

MINUTES OF THE 180th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 06.02.2020 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 180th meeting and initiated the process of the meeting. The list of participants is given at Annexure-I.

2. The Committee adopted the minutes and recommendations of the 179th meeting of the RCGM held on 09.01.2020.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 179th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 81 applications including information items were considered and the Secretariat is in the process of issuing requisite permit letters based on the recommendations of the RCGM.

4. Proposals considered

4.1 Applications in the area of pharmaceuticals

The Committee considered applications to import Shigella vaccine formulations; to conduct preclinical toxicity studies on Romiplostim biosimilar, Adalimumab biosimilar, Bevacizumab isotype, live respiratory syncytial virus vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on Influenza VLP vaccine, Gene therapy product for Haemophilia A. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered applications to conduct confined field trial for event selection of GEbrinjal. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by six IBSCs, eighteen annual compliance reports and nine medical surveillance reports and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

The Committee considered revised draft IBSC Handbook, reviewed status of IBKP portal and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM. The Committee noted revised simplified procedures notified by DBT.

No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The Minutes are approved.

(Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra)
Chairman, RCGM

List of Participants:

1. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra, Director-CCMB, Hyderabad - Chairman
2. Dr. Pradhyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow - Member
3. Dr. GururajKatti, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- IIRR, Hyderabad - Member
4. Dr. R. Uma Shanker, UAS, Bengaluru - Member
5. Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram - Member
6. Dr. K.G.Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai - Member
7. Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist E, SERB - Nominee-DST
8. Sh. R.Chandrashekhar, Dy.Drugs Controller - Nominee- DCG(I)
9. Dr. Alka Sharma Scientist-G, & Nodal Officer (Biopharma), DBT, New Delhi - Member
10. Dr.Vanga Siva Reddy, CSO, BSU, New Delhi - Special Invitee
11. Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist-F, DBT - Member Secretary
12. Dr. GandharvaNagpal - Scientist C, DBT

Biosafety Support Unit:

13. Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal, Chief (Agriculture)
14. Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
15. Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist
16. Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist