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#### TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

I, Dr. Prajakta Dandekar-Jain, UGC -Assistant Professor from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology, Institute of Chemical Technology, Matunga, Mumbai, Maharashtra, wholeheartedly endorse the application of Mr. Shailesh Sanjay Dugam for the "Sun Pharma Science Foundation- Science Scholar Awards 2024." Shailesh is a dedicated, motivated, and intelligent student who consistently demonstrates a willingness to tackle complex research challenges. His research has demonstrated great potential to contribute significantly to the field of the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

I justify this nomination on the following grounds:

Ph.D. Research Work: As an integral component of his Ph.D. research, Shailesh has conceived and developed a biopolymeric nanofibre-based multifunctional dressing for the treatment of chronic wounds, using electrospinning technology. This nanotechnology-based innovation has not only resulted in effective wound healing, and better efficiency than the traditional dressings but is also cost-effective due to the choice of materials and technology of development. The Indian Patent Office has recognized the significance of his work and has published a patent related to this study. Currently, the patent is awaiting an examination. In addition to IP generation, he has successfully authored and published I research paper (Thomson Reuters impact factor: 7.7) based on his Ph.D work. These endeavors underscore his capacity for generating high-impact, original research within his chosen field. These also demonstrate his prowess in critically analyzing and presenting his research. Apart from this, he has been also involved in grant application writing collaborative research, and execution of industry projects in the pharmaceuticals and biotechnology fields.

Research Contributions: Mr. Shailesh's research contributions are truly commendable. His portfolio includes over 13 research and review papers, and 1 book chapter in esteemed national and international publications

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Academic Achievements: Mr. Shailesh's exceptional academic track record during the undergraduate and post-graduate coursework is noteworthy. He has consistently demonstrated excellence, securing university rank first in the master's program.

Fellowship Achievements: Mr. Shailesh's journey is marked by several distinguished fellowships, each reflecting his exceptional research credentials and ability to propose and execute commendable ideas. Drawing recognition from his research accomplishments, he was appointed as a Junior Research Fellow on a DST-Nanomission project in October 2020. This prestigious fellowship underscores his dynamic role as a dedicated research scholar. Further, he was honored with a prestigious DST-INSPIRE Fellowship from the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, to pursue his doctoral studies. He is also a recipient of the esteemed Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship during his Master's coursework (2017-2019)

Awards and Achievements for Ph.D. Work: Mr. Shailesh's Ph.D. journey has been adorned with numerous accolades and recognitions, underscoring his exceptional contributions to the field. Over the last four years, he has presented his Ph.D. research work at several prestigious international and national conferences, showcasing the depth and significance of his work. Additionally, for his Ph. D work, he was selected for the "InSC-Young Researcher Award". His work entitled "Development of Silver Nanoparticle Incorporated Triple-layered Nanofibrous Dressing for Chronic Wounds" was selected for the top 5 oral presentations at the International Symposium on Advances in Drug Delivery Technologies (ADDT-2024) in February 2024 at BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, India.

Continuous his excellent contributions to science and healthcare, the Sun Pharma Science Scholar Award will provide, Mr. Shailesh Dugam with the necessary recognition and motivation to further his research endeavors, ultimately contributing to the progress of science and the benefit of society

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I strongly recommend Mr. Shailesh Dugam for this award and am confident that he will make the most of this opportunity if awarded this fellowship.

Yours Sincerely,

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