



The Roslin Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 26th February [REDACTED] Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

- **1. Attendance and apologies.**

Apologies: [REDACTED]

- **Minutes of last meeting:**

The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on January 27th 2023

- **Matters arising/Action points**

- None tabled.

- **2. Presentations to the committee:**

Project update: Neonatal models of [REDACTED]

The committee heard a very interesting presentation on [REDACTED] can affect 1-3/1000 births predominantly in low and middle income families. The presentation described very positive findings using a therapeutic approach with [REDACTED] which significantly increased recovery. This presentation was very well received by the committee in relation to the success of the project.

PPL review: PL06-24: Presentation to the committee. The research focuses on a novel drug treatment for [REDACTED] which currently has no treatment options apart from surgery. The drug proposed is currently being used for [REDACTED]. Noted that there is evidence of therapeutic use with this drug in human cancer patients.

Amendment review: reference A14-24 The committee heard a presentation on this proposed amendment. This will request a second instillation procedure for sheep not showing signs of [REDACTED] by 4 months post-initial instillation.

Amendment reference A16-24: The aim of this amendment is to consider the option to include work where animals are recovered (the entire licence is currently non-recovery). The proposed amendment is to extend current work with [REDACTED] but to recover animals for 24hours which is part of a new waveform analysis study.

- **3. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB**

PL06-24 Comments and considerations:

- **Delays:** The applicant should consider options for animals if treatment is delayed untreated animals have a prognosis of only 65 days once diagnosed. More details on a plan for this aspect is required.
- **Statistical advice:** we should consider the use of statistical advice to power the study, it was unclear if advice had been sought.
- **Post-treatment care:** concerns over what will happen to animals following treatment, in a similar study adverse effects were noted (degranulation), how will any adverse effects be managed with these animals?
- **Financial implications:** Clarify who will be responsible if if adverse effects occur.
- **Monitoring:** More details required in relation to monitoring and tumour size.
- **Consent forms:** The AWERB will require sight of the client consent forms before progressing the application.

Outcome and Summary: *The application will require re-submission to the committee after feedback has been considered and the following are provided to the committee.*

- Details from the drug company about dosage regimen to be provided.
- Details on the rodent work that was alluded to.
- Copies of any relevant client consent forms to be provided.

PL04-24 (PPL transfer) Approved

Summary: Transfer has been approved, any future planned work will need to come back to the AWERB for consideration.

- **4. Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:**

Amendment approved: A05-24 [REDACTED] approved

Amendment [REDACTED]: A16-24 pending sub-committee review

- **5. Updates and Reports**

- **BVS Director update:** none tabled.

- **NVS update:**

- Rabbit schedule 1 work has commenced.
- One sheep developed an inguinal hernia in a study noted as a non procedural harm.
- [REDACTED] licence, comments already received and being addressed.
- **NTCO update:** working on new SOPs for poultry in preparation for a potential full systems audit. Working on CPD for the department. Looking at modernising PIL processes, specifically looking at more automated systems and billing.

- **PEL Holder update:** none tabled

- **Edinburgh AWERB report:** [REDACTED] AWERB has been consistently busy since the start of 2024. A new lay member who is part of the RSPCA animal in science division has been appointed and will commence in March 2024.

- **Reports from Facilities**

- Staffing no issues.
- Facilities: anti-slip floor has been introduced which will be helpful for the animals to help with grip.
- Experimental studies all going well with a number of studies in place. Some very good results obtained with a number of studies which is very encouraging.
- Vaccinations for pregnant ewes all been completed.
- [REDACTED] studies are still ongoing and very successful.
- Poultry and rabbit work is ongoing and has been successful.
- **Poultry :**
- Rabbit housing now at [REDACTED] which was successfully set up, PEL additions in place, no issues with the rabbits or the procedures.
- Chick study is ongoing at [REDACTED] 217 chicks have been hatched successfully.
- [REDACTED]. Injections are in place for certain GA lines.
- Animals are not under licence but being grown up for [REDACTED] studies.
- Some other lines (PGCs) are being frozen down commencing next week, this will bring to an end the cryopreservation.
- Visit by the [REDACTED] Advisory Committee on March 12th.
- **Chick embryo room :** no report.
- **Aquaculture Facility:**
- Salmon have been restocked into the facility.
- Staffing: this is now at a good level, no issues.
- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:** replacement meeting to be held in April 2024
- **Project Licences submitted** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting
PL02-24 submitted [REDACTED]
- **Project Licence amendments submitted** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

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6. A.O.C.B: none

- **Date of next meeting:** March 25th [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams