# MINUTES OF THE 170<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 08.01.2019 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Since the Chairman, RCGM could not attend the meeting, the Co-Chairman (Pharma), RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of RCGM to the 170<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 169th meeting of the RCGM held on 20.11.2018.
- 3. On action taken report, the Member Secretary informed that during the 169th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 160 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 to import genetically modified influenza strains, Leishmania amazonensis and Leishmania infatum strains, mutant and transgenic Zebrafish embryos cell lines, and transgenic Drosophila lines; to export Master and Working seed of recombinant Chikungunya Virus, transgenic Drosophila lines, and master cell bank of recombinant NSO cell line expressing Itolizumab; to receive recombinant Saccharomyces cerevisiae cell lines, and live attenuated Leishmania vaccine; to transfer working cell banks recombinant CHO cell line expressing Trastuzumab bulk, live attenuated Leishmania vaccine; request for waiver of preclinical toxicity study on recombinant Insulin Aspart; to conduct preclinical Pegylated Epoietin, live attenuated toxicity study on recombinant Rituximab, Leishmania vaccine; Insulin Glargine; and pre-clinical study reports on recombinant Adalimumab, Human Insulin, Insulin Aspart, Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine, Dengue After deliberation on each Monoclonal antibody, Darbepoetin, and Liraglutide. application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

# 4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered applications to import seeds of transgenic cotton, and model legume *Medicago truncatula*; to export seeds of transgenic *Arabidopsis* and Brinjal; to transfer genetically engineered Eucalyptus plants; to conduct confined field trial for event selection on transgenic maize; Harvest & termination report on event selection trial of Nitrogen Use Efficient rice; and request for extension of validity to conduct the confined field trial for event selection of transgenic cotton. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

#### 4.3 Other items

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

The minutes are approved.

Date: 05.02.2019 Place: Hyderabad (Dr. P.Kondaiah) Acting Chairman, RCGM

#### List of Participants:

- Prof. P. Kondaiah, IISc, Bangalore 1.
- Dr. S.R. Bhat, Emeritus Scientist, NRCPB, New Delhi 2.
- Dr. Shailja Hittalmani, Emeritus Scientist, UAS, Bangalore 3.
- Dr. Vanga Siva Reddy, CSO, BSU, New Delhi 4.
- Dr. Vishwanthan Chinnusamy, IARI, New Delhi 5.
- Dr. Gururaj Katti, Principal Scientist, IIRR, Hyderabad 6.
- Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow 7.
- Dr. A.K. Kondapi, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad 8.
- Dr. Debendra K. Sahoo, IMTECH, Chandigarh 9.
- Dr. Jayant Gangakhedkar, ADGI, CDSCO 10.
- Dr. Gurinderjit Randhawa, NBPGR, New Delhi 11.
- Dr. Murali Krishana, MoEF&CC, New Delhi 12.
- Dr. P K Chakrabarty, ICAR, New Delhi 13.
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar, CSIR, New Delhi 14.
- Dr. S.R. Rao, Scientist-G, DBT 15.
- Dr. Rajalakshmi Muralidharan, Scientist-F, DBT 16.
- Dr. Sanjay Kalia, Scientist-E, DBT 17.

- Acting Chairman
- Co-Chairman(Agri)
- Member
- Nominee DCG(I)
- Nominee, NBPGR
- Nominee, MoEF&CC
- Nominee, ICAR
- Nominee, CSIR
- Member Secretary
- Member
- Member

### **Biosafety Support Unit:-**

- Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal, Chief (Agriculture)
- Dr. G R Soni, Chief (Bio-Pharma) 19.
- Dr. Anuradha Gupta, Scientist 20.
- Dr. Swati Ojha, Scientist 21.
- Dr. Vikrant Singh Rajput, Scientist 22.

## Other representatives:

- Dr. Harish Shandilya, M/s. Enzene Biosciences, Pune 23.
- Dr. Ramesh, M/s. Enzene Biosciences, Pune 24.
- Dr. Vedprakash, M/s. Enzene Biosciences, Pune 25.
- Dr. Tulasi Ram, M/s. Genesys biologics Pvt. Ltd., Telangana 26.
- Dr. Yogesh, CEFT, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai 27.
- Dr. Nagraj Kampli, M/s. Metahelix Life Science, Bangalore 28.
- Dr. Shivakumar S., M/s. Metahelix Life Science, Bangalore 29.
- Dr. S Reddy, M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., Telangana 30.
- Dr. B. V Subba Raju, M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., Telangana 31. Dr. Disha Dadke, M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., Telangana
- 32. Dr. Amod Kale, M/s. Intox Pvt. Ltd., Pune 33.
- Dr. J H Patel, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad 34.
- Dr. Chaitanyasinn Chudasama, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad 35.
- Dr. Sanjay Bandhopadhyay, M/s. Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad 36.
- Dr. Md. Sadil A Mulla, M/s. Vimta Labs Ltd., Hyderabad 37.
- Dr. A. Selvapandiyan, Institute of Molecular Medicine, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi 38.
- Dr. Renuka Joshi, M/s. Biogenomics Ltd., Thane 39.
- Mr. Nikhil Ghadi, M/s. Biogenomics Ltd., Thane 40.