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To,

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Dear Dr. Neeti Sharma

I am pleased to inform you that the School of Engineering at Ajeenkya D Y Patil University has been awarded research funding in the amount of Rs 30 lakh. The time duration of the project is a maximum of 2 years.

This grant is intended to support our “Cysteine-rich peptides as novel antibiotics” project, which aims to identify and discover novel antimicrobial peptides from Medicago plants. Some of the cysteine-rich peptides from Medicago are already known to possess excellent antimicrobial activities. The major aim of this project is to identify and characterize these antimicrobial peptides with enhanced antimicrobial activity. The current project will lead to novel peptides that are effective against Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and other antibiotic-resistant bacteria. These peptides have different kinds of charge. Thus, these peptides can be the new way to encounter antibiotic-resistant microbes.

We appreciate the support and collaboration and are excited about the potential impact of our research. The funds can be used to generate research infrastructures in the university and hire manpower for the successful running of the project. We are committed to achieving the objectives outlined in our proposal and will ensure regular updates on our progress. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further information or documentation.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely,

With Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sahil Sharma'.

Sahil Sharma

Manager



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