

Dear Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards-2024 Review Committee:

It is my pleasure to write about Dr. Mirza S Baig, Professor at the Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering (BSBE), Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IITI). He obtained his Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, India, in 2008.

I met Dr. Baig during his pursuance of the prestigious Cambridge-Hamied Professorship at the University of Cambridge, U.K. during 2019-2020 & 2023-2024. Dr. Baig's research is focused on Chronic Inflammation and Drug Discovery. Dr. Baig has made excellent progress in his investigations into chronic inflammatory diseases and potential therapies.

Dr. Baig's strength, dedication, and motivation to pursue his academic goals are impressive. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed international journals as an independent researcher. Dr. Baig is the recipient of numerous national and international awards, including the Ramanujan Award (2015), Ramalingaswami Award (2015), Lady Davis International Professorship (2020), ASM-IUSSTF Indo-US Professorship (2020), TUM Visiting Professorship (2019), Cambridge University Visiting Professorship (2019), and the IUBMB Visiting Professorship at the University of Illinois at Chicago (2021), among many others. He currently serves as an editor/associate editor for several immunology journals, including Frontiers in Immunology. Dr. Baig has also been honored being fellow of for various national and international scientific societies, including the Royal Society of Biology, UK.

In summary and with great enthusiasm, I nominate Dr. Mirza Baig for the "Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards-2023", and I hope you share my enthusiasm and find his application to be truly compelling.

Dr. Yusuf K. Hamied

(Padma Bhushan Awardee & Chairman-CIPLA)