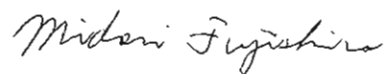


I, Midori Fujishiro, as the corresponding author, confirm that informed consent was obtained from all patients enrolled in this study.

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