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To

The Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards Selection Committee

Sub: Nomination of Dr. Nitish R. Mahapatra

Dear Committee Members,

I am pleased to nominate Prof. Nitish R. Mahapatra of our department for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Award under **Medical Sciences- Basic Research Category.**

Prof. Mahapatra has made outstanding contributions in the area of cardiovascular research. He has published more than 60 research articles in reputed journals including *Cardiovascular Research*, *Hypertension*, *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Journal of Molecular Biology*, *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, and *Journal of Cell Science*.

In recognition of his scientific contributions, he has received a number of awards including Torrent Research Award from the International Society for Heart Research (Indian Section), C.R. Krishna Murti Award from the Society of Biological Chemists (India), Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship and JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Invitational Fellowship. He has been elected as Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India and Fellow of the American Heart Association.

I strongly recommend him for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Award for the year 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Guhan Jayaraman