

MINUTES OF THE 241st MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 21.09.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 241th 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 240th meeting of the RCGM held on 07.09.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 240th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 33 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 Plasmid DNA; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Intravenous formulation of Tocilizumab biosimilar; Deviation in Biosafety regulatory compliance; request of waiver to import and carryout research for COVID variant construct with new "Variant of Concerns (VOC)". 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 information items and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

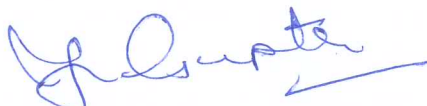
The Committee Considered revised draft "*Standard Operating Procedures for Regulatory Review of Genome Edited Plants under SDN-1 and SDN-2 Categories, 2022*" prepared by the Expert Committee, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members

The Minutes are approved.



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



Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Former Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi; President AIIMS, Bhopal &, AIIMS, Jammu	Chairman
2.	Dr. Ramesh Sonti, Professor & Chair, Biology and Dean Faculty, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Tirupati	Co-Chair (Agri)
3.	Dr. Arvind Sahu, Scientist 'G', The National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
4.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F' & Head Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
5.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
6.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu	Member
7.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, Hyderabad	Member
8.	Dr. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad	Member
9.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
10.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
11.	Dr. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Member
12.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
13.	Dr. A.B. Pant, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
14.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR, Nominee- ICMR	Member
15.	Dr. Chinnusamy Viswanathan, Principal Scientist, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Nominee-ICAR	Member
16.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
17.	Dr. P. Manavalan, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
18.	Ms. Rita Khanna, Scientist 'G', Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee - MoEF&CC	Member
19.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
20.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
21.	Dr. Surender Pahuja, Senior Scientist, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar SAU Representative	Member
22.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-member

	Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:	
23.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
24.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist
25.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist
26.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist
Others:	
27.	Dr. Ramnath RL, M/s. Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai
28.	Mr. Girish M Masand, M/s. Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai

