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A handwritten signature in Persian script, written in blue ink. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'م. شرافخواه' (M. Sharafkhah). It is positioned below the printed text and partially overlaps the 'Ms. of Biostatistics' line.