

## **MINUTES OF THE 204<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 15.04.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 204<sup>th</sup> 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 203<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the RCGM held on 01.04.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 203<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the RCGM, a total of 42 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 applications to import biological components for testing of Gam-COVID-Vac combined vector vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on recombinant Liraglutide, Insulin Regular, cocktail of anti-COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies, recombinant Coronavirus vaccine-CoroRab; monthly progress report on Handling of COVID-19 strain CDX-005 at enhanced BSL-2. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate recommendations were made by the RCGM.

#### **4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture**

The Committee considered applications to conduct Biosafety Research Level-I confined field trials of GE maize and GE cotton. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate recommendations were made by the RCGM.

### **5. IBSC Reports**

The Committee considered minutes submitted by nine IBSCs, Nil annual compliance reports and Nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate recommendations were made by the RCGM.

### **6. Other items**

The Committee deliberated on Constitution of Inter-Ministerial Committee for Certification of BSL-3 facility, draft document on Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for exchange of infectious biosamples/biospecimens from biorepository, and appropriate recommendations were made by the RCGM.

No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The Minutes are approved.



(Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra)  
Chairman, RCGM



**Annexure-I**

<b>List of Participants:</b>		
1.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra, Director-CCMB, Hyderabad	Chairman
2.	Dr. Amita Aggarwal, Professor, SGPIMS, Lucknow	Co-Chair (Pharma)
3.	Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR- NBPGR, New Delhi	Co-Chair (Agri)
4.	Dr. Alka Sharma, Scientist 'G' & Head Regulation, DBT	Member
5.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
9.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
10.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
12.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
13.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
14.	Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist E, SERB	Nominee-DST
15.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT	Member Secretary
16.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT	Secretariat Member
<b>Biosafety Support Unit:</b>		
18.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
20.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Shipra Shahi, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Renu Arora, Scientist	
<b>Others:</b>		
26.	Dr. Anil G, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	
27.	Mr. Vishaly Aravind, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	
28.	Dr. Durga Bhavani Konga, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	
29.	Dr. Srivasta Rao, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	
30.	Mr. Yogananth Rajendran, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad	
31.	Dr. Jitendra Patel, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad	



32.	Dr. Sujata Halder, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad
33.	Mr. Pankti V. Rewari, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad

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