

MINUTES OF THE 225th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 03.02.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 225th 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 224th meeting of the RCGM held on 20.01.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 224th 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 conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of live attenuated recombinant Zika virus vaccine, Aflibercept biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Natalizumab; monthly report on data of handling of SARS-CoV-2 strain CDX-005 at BSL-2 facility. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered request regarding clarifications on submission of application(s) to conduct confined field trials of GE potato. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by ten IBSCs, nil annual compliance report and nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

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

The Minutes are approved.



(Prof. Y.K. Gupta)
Chairman, RCGM

Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Former Director IITR, Lucknow and President, AIIMS, Bhopal	Chairman
2.	Dr. Amita Aggarwal, Professor, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
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. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
6.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
9.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
10.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad	Member
12.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
13.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist 'F- ICMR', Nominee- ICMR	Member
14.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety & Member Secretary-GEAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee - MoEF& CC	Member
15.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astt Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
16.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry Of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
17.	Dr. Neelima Mishra, Scientist 'G', Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi. Nominee - DST	Member
18.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
19.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
20.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
21.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
22.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
Others:		
25.	Dr. Ramnath RL., M/s. Reliance Bio, Mumbai	
26.	Mr. Girish Masand, M/s. Reliance Bio, Mumbai	

