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DEPARTMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY - CANCER METASTASIS

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

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**Invitation letter for Mr. Darpan Phagiwala, born March 29, 1995 in Jaipur, Rajasthan – India**

Dear Mr. Phagiwala,

It is my pleasure to invite you to come for one of our 2 currently available doctorate student positions which will be covered with an E13 65% (Stufe 1) contract, starting as soon as you will have arrived here in Mannheim, Germany, as estimated from now approximately from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The position and contract is currently available for the duration of 2 years. The position will be held at my Dept. of Experimental Surgery/Cancer Metastasis, Medical Faculty Mannheim, Ruprecht-Karls-University of Heidelberg, and your prospected salary will be approximately 2750 Euro brutto (gross payment) and about 1830 Euro netto (net payment) per full month.

Our research focus and purpose of your stay will be to work at mechanisms of cancer metastasis (focus at gastrointestinal tumours), especially in colorectal cancer, and on novel mechanisms leading to colorectal carcinogenesis and (metastatic) progression, including mechanisms potentially initiated by infectious agents. Towards this end, you will work with all our established cell culture, cell and molecular biology methods and in vitro and in vivo models we have at hand, which are able to investigate specific steps of the metastatic cascade. You might also involve work with (in part targeted) therapeutics to investigate whether response to some therapeutics is modulated by aforementioned mechanisms, or whether particular targeted diagnostic agents could be used to contribute to a more specific diagnosis of carcinogenesis of metastatic cells. All

conditions and equipment, as well as a high level of expertise can be provided optimally at our department to support you and your project throughout the entire time of your stay.

We will be looking very much forward to you joining our department.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heike Allgayer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Prof. Dr. med. Heike Allgayer, MD, PhD