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Dr. Jatindra Nath Mohanty and Dr. Animesh Pattnaik,

Subject: Seed Money Research Grants 2023-24

Greetings from the Office of the Registrar

Thank you for submitting a proposal entitled 'Phytochemical Profiling of Black Rice (*Oryza sativa* L) Collected from Hilly Terrain of Southern Odisha and its Surveillance against MDR Bacteria' for seed money research grants for the year 2023-24. The project has been evaluated and the Committee is pleased to announce that, in principle, your proposal has been granted. In the first instance, it may be noted that the evaluators have mentioned that the focus on black rice from South Odisha appears very interesting. Further, the phytochemical extraction and its bioinformatic prediction of active ingredients with antibiotic/ anti-microbial activity is encouraging.

However, there are a few comments that you need to address prior to (by 5th October) seeking an advance for the commencement of the project.

1. The output is not very well focussed.
2. The deliverables should be clearly outlined (publications/patents).
3. What chemicals you wish to purchase and in what quantities and indicate their availability already in the University labs
4. mRNA sequencing, if done in known labs, why should it cost so much

The Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) is attached for your consideration. Please note that the SoP for Seed Money Research Grants should be carefully followed as it sets out the conditions for conducting the research. Please sign the declaration and return the same to the Office of Dean SDG.

Here is wishing you all the very best in undertaking the project and look forward to the outcome.

Regards,

Anita Patra
Registrar