

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)

20/10 A meeting of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB) was held via teams on Thursday 15 May 2020 at 10.00 am.

Present: [Redacted. Sec.40]
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Apologies: [Redacted. Sec.40]
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[Redacted. Sec.40] was welcomed to the meeting.

20/11 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

20/12 Matters Arising

20/07 Discussion on ethics of service licences

[Redacted. Sec.40] informed the AWERB that he had been due to discuss this matter at an AWERB hub meeting at Harwell in April. Unfortunately, the meeting had been cancelled.

Given possible sensitivities it was felt that discussing this matter in person with hub members rather than via email was prudent. However, if it took too long to rearrange the meeting then consideration would be given to garnering views by different means.

20/13 Mid and End Term Reviews

The Board received a presentation from [Redacted. Sec.40] in respect of his current Project Licence – Making skeletal muscle less prone to disease mediated damage and ageing induced damage.

[Redacted. Sec.40] outlined the study and the following points were noted:

- x The licence focussed on skeletal muscles prone to damage in respect of disease and ageing.
- x A key muscle studied was the diaphragm which was important for life and quality of life, and which also deteriorated with age from 45/50 years.
- x The study aimed to enrich understanding of muscle physiology and changes that occur in disease and ageing.
- x The study had found that once one question had been answered another suite of questions had arisen in response.
- x The study had demonstrated that it could slow down muscle wasting and increase muscle mass in mouse models. If this could be transferred to humans, this would be important for age related muscle loss.
- x It had been found that increasing muscle mass led to defects in the testes – there was a balance between masculinity/muscularity that needed further investigation.
- x The link on testicular function had been identified through the harvesting and targeted analysis of key org (f1l)Tj e 0.4 0 -13.8 7wand tuc throe e momposo j

Work on prioritising the order in which to move research was to be resumed.

20/16 Animal Research Policy

[Redacted. Sec.40] reported that the Policy had now been amended and would be placed on the website.

20/17 Dates of meetings in the Session 2020-21

Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 10.00 am

Thursday 4 February 2021 at 10.00 am

Thursday 13 February 2021 at 10.00 am