

MINUTES OF THE 234th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 09.06.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 234th 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 233rd meeting of the RCGM held on 26.05.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 233rd meeting of the RCGM, a total of 18 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 export Heart cell lysate from SARS-CoV-2 infected hamsters; to import SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, SARS CoV-2 virus Delta and Omicron strains; to transfer SARS-CoV-2 virus Omicron variant strain, recombinant protein based vaccine against SARS-CoV-1, MERS and SARS-CoV-2; pre-clinical toxicity study report on biosimilar of Denosumab biosimilar, Omicron variant specific mRNA Vaccine. 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 on information items and after deliberation on each application, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by seventeen IBSCs, three annual compliance reports 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.

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. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad	Member
10.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
11.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
12.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
13.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
14.	Dr. Sangeeta Aggarwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
15.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		
16.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
17.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
18.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
Others		
19.	Mr. Dinesh Baskar, M/s. Biocon Biologics Limited, Bengaluru	
20.	Dr. Sunil Kumar Kb, M/s. Biocon Biologics Limited, Bengaluru	

