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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards-2023 Review Committee:

It is my pleasure to write about Dr. Mirza S Baig, an Associate Professor at the Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering (BSBE), Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IITI). He obtained his Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, India, in 2008.

I met Dr. Baig during his pursuance of the prestigious Cambridge-Hamied Professorship at the University of Cambridge, U.K. during 2019-2020. Dr. Baig's research is focused on *Chronic Inflammation and Drug Discovery*. Using many skills involving cell biology, molecular biology, immunology, and structure-based drug design, Dr. Baig has made excellent progress in his investigations into chronic inflammatory diseases and potential therapies.

Dr. Baig's strength, dedication, and motivation to pursue his academic goals are pretty impressive. Dr. Baig has published significantly in peer-reviewed international journals as an independent researcher. Dr. Baig is the recipient of numerous national and international awards, including the Ramanujan Award (2015), Ramalingaswami Awards (2015), The Lady Davis International Professorship (2020), ASM-IUSSTF Indo-US Professorship (2020), TUM Visiting Professorship (2019), Cambridge University Visiting Professorship (2019), IUBMB Visiting Professorship at the University of Illinois at Chicago (2021).

Dr. Baig displays a robust independent work ethic, innovative thought process, ability to connect with members of the Institute, and efficiency in performing multiple administrative roles. In summary and with great enthusiasm, I nominate Dr. Mirza Baig for the "Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards-2023 ", and I hope you share in my spirit and find his application compelling.

Yours sincerely,



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