Minutes

Date       Friday, 06/04/2018
Time       10:00 AM
To          Sub-Standing Committee
At          
Subject     AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref     

Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A & 1b)  

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences  
a) Amendment:  
The committee discussed the following:
   • The recommendation that the diagram used in the applicants presentation and further information be added to Part D: Project plan to give further clarity around steps in Protocols 6 and 8.
   • Amendment to Protocol 5 and the table in Part E in regards to severity classifications.
   • The recommendation that the 3Rs information that was included in the applicants presentation be included in the relevant 3Rs boxes in Part D of the application.
   • The inclusion of standard wording recommended by the Home Office in their annotated project licence form in regards to the Protocol Adverse Effects sections.
   • The deletion of specific genotyping procedure or amending to the new limits set by the Home Office in specific Protocols.
   • Further information included in the Non-Technical Summary.
The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

b) New:  
The committee discussed the following:
   • Further information in regards to funding.
   • Further information to include the benefits in regards to specific experiments.
   • The recommendation that information provided in the applicants presentation in regards to the 3Rs be added to the relevant 3Rs sections in the application.
   • Additional justification for species added to the Part D: Project Plan.
   • The removal of specific paragraphs in the Adverse Effects sections in Protocol’s 1 and 2.
   • Reference to a post-operative scoring system and further description around end points.
   • Deletion of reference to body weight as a means of monitoring the animals and replacing this with body condition scoring should it be required.
• The recommendation that the references to specific volumes in the Protocols be removed and replaced with standard wording.
• The removal of reference to Protocol 3.
• Further clarification around which procedures control animals will undergo in the Part D: Project Plan.
• The removal of reference to specific people in the Non-Technical Summary.
• Several typographical and grammatical errors that require amending.

The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

2. Minutes of AWERB Committee 28/03/18
   Minutes were approved

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]
   None

4. Any other business
   The [Redacted] Retrospective Assessment which was originally reviewed in the AWERB on the 28th March was discussed by the committee. [Redacted] will be taking the information provided by [Redacted] and adding it into the new Retrospective Assessment form provided by the Home Office. She will liaise directly with [Redacted] if after this there are still gaps to fill in regards to the information provided. The committee will be discussing the Vet’s 6 monthly Reports on the health status of the animals under the [Redacted] Project Licence at the next AWERB (25/04).

5. Date of next meeting: AWERB Standing Committee – 25/04/18