

MINUTES OF THE 227th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 03.03.2022 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 227th 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 226th meeting of the RCGM held on 17.02.2022.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 226th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 39 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 receive SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant, SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant; to transfer Whole Inactivated Virus bulks of COVID- 19 vaccine derived from SARS-CoV-2 (Omicron variant); to import SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant, Virus stock expressing Omicron variant protein; to conduct pre-clinical toxicity study of PEGylated Recombinant Human Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor, recombinant Liraglutide, Abatacept biosimilars, Teriparatide biosimilar, live attenuated recombinant Zika virus vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study report on Cholera Vaccine, Aflibercept biosimilar, Omicron specific mRNA Vaccine. 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 to conduct Biosafety Research Level-I trial of GE potato hybrid. After deliberation on each application including information item, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports


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

6. Other items

The Committee deliberated on status update on Constitution of a Sub-Committee for formulation of Cell and Gene Therapy guidelines, 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