

## **Statement of Originality and Acknowledgment of Contribution**

### **To Whom It May Concern**

I, **Dr Divya Bhushan**, hereby affirm and declare that the research work titled "Study of Post-Mortem CSF 5-Hydroxyindoleacetic Acid (5-HIAA) Level and Its Correlation with Psychological Autopsy in Suicidal Deaths Brought at AIIMS Bhopal" has not been conferred any award in the past, other than those mentioned herein.

I have been fortunate to receive the ICMR Award of MD/MS thesis support, a Scholarship grant by MPCST at the 38th Young Scientist Congress, and a scholarship from the International Association of Forensic Science, Sydney, Australia. These awards were explicitly based on the merits of my research and its implications in the field.

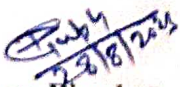
Furthermore, I would like to extend my gratitude and acknowledge the contribution of IISER Bhopal for their invaluable support in running my samples on HPLC. Their technical expertise was paramount in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the results.

While the conceptualization, research methodology, data interpretation, and manuscript preparation were majorly my individual endeavors and My guide support Prof (Dr.) Jayanthi Yadav, I cannot understate the collective effort and guidance of all those associated with the project. I sincerely recognize the importance of their inputs, without which the comprehensive nature of the research wouldn't have been achieved.

The aforementioned details transparently illustrate my contributions and the extent to which others played a role in the research process.

I hereby affirm the truthfulness and accuracy of the statements provided above.

Sincerely,



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