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# MI205: R for Pharmacometrics

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  - (c) About the Course Materials
  - (d) Licensing
2. Basic Mechanics in R
  - (a) Objectives
  - (b) Introduction to R
  - (c) R Objects and Data Types
  - (d) Getting Help Inside and Outside of R
  - (e) Create R Objects and Perform Simple Operations
  - (f) Import and Export Simple Data Sets with R
  - (g) Load an R package
  - (h) Write and Save an R Script and Execute Code from an R Script
  - (i) Homework Problems
3. Basic Plotting
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  - (b) Introduction
  - (c) Graphics Devices
  - (d) Traditional Graphics
  - (e) Lattice Graphics
  - (f) Homework
  - (g) Basic Function Writing
  - (h) Objectives
  - (i) Introduction
  - (j) Simple Functions
  - (k) Exercises
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  - (a) Objectives
  - (b) Introduction
  - (c) Simple Functions
  - (d) Exercises
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    - i. Exercises
  - (f) Default Argument Values
  - (g) Arbitrary Arguments
    - i. Exercises

- (h) Variable Scope
  - i. Additional Exercises
- 5. Data Summary
  - (a) Objectives
  - (b) Introduction
  - (c) Simple Summaries Using table()
    - i. Exercises
  - (d) Applying Summary Functions Across Vectors and Dataframes
    - i. Exercises
  - (e) Subsetting a dataframe using a logical vector
    - i. Homework
- 6. Data Assembly
  - (a) Objectives
  - (b) Introduction
  - (c) Considerations
  - (d) Source Management
    - i. Column Management
    - ii. Row Management
    - iii. Imputations
    - iv. Derived Variables
    - v. Cell Management
    - vi. Restrictions
    - vii. Reorganization
  - (e) Merge Management
    - i. Order
    - ii. Technique
    - iii. Contextual Alterations
    - iv. Characterization
  - (f) Exercises
- 7. Modeling in R
  - (a) Objectives
  - (b) Introduction
  - (c) Fitting a regression model with lm()
  - (d) Generic methods for model objects
  - (e) Fitting an "ANOVA model" with lm()
  - (f) Fitting a nonlinear model with nls()
  - (g) Fitting linear mixed-effects models with lme()
  - (h) Fitting a nonlinear mixed effects model with nlme()
  - (i) Homework

## 8. Modeling Outside of R

- (a) Objectives
- (b) Introduction
- (c) Usage of the `metrumrg` package
- (d) Preparing input files and data for modeling programs
- (e) Reading and plotting NONMEM output
- (f) Reading and plotting WinBUGS output
- (g) Summarizing a set of NONMEM runs
- (h) Fitting a nonlinear mixed effects model with `nlme()`
- (i) Homework

## 9. Advanced Function Writing

- (a) Objectives
- (b) Introduction
- (c) Debugging
- (d) Testing Input
- (e) Alerting the User
- (f) Branching
- (g) Looping
- (h) Controlling Visibility
- (i) Writing Methods
  - i. Background
  - ii. Implementation
- (j) Exercises

## 10. Advanced Exercises

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- (b) Introduction
- (c) The use of `ifelse()`
  - i. Exercises
- (d) The use of `do.call()`
  - i. Exercises
- (e) Usage of `all()` and `any()`
- (f) Using/Choosing an R graphical user interface (GUI)
- (g) Homework

## 11. Advanced Data Assembly

- (a) Introduction
- (b) Irregular Extraction
- (c) Stratified Imputation
- (d) Dynamic Transformations

- (e) Complex Criteria
- (f) Table Reorganization
  - i. melt
  - ii. cast
- (g) Exercises
- (h) Example Code

## 12. Advanced Graphics

- (a) Objectives
- (b) Introduction
- (c) Grid Basics
  - i. Units
  - ii. Viewports
- (d) Layouts
- (e) A Practical Example

