

MINUTES OF THE 206th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 13.05.2021 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 206th 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 205th meeting of the RCGM held on 29.04.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 205th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 35 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 SARS CoV2 strains; pre-clinical toxicity study of recombinant SARS-CoV-2 RBD protein, recombinant human epidermal growth factor, Protein subunit vaccine directed against Recombinant Receptor binding domain (RBD) and Nucleocapsid protein (N) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on Trastuzumab biosimilar, recombinant Liraglutide, Adjuvanted Corona Virus Vaccine (rDNA)–for COVID-19; progress report on change in required biosafety level from BSL-3 to enhanced BSL-2 and further request for consideration of revising the Enhanced BSL-2 requirements to 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 application to conduct Biosafety Research Level-I confined field trials of 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 six 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 the request submitted by NIV, Pune for IBSC of ICMR-NIV, Pune and its three field units (Kerala, Bangalore, Mumbai) and made 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

List of Participants:		
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. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
5.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- IIR Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist ‘G’, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
7.	Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi	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 Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
13.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
14.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
15.	Sh. Chandrashekar Ranga. Deputy Drugs Controller (India) CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
16.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asstt Drugs Controller(India), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
17.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Member Secretary-GEAC	Nominee-MoEF & C
18.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Assistant Director, Ministry of Home Affairs	Nominee-MHA
19.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist ‘F’, DBT	Member Secretary
20.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
Biosafety Support Unit:		
21.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. PoonamVishwakarma, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
Others:		
25.	Dr. Sachin Kale, Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., Pune	
26.	Dr. Narendra S. Deshmukh, Intox Pvt. Ltd., Pune	

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