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Dear Editor,

This is to confirm that the article entitled “-We had to sell the buffalo to pay for a brain scan”: a qualitative study of the experiences of people with mental distress attending private health providers in Uttar Pradesh, India” 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. The submission is not under consideration for publication in any other journal. We give consent to Dr Kaaren Mathias to act as the author for correspondence. There was no sponsorship and no competing interests for any authors in completing and authoring this study. We have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them. We are happy to edit this paper further if word count is a concern so please let us know if that is required.

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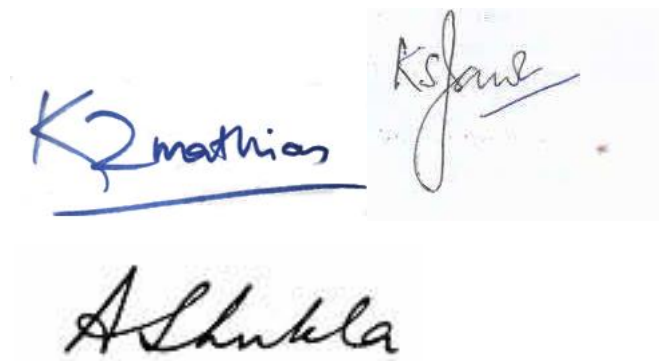
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