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Dear Editor,

This is to confirm that the article entitled “Continue with ICU care – he is a spiritual being” 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 have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them. We feel the submission is suited to a medical ethics journal since this case study illustrates the inertia that could result in differences of ICU care and consequently also the moral distress. These issues are described and addressed by virtue of involving an ethics consultant at an earlier stage, as well as creating institutional mechanisms to address issues.

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