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To the Sun Pharma Science Foundation,

I, Ms. Sonal Fande, the undersigned nominee for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Science Scholar Awards, and Prof. D. Sriram, the undersigned supervisor of the thesis titled " **Bacteria-on-a-chip: Towards deciphering antimicrobial resistance worldwide in E. coli,"** hereby affirm the absence of any conflict of interest, whether academic or financial, concerning the thesis.

As the nominee, I declare that the research presented in the thesis is the result of my independent and original work. I have not engaged in any activities that might compromise the integrity or impartiality of the research. I have conducted this research honestly, adhering to the highest ethical standards, and disclosed all relevant sources of financial support and potential conflicts.

As Prof D. Sriram, I affirm that I have guided and supported the nominee during this research. I further confirm that I have no competing academic or financial interests that could impact the objectivity or validity of the research presented in the thesis. I have exercised due diligence to ensure the nominee's work is represented accurately and ethically.

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We affirm that no conflicts of interest, whether academic or financial, would compromise the credibility or impartiality of the research findings presented in the thesis.

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Yours Sincerely,

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