



The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 24th February [REDACTED] /Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies.

- Apologies: [REDACTED]

2. Minutes of last meeting:

- The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on 27th January 2025.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL renewal: PL03-25:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed PPL renewal.
 - Title: [REDACTED]
 - There are 9 main protocols:
 1. Blood typing and crossmatching
 2. Organ and/or blood donation
 3. Efficacy of [REDACTED] cross-circulation
 4. Safety of prolonged [REDACTED] cross-circulation
 5. [REDACTED] spleen perfusion
 6. In-situ [REDACTED] perfusion
 7. Organ sparing during [REDACTED] by prolonged ex-situ [REDACTED] perfusion
 8. Transplantation of [REDACTED]
 9. [REDACTED] directed therapy
- **PPL renewal: PL02-25:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed PPL renewal.
 - Title: [REDACTED]
 - There are 11 protocols:
 1. Production of [REDACTED] chicken containing [REDACTED]
 2. Improving the production of [REDACTED]
 3. Rearing and phenotyping [REDACTED] offspring with novel GA modifications
 4. Rearing [REDACTED] offspring from standard chicken lines/breeds
 5. Rearing [REDACTED] offspring from standard chicken lines/breeds (moderate lines)
 6. Continued breeding of GA and chicken lines from existing chicken lines/breeds

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8. Examine [REDACTED]
9. Phenotyping of GA birds and bird lines
10. Production of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] containing exogenous [REDACTED] cells
11. Hatching [REDACTED] offspring from gametes produced by [REDACTED] chicken [REDACTED]

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- **PL02-25: comments and considerations:**
 - Finalise document and submit to sub-committee.
- **PL03-25: comments and considerations:**
 - Needs to be revised, taking everything out that does not have funding in place and then come back to present.

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- **A02-25: reference [REDACTED] (for information sub-committee)**

5. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
 - ASRU: Currently not engaging with stakeholders.
 - Another home office inspector leaving soon.
 - Home Office [REDACTED].
 - Strategic planning: We would like to hold a [REDACTED] workshop to give PIs and scientists an input on our strategic planning, please encourage people to participate in the workshop.
 - BVS external audits: March - [REDACTED] 23rd April - [REDACTED], 24th April - [REDACTED]
 - Time motion analysis was carried out in [REDACTED] last week and look forward to the results to see if it was helpful.
 - Scientific advisory group has been set up for [REDACTED]. The aim is to put [REDACTED] in a better financial and scientific position.
- **NVS update:**
 - [REDACTED]: Exhilaration of the blood sampling for [REDACTED] where there is a long-term cannulation of the ear vein.
 - Developing next stage of inhabitation enrichment for [REDACTED].
 - Poultry: Health testing discussions on the potential movement of lines ongoing.
 - [REDACTED] study ongoing.
 - Ethical assessment to be decided as an establishment for [REDACTED] or similar.

- **NTCO update:**

- Audit in [REDACTED] regarding training:
 - [REDACTED]
 - We plan to develop guidance for PIL holders on how to keep records on standard condition 20 reports.

- **PEL Holder update:**

- None tabled

- **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

- Edinburgh AWERB continues to be busy with 4 full applications and additional availability.
- Attended ASRU meeting but questions still unanswered.
- Home office are recruiting inspectors and regulatory delivery officers.

- **Reports from Facilities**

- Farms:**

- [REDACTED] retires on Friday after working in [REDACTED] for 19 years and done a fantastic job.
 - A replacement for [REDACTED] employed but still has to do courses
 - Still one member of staff off on long-term sick
 - [REDACTED] still waiting on repairs and some more wind damage from yesterday.
 - Cryoablation study starting.
 - Sheep are going well.
 - Audit for waste transferring disposal being carried out

- **Poultry:** [REDACTED] were group housed in pens of 3 with minimum issues.
 - [REDACTED] has been decommissioned.

- **Chick embryo room:** no report.

- **Aquaculture Facility:** no report.

- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:**

- Culture of care week focusing on neurodiversity - Week 17th March 2025.

6. Project Licences *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

None

Project Licence amendments *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

A01-25
A02-25
A04-25



7. A.O.C.B: none

Date of next meeting: 24th March 2025  Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm