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Following a thorough review of authorship contributions during the submission process, it was identified that two additional individuals made substantial contributions at a later stage of the manuscript development. Their involvement was primarily focused on assisting during the revision process and contributing to the improvement of the overall quality, clarity, and presentation of the manuscript in response to editorial and reviewer feedback. In accordance with established authorship guidelines, we therefore request the addition of these two contributors to the author list. We wish to clarify that no previously listed authors are being removed; rather, the order of authors has been revised to accurately reflect the relative contributions of all authors to the final version of the manuscript.

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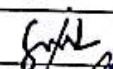
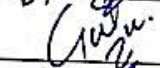

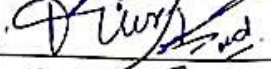
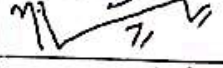
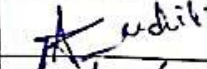

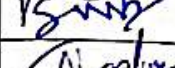

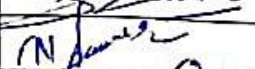
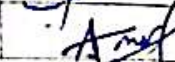
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