

MINUTES OF THE 221st MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 09.12.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 221st 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 220th meeting of the RCGM held on 25.11.2021.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 220th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 19 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-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 Omicron Variant; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of RBD SARS-CoV2 HBsAg VLP Vaccine; request for removal of Drosophila from DGFT list of restricted items for import licensing, extension for completion and submission of preclinical toxicity studies of Aflibercept biosimilar. 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 applications on information items and after deliberation, appropriate decision were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

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

6. Other items

The Committee considered request submitted seeking exemption of RCGM approvals on COVID- 19 related research work that is categorized as BSL 1 and BSL 2-specific that neither requires direct handling or use of LIVE SARS-CoV-2, and appropriate decision was 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. Amita Aggarwal, Professor, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
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. 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. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
9.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	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.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asst Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee – CDSCO	Member
16.	Dr. Sanjeev Khosla, Director-IMTECH, Chandigarh, Nominee-CSIR	Member
17.	Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director, ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi. Nominee - ICAR	Member
18.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry Of Ayush. Nominee - Ministry of Ayush	Member
19.	Dr. Neelima Mishra, Scientist 'G', Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi. Nominee - DST	Member
20.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - MHA	Member
21.	Dr Madhumita Barooah, Assam Agriculture University. Nominee-State Agriculture Universities	Member
22.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F', DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
23.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
24.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
25.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
26.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
27.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
28.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	

