RECOMMENDATION

It is my pleasure to write this note recommending Ms. Meenakshi Sharma for a postdoctoral research position. I know Ms. Meenakshi for about four years as a Ph. D. student at the Centre. She came with a Masters degree in Toxicology and an undergraduate degree in Zoology. The two disciplines that she was exposed to helped her in carrying out a project relating to natural product chemistry and medicinal chemistry. She is familiar with organic synthesis techniques as well as animal experimentation. She gained a good understanding of the basic concepts and the intricacies of the methodologies she utilized. During her Ph. D. Ms.Meenakshi has made important contribution in terms of modifying the active component of garlic to increase its stability and utility. Two patents have been filed on this strategy. She is hard working and committed. She has a pleasant personality and can get along with colleagues and teachers very well.

She was selected as teaching assistant during her Ph. D. As a part of her responsibility she conducted practical classes for M.Sc. students in Toxicology and Pharmacology. She also worked as teaching assistant for the practical classes for Genetics with me. I appreciate her initiative to learn new techniques and sincerity in carrying out the responsibilities assigned to her.Recently she has received a competitive grant from the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. India and has been carrying out project effectively. She will be an asset to an organization contributing to systematic execution of work and research.

I have no hesitation in recommending her for a research position. I wish her success in all her endeavors.

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