

MINUTES OF THE 217th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 14.10.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 217th 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 216th meeting of the RCGM held on 30.09.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 216th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 49 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 Alpha, Beta and Gamma strains of SARS-CoV-2 virus, live attenuated codon de-optimized Beta and Delta variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of live attenuated codon de-optimized recombinant Zika virus vaccine, Vedolizumab biosimilar; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on live attenuated codon de-optimized recombinant SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, recombinant human Insulin Glargine, recombinant monoclonal antibody Denosumab, recombinant Insulin Isophane. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

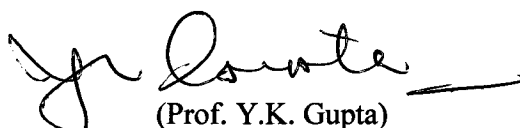
The Committee considered information items and after deliberation, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by eleven IBSCs, nil annual compliance report and one 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

Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Former Director IITR, Lucknow and President, AIIMS, Bhopal	Chairman
2.	Dr. Alka Sharma, Senior Adviser/Scientist 'H' and 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(Acting Chairman)	Member
5.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
6.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
9.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
10.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
12.	Dr. Vinay Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad	Member
13.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
14.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist 'F'- ICMR', Nominee- ICMR	Member
15.	Dr. Sanjeev Khosla, Director-IMTECH, Chandigarh, Nominee-CSIR	Member
16.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asstt Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee - CDSCO	Member
17.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety & Member Secretary-GEAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Nominee - MoEF& CC	Member
18.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council For Research In Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry Of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
19.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
20.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
21.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
22.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
23.	Dr. Sumita Kumari, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
24.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	



26	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist
27	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist
Others:	
28	Dr. Rajendra Lingala, M/s. Indian Immunologicals Ltd., Hyderabad
29	Prof. Suresh Mahalingam, Griffith's University, Queensland, Australia
30	Dr. K.M Dayananda, M/s. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad
31	Dr. C. Nirmala Raju, M/s. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad
32	Dr. KVS Narayana Raju, M/s. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad
33	M. Saravanan, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad
34	Dr. Amol, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad
35	Dr. Durga Bhavani.Konga, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad
36	Ms. Vishali Aravinda, M/s. Virchow Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad

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