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Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation in support of Ms. Mahaiwon Shadang for the Sun Pharma Research Scholar Award. For the last six years I have had to work closely with Mahaiwon and have been consistently impressed by her hard work and research capabilities as a student in the Department of Biochemistry.

She has been working on the R2TP complex, a unique co chaperone complex to the Hsp90 (heat shock protein) chaperone. Her abstract on her thesis work "the R2TP complex as a target of the human papillomavirus oncoprotein E7 in cervical cancer" was well received and awarded a "Certificate of Commendation" at the Annual Research Day organized by AIIMS, New Delhi on 18th October 2022. She also did her Masters' Program in Medical Biochemistry in the Institute under my supervision where her work on "investigating the prognostic implications of R2TP complex in Diffuse Large B cell lymphoma" has been published. As a graduate student advocating for science communication, she also volunteered her time as a Joint Secretary for the Society of Young Scientists of the Institute for an academic year.

In addition to her academic achievements, Mahaiwon is a collaborative and enthusiastic team member. She actively contributes to group discussions, offer insightful suggestions, and foster a positive and productive working environment.

Given Mahaiwon's educational credentials, experiences, and research interests, I wholeheartedly recommend her for the Sun Pharma Research Scholar Award. Her commitment and intellect are truly deserving of the award, and I wholeheartedly endorse her application. This award would not only recognize her past achievements but also provide the recognition and encouragement so as to continue to contribute and reflect on her research endeavours in the field of cancer biology. I request the committee to kindly look favourably on her application.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>riyaz978@gmail.com</u> if you require any further information regarding Mahaiwon's qualifications and accomplishments. I am confident that she will be a valuable addition to the distinguished list of Sun Pharma Research Scholar awardees.

Sincerely, Dr Riyaz Ahmad Mir

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