

MINUTES OF THE 253rd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 10.03.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 253rd 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 252nd meeting of the RCGM held on 22.02.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 252nd meeting of the RCGM, a total of 25 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 receive and transfer of recombinant protein of *MERS & SARS-CoV-1* RBD, recombinant vaccine against *SARS-CoV-2*; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Vedolizumab biosimilar and Denosumab biosimilar; 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.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered applications to transfer GE Bt brinjal lines; request for extension of validity to receive GE banana lines; request to change the Trial In-charge to conduct BRL-I trial of GE potato, to change the trial site for event selection trial of 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 thirty nine IBSCs, twenty one annual compliance reports and one medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

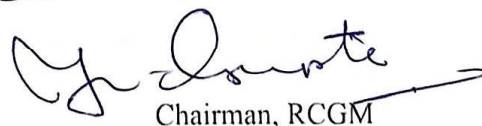
The Committee considered 05 applications recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Certification of BSL-3 facility; the regulatory approval mechanism for the Annual Compliance Report submitted on IBKP Portal. After deliberation, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

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)

Approved:


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. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
6.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
7.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu	Member
8.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, 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. Chinnusamy Viswanathan, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Nominee-ICAR	Member
14.	Ms. Rita Khanna, Scientist G, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
15.	Smt. A. Visala, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
16.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
17.	Dr. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
18.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
19.	Dr. Kamal Dev Sharma, Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur. SAU Representative	Special Invitee
Biosafety Support Unit:		
20.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	

22.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist
23.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist
Others:	
24.	Dr. Samir Kumar Mandal, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, Hyderabad
25.	Dr. Vikas Kumar, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, Hyderabad

Manpreet Kaur