

MINUTES OF THE 201st MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 04.03.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 201st 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 200th meeting of the RCGM held on 18.02.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 200th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 32 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-CoV-2 isolate, analytical reagents for Gam-COVID-Vac combined vector vaccine, Human Embryonic Kidney cells working cell bank, working viral banks of rAd5 & rAd26, drug products of rAd5 & rAd26; to receive SARS-CoV-2 Indian strain, COVID-19 plasma and serum samples; pre-clinical toxicity studies on Varicella Zoster Virus gE vaccine, AAV8-FVIII gene therapy product for Haemophilus A; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on SARS-CoV-2 rS nanoparticle vaccine; status update on preclinical toxicity studies of Bevacizumab biosimilar. 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 import Bt proteins, lyophilized tissue powder of GE corn, lyophilized leaf powder of GE corn; to transfer seeds of genome edited lines of rice. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports


The Committee considered minutes submitted by twenty two IBSCs, Nil annual compliance reports and Nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

The RGM considered Progress Report of Project entitled “Establishment of the Biosafety Support Unit (BSU)” and Proposal for “Establishment of Biosecurity and Biosafety Support Unit (BBSU)”, and appropriate recommendations were made.

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



Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra, Director-CCMB Hyderabad	Chairman
2.	Dr. Amita Aggarwal, Professor, SGPIMS, Lucknow	Co-Chair (Pharma)
3.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
4.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
5.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST Thiruvananthapuram	Member
6.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
7.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana Mahendergarh	Member
8.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
9.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRU Lucknow	Member
10.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. K.G.Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
12.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asstt Drug Controller(India), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
13.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Member Secretary-GEAC	Nominee-MoEF & CC
14.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Scientist F	Nominee-ICMR
15.	Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist E, SERB	Nominee-DST
16.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT	Member Secretary
17.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU	Special Invitee
Biosafety Support Unit:		
18.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
19.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
Others:		
21.	Dr. Seema Sharma, M/s. CPL Biologicals Private Limited, Ahmedabad	
22.	Mr. Chetan Patel, M/s. CPL Biologicals Private Limited, Ahmedabad	
23.	Ms. Mona Gogia, M/s. CPL Biologicals Private Limited, Ahmedabad	
24.	Dr. Manjul Joshipura, M/s. CPL Biologicals Private Limited, Ahmedabad	
25.	Mr. Amitabha Banerjee, M/s. CPL Biologicals Private Limited, Ahmedabad	

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