MINUTES OF THE 160th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 26.09.2017 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 160th 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 159th meeting of the RCGM held on 8.8.2017.

3. On action taken report, RCGM Secretariat informed that during the 159th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 82 applications including information items was considered and the Secretariat is in the process of issuing the requisite permit letters based on the recommendations of the RCGM.

4. Proposals considered:

4.1 Applications in the area of Pharmaceuticals

The Committee considered applications in the area of pharmaceuticals to transfer Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine; to receive Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine and Bevacizumab; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity studies on recombinant Insulin Aspart, Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine, Bevacizumab, and tetravalent Dengue Vaccine; pre-clinical study reports on Adalimumab; and to extend the validity of the permission to conduct PCT studies on Rituximab. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered applications in the area of agriculture to import recombinant DNA vectors, dsRNAs, leaf powder of transgenic corn, and seeds of transgenic rice and Arabidopsis thaliana; to transfer seeds of transgenic mustard and cotton; to receive seeds of transgenic mustard, Bengal Gram, and rice; to export transgenic Arabidopsis seeds; and to conduct event selection trial on transgenic mustard. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

The next meeting of the RCGM was scheduled on 14.11.2017. No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

The minutes are approved.

Date: 18.10.2017
Place: Hyderabad

(Dr. B. Sesikeran)
Chairman, RCGM
List of Participants:-

1. Dr. B. Sesikeran, Former Director, NIN, Hyderabad - Chairman
2. Dr. S.R. Bhat, Emeritus Scientist, NRC PB, New Delhi - Co-Chairman (Agri.)
3. Dr. Shailja Hittalmani, UAS, Bangalore - Member
4. Dr. S.J. Rahman, Principal Scientist & Head, PJTSAU, Hyderabad - Member
5. Dr. Vanga Siva Reddy, New Delhi - Member
6. Dr. S.N. Sudhakara Babu, DOR, Hyderabad - Member
7. Dr. Natarajan Sakthivel, Pondicherry University - Member
8. Dr. Vishwanthan Chinnusamy, IARI, New Delhi - Member
9. Dr. Gururaj Katti, IIRR, Hyderabad - Member
10. Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow - Member
11. Dr. Kulbhushan Tikoo, NIPER, Mohali - Member
12. Dr. A.K. Kondapi, Professor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad - Member
13. Dr. Debendra K. Sahoo, IMTECH, Chandigarh - Member
14. Dr. Amit Aggarwal, SGPMS, Lucknow - Member
15. Dr. Madhumita Biswas, MOEF&CC, New Delhi - Nominee, MoEF&CC
16. Dr. Murali Krishna, Scientist-D, MOEF&CC - Nominee, MoEF&CC
17. Dr. Vijay Kumar, ICMR, New Delhi - Nominee, ICMR
18. Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty (ADG-ICAR) ICAR, New Delhi - Nominee-ICAR
19. Dr. Jayant Gangakhedkar, ADGI, CDSCO, New Delhi - Nominee-CDSCO
20. Mr. Fahim Khan, Drug Inspector, CDSCO, New Delhi - Nominee-CDSCO
21. Dr. S. R. Rao, Scientist-H, DBT - Member Secretary
22. Dr. Rajalakshmi Muralidharan, Scientist-F, DBT - Member
23. Dr. Amit Parikh, Scientist-E, DBT - Member

Biosafety Support Unit:-

24. Dr. G.R. Soni, Chief (Bio-Pharma)
25. Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal, Chief (Agriculture)
26. Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
27. Dr. Sapana, Scientist
28. Dr. Shipra Sahi, Scientist
29. Dr. Abhijit Poddar, Scientist

Other representatives:

30. Dr. C. Nirmala Raju, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad.
31. Dr. Indraneel Dasari, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad.
32. Dr. Samir. K. Mandal, Director, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad.
33. Mr. KVS Narayana Raju, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd. Hyderabad.
34. Dr. Pradip Das, Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad
35. Dr. Akshay Goel, Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad
36. Mr. Varma Bhupathiraju, Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad
37. Dr. Ravi Mishra, Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad
38. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune
39. Dr. Garima Kushal, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune
40. Mr. S. Kaviraj, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune
41. Mr. Chetan Gupta, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune.
42. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., Pune
43. Dr. Narendra Deshmukh, INTOX Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra
44. Dr. D.V. Krishnarao, GeneSys Biologics Pvt. Ltd., Telangana
45. Mr. Tulasi Raju C, GeneSys Biologics Pvt. Ltd., Telangana
46. Mr. Venkat Reddy, GeneSys Biologics Pvt. Ltd., Telangana
47. Mr. Sujan Dhar, Beyond Antibody, Bangalore
48. Dr. Yogesh Murkund, CEFT, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai
49. Dr. Naveen C. Bisht, NIPGR, New Delhi
50. Prof. A. K. Pradhan, UDSC, New Delhi
51. Dr. L. R. Yeolekar, Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., Pune
52. Mr. Vinit Kumar, Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., Pune
53. Mr. Pramod Kumar, Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., Pune
54. Mr. Ramnath R. L., Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Limited, Navi, Mumbai