

MINUTES OF THE 252nd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 22.02.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 252nd 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 251st meeting of the RCGM held on 08.02.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 251st meeting of the RCGM, a total of 28 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 of *SARS-CoV-2* isolate, *SARS-CoV-2* virus strains; seeking NOC to approach DCG(I) for permission to conduct appropriate phase of human clinical trial for Anti-CD-19 CAR-T cell therapy product; request for waiver of Toxicity studies requirement for Similar Biologics in India. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

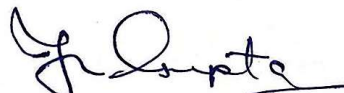
The Committee considered minutes submitted by thirty IBSCs, twenty one annual compliance reports and nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

The Committee considered the draft "*Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures for Research on Genetically Engineered Insects, 2022*". After deliberation, appropriate decision was 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, Director & Group Leader, Plant-microbe Interaction, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi	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. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
9.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
10.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
11.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR. Nominee- ICMR	Member
12.	Ms. Rita Khanna, Scientist G, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
13.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
14.	Dr. Kamal Dev Sharma, Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur. SAU Representative	Special Invitee
15.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad	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. Shipra Shashi, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	