

MINUTES OF THE [REDACTED] ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Held 24th June [REDACTED] at 2.00pm
[REDACTED]

- 1.0 Minutes of last AWERB meeting
Accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 2.0 Matters arising
- Overseas Research: OS2/OS7: summary provided in 7.0
- 3.0 Licences submitted to Home Office since last AWERB meeting :

New Project licences

- AWERB PL10-19 [REDACTED]
- AWERB PL11-19 [REDACTED]
- AWERB PL15-19 [REDACTED]

Amended Project licences

- AWERB A21-19 [REDACTED]
- AWERB A30-19 [REDACTED]

- 4.0 Overseas research applications:
(OS2-19):

(OS7-19):

Summary detailed in 7.0

- 5.0 PPL applicants presenting project work
[REDACTED] PL20-19 new PPL application
Brief overview of the project:

[REDACTED]

The studies, in pigs, will be performed under general anaesthesia within a specialised facility, and following recovery the clinical status of animals will be closely followed using daily monitoring sheets.

Biopsies will only be retrieved from a single lung and pilot data suggests that adverse effects are not anticipated.

[REDACTED] PL19-19 new PPL application
Brief overview of the project

This new licence will continue previous work to focus on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The project licence application will aim to use milk (non-invasive) from live animals and only take blood samples where this is not possible. In addition, samples from abattoirs will also be used where possible.

A42-19 [REDACTED] project licence amendment
Brief overview of the project

This project licence amendment will facilitate research directed towards producing genetically modified pigs resistant to [REDACTED]

A59-19 [REDACTED]

Brief overview of the project

[REDACTED]

6.0 PPL review

AWERB review summary comments

PL11-19: [REDACTED]

- Clarify that animals can be re-used in discussion with HOI.
- Protocol 1: number of animals discrepancy noted (300 or 150) requiring clarification.
- Continued use wording is incorrect and requires revision. These animals are not coming from another protocol so will require revision of wording to allow re-use.

Outcome: approved subject to clarification of the above points.

PL16-19 [REDACTED]

AWERB review summary comments

- Clarify if this licence should be approved for a shorter time period of 3 years.
- Whilst wording used in the Administration of substance step was considered rather general in nature, it was noted that the wording was indeed consistent with other licences, and that specifics in this regard can be controlled by NVS oversight of Study request form submissions, and related and discussions.
- Questions on monitoring were clarified during the presentation.
- Mention was made of work conducted overseas. Check with applicant and determine if formal paperwork (retrospective) is required.

Outcome: approved subject to clarification of the above points.

AWERB A41-19 [REDACTED]

AWERB review summary comments

- Request that the option for vaccine production is included on the licence
- Licence amendment also requests the option to add [REDACTED] as an additional species, this will require some wording changes.

Outcome: approved subject to clarification of the above points.

AWERB A42-19 [REDACTED]

approved no further comments

7.0 Animal work Abroad AWERB approval

OS 2-19:

Summary of Points:

- Euthanasia methods: obtain clarification on planned euthanasia methods. Email 24th June to confirm that captive bolt will be used.

OS7-19:

Summary of points:

- Clarify pen sizes for housing: a copy of the Code of practice under ASPA which provides information on housing standards should be provided to the applicant, and the applicant asked to verify that standards set out in the Code of practice will be adhered to. Email to explain that
Summary: email of 11th August to confirm goat weight and stocking density

8.0 Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care

Update on the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] lunch to be held 27th June to disseminate information about the facility

Statistics and experimental design: no major issues to report. It was suggested that users might benefit from the materials provided by the lay member (available online). In noting that study request forms often lack information in terms of experimental design, consideration should be given towards making wording changes that prompt the provision of more information in this regard. . In appreciating the value of expert statistical input in the process of study request form appraisal, discussion developed around the notion of extending that oversight to some limited post hoc appraisal to provide feedback to the committee.

9.0 NVS update

- Possible case of Marek's disease within an isolator, one of 3 birds tested PCR positive.
- Poor hatch [REDACTED] knockout chicks.
- Large animals: arrival of [REDACTED], no issues to report

10.0 NTCO update: NTCO introduced to the committee.

11.0 PEL Holder update

- [REDACTED] building: room added for [REDACTED] services to allow Sch1 cull.
- [REDACTED] AWERB: setting up a local committee to have a formalised way to deal with potential non-compliance/animal welfare issues (in addition to home office) where there are potential disciplinary issues.

12.0 Reports from Facilities

Large Animal Facilities

- [REDACTED]: testing of equipment and all facilities prior to designation. HOI will return in the autumn to conduct a final check prior to adding to the PEL.
- [REDACTED] opening: the [REDACTED] will have an opening event on the 12th December.
- [REDACTED] meeting: organised at the [REDACTED] which also offered a tour of the facilities.
- [REDACTED]: majority of work is short term projects
- [REDACTED] lambs: 4 [REDACTED] produced, MRI scanning has been conducted.

- [REDACTED]
- One staff member has left to take up a new post.
 - Regeneration of some strains underway (White Leghorn).
 - Some crossing planned in order to introduce vigour to existing closed stock.

- [REDACTED]
- Aiming to join poultry health screen. With initial results proving clear, additional screening will be required in order to obtain poultry health screen status.
 - About to regenerate [REDACTED] flock. Facility requires cleaning and sterilisation before this can be started.
 - Successful hatch of Rhode Island Reds.

Chick Embryo Room –

- No report

Aquaculture

- No report

13.0 Any Other Business:

14.0 Date of next meeting:

AWERB 28th October 2019, 2.00pm, [REDACTED]