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Ethics Statement

I, Sarah Tházia Figueiredo-Lisher Viana, hereby declare the work in this article titled '*First record of rare deep-water Rough shark species of Oxynotidae (Chondrichthyes: Squaliformes) in the Western Indian Ocean with taxonomic comments*' is original, has no competing interests, and has not been submitted to any other journals.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Figueiredo-Lisher Viana', written in a cursive style.

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