

## **MINUTES OF THE 203<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 01.04.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 203<sup>rd</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 202<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the RCGM held on 18.03.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 202<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the RCGM, a total of 27 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 recombinant adenoviral vectors containing the glycoprotein S gene of the SARS-CoV-2, working cell banks and working virus cell banks; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on recombinant Liraglutide, Insulin Regular, Nivolumab biosimilar, mRNA vaccine candidate for Covid-19; request to waive the import permit and PCT study for the BBV154 South African variant vaccine candidate. 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 on information items and after deliberation, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

### **5. IBSC Reports**

The Committee considered minutes submitted by fifteen IBSCs, Nil annual compliance reports and Nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

### **6. Other items**

The Committee deliberated on exemption from the clause of NOC from the concerned State Government for conducting confined Event Selection Trials (ESTs) within the institutional premises, and appropriate recommendation was 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. Alka Sharma, Scientist 'G' & Head Regulation, DBT	Member
3.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
4.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
5.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
6.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
7.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
8.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
9.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
10.	Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, NII, New Delhi	Member
11.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
12.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
13.	Dr. Guhan Jayaraman, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Member
14.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asst Drugs Controller(India), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
15.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Member Secretary-GEAC	Nominee-MoEF & CC
16.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT	Member Secretary
17.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT	Secretariat Member
<b>Biosafety Support Unit:</b>		
20.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
21.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Shipra Shahi, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Renu Arora, Scientist	

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**Others:**

26. Ms. Alka Mankad, DEO-IV, DBT

27. Mr. Yogananth Rajendran, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad

28. Dr. Jitendra Patel, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Limited, Ahmadabad

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