

Book Review

"PHARMACOLOGY AND PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS" 2ND EDITION, BY R. S. SATOSKAR,
A. K. KALE AND S. D. BHANDARKAR, POPULAR PRAKASHAN BOMBAY, PART I.

The book consists of 410 pages and covers general pharmacology, central nervous system, local anaesthetics, autonomic nervous system, biogenic amines, respiratory system, cardiovascular system including blood and blood-forming organs and urinary system. While the book mainly attempts to fulfil the examination requirements of undergraduate students of Pharmacology, yet some recent advances in drug therapy have not been ignored as for example salbutamol, a beta receptor stimulant drug having affinity on bronchi in the treatment of bronchial asthma, disodium chromoglycate in the treatment of chronic persistent asthma, etc.

A number of tables comparing the actions of drugs e.g. cardiac glycosides with their doses, antiarrhythmic drugs in various arrhythmias, have been given and may be useful for students who desire ready made concentrated information.

The general get up of the book is average and along with the second part containing the remaining chapters of pharmacology the book will be useful and handy for the students of pharmacology. The approach, however, is more of a help book rather than that of a text book, and cannot be recommended to replace the standard text-books on the subject for the more discerning students.

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