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We herein state that the Ethics Board of GEDIIB (Brazilian Study Group of IBD) declared that informed consent was not necessary in the study entitled "Risk Stratification and Geographical Mapping of Brazilian Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Patients During COVID-19 Outbreak: Results From A Nationwide Survey". As this is a cross-sectional survey analyzing anonymous data, and information used derived from an unidentified database, informed consent from each individual was waved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Abel Quaresma". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Abel" and the last name "Quaresma" clearly distinguishable.

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