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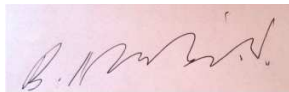
**A Comparative Clinical Study Of Ultrasound-Guided A1 Pulley Release Versus  
Open Surgical Intervention In The Treatment Of Trigger Finger**

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All study participants, or their legal guardian, provided informed written consent prior to study enrollment.

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