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Integrating ethics into the Physiology curriculum: a multi-centric study in Karnataka, South India

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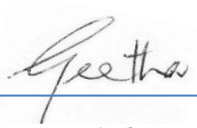
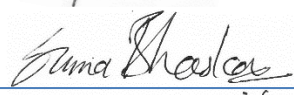
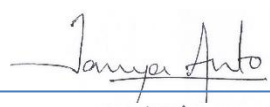
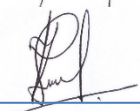
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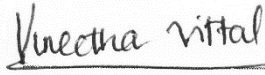
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