# MI210: Introduction to Population PKPD Modeling and Simulation

1. Introduction to Population PKPD Modeling
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) Introduction to Population PKPD Modeling and Simulation
    - i. Population PKPD Definition
    - ii. History and Rationale
    - iii. Software
    - iv. Modeling and Simulation in Drug Development
  - (c) Introduction to Nonlinear Regression Concepts
    - i. Phase 1 Exposure-Response Examples
    - ii. The Method of Maximum Likelihood
    - iii. Maximum Likelihood Approach
    - iv. Least-Squares Objective Functions
    - v. Diagnostics for Regression Models (Individual or Naive-Pooled Data)
  - (d) Examples (Excel Workbook)
  - (e) Problems
    - i. Problem 1.1
    - ii. Problem 1.2
  - (f) Maximum Likelihood for Population Repeated Measures Data
    - i. Data for Population Analyses
    - ii. Hierarchical Population Mixed-Effects Models
    - iii. Population NLMEM Objective Functions
    - iv. Diagnostics for Population Models
  - (g) Study Guide Questions
2. Population PK-PD Data Requirements and Formatting
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) Data Terminology
  - (c) Data Specification for the NONMEM System
    - i. General Data Requirements for NMTRAN
    - ii. Data Requirements for NMTRAN with PREDPP
    - iii. Data Item Names
    - iv. NMTRAN Control Records: \$DATA and \$INPUT
  - (d) Data Assembly Points to Consider and Best Practices
  - (e) Practice Problems
  - (f) Study Guide Questions
3. Covariate Model Building
  - (a) Objectives of Covariate Model Development
  - (b) Common Covariate Model Parameterizations
    - i. Covariate-Parameter Models for Continuous Covariates

- ii. Covariate-Parameter Models for Categorical Covariates
    - iii. Combining Continuous & Categorical Covariates
    - iv. Desirable Properties of Covariate Model Parameterizations
  - (c) Data Reduction: Before You Start Covariate Model Building
  - (d) Covariate Modeling Methods
    - i. Traditional Covariate Screening Methods in Population PKPD
    - ii. Other Covariate Modeling Methods
  - (e) Inferences about Covariate Effects
  - (f) Other Statistical Considerations
  - (g) Aligning Methods with Modeling Purpose
  - (h) Practice Problems
  - (i) References
  - (j) Study Guide Questions
- 4. Simulation
  - (a) Topics
  - (b) Calling Random Number Routines
  - (c) Simulation Problem
- 5. Model Qualification
  - (a) Can We Agree on a Name?
  - (b) A Risk-Based Approach to Model Qualification
  - (c) What to Evaluate or Qualify?
  - (d) Model Qualification Methods
    - i. Assumption Checking
    - ii. Test Data Sets for Model Qualification
    - iii. Log-Likelihood Profile: Qualification of Parameter Estimates
    - iv. Bootstrap: Qualification of Parameter Estimates
    - v. Leverage Analysis
    - vi. Qualification Based on Predictive Performance
    - vii. Posterior Predictive Check
    - viii. When is Evaluation Less Important?
  - (e) Sensitivity Analysis
- 6. Direct and Indirect Continuous Pop PK-PD Models
  - (a) Background
  - (b) Basic PD Models
  - (c) \$PRED Example
  - (d) Linking PK and PD
  - (e) PK-PD Modeling Steps
  - (f) Direct PKPD
  - (g) Effect Compartment PK-PD

- (h) Non-Parametric Effect Compartment
- (i) PK-PD Model with Tolerance\*
- (j) Indirect PD Response Models
- (k) References

## 7. Regulatory Guidance and Best Practices

- (a) Overview
- (b) Regulatory Support for M&S
  - i. Regulatory Meetings/Interactions: End of Phase IIa Meeting
  - ii. Regulatory Review and Analysis
  - iii. Regulatory Guidance Documents
  - iv. FDA Population Pharmacokinetics Guidance
  - v. EMEA Guidance on Pop PK
- (c) Review of Best Practices
- (d) Systems and Procedures
  - i. Data Preparation
  - ii. Modeling and Simulation
  - iii. Reporting and Communication
- (e) References



# MI212: Advanced Topics in Population PK-PD Modeling & Simulation

1. Getting Started
  - (a) Course Introduction
  - (b) Metrum Institute R Web Server
  - (c) About the Course Materials
2. Inter-Occasion Variability and Mixture Models
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) Inter-occasion variability
  - (c) Mixture Model
  - (d) Problem
3. BQL data
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) BQL data
  - (c) Potential Approaches to Treating BQL Data
    - i. Likelihood Function
  - (d) NONMEM CODE
  - (e) Dealing with BQL (censored) data in WinBUGS
  - (f) Model checking with BQL data
  - (g) Problem
  - (h) Study Guide Questions
4. Advanced Pharmacokinetic Topics I
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) Parameter Identifiability
  - (c) Nonlinear Pharmacokinetics
    - i. Example: two-compartment IV infusion input with parallel nonlinear and linear clearance pathways
    - ii. Example: one-compartment IV infusion input with autoinduction of clearance
  - (d) Target-mediated drug disposition
    - i. Example: full target-mediated drug disposition model with IV bolus input
  - (e) Problems
  - (f) Study Guide Questions
5. Advanced Pharmacokinetic Modeling Topics 2
  - (a) Overview
  - (b) Parent-Metabolite Models with Plasma Data Only
    - i. Parameter Identifiability of the Parent-Metabolite Model with Plasma Data
    - ii. Modeling Urine Drug Data

