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Letter of support for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards - 2023

To whomsoever it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support for Dr. Lokesh Saini for applying to the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards - 2023. I would be happy to recommend him for this prestigious research award. I have known Lokesh for more than three years now. He completed his MD (Pediatrics) from the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, in 2012. He then completed his DM (Pediatric Neurology) from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, in 2016. He then worked as Assistant Professor (Pediatric Neurology) from 2017-2020 and then as an Associate Professor (Pediatric Neurology) at PGIMER Chandigarh from 2020-2021.

I am presently the Head of the Department of Pediatrics at AIIMS, Jodhpur. Lokesh's expertise in pediatric neurology and general pediatrics serve him well in planning and executing exceptional clinical and research work. His core research interests include neurodevelopmental disorders, neurorehabilitation, developmental and epileptic encephalopathies, and neuroimmunology.

In 2021, Lokesh joined as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Pediatrics at AIIMS, Jodhpur. And now, he is the Assistant Dean (Research) and in charge of the Pediatric Neurology Fellowship Programme. He is a recipient of the 'International Scholarship Award' - 2022-2023 and also 2020-2021, by the American Academy of Neurology. He won the 'Neurorehab initiative of the year - 2022' by the Indian Academy of Neurology for his work on early identification and rehabilitation of Autism.

Lokesh has a strong knowledge, which is evident from his papers. He had 'Advanced Level Training' on General Movement Assessment from Prof. Christa Einspieler from Austria and has many research collaborations. He has mentored various research works which has won awards at national and international conferences. He is interested in improving the outcomes of children at risk for neurodevelopmental issues by identifying and providing neurorehabilitation at the earliest. I feel that this research award would be ideal for him to gain the expertise, and the department will also benefit from the same, and I wholeheartedly recommend him. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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