

MINUTES OF THE 267th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 20.09.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 267th 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 266th meeting of the RCGM held on 06.09.2023.
3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 266th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 23 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 transfer suspected clinical samples, bacterial isolates and DNA samples of *Burkholderia pseudomallei*; to import synthetic DNA constructs expressing Hyaluronidase and Ixekizumab; preclinical toxicity studies on Pembrolizumab biosimilar, live vaccine consisting of recombinant Herpes virus of Turkeys; preclinical toxicity report on live attenuated recombinant *SARS-CoV-2* vaccine; to deliberate on the issue observed in the PCT protocol on Pembrolizumab biosimilar, on the appropriate Insect Biosafety Facility containment level. 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 request to replace earlier two GE cotton breeding stacks with a new GE cotton breeding stack to conduct BRL-1 trials; to review draft Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for environmental release of Bollgard II Roundup Ready Flex cotton. 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, five annual compliance reports and nil 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 'G' & 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.	Smt. A. Visala, 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. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MoEF&CC	Member
17.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
18.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee/Representative - Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
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	

