MINUTES OF THE 215th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 16.09.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 215thmeeting 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 214th meeting of the RCGM held on 02.09.2021
- 3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 214th 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 transfer drug substance of Whole inactivated virus (WIV) bulk of COVID- 19 vaccine; to import *Acinetobacter baumannii* transposon library; to receive recombinant *Salmonella typhimurium*; to export Sputnik light viral vector vaccine; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of anti VEGF fragment antibody, Varicella Zoster Virus vaccine, VLP-based dengue vaccine candidate; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on SARS-CoV-2 protein subunit vaccine; preclinical CMC data of anti-CD19 CAR-T cells;progress report on data of handling of live attenuated SARS-CoV-2 strain during vaccine manufacturing and characterization with change in required biosafety level from Enhanced BSL-2 to BSL-2; extension of due date for completion of pre-clinical toxicity studies on VLP based SARS-CoV-2 vaccine candidate. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered information items and after deliberation, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by thirteen IBSCs, nil annual compliance report and nil medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

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

The Minutes are approved.

(Prof. Y.K. Gupta) Chairman, RCGM

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