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Dear Professor Godefridus J. Peters,

On behalf of all the co-authors, I am submitting the enclosed manuscript for potential publication in *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Upon submitting the article, the authors declare they have no conflict of interest. I attest that this manuscript has never been published or submitted in any related papers from the same study and is prepared following the instructions to authors.

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