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Dear Editor,

This is to confirm that the article entitled “**Why a new ethical framework is needed to eliminate disability discrimination. A new learning from the pandemic**” 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.

This paper does not collect any data from the patients or any other respondents, and that's why informed consent is not necessarily important for this paper. By the way, in our article, we use two patients' names “Michael Hickson” and “22-year-old Ginny” and their history directly without their consent. We want to make it clear here, that these patients' Infos are not the first data that we used, we just cite it from the press/media reports that we already cited in our article.

The submission is not under consideration for publication in any other journal. We give consent to **Dr Gausul Azam Ranju** to act as the author for correspondence.

We have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them.



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