

MINUTES OF THE 242nd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 07.10.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 242nd 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 241st meeting of the RCGM held on 21.09.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 241st meeting of the RCGM, a total of 14 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 transfer SARS CoV-2 delta variant cDNA; to receive blood samples of SARS-CoV-2 infected diabetes patients; pre-clinical toxicity studies on Vedolizumab biosimilar, Adalimumab biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Pertuzumab biosimilar; request on post approval change for human clinical trials of Rituximab biosimilar. 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 response to report of Central Compliance Committee on GE rubber. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee Considered revised applications recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Certification of BSL-3 facility, Biosecurity regulation in India, 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. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F' & Head, Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
4.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
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. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Member
11.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
12.	Dr. A.B. Pant, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
13.	Dr. Sanjeev Khosla, Director, CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH). Nominee-CSIR	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.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative- CDSCO	Member
17.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astt. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
18.	Dr. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Nominee/Representative - 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 - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
21.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee - Defence Research and Development Organization	Member
22.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
23.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary

Biosafety Support Unit:

24.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
25.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist
26.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist
27.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist

