## **SIGNED STATEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS**

I, Prof. Dr Mohammad Javed Ali state that I am applying for the Sun Pharma Clinical Research Award. The research work of mine (582 publications) is as per the policy of Sun Pharma Science Foundation to the best of my knowledge. The award here is being pursued for the intense research and development of a newer branch of medicine - Dacryology, as a standalone practice with all its clinical, education and research components. I have described three new diseases of the lacrimal drainage system with their clinicopathological classifications and management. The recent work of mine of using coronary stents into the tear ducts has successfully completed cadaveric proof of principle and will be deployed for living humans from August 2023. In the past, I got numerous awards for different aspects of my research and clinical work, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, the highest multi-disciplinary science award by the Government of India. It goes without saying that innumerable people from across the strata of scientific community, both in India and abroad have helped me get where I am today. The Institutes that played a crucial role are L.V. Prasad Eye Institute and Institute of Functional and Clinical Anatomy at University of Nuremberg. Among the People who mentored me and whose contributions have been significant in my life and my science include Dr Gullapalli Nageshwar Rao, Chairman of L.V. Prasad Eye Institute; Prof.Friedrich Paulsen, Vice-Chancellor, Friedrich Alexander University, Germany; Prof Peter John Wormald, Chairman, University of Adelaide, Australia; Dr D Balasubramaniam, former Director, CCMB, and Prof. N. Siva Kumar, Dean, University of Hyderabad.

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