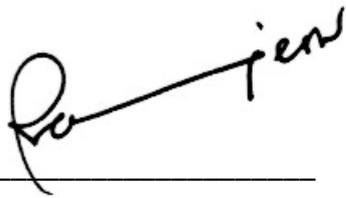


## Informed Consent Statement

Informed consent was obtained from the voluntarily recruited patients. They were briefed on the purpose of the study and its implication prior to donating 10 ml of peripheral blood. Patient's history on medication and management of diabetes was collected with permission of the relevant patients

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajesh Ramasaamy', written over a horizontal line.

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