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To,

Date: 08-09-2021

The Jury Members,

Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards

Subject: Nomination Letter for Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards

I introduce myself as **Prof. Kiran Kalia**, Director, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)- Ahmedabad. I am providing this recommendation letter for his application for Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards. I have personally been acquainted with Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade for quite a good time (> 5 years) as his **reporting authority, institute's head, and employer**. Rakesh is a pleasing personality and an outstanding character. His cheerful disposition makes him easily approachable amongst all.

Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade is a very innovative and productive faculty in my team with impressive research and scientific accomplishments. It is a pride for me and my institute that recently **Stanford University, USA** has awarded **Dr. Tekade** among the **Top 2% Scientist in Pharmacy and Pharmacology**, which is indeed a matter of pride for me and our country India.

To date, Rakesh has > 250 publications (Approx. Total 6700 citations; H-Index of 46), Editor of 07 Elsevier Reference Books, 04 Patent applications (filed from NIPER-A), and several editorials to his credit. He has also published a paper as a First author with **ACS-Chemical Reviews**, which has a notable 2021 impact factor of 60.52.

I must state that Dr. Rakesh has given innovative heights and directions to our institute. Today, he has become a vital asset to our institute, NIPER, and India. Before joining NIPER, he gained significant research and teaching experience while working with countries viz: UK, USA, Malaysia, India. He has taken two postdoctoral training from the **University of Hawaii-USA** (Postdoc-I) and **UTSouthwestern Medical Centre, Dallas-USA** (Postdoc-II), as well as attended the **University of Central Lancashire, Preston-UK** (Commonwealth Fellow-UK).

I am very satisfied with the services and association with Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade. Backed by his accomplishments and services to the Pharma community, **I recommend Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards** with absolute confidence.

If you need any other information regarding his application, please do not hesitate to contact my office: director@niperahm.ac.in or write me at: kirankalia@gmail.com

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