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To the committee (Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards)

I hereby declare that the research works “Taxanes convert regions of perturbed microtubule growth into rescue sites” published in Nature Materials and “Lattice defects induced by microtubule-stabilizing agents exert a long-range effect on microtubule growth by promoting catastrophes” published in Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, have not been awarded any recognition or award by any institution, organization, or individual up to the current date. The entirety of these research works and their content, as described, remains unacknowledged in terms of awards.

Regarding my contributions to these works, I am first author in both the claimed research work. I have contributed immensely with respect to conceptually designing the research, performing research experiments, data analysis and writing the paper.

In conclusion, I affirm that the research work has not received any awards and that the collaborative efforts of others have been instrumental in shaping the outcomes presented herein. I remain committed to acknowledging the contributions of all individuals and resources that have played a role in this endeavor.

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