

MINUTES OF THE 188th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 03.09.2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 188th 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 187th meeting of the RCGM held on 13.08.2020.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 187th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 56 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 SARS-CoV2 virus isolates; to export recombinant measles virus based corona vaccine, Master seed virus and Working seed virus; to receive cDNA of COVID samples, SARS-Related Coronavirus 2 isolate; to conduct preclinical toxicity studies on Pertuzumab biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on nCoV- 19 Corona Virus Vaccine (Recombinant); safety study report of Urease derived from LMO. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

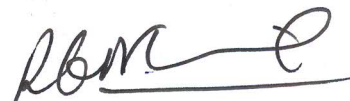
The Committee considered applications to conduct Biosafety Research Level-I confined field trials of GE maize, and GE cotton. After deliberation on each application, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

5. Other items

The Committee discussed streamlining the regulatory reforms/approvals, and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

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. Amita Aggarwal, SGPIMS, Lucknow	Co-Chair (Pharma)
3.	Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR- NBPGR, New Delhi	Co-Chair (Agri)
4.	Dr. VG Somani, Drugs Controller General of India	Member
5.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
9.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
10.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
11.	Dr. Guhan Jayaraman, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Member
12.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
13.	Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi	Member
14.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
15.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
16.	Dr. K. G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
17.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Secretary-GEAC	Nominee-MoEF & CC
18.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Scientist F	Nominee-ICMR
19.	Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist E, SERB	Nominee-DST
20.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asst Drugs Controller(I), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
21.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
22.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist-F, DBT	Member Secretary
23.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist C, DBT	Scientist C, DBT

Biosafety Support Unit:

24. Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist
25. Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
26. Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist

Others:

27. Dr. Sridevi Khambhampaty, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad
28. Dr. Vinu Jose, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad
29. Dr. Miten Mehta, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad
30. Dr. Alok Chaturvedi, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad
31. Mr. Manish Kumar, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad