

MINUTES OF THE 209th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 24.06.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 209th 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 208th meeting of the RCGM held on 10.06.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 208th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 33 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 pre-clinical toxicity study reports on Tocilizumab biosimilar, Filgrastim biosimilar; preclinical CMC data of anti-CD19 CAR-T cells along with request for waiver of preclinical toxicity studies. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

The Committee considered application to import plasmid constructs; reports on event selection of GE *Brassica juncea* lines. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate recommendations were made by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by seventeen IBSCs, Nil annual compliance reports and nil medical surveillance reports, and appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

Committee deliberated on the need of Guidance Document for collection, handling and storage of Environmental samples for existing/new/emerging pathogens in India and directed the secretariat to prepare the draft document for the same.

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

The Minutes are approved.



(Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra)
Chairman, RCGM



Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra, Former Director-CCMB, Hyderabad	Chairman
2.	Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR- NBPGR, New Delhi	Co-Chair (Agri)
3.	Dr. Alka Sharma, Scientist ‘G’& Head Regulation, DBT	Member
4.	Dr. Anand Kumar Kondapi, School of Life Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
5.	Dr. Gururaj Katti, Former Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist ‘G’, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
7.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru	Member
8.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
9.	Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
10.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
12.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
13.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
14.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asstt Drugs Controller(India), CDSCO	Nominee-CDSCO
15.	Dr. Ashish Kumar, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India	Nominee-MoEF & CC
16.	Sh. Sanjeev Arora, Deputy Director, Ministry of Home Affairs	Nominee-MHA
17.	Dr. Shilpi Paul, Scientist ‘E’, SERB, New Delhi	Nominee-DST
18.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist ‘F’, DBT, New Delhi	Member Secretary
19.	Dr. Sangeeta Agarrwal, CSO, BSU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
20.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist ‘C’, DBT, New Delhi	Secretariat Member
Biosafety Support Unit:		
21.	Dr. PoonamVishwakarma, Scientist	
22.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist	
23.	Dr. Reema Sharma, Scientist	
24.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
25.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	
26.	Dr. Renu Arora, Scientist	
Others:		
29.	Dr. Ramnath L., M/s. Reliance Bio, Mumbai	
30.	Dr. Girish Masand. M/s. Reliance Bio. Mumbai	

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