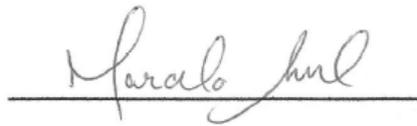


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The research protocol was approved by the Research Ethics Committee at Universidade Federal de Ciências da Saúde de Porto Alegre (UFCSPA) (protocol 367511/2011, approval report 14/2014) and complied with the guidelines of the Brazilian Ministry of Health.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcelo Appel-da-Silva", is written above a horizontal line.

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