Dear Sun Pharma Science Foundation Science Scholar Awards Committee,

Subject: Justification for Recommending Mr. Gera Narendra for the Sun Pharma Science Scholar Award

I hope this letter finds you well. I Prof. Om Silakari from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Drug Research, Punjabi University, Patiala. With great pleasure and enthusiasm, I write to recommend my exceptional student, Narendra, for the Science Scholar Award. As Narendra's supervisor, I have had the privilege of closely guiding and witnessing his academic journey and research endeavors. From the moment they joined our Lab, it was evident that he possessed a rare combination of intellect, passion, and dedication that sets them apart as a remarkable young scientist.

Narendra has consistently demonstrated a profound curiosity for scientific exploration and an unwavering commitment to excellence. His research work, titled "Raloxifene and bazedoxifene as selective ALDH1A1 inhibitors to ameliorate cyclophosphamide resistance: A drug repurposing approach," stands as an exemplary representation of his originality, methodological rigor, and transformative impact on Pharmaceuticals.

Beyond his research achievements, Narendra possesses exceptional communication skills. He has been invited to present his findings at prestigious conferences and has actively engaged in outreach activities to promote pharmaceutical education in the community. I believe that he is an ideal candidate for this esteemed award, having already achieved the Young Scientist Award at the 26<sup>th</sup> Punjab Science Congress 2023.

As Narendra's mentor, I am confident that receiving the Sun Pharma Science Scholar Award will further validate and encourage his continued pursuit of scientific excellence. The recognition bestowed by this esteemed award will undoubtedly amplify his research impact, open new avenues for collaboration, and inspire the next generation of scientists.

I wholeheartedly support Narendra's nomination for the Sun Pharma Science Scholar Award and firmly believe that he is a deserving candidate who will continue to make significant contributions to the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

Thank you for considering Narendra for this prestigious award. I have no doubt that his achievements and potential will continue to shine brightly in the world of pharmaceutical sciences.

Sincerely,

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