Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 25/04/2018
Time  2pm
To  Standing Committee
At
Subject  AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref

In attendance:

Scientists in attendance for 1a)

Apologies:

1. Project Licences
   (a) New licence:

   The committee discussed the following:
   - Specific tests planned and amendment of the appendix if changes are made.
   - Further examples provided in regards to steps 3 and 4 in Protocol 12.
   - Further revision of the Adverse Effects sections in all the protocols to reflect further specificity around clinical signs expected and set end points.
   - Weight loss end points used in Protocol 14 that require revision.
   - The removal of specific words and phrases in the Adverse Effects sections.
   - Removal of references to specific procedures that will not be undertaken in the Adverse Effects sections.
   - The recommendation that standard wording provided by the Home Office is used.
   - Further justification as to why animals are necessary added on pages 12 and 18 of the application in regards to Protocol 14.
   - Reassurance that robust systems have been put in place to ensure no over-usage of animals and the recommendation that the procedures in place are included in Part D: Project Plan.
   - Specific procedures in Protocol 8 and whether these are necessary for the applicants work.
   - The revision of Part D: 3Rs Replacement box and the addition of further replacements.
   The committee agreed further changes needed to be made.

2. 6 Monthly Vet Reports:

   The committee reviewed and discussed the last three 6 monthly vet reports sent to ASRU in accordance with the authorities of the project licence.
   The committee recommended:
   - NVS’s consider approaching NVSs at other similar facilities to gather further information.
• Asking [redacted] if he would support two members of his research team attend an AWERB Committee meeting, in roughly 3 months’ time (July), to discuss their research work with and how their science is progressing.

• The research team fully adopts the use of study plans.

3. Retrospective Reviews
(a) None

4. Minutes of last meeting 28/03/2018
Minutes were carried forward.

5. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 09/03/2018 & 06/04/2018
Minutes were carried forward.

6. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/03/2018 & 04/04/2018
Minutes were carried forward.

7. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 16/03/2018 & 13/04/2018
Minutes were carried forward.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
• New Retrospective Assessment process and template from Home Office – this item was carried forward.

9. List items of note
None.

Date of next meeting: 11/05/2018