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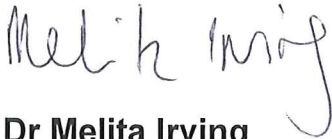
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to confirm that written informed consent was obtained in respect of genetic testing for the GDF5 gene in the family described in the manuscript submitted by Leonidou *et al.*

Yours faithfully



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