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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to confirm that Drs. Alessandro Pasqualotto, Tarsila Viecei, Renata Soares, Daiane Dalla Lana and Luana Bazana have performed duties as budgeted and as planned for the Histo-FACT trial as outlined in the contract between UMN and UFCSPA and as outlined in the notice of award from NIH dated September 5, 2025 (R01 AI195133-01S1).

As the contact PI for the trial at UMN I partner with Dr. Pasqualotto, the PI at UFCSPA. I am keenly aware of the duties of all trial personnel and confirm that these duties are being performed as promised.

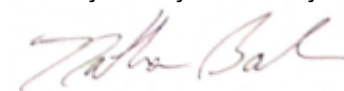
As the PI in Brazil, Dr. Alessandro Pasqualotto has participated in study planning meetings as part of the study executive committee, weekly team meetings related to study preparation and operations, data and safety monitoring board meetings related to the status of the study and clinical trial steering committee meetings to make major decisions in the trial. Dr. Pasqualotto has overseen the clinical trial sites in Brazil including clinical care directed by site sub-investigators, randomization, pharmacy, laboratories and data reporting.

Dr. Tarsila Viecei has worked as the medical care coordinator, working with sites to make decisions regarding enrollment and care for participants, building standard operating procedures, troubleshooting issues related to medical care and study procedures, managing adverse event reporting and communicating frequently with the study PIs and our data team at UMN – this list is not exhaustive. Drs. Renata Soares, Daiane Dalla Lana and Luana Bazana have worked as study coordinators writing study standard operating procedures, coordinating shipments, curating, cleaning and following up with sites closely to ensure data completeness, monitoring supplies including study medications and laboratory supplies, communicating with vendors, arranging shipments to and from Brazil in accordance with Brazilian and U.S. regulations where appropriate, coordinating sample shipments within Brazil, training staff on study protocols, managing regulatory compliance and troubleshooting issues with local investigators and staff – this list is not exhaustive.

In all cases, the duties performed have been appropriate for the number of budgeted calendar months at the salary per the budget. As the contact PI at UMN, I confirm that the personnel listed here have performed their duties as prescribed in the budget documents, grant application and have contributed directly to carrying out the scope of work as described in the contract between UFCSPA and UMN as well as those described in the notice of award beginning on the date of the award.

In addition, I would like to emphasize that while work was started immediately upon receiving the notice of award from NIH, it would not have been possible to have an agreement in place in order to administer award immediately. In addition, it should be noted that delays in the agreement being completed were administrative in nature and not related to the study personnel not completing related tasks.

Thank you very much for your careful attention to this matter,



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