

MINUTES OF THE 246th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 30.11.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 246th 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 245th meeting of the RCGM held on 16.11.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Co-member Secretary informed that during the 245th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 22 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 studies on a novel humanized anti-properdin monoclonal antibody and Certolizumab pegol biosimilar; requests regarding classification of VSV and its biocontainment requirement, suggestions on PCT data requirements in draft guidelines on conducting clinical trials for veterinary drugs and biological. 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 item and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee Considered monitoring mechanism for confined field trials conducted for Event Selection (ESTs) under Institutional premises, Document on Laboratory Biosecurity practices and related matters, 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. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
3.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
4.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu	Member
5.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
9.	Dr. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Member
10.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
11.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
12.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
13.	Dr. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
14.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee – Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
15.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		
17.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
18.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
19.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	