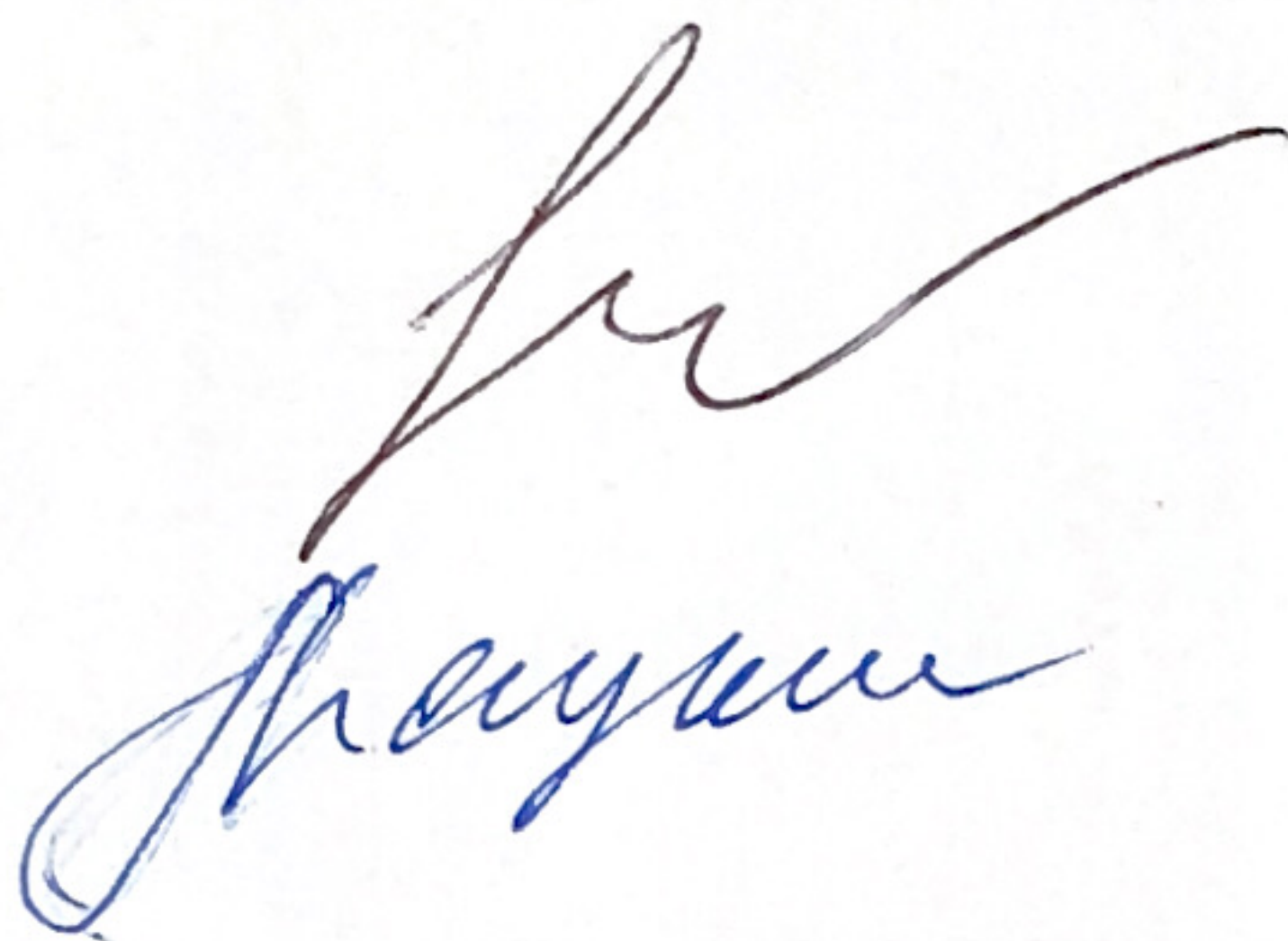


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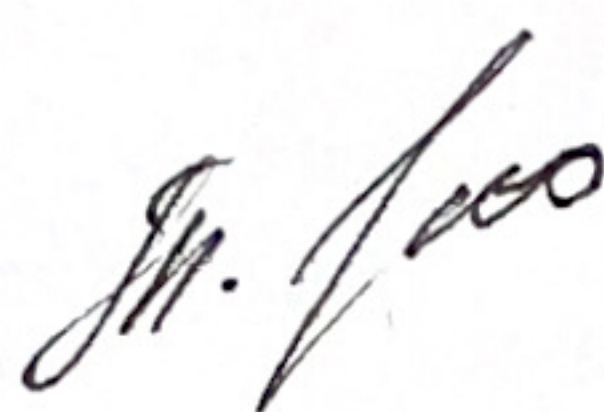
With this letter, we confirm that Professor Kenneth Storey from Carleton University, has significantly contributed to the manuscript entitled "Metformin to decrease COVID-19 severity and mortality: molecular mechanisms and therapeutic potential". His contribution was related to the preparation of revised version of the manuscript - improvements suggested by reviewers, critical reading of the manuscript and language corrections. Thus, all of us agree his authorship to the manuscript by signing this letter.



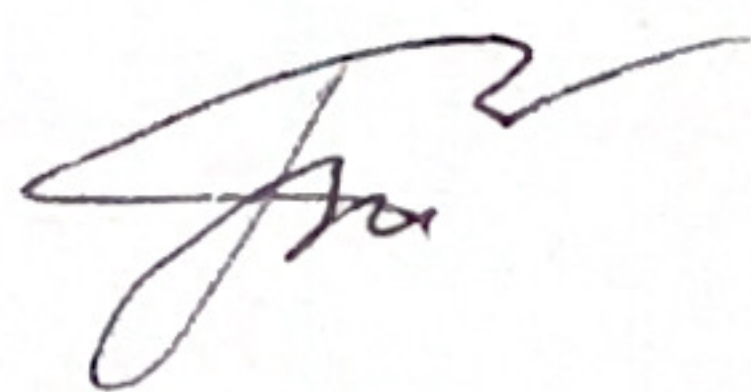
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