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RE: The Principle of Cooperation in Confidential Withholdings of HIV Status from Partners of Sexually Active Patients Who Do Not Intend to Disclose: A Role for Organizational Moral Agency

Dear Editor:

Please allow this letter to confirm that that the article entitled "The Principle of Cooperation in Confidential Withholdings of HIV Status from Partners of Sexually Active Patients Who Do Not Intend to Disclose: A Role for Organizational Moral Agency" submitted to the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* is original and has been authored by the undersigned. This submission is not under consideration for publication in any other journal.

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Thank you for considering this paper for publication. I look forward to hearing from you soon. In the interim, please accept my every best wish.

Respectfully yours,

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