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This is to state that the research work under reference has not been given any award in the past. The contributors associated with my research were post graduate students, post- doctoral students, colleagues, some of them basic scientists from national institutions with whom I collaborate, and my junior faculty members of the department. I have also been associated with National and International projects related to malaria where some of the laboratory work related to advanced technology has been carried out abroad. The involvement of my students, junior faculties has been to carry out routine work like filling up patient details and monitoring of cases. They were also involved in collection of biological samples for routine and special tests in our laboratories and in maintenance of record. But for International and National collaborative studies, other collaborators were involved in generating proposals and analysing data. My work was purely clinical in these extramural collaborative studies. I have been the main clinical pivot for generating ideas, designing research protocols, generating funds, assessing patients, analysing data, writing manuscripts for publications. Some of the work involved multiple field trips to study patients and collect relevant blood samples for analysis, like the epidemiological work on filariasis. I conducted several drug trials for CDRI, Lucknow, for generating newer molecules in the treatment of filariasis. My expertise in malaria research helped me to generate funds for research and also helped me to be a Member of the Research Advisory Board and Scientific Advisory Board of National Institute of Malaria Research (ICMR) for several years. I am a SAC member of NIMR now. I was also a member of the committee for formulating Malaria Drug Policy for Government of India. My work on vector borne diseases earned me the membership of the Task Force on Vector Borne Diseases of Government of India. I created the Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at SCB Medical College, Cuttack for management and research on autoimmune diseases. I also created an immunological laboratory to carry out tests relevant for disease management and research. Currently, I am one of the PI of the multicentric consortium for study SLE in India, which has as its participants 9 premier medical colleges of the country. I was also instrumental in setting up the Multi-Specialty Research Unit at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, for multi -disciplinary research and have been guiding its activity as a member of the Research Advisory Committee. Recently, Government of Odisha has nominated me to the post of Director of Research and Development in the Odisha University of Health Services.



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