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To, The Awards Committee, Sun Pharma Science Foundation.

Dear Awards Committee,

I am writing this letter to nominate Dr. Gitanjali S. Deokar, Head, Department of Quality Assurance, MET'S Institute of Pharmacy, Bhujbal Knowledge City, Adgaon, Nashik, Maharashtra, India for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Award for her excellent research contributions in pharmaceutical and medical sciences basic research focused on the wellbeing of human beings, animals and nature as a whole.

I have been watching her since the beginning of her M. Pharm (post-graduation) study tenure. It was a proud moment for us when she grabbed the University gold medal, as she stood first with distinction in Nagpur University in 2001. Since then, I am witnessing her research journey. She worked with full determination and passion. I believe she has a bright future as a researcher, working on basic sciences for universal well-being. During her M. Pharm study tenure, she was the recipient of Suresh Kare Indoco Foundation Scholarship (2001). Further, when she registered for Ph.D. research studies, she was supported by Sir Ratan Tata trust scholarship merit scholarship for her research based on excellent educational record. (2003-2004, 2005-2006). In 2009 she was awarded with Mahakavi Wamandada Kardak Smruti, Adarsh Dnynyogita Award 2009 for excellence in academic performance. Received first Prize at Pharma-excipient poster award 2018 on global basis among 35 poster all around the world having poster entries from countries like Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, USA, England, India Etc. Some of the projects were sponsored by companies like Coloron, BASF, GSK etc. Pharma Excipients International AG 6312 Steinhausen / Switzerland Project title: Pl ant Seed Component s as Phar mac eut i c al Exc i pi ent s : Gi v e a t hought!

With her entry in Professional life her research journey began. She has a strong belief in her capabilities and targets she has to achieve in the near future. Being a hard worker and sincere towards her work she deserves recognition, which shall definitely boost her research journey.

Her research Profile links are mentioned below.

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https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gitanjali-Deokar

https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-gitanjali-deokar-2043117a/

https://www.adscientificindex.com/?university=MET%27s+Institute+of+Pharmacy%2C+Nashik

Her research contributes, Human well-being (United Nations, SDG-3, Target 3.4). She works on plant seeds for Prebiotics, Probiotics, Pectin, Bioactive Peptides etc. Work on Microbiome regulations through Food, for the management of autoimmune disorders (Arthritis, Inflammation, Obesity). She also deals with Agricultural waste (SDG-12, Target 12.2, 12.4, 12.5).

Request you to kindly consider her nomination for the said award.

Please do the needful.

Thanking You.

Sincerely Yours

Dr. Premchand Nakhat

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