iii. Modeling Covariance of Residual Random Effects

iv. Problem

6. Advanced PK-PD Modeling Topics 1

- (a) Overview
- (b) Direct and Indirect Continuous Pop PK-PD Models
- (c) Background
- (d) Basic PD Models
- (e) PRED Example
- (f) Linking PK and PD
- (g) PK-PD Modeling Steps
- (h) Direct PK-PD Models
- (i) Effect Compartment PK-PD
- (j) Semi-Parametric Effect Compartment
- (k) PK-PD Model with Tolerance\*
- (l) Indirect PD Response Models
- (m) Circadian Baseline Models
- (n) Overview
- (o) Example
- (p) NMTRAN Control Stream
- (q) References

7. Advanced PK-PD Modeling Topics 2 - Precursor Pool, Transit Compartment and Lifespan Models

- (a) Overview
- (b) Precursor Pool Models
- (c) Transit Compartment PD Models
- (d) PK Models with Transit Compartments for Oral Absorption
- (e) Lifespan Models
- (f) Problem
- (g) Study Guide Questions

8. Advanced PK-PD Modeling Topics 3 - Multiple Endpoint Turnover and Mechanistic (Multi-scale) Models

- (a) Overview
- (b) Mechanistic / Systems biology / Multiscale Models
- (c) Definitions and Introduction
- (d) Bone and Calcium Model
- (e) Mechanistic / Systems Biology / Multiscale Model Summary
- (f) Points to Consider
- (g) Problem

9. Disease Progression Model

- (a) Markers of Disease Progression
- (b) Application of Disease Progression Models
- (c) NONMEM Data Setup for Disease Progression Models
- (d) Types of Disease Progression Models
- (e) Disease Progression Models for Capped Scales
- (f) Disease Progression Models: Room for Improvement
- (g) Problem
- (h) Study Guide Questions

#### 10. Simulation Basics

- (a) Overview
- (b) Implementation of Simulation in NONMEM
  - i. Simple Fixed-Value Simulations
  - ii. Deterministic Simulation Based on Individual Conditional Estimates
  - iii. \$SIMULATION
  - iv. Simulating Data for One Individual
    - v. Simulating Population Data
    - vi. Simulating Covariate Distributions
    - vii. Simulation with Uncertainty

## MI250: Introduction to Bayesian PK-PD Modeling & Simulation

1. Overview of the current and potential role of Bayesian methods in clinical drug development
2. Introduction to Bayesian statistical principles and methods
  - (a) Bayes Rule
  - (b) Bayesian modeling & inference process
  - (c) Likelihood principle
3. Computation for Bayesian modeling
  - (a) Key challenge of Bayesian modeling and inference: high-dimensional multiple integration
  - (b) General computational approach: posterior simulation
  - (c) Brief intro to Markov chain Monte Carlo simulation
4. WinBUGS basics
  - (a) What is it? How do I get it? How do I run it?
  - (b) WinBUGS demo: Linear regression
5. Introduce PK/PD modeling case study to be used throughout the course
6. Hands-on example 1: Simple nonlinear regression, e.g., a PK/PD model relating a single exposure metric to a single continuous PD outcome
7. Topics in Bayesian model development using WinBUGS I
  - (a) Using WinBUGS scripts
  - (b) R tools for running WinBUGS and analyzing MCMC simulations
  - (c) Assessing convergence
  - (d) Programming hierarchical models (aka mixed effect or population models)
8. Hands-on example 2: Nonlinear mixed effects, e.g., a PK/PD model relating observed drug concentrations to continuous PD measurements at the same time.
9. Topics in Bayesian model development using WinBUGS II
  - (a) Model evaluation and comparison
  - (b) BUGSModelLibrary for pharmacometric modeling: Introduction & demonstration
  - (c) Dealing with censored data in WinBUGS
    - i. BQL data
10. Hands-on example 3: Population PK
11. Topics in Bayesian model development using WinBUGS III
  - (a) Informative prior distributions in clinical pharmacology applications
  - (b) Using the cut function in WinBUGS
  - (c) Programming models in terms of differential equations
12. Hands-on example 4: Population PK-PD using an indirect action model

13. Additional topics & closing discussion
  - (a) Selected published examples of Bayesian applications
  - (b) Considerations in deciding whether to use:
    - i. Bayesian or maximum likelihood methods
    - ii. WinBUGS or NONMEM or ?
  - (c) What didn't we cover?

