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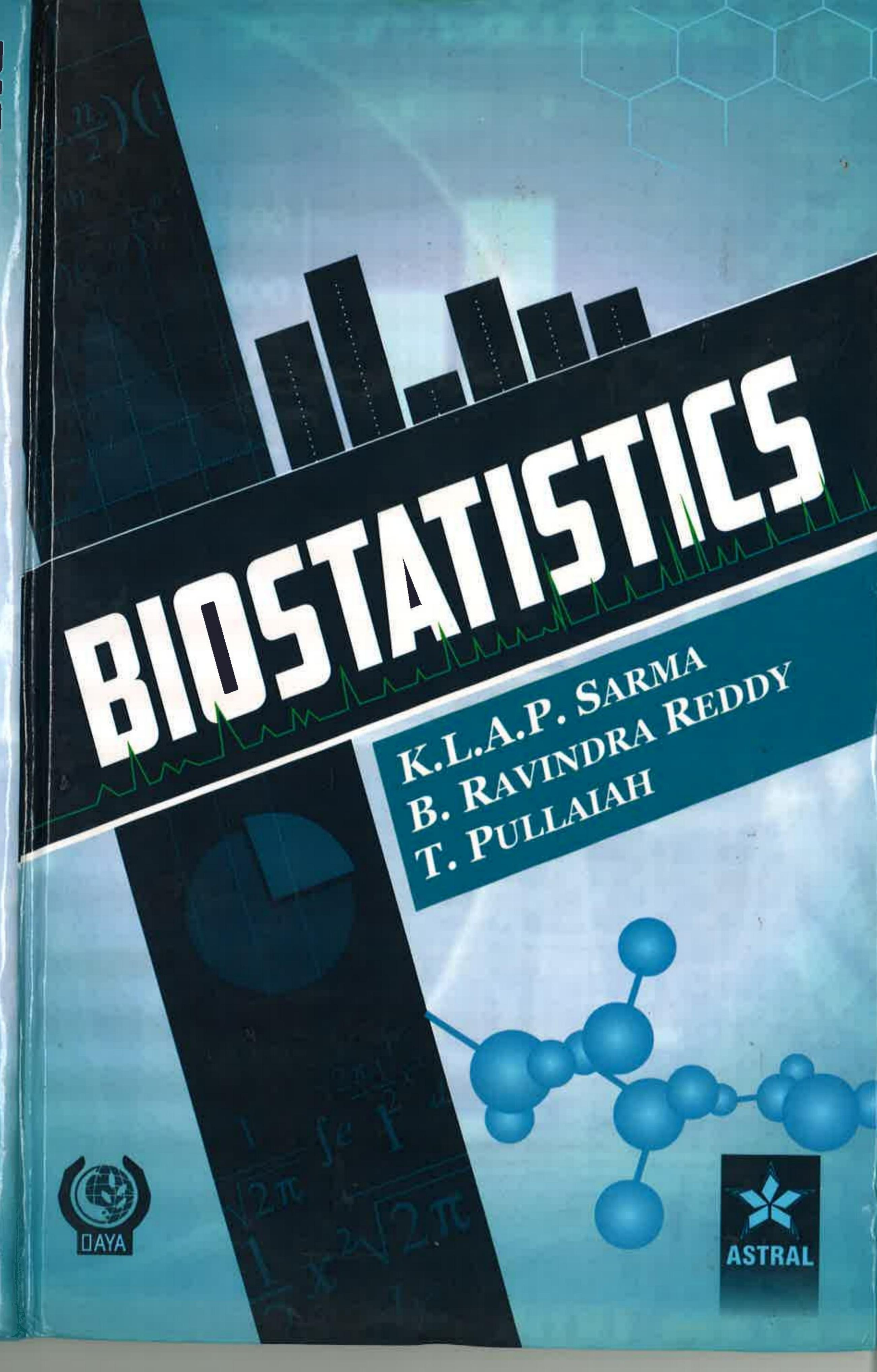
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PREFACE

Biostatistics is a part of curriculum of M.Phil. and Ph.D. written examination (Research Methdology paper), Post Graduate courses in Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Fishery Science, Medicine, Forestry, Pharmacy, Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics. It is also a part of curriculum in undergraduate courses of Medicine, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics. Not many books are available in the market on this subject. This book is answer to this requirement. In fact the idea of writing this book came from the suggestions made by many biological students studying, M.Sc. Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Sericulture. Keeping the needs of students studying above courses, relevant topics were discussed clearly, using less mathematical symbols with many real life examples. Much concentration was made to explain the need, applications of statistical tools and techniques for experimental data.

The book can also be used by research scholars working for their Ph.D., degrees in above fields along with M.B.A., Commerce, Economics, Rural development and engineering. Scholars working in Agriculture, industrial applications, fisheries, market research, share fore casting and forest reseach can use this book as 'hand book' which can give guidance in conducting their respectie experiments. This book covers the syllabus of Biostatistics of all the above mentioned courses. We request the Teachers and students to give suggestions for improvement of the book.

We thank all the teachers for their suggestions and stimulating discussion on the subject.

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