

MINUTES OF THE 268th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 04.10.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 268th 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 267th meeting of the RCGM held on 20.09.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 267th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 21 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* strains; preclinical toxicity report on Pertuzumab Biosimilar, recombinant Insulin 30/70; pre-clinical toxicity studies on human anti-properdin monoclonal antibody. 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 Event Selection trial of GE pigeon pea lines; to conduct Event Selection trial of GE chickpea lines, GE cotton lines; request to forward report of the multilocational field trials on transgenic resistant silkworm strains to GEAC; inspection reports to monitor BRL-I 1st Year trial of GE cotton event. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee considered site visits of BSL-3 facilities for Certification of BSL-3 facility; acceptance/further comments of DBT on response/action taken by DBT for the amendment of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006; constitution of an Expert Committee to evaluate the suitability of ICAR proposed sites to be designated as Notified Field Trial Sites. 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.

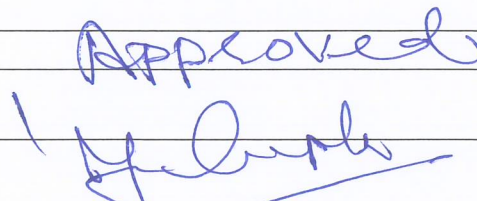
The Minutes are approved.

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(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. 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. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee/Representative - Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
18.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'D', 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:		


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23.	Dr. P J Raju, Director, Andhra Pradesh State Sericulture Research and Development Institute (APSSRDI), Anantapur
24.	Dr. J. Seetharamulu, Director (FAC), Andhra Pradesh State Sericulture Research and Development Institute (APSSRDI), Anantapur
25.	Dr. Vibha Ahuja, Chief General Manager, Biotech Consortium India Limited, New Delhi

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