### **BOOK REVIEW**

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Biostatistics is considered as the subject of applied mathematics whose application is broad in the field of Life Sciences and provides tools for collecting, organizing, presenting, analyzing and interpreting the numerical data. Khan *et al.* (2018) have nicely presented this book that covers all the topics which are relevant to application of statistics in Basic Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Medical Sciences. This book comprehensively covers the contents and outline of new PCI Syllabus of B. Pharm. with the course name "Biostatistics and Research Methodology" of Semester VIII. Apart from this, book nicely covered the PCI syllabus of M. Pharm. with course name "Research Methodology and Biostatistics" (Common for all specializations of M. Pharm. Semester II). This book will also be more useful for the of Ph.D. Scholars of Pharmaceutical Sciences, especially involved in Pharmacological Research.

This revised edition contains 20 systemic chapters. Each chapter is full of theoretical discussion, mathematical equations and explanations of the biostatistical terminology. Besides this, each chapter of this book contains examples and illustrative problems with their descriptive solution and some chapters also contains review exercises to understand the fundamental concept and principles very clearly.

Remarkably, all the chapters in this revised edition are very informative. Particularly, five new chapters will work as filler for the gap of knowledge. The Chapter 2, "Data Collection and Treatment" contains the basic concept of data collection, classification and tabulation which will definitely construct good foundation for the beginners in biostatistics. Chapter 14, "Estimation Theory and Hypothesis Testing" covers the concept of estimation theory, hypothesis testing and the importance of standard error generally encountered by research scholars. Chapter 15 and 16 are also helpful in understanding the test of significance for large and small samples. In my opinion, the new Chapter 18, "Nonparametric Tests" is needful for understanding the analysis of data which are generally small in size and useful in preclinical studies/pharmacological research of new drugs and development of novel pharmaceutical formulations. Authors have also nicely explained the basic concepts, assumption, choice and use of nonparametric tests along with 13 suitable examples, 17 illustrative problems and 41 review exercises in the Chapter 18.

Overall, the book provides wonderful compilation of an interesting and useful reading material for Biostatistics and understanding the fundamentals of Biostatistics. I recommend this book to the students, research scholars and faculty members from the field of Basic Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Medical Sciences. This book will also be very useful for industry persons and lifetime learners. Hope, this book will cater to the academic need of the students and also rank them well in competitive examinations. I

congratulate the authors for coming up with such a restructured and systematically arranged chapters in the revised fifth edition book entitled "Fundamentals of Biostatistics".

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