Ethics Workshop

Non-technical summary discussions

# The application form for research projects in the UK includes this text:

The Secretary of State considers the provision of a non-technical summary is an essential step towards greater openness and requires one to be provided as part of the licence application in every case. You should explain your proposed programme of work clearly using non-technical terms which will be understood by a lay reader. You should avoid confidential material or anything that would identify you, or others, or your place of work. Failure to address all aspects of the non-technical summary will render your application incomplete and lead to it being returned.

This summary will be published (examples of other summaries can be viewed on the Home Office website at [www.gov.uk/research-and-testing-using-animals](http://www.gov.uk/research-and-testing-using-animals) ).

*The non-technical summaries for this exercise are NOT directly from Babraham Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) records. They have been chosen from the* [*www.gov.uk*](http://www.gov.uk) *website because they have titles and key words that relate to research carried out at the Babraham Institute.*

# In your groups:

Read the non-technical summary on your table and, using the questions listed below as a basis for your discussion, decide whether your group would approve or disapprove the research proposal. Please add your comments beside each question.

1. Title of the proposal
2. How many animals are used?
3. What is the severity of the procedures to be carried out?
4. Has enough consideration been given to the 3Rs?
5. Is there a clear benefit of the research, and to whom?
6. Other comments about the proposal – and do you approve/disapprove?