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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that I academically know **Dr. Ratnaprabha Maji**, MBBS, MD PATHOLOGY, Ex Senior Resident AIIMS New Delhi who is currently Assistant Professor in NRS Medical College. I knew her closely when she joined with one of my research collaborator, **Dr. Asima Mukhopadhyaya** in a collaborative project (PROVAT) on Ovarian cancer at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata. During that period, Dr Maji was well trained while working with Asima, MBBS, DGO, MD (Gold medal, AIIMS), DNB, MRCOG, CCT Gyn Oncology(UK), PhD(UK), MSc(London), Founder Secretary and Director, Kolkata Gynaecological Oncology Trials and Translational Research Group (KolGoTrg), Kolkata, Honorary Academic Clinical Senior Lecturer and associate, Newcastle University, UK, Honorary Consultant, Gynaecological Oncology, Barts Health NHS Trust, UK, London, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences, IISER Kolkata, International Mentor, Global Curricular programme, International Gynaecological Cancer Society (IGCS). Moreover, I was well versed with Dr. Maji in various scientific seminars and conferences and know she is keen in doing research.

I am also well acquainted with her supervisor/guide of Dr Maji's application, **Prof. Mitali Chatterjee**, MD PhD FNA FASc, FNASc, FAMS, FRCP, FTWAS, JC Bose Fellow. Dr Chatterjee is currently working at the Dept. of Pharmacology, Inst of PG Med Edn& Res, (IPGMER), Kolkata. Since 1999, I knew her, when she joined my laboratory as a research scientist after her MD and MSc. at Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata 32. Dr Chatterjee was awarded PhD degree in 2001 under my direct guidance. She worked with me on *Identification of biomarkers in leishmaniasis and its medical applications*. Since then we had many joint projects with DST, DBT, ICMR, WHO. We had many joint publications together.

Therefore, I sincerely believe that Dr Maji with her sincerity and hard working capacity is competent to complete her objectives being in such a productive laboratory. Dr. Maji selected an ideal research guide. At the end, **I convey my best wishes to Dr. Ratnaprabha Maji, who is an applicant of the Sun Pharma Science foundation 2023.**

Thanking you.

With Best Regards,

(Prof. Chitra Mandal)

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