

MINUTES OF THE 258th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 17.05.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 258th 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 257th meeting of the RCGM held on 03.05.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 257th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 34 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 to import *SARS-CoV-2* Omicron variants, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* transposon mutant strain, Glycoprotein E deleted Bovine Herpes -1 virus, mRNA coding for transposase; pre-clinical toxicity study report on recombinant Anti VEGF fragment antibody, Anti-CD-19 CAR-T cell therapy product, Vedolizumab biosimilar; to conduct preclinical toxicity studies on Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent Vaccine; request for waiver of preclinical toxicity studies on Pegfilgrastim 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 the applications to include an additional location to conduct event selection trial of Bt Brinjal lines; to exempt of exogenous DNA free gene edited rice lines. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

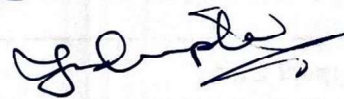
5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by seventeen IBSCs, thirteen annual compliance reports and one medical surveillance report, 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.

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. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F' & Head, Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
4.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
5.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu	Member
6.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, Hyderabad	Member
7.	Dr. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, 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. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Member
11.	Dr. Viswanathan Chinnusamy, Joint Director (Research), ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Nominee/Representative - ICAR	Member
12.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
13.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
14.	Sh. Pravin A Jagtap, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
15.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR. Nominee/Representative - ICMR	Member
16.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
17.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee/Representative - Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
18.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		
19.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator	
20.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
Others:		

23.	Dr. Viswanathan Chinnusamy, Joint Director (Research), ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
24.	Dr. Satendra Kumar Mangrauthia, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad

