

## Biostatistics: An Introduction

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### Editorial

Biostatistics is an emerging field involving the application of statistical principles to a wide range of topics in biology i.e. process data related to living organisms. In biostatistics, the principles of statistics are applied to design and analyze experiments related to biological phenomenon. It involves the collection, summarization, and analysis of data from the above-said experiments along with interpretation and inference from the results. After performing a biological experiment data collected, lying in an unorganized way without analysis is of no use, unless it is properly sorted, presented, compared, analyzed and interpreted. For performing analysis, sorting and presentation of biological data, acquired from biological experiments biostatistics is serving as an extremely useful means. The experiments may be related to medicine, pharmacy, agriculture or fishery etc. Major applications of biostatistics are:

- A. In medicine where it deals with medicine, health services research, nutrition, environmental health and healthcare policy etc. related issues.
- B. Design and analysis of clinical trials in medicine
- C. Assessment and study in physiology and anatomy
- D. In Pharmacology to study effects of various drugs on animals, human beings, analyzing and comparing effects of drugs etc.
- E. Assessment of severity state of a patient with prognosis of outcome of a disease
- F. Population genetics
- G. Clinical medicine and preventive medicine for analysis of data related to diseases or disease stages etc.
- H. Ecology, ecological forecasting
- I. Biological sequence analysis
- J. In epidemiological studies, the role of causative factors is statistically tested
- K. Systems biology for gene network inference or pathways analysis
- L. Population dynamics and many more

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