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Dear Editor,

This is to confirm that the article entitled “**Ethical and legal challenges associated with decisions to forgo life-sustaining treatment at end-of-life: an ethical case deliberation from Sri Lanka**” 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 the submission is suited to a medical ethics journal because: *This article describes a terminal patient with cancer in whose case, many ethical aspects were violated in terms of deciding on life-sustaining treatment. Albeit such occurrences would be minimal in the developed parts of the world, they still exist in the developing healthcare systems such as Sri Lanka. We have discussed the deficiencies in the existing policies and practice that lead to such issues and recommended modifications in light of evidence from well-established ethics-based clinical settings.* (in up to 100 words)

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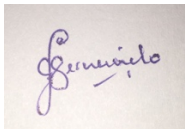
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