Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 29/11/2017
Time: 2pm
To: [Redacted]
At: [Redacted]
Subject: AWERB Standing Committee

Present:

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

Apologies:

Minutes

1. Project Licences
   (a) Amendment: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   - The anticipated duration of work under this licence.
   - The total amounts of animals intended for use at Cambridge University.
   - The use of specific tests and the need for significant justification if these tests are to be requested in any new licence applied for with primary availability at Cambridge University.
   - Several typographical errors that require amending.
   - The use of bespoke cages.
   - The use of specific procedures.

(b) New: [Redacted]
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Further details to be added to the Project Plan to provide clarification around other pathogens intended for exploration.
   - Clarification required in regards to specific statements made in the Reduction section around sham infection controls.
   - Simplification of language in the Non-Technical Summary, deleting any ‘jargon’ words.
   - Further information required in the Non-Technical Summary around the proposed work and how this can be applied to other bacterial infection work.
   - Further information around anesthetic codes.
   - Clarification in the wording required in the Adverse Effects section in regards to blood sampling.
   - Removal of the reference to ‘re-use’ in Protocol’s 6 and 7. Recommendation that up to
date standard text provided by the Home Office be used when referencing ‘continued use’.

- Inclusion of maximum dose volumes in Protocol’s 6 and 7.
- Simplification of wording required in regards to the percentages of animals likely to experience adverse effects.
- The suggestion that a pilot study could be undertaken first, to determine whether there are any differences between wildtype and GA strains that may affect scientific results.
- Review of maximum dosing volumes and frequencies to provide further clarification and the inclusion of routes of administration that are likely to be used only.
- The suggestion to include ‘AA’ code as an option in regards to oral gavage.

The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

2. Retrospective Reviews
   (a) None

3. Minutes of the last meeting 25/10/17
   Minutes were approved

4. Minutes of the AWERB Sub-Standing committee 10/11/17
   Minutes were approved

5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 01/11/17
   Minutes were not available

6. Minutes of the AWERB Named Persons Committee 17/11/17
   Minutes were not available

7. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB
   None

8. List of items to note
   None

Date of next meeting: 08/12/2017 (AWERB Sub-Standing Committee Meeting)
20/12/2017 (AWERB Standing Committee Meeting)