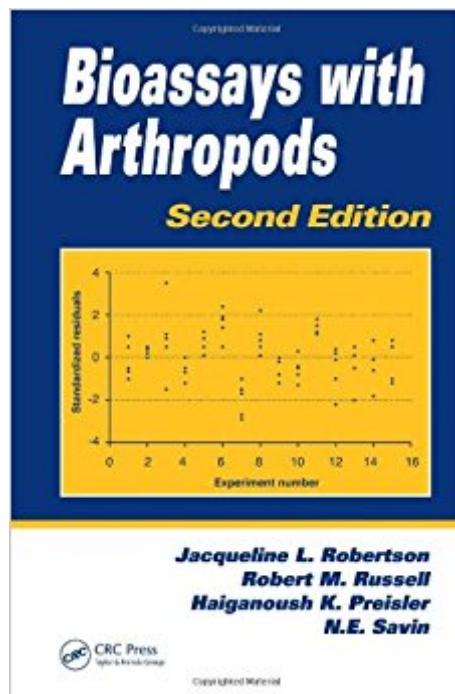


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Synopsis

Providing clear examples of the use of state-of-the-art computer programs for analyses of bioassay data, *Bioassays with Arthropods*, Second Edition explains the statistical basis and analysis for each kind of quantal response bioassay. The first edition was a must-have reference for designing, conducting, and interpreting bioassays: this completely revised and updated second edition is positioned to be the same. New in the Second Edition:

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