ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is my keen desire to express my deep sense of gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Professor J. J. Chinoy under whose direct supervision and guidance this work has been carried out. Thanks are also due to Professor P. Maheshwari of Delhi University for literature and help. It was very kind of Prin. R. D. Desai to give me facilities at the M. G. Science Institute, Ahmedabad-9. Indebtedness is also due to Dr. J. J. Shah, Dr. C. K. Shah, Dr. R.N. Chopra and Mr. A.K. Mankad for useful suggestions and to Mr. I. H. Kachhi and Miss N. K. Parulekar for plant materials.

N. K. Patel