**f. Signed** statement from the applicant to the effect that the research work under reference has not been given any award in the past. The applicant should also indicate the extent of the contribution of others associated with the research and he/she should clearly identify his/her achievements.

This is to confirm that I have not received any award since 2012 when I received the National Bioscience Award for Career Development. The research work under reference for the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Award stated here is based on the work done primarily in the last 5 years and has not been given any award in the past. Each of the 10 major papers that I cited was done majorly by my PhD students or postdoctoral trainees as evidenced by their first authorship. I have been the corresponding author of all the ten papers. While most, if not all, experimental work in each paper is done by my lab, we collaborate to take help in bioinformatic-based analyses, use important tools and reagents as well as for specific technical expertise. Contributions of each author in all these publications have been mentioned in the respective articles.

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