Plan

2. Minutes of AWERB Committee 22/02/17
   Confirmed with a minor change.

3. Retrospective reviews
   a) 
   It was noted that [redacted] will not be applying for a new licence. The committee discussed the following:
   • Explanation for return of numbers in section 3.1
   • Include more information under 3Rs section
   • Amend date licence was granted

   b) 
   It was noted that [redacted] will not be applying for a new licence. The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
   • Explanation for gerbils imported from University of Georgia and which country this is.
   • Information on quarantine, if it was required
   • Clarification of procedures performed on the gerbil
   • Information regarding what input was provided by the University of Liverpool
   • Justification and clarification for the need for further transportation of gerbils from Liverpool to the University of Cambridge after leaving Georgia
   • Information on the effects of the B. malayi infection and the Ae. aegypti feeding on the gerbil
   • Justification on Schedule 1 method
   • Clarification as to how the Ae. aegypti feeding was orchestrated, and how B. malayi collection was performed
   • Justification for the number of gerbils needed
   • More information in 3Rs
   • Aims of licence
   • Description of the gerbils combined total life experience

   c) 
   It was noted the condition 18 reports were not seen by the 3Rs committee and this Retrospective Review and comments will return to the next 3Rs committee meeting.

4. Any other business
   • [redacted] updated the committee on the monthly update for [redacted] licence.
   • [redacted] noted positive feedback for the Culture of Care symposium.
   • [redacted] updated the committee on a Home Office meeting she attended about AWERB hubs, feedback was requested for features on ASPeL.

5. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th March 2017