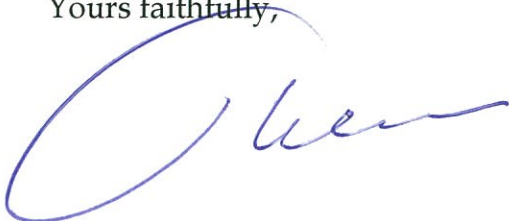


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Dear editor,

I confirm that our manuscript contains the informed consent statement. The requirement for informed consent was waived because of the retrospective study design.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'K' followed by 'laase'.

Dr. J.M. Klaase