

MINUTES OF THE 263rd MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 26.07.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 263rd 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 262nd meeting of the RCGM held on 12.07.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 262nd meeting of the RCGM, a total of 17 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 CD20 CAR LV plasmids and LV; preclinical toxicity report on live attenuated recombinant Zika virus vaccine and SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, Vedolizumab biosimilar; progress reports on handling of SARS-CoV-2 strain CDX-005 from enhanced BSL-2 to BSL-2 during vaccine manufacturing and characterization. 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 application on submission of record on completion of sowing to conduct BRL-I 1st year trial of GE potato. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by twelve IBSCs, eight annual compliance reports and nil 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; request for waiver of non-clinical studies requirements in the process of Biosimilar product development. 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.

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, 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. 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. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Member
11.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
12.	Dr. Viswanathan Chinnusamy, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Nominee/Representative - ICAR	Member
13.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
14.	Smt. A. Visala, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
15.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative - CDSCO	Member
16.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR. Nominee/Representative - ICMR	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/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
19.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee/Representative - Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
20.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		
21.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator	
22.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	