

MINUTES OF THE 210th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 19.07.2021 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

Dr. Alka Sharma, Advisor/Scientist 'G' DBT, and Head Regulation, DBT informed the RCGM regarding the amendment in the RCGM composition vide O.M dated 12.07.2021.

Dr. Alka Sharma welcomed the Chairman Prof. Y.K. Gupta. The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 210th 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 209th meeting of the RCGM held on 24.06.2021

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 209th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 46 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 strain, South African SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19 reference strain, SARS-CoV-2 isolate, hCoV isolates, recombinant (Non-virulent) adenovirus, Lentiviral Vector aCD19CAR SF, SARS-CoV2 mutant strains, replication-incompetent adenovirus type 5 (Ad5) with chimeric CD40L as adjuvant; to receive SARS-CoV-2 strain; to transfer drug substance of Whole Inactivated Virus bulk of COVID-19 vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on SARS-COV-2 subunit vaccine; pre-clinical toxicity study of Tocilizumab biosimilar, Varicella Zoster Virus gE vaccine, Denosumab 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 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 reports and nil medical surveillance reports, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

No Other item was consideration by RCGM.

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

The Minutes are approved.

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. Alka Sharma, Scientist 'G' & Head Regulation, DBT Nominee-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. Pradyumna Kumar Singh, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
8.	Dr. S.K. Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR- CDRI, Lucknow	Member
9.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bangalore	Member
10.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugan, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
11.	Dr. Rajnish Kumar Chaturvedi, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow	Member
12.	Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi	Member
13.	Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director, ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi Nominee-ICAR	Member
14.	Dr. Naryanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, Central Council For Research In Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry Of Ayush Nominee- Ministry of Ayush	Member
15.	Sh. Jayant Ganga Khedkar, Asst Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO, Nominee-CDSCO	Member
16.	Sh. Tarun Kathula, Director Biosafety, MoEFCC & Member Secretary-GEAC Nominee-MoEF & CC	Member
17.	Dr. Ashish Kumar, Scientist D, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Nominee-MoEF & CC	Member
18.	Sh. Sunil Sharma, Assistant Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Nominee-MHA	Member
19.	Dr. Neelima Mishra, Scientist 'G', Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi Nominee-DST	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. Venkatesan Ramasamy, M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Limited, Telangana

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