Minutes

Date Wednesday, 28/03/2018
Time 2pm
To Standing Committee
At 
Subject AWERB Standing Committee
Our Ref 

In attendance:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) and 1b)

Apologies:

1. Project Licences
   (a) New licence: 
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Species clarification in Part D: Project Plan.
   - Clarification around tissue sampling in Part D: Project Plan.
   - Further information required around the number and maximum limits of optional steps in the protocols.
   - Recommendation that an appendix be added in regards to specific behavioural experiments planned.
   - Further information given in regards to the applicants experience with recovery and severity categories.
   - Regular PIL meetings planned giving the applicant opportunity for review and refinement of experiments.
   - The review of adverse effects in specific protocols in regards to certain mouse lines.
   - The opportunity to trial practical monitoring methods.
   - Experimental design and the use of statistical tests.
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

   (b) New Licence: 
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Clarification around specific models used in Part D: Project Plan.
   - Specific experiments the applicant is trialling.
   - Further detail given in the Reduction section in regards to the data analysis process.
   - Further information in regards to husbandry in the Refinement section.
   - Further consistency required in the protocols.
   - Further information required around where donor animals are sourced in Protocol 8.
   - Clarification around weight loss as an end point in regards to specific experiments.
   - Revision of text on page 60 in regards to specific references made.
• Further information provided to enable the committee to identify the ‘typical experience’ of an animal in Protocols 7, 8, 9 and 10.
• Further text required in regards to the adverse effects in Protocols 6 and 7.
• Revision of specific text in regards to references to severity limits in the protocols.
• Further information included in the Non-Technical Summary and the removal of scientific references that would not be understood by the general public.

The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

2. Retrospective Assessment
(a) [Redacted]
   • The committee felt more information was required to properly review this document.

3. Minutes of last meeting 28/02/2018
Minutes were approved

4. Minutes of the AWERB sub-standing committee 09/03/2018
Minutes were carried forward

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 07/03/2018
Minutes were not available

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 16/03/2018
Minutes were carried forward

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
None

8. List items of note
None

Date of next meeting: 06/04/2018