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I am certified with a Masters of Clinical Investigation (MCI) and is qualified for biomedical statistical analysis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'shelat', with a horizontal line underneath.

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