

MINUTES OF THE 208th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 10.06.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 208th 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 207th meeting of the RCGM held on 27.05.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 207th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 22 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 of plasmid DNA Vaccine encoding for SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, CD19 CAR plasmids, CD19 LV, HEK293 Cell Bank and rAd26-S-CoV2 Virus Stock; to export recombinant live attenuated SARS CoV-2 virus, CD19 CAR plasmids; to transfer whole inactivated virus bulk COVID- 19 vaccines; to receive double mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2; pre-clinical toxicity study of SARS-CoV2 VLP Vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study reports, Filgrastim biosimilar, Ranibizumab biosimilar; progress report on change in required biosafety level from BSL-3 to enhanced BSL-2. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

No complete application submitted for consideration by RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee deliberated on requirement of preclinical toxicity study conducted in one relevant animal species to be sufficient as part of Preclinical data package for ophthalmic indication (intravitreal use) of an already approved Bevacizumab solution.

The committee also deliberated on the requirement of IBSC/ RCGM approval by network of institutions under Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) project for carrying out sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 genome.

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. Alka Sharma, Scientist 'G' & Head Regulation, DBT	Member
4.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
5.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
7.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
8.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
9.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
10.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
12.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
13.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
14.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asst Drugs Controller(India), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
15.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Member Secretary-GEAC	Nominee-MoEF & CC
16.	Sh. Sanjeev Arora, Deputy Director., Ministry of Home Affairs	Nominee-MHA
17.	Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist E, SERB	Nominee-DST
18.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT	Member Secretary
19.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
20.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
21.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Renu Arora, Scientist	
Others		
26.	Dr. Rakesh, M/s. Samarth Life Science Private Limited, Karnataka	