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To

Editor,

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Dear Editor,

We are hereby submitting a manuscript entitled "Prayers and beliefs among relatives of children admitted in pediatric wards." for consideration of publication as 'Original Article' in Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.

We solemnly declare that this is an original work conducted at Shree Krishna Hospital of the Charutar Arogya Mandal and it neither is published nor under publication process as a whole or in part elsewhere. We further declare that all authors have approved the manuscript as submitted. Dr. Somashekhar Nimbalkar will act as a corresponding author on our behalf and will also act as guarantor. Bhavdeep Mungala collected the data, wrote the paper, and approved the final manuscript. Archana Nimbalkar conceived the study, designed the study, analyzed the study, gave critical inputs to the paper, and approved the final manuscript. Ankush Khanna collected data, wrote the paper, and approved the final manuscript. Karamchand Patil analyzed the study, revised the manuscript for important intellectual content and script and approved the final manuscript. Somashekhar Nimbalkar designed the study, analyzed and interpreted the data, contributed to writing the manuscript, and approved the final manuscript. The study was approved by the Institutional Ethics committee and all participants gave informed consent. There are no conflicts of interests that any of the authors wish to disclose.

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