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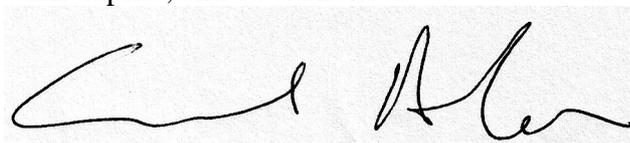
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Best regards.

Carlo Aprile, and co-authors.

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