

## Appendix-A

### 1st Meeting with Mentor

As part of iGEM's Mentorship Program, our team-**iGEM-IISER Bhopal** had its first meeting with our Mentor Miss. **Snehal Kadam**, over Video Call on August 4, 2018. Starting from introducing our team and the project idea, we talked about the work progress, and discussed our specific queries regarding the problems faced during lab-work. Miss. Kadam gave us insight on the importance of creating awareness regarding our project in schools and colleges nearby. We discussed few of our plans for Human Practices and ways to make them more impactful as well.

She urged us to look into the future scope of our project and have an outlining idea regarding its designing for practical purposes. She suggested ways to approach potential sponsors for our project. The meeting went quite well for nearly an hour and we are thankful to Miss. Kadam for her time and effort to help us out with our queries.

We look forward to the next meeting.

## **2nd Meeting**

### **3rd September, 2018**

Our team IISER-Bhopal-India had its 2nd Skype call with Ms. Kadam on 3rd September, 2018. We discussed at length about our experiences regarding iGEM Day- our initiative to promote iGEM and Synthetic Biology at our college. We discussed the status of our wet-lab work and she helped us troubleshoot our ligation-reactions. We talked about ways to extend collaborations with other teams.

She helped us understand iGEM's guidelines for DNA Parts Submission and specific medal criteria. Ms. Kadam shared her personal experience on participating in Giant Jamboree and gave us insight on international travel and stay. The meeting was quite helpful and we than Ms. Kadam for her time and effort.