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Justification for nominating Dr. Babita Kataria for Sun Pharma Clinical Research Fellowship
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I have known Dr. Babita Kataria since 2015, when she joined as a non-academic senior resident in the Department of Medical Oncology at AIIMS, Delhi.

She graduated on DM resident in 2017 wherein she was hardworking and focused on patient care. As a part of her dissertation, under the mentorship of Professor Atul Sharma, she successfully conducted a phase III Randomised controlled trial "Erlotinib v/s Capecitabine v/s best supportive care alone in unresectable/metastatic gallbladder cancer patients with poor performance status".

She was selected as ad-hoc faculty at NCI, Jhajjar in 2020 and has developed protocols and policies of the department with supervision of her senior colleague, Dr. Akash Jha. She continued accrual of her dissertation post D.M. and presented the final results at European Society of Medical Oncology World GI Congress 2022 and was amongst the five recipients of International Developing Nations Travel award. The paper is in pre-publication stage.

In 2021, she conceptualized and successfully executed another phase II RCT in supportive care in oncology titled "To test efficacy of Olanzapine in improving health related quality of life in cancer patients on palliative chemotherapy". As of date, the trial is nearing completion of accrual.

She tenured as full-time faculty in November 2022 Her area of interest is gynecological cancers focusing on finding cost-effective alternatives for low-middle income countries for common cancers like cervical cancer.

NCI-Jhajjar as part of AIIMS, Delhi provides the ambient research environment for young faculty members like her to enable research that will have a lasting impact and will shape the treatment practices in India and worldwide.

I am confident that Sun Pharma Clinical Research Fellowship will help her successfully conduct her proposed research at NCI-Jhajjar & Dr.B.R.A.I.R.C.H. under supervision of Dr. Akash Jha.

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To whomsoever it may concern

This is to certify that it is granted, Dr. Babita Kataria will be allowed to avail Sun pharma research Foundation clinical research fellowship and she will be allowed to conduct here proposed research work under the research fellowship at NCI-AIIMS, Jhajjar.



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