

MINUTES OF THE 261st MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 28.06.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 261st 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 260th meeting of the RCGM held on 14.06.2023.
3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 260th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 36 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 conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of Mepolizumab biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study report of Recombinant Insulin 50/50, Recombinant Insulin 30/70; request to consider classification of Pseudorabies virus and its biocontainment requirement. 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 receive seedlings of GE brinjal lines; record on completion of sowing for BRL-I 1st year trial of GE cotton event; to replace earlier GE cotton breeding stacks with a new GE cotton breeding stack to conduct BRL-1 trials; to replace GE banana lines to conduct two Event Selection Trials. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee considered applications regarding Certification of BSL-3 Facility; site visit of BSL-3 facility for Certification of BSL-3 facility. 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

approved

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, Executive Director, Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad	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. 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. 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 (Through VC)	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.	Smt. A. Visala, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO	Member
14.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astt. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO	Member
15.	Dr. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
16.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
17.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		
18.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator	
19.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	

