Date: 11th August 2017
Time: 10.00am
At: [redacted]
Subject: AWERB Standing Sub-Group Committee Minutes

Present: [redacted]

Apologies: [redacted]

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1. Project Licences
   a) Amendment: [redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   - More information in NTS about what will happen to the animals
   - More information in project plan, pages 29 & 30, about what an animal is likely to experience
   - Clarification on how weight loss is gauged in protocol adverse effects section
   - Clarification and explanation for use of Telemetry probes vs Temperature probes
   - Use of analgesia following the implantation of intraperitoneal devices and monitoring
   - Protocol 6 final step should read 9 not 8
   - More information in protocols where animals are exposed to different temperatures
   - Protocol 29 step 4 the committee recommends you changed the word ‘may’ to ‘will’
   - Protocol 29 step 4c recommend removing the words ‘up to 24hrs’
   - More information in adverse effects under protocols that indicate the intention to regroup mice following periods of single housing
   - Clarification in Project Plan who the supplier is for plant extracts
   - Consider writing smaller licences for any future substantive amendments

   b) Amendment: [redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Funding
   - Confirmation of where work will be carried out
   - Removal of reference to regular blood sampling and testing to measure glucose levels from the adverse effects sections
   - End points require changing under Protocol 4 Adverse effects
   - Recommendation to change weight loss wording in protocols 4, 5, 6 & 8
Update NTS to include amendment information
Recommendations to revise authorities requested under continued use sections

2. Minutes of AWERB Committee 26/07/17
The minutes will be circulated at the next meeting

3. Minutes of the last AWERB meeting 28/06/17
The minutes were approved

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing Committee 07/07/17
The minutes were approved

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/06/17
The minutes were approved

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 16/06/17
Some minor changes to be made after August NPC meeting

7. Retrospective reviews [RR]
   a) [REDACTED]
   It was noted that a Retrospective Assessment is due in December 2017. The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
   • More consideration for better prediction of work when writing a new licence
   • Section 2.8, clarify publications under current licence
   • Section 3.3, add comment about keeping in touch with the Inspector, typo to be corrected with more information on possible cause of infection
   • Clarification on percentage number under section 3.4
   • Section 4.8 zebrafish model not able to be used
   • Clarification in section 4.9 regarding cryopreservation/rederivation
   • Advised to update and add any additional adverse effects observed when resubmitted as the Retrospective Assessment, if appropriate

   b) [REDACTED]
   The committee took into consideration the 3Rs committee comments and discussed the following:
   • Condition 18 report for 08/08/16 not attached
   • Clarification on severity limit under section 3.1
   • Severity for protocols 5 & 8 under section 3.2
   • Numbers/percentages are needed in section 3.3 and brief summaries of incidents are required in section 3.4
   • Explanation under section 3.6
   • More information under section 4.4
   • Consider a monitoring system for section 4.5
   • Section 4.10 not answered

8. Any other business
[REDACTED] reported that she visited MRC AWERB as an observer, comments to be circulated. [REDACTED] will also be visiting an AWERB at another establishment.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th August 2017