Date: 10th October 2017
Time: 10.00am
At: [redacted]
Subject: AWERB Standing Sub-Group Committee Minutes

Present: [redacted]

Apologies: [redacted]

MINUTES

1. Project Licences
   a) New Licence: [redacted]

[redacted] was also in attendance. The committee discussed the following:
   - Update funding information
   - Review and provide further information on blood sampling in project plan
   - Clarification on period of time animals will be fasted
   - Recommend change of wording in step 3 of protocol 6 from ‘will’ to ‘may’
   - Clarification under step 3b) of protocol 6 about what the regulated procedure is when you undertake an insulin tolerance test
   - Review wording in NTS following annotated application published by the Home Office

   b) New Licence: [redacted]

The committee discussed the following:
   - Update the ‘relevant knowledge’ and ‘expertise and other resources’ boxes
   - Additional information on experimental design and statistics
   - Explanation on blinding and randomization
   - Review wording in NTS ‘In the context of what you propose to do to the animals….’ box
   - The need to keep animals alive once they show clinical signs, and suggested review and amend application
   - Update source of animals to include the EU
   - Movement of animals to Porton Down
   - Clarification on what mouse strains will be used
   - Justification on species in Refinement box at the end of Part D
   - Update wording in protocol 1 to reflect mild severity

2. Minutes of AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/09/17
   The minutes will be circulated at the next meeting.
3. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 15/09/17
The minutes will be circulated at the next meeting.

4. Minutes of AWERB Committee 27/09/17
The minutes will be circulated at the next meeting.

5. Retrospective reviews [RR]
   a) It was noted that the work will possibly be split into two new licences rather than one. The committee took into consideration the 3Rs comments and discussed the following:
      • Expansion on severity limit of animals in 4th year of licence
      • Explanation for difference between estimated vs actual animal numbers used
      • Clarification on section 4
      • Commendation on low percentage of animals that have been killed or died unexpectedly
      • Reconsider using the word ‘twist’
      • Review responses to the 3Rs section
      • Expansion on descriptions of animal monitoring methods
      • Information on successful outcomes and improvements
      • Comment on each question without cross-referring to other answers
      • More information on experimental strategy mentioned in section 3.8 and contribution made to the 3Rs

   b) The committee took into consideration the 3Rs comments and discussed the following:
      • Recommendation to answer outcomes related only to this PPL
      • Explanation on number discrepancy
      • Expansion on 3Rs section from ‘trouble shooting’ with setting up new models
      • Commendation with outreach work
      • Expansion in section 4.1
      • More information on use of Fast Blue
      • Information from a previous presentation to go into 3Rs section
      • Check numbers are in the correct column under table 3.1 protocol 6

6. Any other business
3Rs comments on 6 Severe Severity PPL’s were reviewed.

7. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 25th October 2017