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Definitions

Validation. The process of determining the degree to which a model is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model (taken from AIAA, 1998).

Qualification. The process of establishing confidence in a PBPK platform to simulate a certain scenario, in a specific context, on the basis of scientific principles, and ability to predict a large dataset of independent data thereby showing the platforms ability to predict a certain purpose. In the context of PBPK models, qualification is purpose and platform version specific (EMA 2016)

Sensitivity. The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model (numerical or otherwise) can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input (Saltelli et al., 2004)

Variability refers to variations due to inherent factors or natural causes of the system and *uncertainty* refers to variations caused by errors in assumptions and observations of the system (Nesterov 2001)

Identifiability

- Structural Identifiability: even with perfect data you cannot estimate the parameters
 eg y = a + (b/c).x
- Deterministic identifiability: if the model is structurally identifiable, if the data is poor then you still may not be able to estimate the parameters eg y = Vmax.C/(Km + C)



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Structural Identifiability of Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Models James W. T. Yates

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Local sensitivity

Michaelis-Menten

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{-V_{\text{max}} \cdot C}{K_m + C}$$

$$C(0) = D$$

$$\frac{dAUC}{dt} = C$$

$$S_{ij}(t_m) = \frac{p_j}{AUC_i} \cdot \frac{\partial AUC_i}{\partial p_j} \bigg|_{t=t_m}$$





Global sensitivity

Kendall (Biometrika 1942)

Intelligence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maths ability	1	4	5	6	2	7	3	9	8	10
Musical ability	4	1	3	5	2	6	7	10	9	8

Correlations					
		Intelligence	MathsAbility	MusicAbility	
Intelligence	Pearson Correlation	1	.758*	.830**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.011	.003	
	Ν	10	10	10	
MathsAbility	Pearson Correlation	.758*	1	.721*	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.011		.019	
	Ν	10	10	10	
MusicAbility	Pearson Correlation	.830**	.721*	1	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.003	.019		
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Correlations					
Control Variables			MathsAbility	MusicAbility	
Intelligence	MathsAbility	Correlation	1.000	.253	
		Significance (2- tailed)		.511	
		df	0	7	
MusicAbility	MusicAbility	Correlation	.253	1.000	
		Significance (2- tailed)	.511		
		df	7	0	



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midazolam (Bjorkman `01, `04)



Structural Identifiability results

	Nominal	Overall
Parameter	Value	Sensitivity
CL_{int}	19.3	1.022
P_{fat}	2	0.2978
P_{muscle}	0.45	0.1748
Pother	0.45	0.05385
P _{liver}	1.7	0.02629
P_{skin}	0.63	0.02583
P_{lung}	1.7	0.02341
P_{brain}	1.1	0.02189
P _{small}	1.5	0.009289
$P_{kidneys}$	1.4	0.008177
P _{heart}	1.6	0.007179
P_{bone}	0.1	0.005777
P_{large}	1.5	0.004194
$P_{stomach}$	2.4	0.003097
P_{spleen}	1	0.001704
$P_{pancreas}$	1	0.0008753

Local sensitivity coefficients:

$$S_{ij}(t_m) = \left. \frac{k_j}{y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial k_j} \right|_{t=t_m}$$

y: output k: parameter t: measurement time

Overall sensitivity measure:

$$S_j^{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sum_{m} [S_{ij}(t_m)]^2}$$

Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modeling of a Homologous Series of Barbiturates in the Rat: A Sensitivity Analysis

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Fig. 5 PRCC between each of the eighteen parameters and C_{last} of domperidone predicted in mice plasma

Global methods

- PCC and PRCC
- Sobol (Saltelli)
- eFAST