

MINUTES OF THE 233rd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 26.05.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 233rd 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 232nd meeting of the RCGM held on 12.05.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 232nd meeting of the RCGM, a total of 16 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 receive SARS-CoV-2 virus strains; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of Tocilizumab biosimilar, Ranibizumab biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Cetuximab biosimilar; request for the name change of the CRO due to demerger of the company. 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 applications to transfer *cry1Ac34* and *vip3Aa44* genes; to conduct Event Selection confined field trials of GE groundnut lines and GE rubber lines. After deliberation on each application including information item, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee noted the information regarding Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP), 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.



(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. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
6.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
7.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
8.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
9.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
10.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
12.	Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director, ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi. Nominee-ICAR	Member
13.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
14.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astt. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
15.	Dr. Neelima Mishra, Scientist 'G', Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi. Nominee - DST	Member
16.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
17.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
18.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
20.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
Others		
24.	Dr. Girish Masand, M/s. Reliance Bio, Mumbai	
25.	Dr. Praveen Rao, M/s. Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	
26.	Dr. Ramnath RL., M/s. Reliance Bio, Mumbai	

