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This is to confirm that the article entitled '**Patient outcomes in Rheumatoid Arthritis on conventional DMARDs, in an Indian setting.**' 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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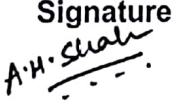

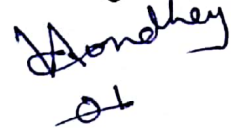
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