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Foreword

It is indeed my pleasure and privilege to write the Foreword for *Introduction to Biostatistics and Research Methods*.

Dr. P.S.S. Sundar Rao joined Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, when the Madras University introduced the study of Biostatistics as a part of the syllabus of Preventive and Social Medicine in 1957 for the M.B.B.S. students in all medical colleges of the University. During that time I was the Medical Superintendent of the CMC Hospital, and later from 1961 to 1970, I served as the Principal of the College and Head of the Department of Neurological Sciences. I had the privilege to work closely with Dr. Sundar Rao in my research studies, and in the Research Committee. He made a significant contribution to the development and understanding of Biostatistics. He and Dr. J. Richard had rendered considerable help and guided in several epidemiological studies and in the research activities in CMC departments. They had not only helped CMC, but on a national level, had been conducting Summer Courses—advanced studies for teachers and research workers. They had also started a regular M.Sc. (Biostatistics) course for the Madras University in their department.

This book contains all the essentials of Biostatistics, research methods, demography and health statistics that lay a good foundation for anyone interested in these subjects. All the examples are from the health field and are based on real experience. I am pleased to recommend this book for the medical and health personnel and for all those interested in Biostatistics.

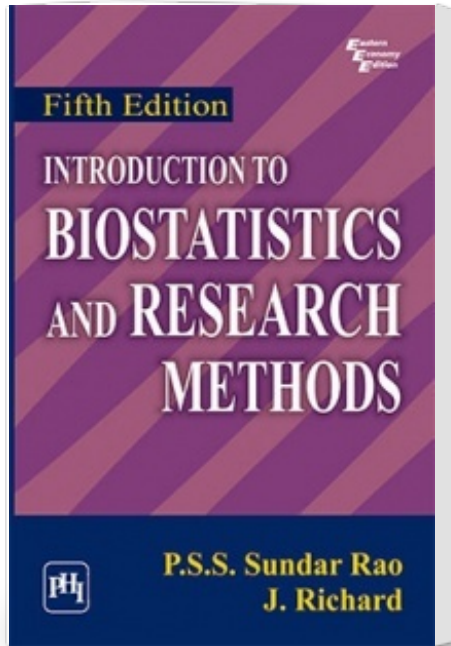
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