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I, Dr. Sunil K Arora, Professor of Immunology, Department of Immunopathology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, do hereby declare that the research work under reference has not been given any award in the past. The research work has been done in my laboratory under my direct supervision and guidance by my research students and their contribution as student have been duly acknowledged. The other co-authors in the papers have been my clinical colleagues in the institute who have contributed for the recruitment of patients and clinical management of these subjects included in the study. Such contributions have also been duly mentioned/acknowledged in papers appropriately.

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