

MINUTES OF THE 255th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 05.04.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 255th 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 254th meeting of the RCGM held on 22.03.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 254th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 26 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 the applications on pre-clinical toxicity study report on Anti-CD-19 CAR-T cell therapy product, Tocilizumab biosimilar; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of recombinant Liraglutide biosimilar, Ranibizumab biosimilar; to scrutinize the application for environmental approval of clinical trials for GEAC clearance; Amendment in Checklist for CAR-T trial for C5 applications. 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 the information submitted on the ongoing BRL-I 1st year trial of GE maize; Central Compliance Committee report on BRL-I 1st year trial of GE maize. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports


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

6. Other items

The Committee considered revised application recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Certification of BSL-3 facility; Briefing on activities and achievements of project entitled "Establishment of the Biosafety Support Unit (BSU)" 2014- 2022. After deliberations, 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. Arvind Sahu, Scientist 'G', The National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
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. 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.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO	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. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR. Nominee- ICMR	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. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
20.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee - Defence Research and Development Organization	Member
21.	Dr. Kamal Dev Sharma, Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur. SAU Representative	Special Invitee
Biosafety Support Unit:		
22.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	