

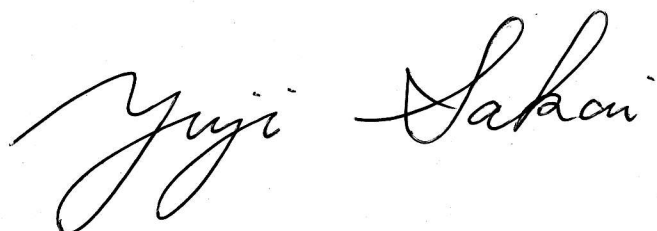
Informed consent statement: All the treatment procedures were performed after obtaining the informed consent in writing from the patients.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuji Sakai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Yuji" is written with a large, sweeping initial 'Y' that extends downwards. The last name "Sakai" is written in a more compact, cursive script.