## **MI255: Exposure-Response Modeling of Categorical, Count, and Time-to-Event Data**

1. Some general theory/background:
  - (a) Modeling from a probabilistic point of view: the likelihood function
  - (b) Maximum likelihood for continuous data
  - (c) Extending ML to odd-type data
  - (d) Hierarchical (mixed effects) modeling of odd-type data
  - (e) Bayesian modeling of odd-type data
2. Modeling binary data
  - (a) Logistic regression models
  - (b) Bernoulli model for individual binary data
  - (c) Binomial model for summary data
  - (d) Mixed effects modeling of binary data
3. Hands-on Problem 1: Logistic regression for binary data
4. Model evaluation, esp. simulation-based methods for categorical data models
5. Hands-on Problem 2: Longitudinal binary data
6. Modeling ordered categorical (ordinal) data
  - (a) Cumulative logit models
  - (b) Modeling longitudinal ordinal data: Comparative performance of approximate ML (e.g., NONMEM) and MCMC (e.g., WinBUGS)
7. Hands-on Problem 3: Longitudinal ordinal data
8. Modeling count data
  - (a) The Poisson model
  - (b) Variations on the Poisson model to deal with over-dispersion or zero inflation
9. Hands-on Problem 4: Count data
10. Modeling time-to-event data for a single event per individual
  - (a) Principles and methods of survival analysis for modeling censored data
11. Hands-on Problem 5: Time-to-event data: Constant hazard model
12. Models with time-varying hazard
13. Miscellaneous topics:
  - (a) Modeling repeated time-to-event data
  - (b) Modeling of inter-event time intervals
14. Hands-on Problem 6: Repeated time-to-event data
15. Closing discussion

# MI260: Model-based Meta-analysis to Support Decision-Making in Clinical Drug Development

1. Introduction
  - (a) Rationale and role of model-based meta-analysis in clinical drug development
  - (b) Why do it?
  - (c) What decisions benefit from meta-analysis and model-based meta-analysis in particular?
  - (d) Motivating examples
2. The systematic review and planning your meta-analysis
  - (a) Analysis plan
  - (b) Database construction
    - i. Data sources
    - ii. Data types, e.g., mean, mean change from baseline, percent change from baseline, standard deviation, standard error
3. Traditional meta-analysis
  - (a) What is it?
  - (b) Fixed effects meta-analysis
4. Random effects meta-analysis and meta-regression
  - (a) Measures of heterogeneity
  - (b) What the traditional random effects model is and how it differs from fixed effects
  - (c) Meta-regression
5. Selection bias and missing data
6. Combining different types of data
7. Network Meta-analysis
  - (a) Relationship to random effects meta-analysis
  - (b) Assumptions
  - (c) Fitting the models
8. Model-based meta-analysis (MBMA)
  - (a) What is it?
  - (b) Role of MBMA: Objectives not adequately addressed by traditional meta-analysis
  - (c) Why Bayesian? / Why BUGS?
9. Modeling sample mean data
10. Modeling sample standard deviations: why and how
11. Population simulations
  - (a) Simulating probable ranges of population estimands, e.g., population mean, probability of an event, etc.

- (b) Using simulation results to support decision-making in a competitive market environment
12. Issues arising from analysis of summary data
    - (a) Applying models developed to describe responses in individuals to summary data
    - (b) Analysis of longitudinal data
      - i. Pitfalls of treating treatment arms as “super-patients”
      - ii. Within-arm correlation
      - iii. Approaches for addressing these issues
  13. Modeling other types of summary statistics:
    - (a) Number or fraction of patients with a particular outcome or that experience an event
    - (b) Number or fraction of patients within each level of an ordinal scale
    - (c) Number of events per patient
    - (d) Summary statistics for time-to-event measurements
  14. Issues arising from use of LOCF and OC data
  15. Combining summary and individual data
  16. Incorporating a broader range of data and knowledge
    - (a) Leveraging the Bayesian framework to incorporate additional quantitative knowledge via informative prior distributions
    - (b) Integrating preclinical, biomarker and clinical outcome data to improve prediction and decision-making in early clinical development
  17. Miscellaneous topics
  18. Closing discussion