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Dear Editor,

This is to confirm that the article entitled "*Pandemic of placebos in Covid-19*" submitted to the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* is original and has been co-authored by the undersigned. All authors have participated in the work sufficiently to meet the ICMJE guidelines for authorship. All have read and approved the manuscript.

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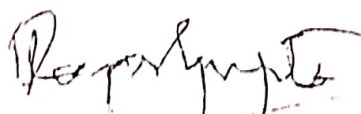
We feel the submission is suited to a medical ethics journal because:

*Covid-19 epidemic in India as well as all globally has spawned a series of preventive and therapeutic interventions. These range from useless non-pharmaceutical interventions to promotion of toxic pharmacological agents. We highlight some of such interventions in the enclosed short commentary. These placebos, while useful for morale-boosting, are not backed by science, therefore the term placebos. These are important issues and IJME is most suited for this debate.*

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