Signed statement from the candidate to the effect that the research work under reference has not been given any award in the past.

This is to certify that the facts narrated in the different columns of the form intended for Sun Pharma Research Awards-2023 i.e., in the field of Medical Sciences-Basic Research are recorded faithfully and correctly to the best of my knowledge and belief. I owe the responsibility for the above facts. This is also to certify that the research works have been carried out in collaboration with the scientists at CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, R.G. Kar Medical College, Kolkata, and Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. The first research work, cum publication on the development of decellularized cell-free silkbased vascular graft was jointly conceptualized, formulated, and got one DBT-sponsored project of the Government of India. Initial material development and in vitro characterization were carried out in the Laboratory of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, and final validation in the preclinical animal model was carried out under my guidance. In the second work, the concept of the research part was developed by myself. Initial materials were developed in my laboratory, subsequently fine-tuned by CGCRI, detailed in vitro and animal experimentation at the preclinical level was carried out by me. The data generated from animal experimentation was the basis for further application in human patients. The research work as mentioned has not been given any award in the past

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