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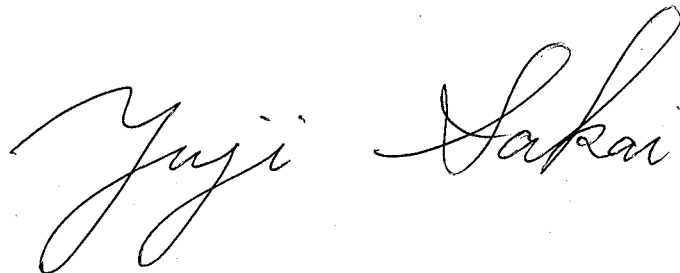
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Prospective Study

New tapered metallic stent for unresectable malignant hilar bile duct obstruction

Clinical trial registration: UMIN Clinical Trial Registry (UMIN000004758).

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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 on the left, and the last name "Sakai" is on the right, connected by a thin line. The "Y" in "Yuji" has a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the left. The "S" in "Sakai" is large and loops around the "a" and "i".