

MINUTES OF THE 276th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 24.01.2024 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 276th 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 275th meeting of the RCGM held on 10.01.2024.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 275th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 24 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 request for waiver of non-clinical animal toxicology studies on Filgrastim Biosimilar; preclinical toxicity report on Mepolizumab Biosimilar, Pertuzumab Biosimilar; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity studies on Pembrolizumab monoclonal antibody Biosimilar, Nivolumab monoclonal antibody Biosimilar; request regarding the classification of *Burkholderia thailandensis* and its biocontainment requirement, seeking guidance in the revised PCT protocol to conduct Pre-clinical Toxicity studies on Pembrolizumab 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 submission of planting records of Event Selection Trial of GE banana lines, and harvest records of GE pigeon pea lines; to conduct event selection trial of GE Cotton lines; request for CCC visit on harvest/termination on of BRL-I 1st Year trial of GE cotton Event; Constitution of Central Compliance Committee teams and schedule for visits of monitoring of confined field trials during January-March 2024. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

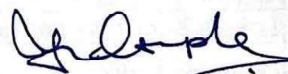
The Committee considered minutes submitted by twenty four IBSCs, nine annual compliance reports and nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

The Committee considered applications and revised applications recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Certification of BSL-3 facility; regarding follow-up to site visit of BSL-3 facility; Intimation to RCGM regarding change of address of registered office and request to update the same at IBKP and regarding change in company name.

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**

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. Arvind Sahu, Executive Director, Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
4.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'G' & Head, Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
5.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
6.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
7.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principal 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. 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.	Dr. Abhilasha Singh Mathuriya, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Government of India. Nominee/Representative - MOEF&CC	Member
15.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Joint Deputy Director, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
16.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee/Representative - Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
17.	Dr. Lokesh Kumar Narnoliya, Scientist 'D', DBT, New Delhi	DBT officer
Biosafety Support Unit:		
18.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator	
19.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Shipra Shahi, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	

Special Invitees and Other Participants :

23.	Dr. Dhananjay Patankar, Biopharmaceutical Industry Professional, Bengaluru (Special Invitee)
24.	Dr. Celia Chalam Vasimalla, Head of Division, Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (Special Invitee)
25.	Dr. Supriya Chakraborty, Professor, School of Life Sciences, JNU, New Delhi (Special Invitee)
26.	Dr. Disha Dadke, M/s. CuraTeQ Biologics Private Limited, Telangana

