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Sincerely,

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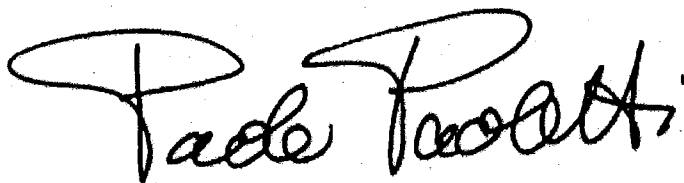
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul P. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

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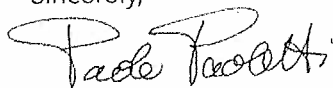
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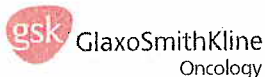
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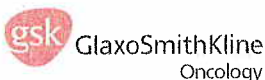
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