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This is to confirm that the article entitled "Violence against doctors in emergency room – today's plight and a way forward" 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 it is suited to a medical ethics journal because the violence against doctors and medical fraternity are on a rise. The solution for a sound and safe practice begins from correct ethical conduct from doctors' side and better understanding capability from the patient and relatives side. The need for morale guidance is the need of the hour. Our article in your esteemed journal would help to bring about a better working environment and healthier hospitals for both the service provider and the beneficiary.

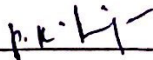
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