



The Roslin Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 18th August [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 16th June 2025.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

Additional availability PPL application : ([REDACTED]) PL03-25 - Resubmission.

A summary of changes was presented to the committee.

- Each of the procedural steps have been divided.
- Separated possible adverse events and possible harm events based on feedback.
- Corrected errors in aesthetic codes.
- Changes made to non-technical summary to make it clearer for non-expert readers
- Added more background information to the project plan in terms of the different aspects of the application.
- Other changes are specific to each protocol.

Summary of advice submitted to applicant

- The committee noted that there is currently no literature/evidence to support the feasibility of studies in which [REDACTED] with significant surgical interventions. Additional information on the criteria used to assess whether the animals can be recovered and likely intensive care required upon recovery should be provided.
- The committee suggested that a pilot study approach should be adopted in the first instance, commencing [REDACTED]. This approach could be used to assess suitability of data at this time point as well as inform the need for longer periods of anaesthesia. If initial pilot studies are successful then a step-wise approach [REDACTED] could be followed.
- The committee asked to confirm that shorter [REDACTED] timepoints would provide useable data to address the scientific objectives as stated in the PPL.

- The committee also asked if additional justification could be provided for the need for longer periods of anaesthesia, for example what additional scientific benefit would be gained from these approaches?
- Funding – it was noted that current funding is through the [REDACTED] and a variety of charitable and grant fund related sources in addition to short term funding from a number of local charities. In terms of the harms-benefit assessment it is be important to emphasise the likelihood of future funding to reassure the Home Office of the likelihood that the work will be completed. In this section additional examples and assurances would be very helpful. The committee also advised to consider removal of work that is unlikely to be funded within the first half of the duration of the PPL and apply for amendments at later stages.
- Recovery Assessment – noted that this is currently quite complex and it was suggested that a simplified version to bring together assessments that would definitely be done in every recovery protocol is provided

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- None

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- Amendment application A39-25: for information only
- Amendment application A42-25: for information only

5. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
- BVS guidance on research publications is now accessible for all on SharePoint and email will be sent this week.
- Looking to find out if Roslin Institute has a SharePoint where [REDACTED] can share news. [REDACTED] will discuss with [REDACTED]
- **NVS update:**
- [REDACTED] – Due to vaccination status imports to US will be harder.
- Habituation for sheep with increasing amounts of [REDACTED] and immunosuppression models is going well
- [REDACTED] amendment for [REDACTED] - first [REDACTED] underwent trial in June, all went well – home office inspector suggested a number of changes to licence to make it more workable in the clinics.
- [REDACTED] – A reminder will be sent out to everyone by email.

- In April there was an issue with lighting [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] – this was reported to home office they decided not to pursue it as a non-compliance because they were comfortable with the measures carried out to sort it.
- **NTCO update:**
 - None tabled
- **PEL Holder update:**
 - None tabled
- **Edinburgh AWERB report:**
 - 6 new inspectors in post at ASRU.
 - We have had no licences deadlines extended since the turn of the year – all licences have been granted on time.
 - Communicating with inspector who commented on the quality of applications and our adherence to timescales which reflects the work the AWERB committees do.
 - Edinburgh AWERB busy - 4 licences tomorrow
 - Organising [REDACTED] meeting - mainly rodent based – will send more information.
- **Reports from Facilities**
- [REDACTED] for blood donations – were taking blood 3 time per week until last month but have got artificial system for the [REDACTED] and are managing to take blood from cadavers instead of live animals.
- [REDACTED] now well established within facility.
- [REDACTED] model – surgery last week went well.
- Tech post is advertise but vacancy is having an impact on workload.
- Research culture of care day organized on 5th September 2025.
- [REDACTED] was depopulated one month ago.
- Had inquiry that now got a grant application that is mainly for [REDACTED].
- **Poultry: no report**
- **Aquaculture Facility:**
- **None tabled**
- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:**
 - Call for 3rs posters for 3rs symposium.
 - [REDACTED]

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

- A39-25 [REDACTED]
- A42-25 [REDACTED]

7. **A.O.C.B:** none

Date of next meeting: 22nd September 2025 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm