



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 22/02/2022

The University of Edinburgh

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

Minutes of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held 22/02/2022

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1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.– Apologies – **separate attendance log**
 2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 25/01/2022: approved**
 3. **Presentation:** *the committee heard a presentation from a group working on* [REDACTED]
 4. **Presentation:** *the committee heard a presentation from a group working on* [REDACTED]

5. Named person and Director updates

Directors update: N/A

6. Deputy Director's update:

- **Recruitment:** Continuing in good shape, currently recruiting for more UE04 staff. Interviews to be arranged for MA, uptake from school leavers not as expected. For future MA requirements we can go direct to schools.
- **Cage Wash:** All looking good, rack washer now in place, robot going in and steriliser due to be fitted before Summer.
- **IAT:** March is Tech Month until Congress, which continues with "Culture of Care". BVS currently have x12 trained Mental Health First Aiders and plan to hold meetings to promote this.

7. NVS update

- **Condition 18:** The NVS presented recent condn 18 reports to the committee. A recent issue with an [REDACTED] colony was discussed.

8. NACWO update:

- **IAT:** Culture of CARE, encouraging techs to take part in Tech Month which includes bingo, quiz and photo competitions. [REDACTED] giving all IAT members an easter egg which went down well previously.
- **IMPORTS/EXPORTS:** Due to COVID and BREXIT, lots of couriers not flying into [REDACTED] only [REDACTED] which is more expensive and can take longer. Prior to BREXIT it was easier to send animals to Europe, new export health certificate now required, can take some time to get these so continue to encourage shipping embryos or sperm rather than animals. Email reminder to be sent out. In discussions with NVS.

9. NTCO update:



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PL05-22: This is a renewal application from an experienced PPL holder, the aims of the project are to identify the key [REDACTED]. The committee found this generally well written, very clear and strong. It was agreed that subject to final sub-committee approval and revision of the following points the application could be submitted to the home office for consideration.

- There are some discrepancies with the numbers which should be clarified.
- Protocols require checking as some are actually severe where this is not mentioned anywhere else Provide clear details of which guidelines that will be followed within the application.
- Animal experience: make clearer the animal experience within the protocols section e.g. numbers of steps typically experienced.
- Clarify if interventions are to be studied as preventative or therapeutic (i.e., once disease is established) or both?
- Provide more detail on the BDL model especially as it is severe
- In the NTS provide additional details of potential replacements e.g. organoids, slice culture etc.

(b) Amendments – for consideration by full committee:

A12-22: Some concerns raised around protocols, end points, more details regarding the procedure. If these are addressed and committee happy with reply then amendment can be approved.

A66-21 Amendment: Some concerns raised regarding husbandry/science (pain assessments, local anaesthetic post surgery, scoring sheets – not discussed or agreed require to be developed and sent to AWERB, cage monitoring/measurements –). It was agreed that a revised version taking these points into consideration was re-circulated to the sub-committee for final approval.

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee

Approved: A75-21 (, A76-21, A77-21 (admin change at the request of ASRU), A78-21 (Admin change at the request of ASRU).

12. **Update to the committee:** [REDACTED] Research life cycle project
13. **Retrospective review:** [REDACTED] – c/f to next meeting
14. **AWERB review form:** demonstration – c/f to next meeting
15. **A.O.C.B:**

Date of next Meeting: **22/03/2022 10am MS teams**