

# Importance of Pharmacometric Programming

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# What is Pharmacometrics

Pharmacometrics is a branch of science concerned with **mathematical models of biology, pharmacology, disease, and physiology** used to **describe and quantify interactions between xenobiotics and patients**, including **beneficial effects and adverse effects** resultant from such interfaces\*



Macleane JR, et al. *Ther Clin Risk Manag.* 2011

*Exposure is more proximal to outcome than dose*

\* Barrett JS, et al., *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, 2008.

# Types of Pharmacometric Models\*

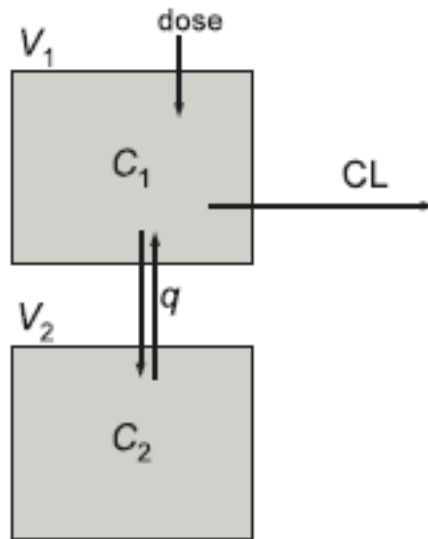
Type	Describes	Empirical	Mechanistic
Pharmacokinetic (PK)	Concentration-time profile of drug	Compartmental	Physiologically Based (PBPK)
Pharmacodynamic (PD) PK-PD Dose-Response Exposure-Response	Pharmacological response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD biomarkers</li> <li>• Efficacy endpoints</li> <li>• Safety endpoints</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct</li> <li>• Indirect</li> <li>• Effect-Compartment</li> <li>• Time-to-Event</li> <li>• Markov</li> <li>• Model-Based Meta Analysis</li> </ul>	Quantitative Systems Pharmacology (QSP)
Disease progression	Time-course of disease and response to intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptom relief</li> <li>• Disease modifying</li> </ul>	QSP

- *Pharmacometric models have pharmacological and statistical components*
- *Empirical Models: All parameters need to be estimated*
- *Mechanistic Models: Common system parameters values need not be estimated*

# Examples of PK Models

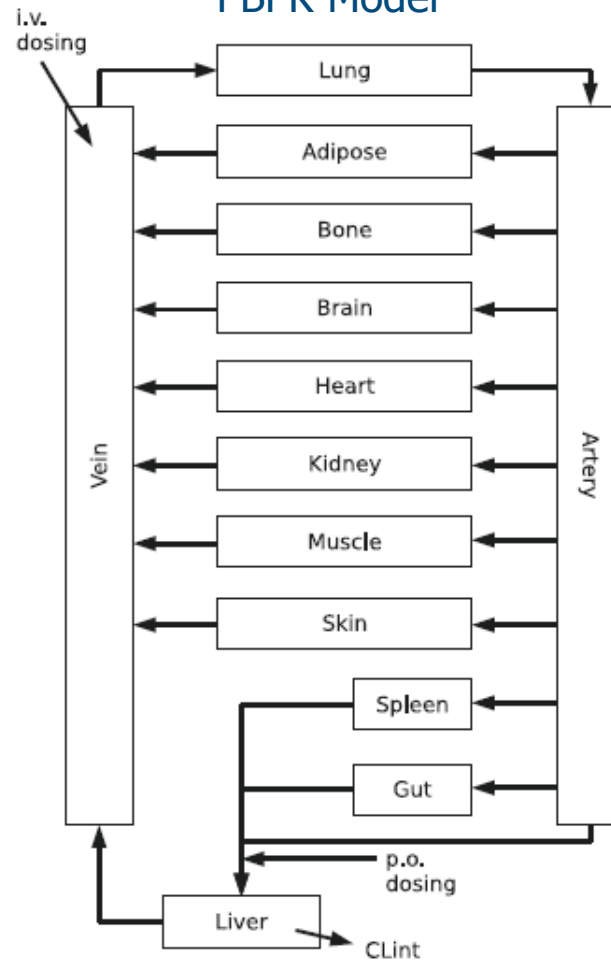
## Empirical

### 2-Compartment Model (Intra-Venous Dose)



## Mechanistic

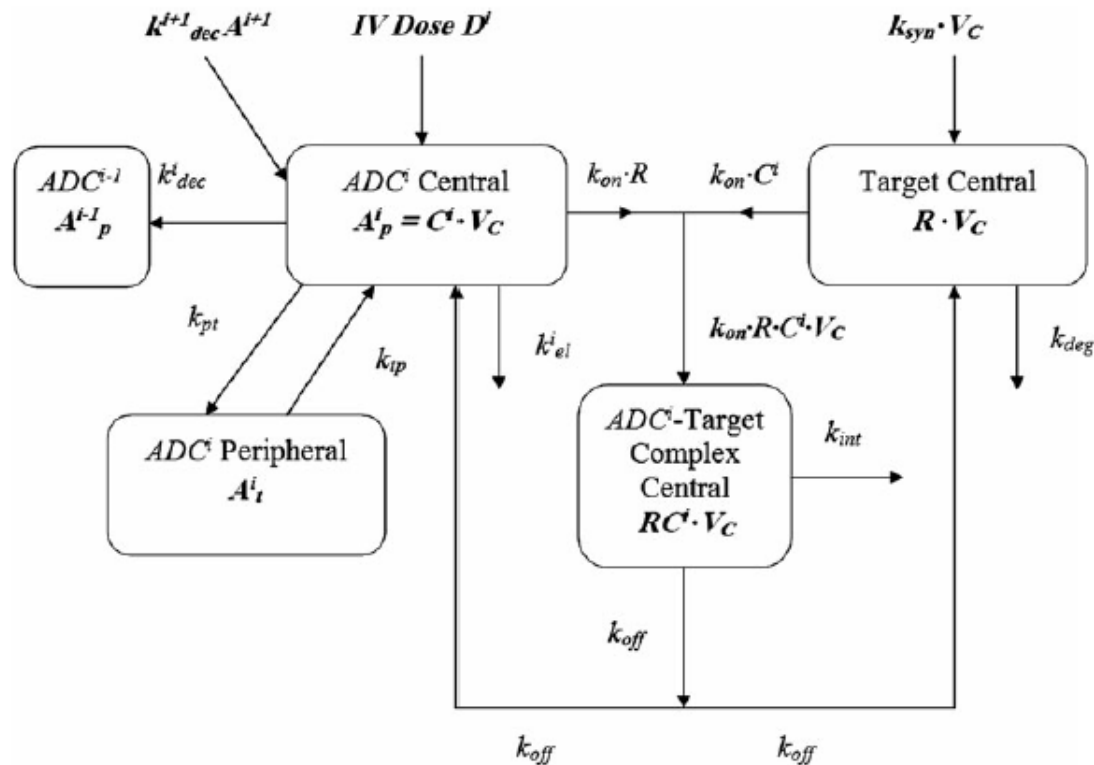
### PBPK Model



Pilari S, and Huisinga W. *J Pharmacokinetic Pharmacodyn.* 2010

# Example of Semi-Mechanistic PK Model

Target-Mediated Drug Disposition (TMDD) Model  
for an Antibody-Drug Conjugate

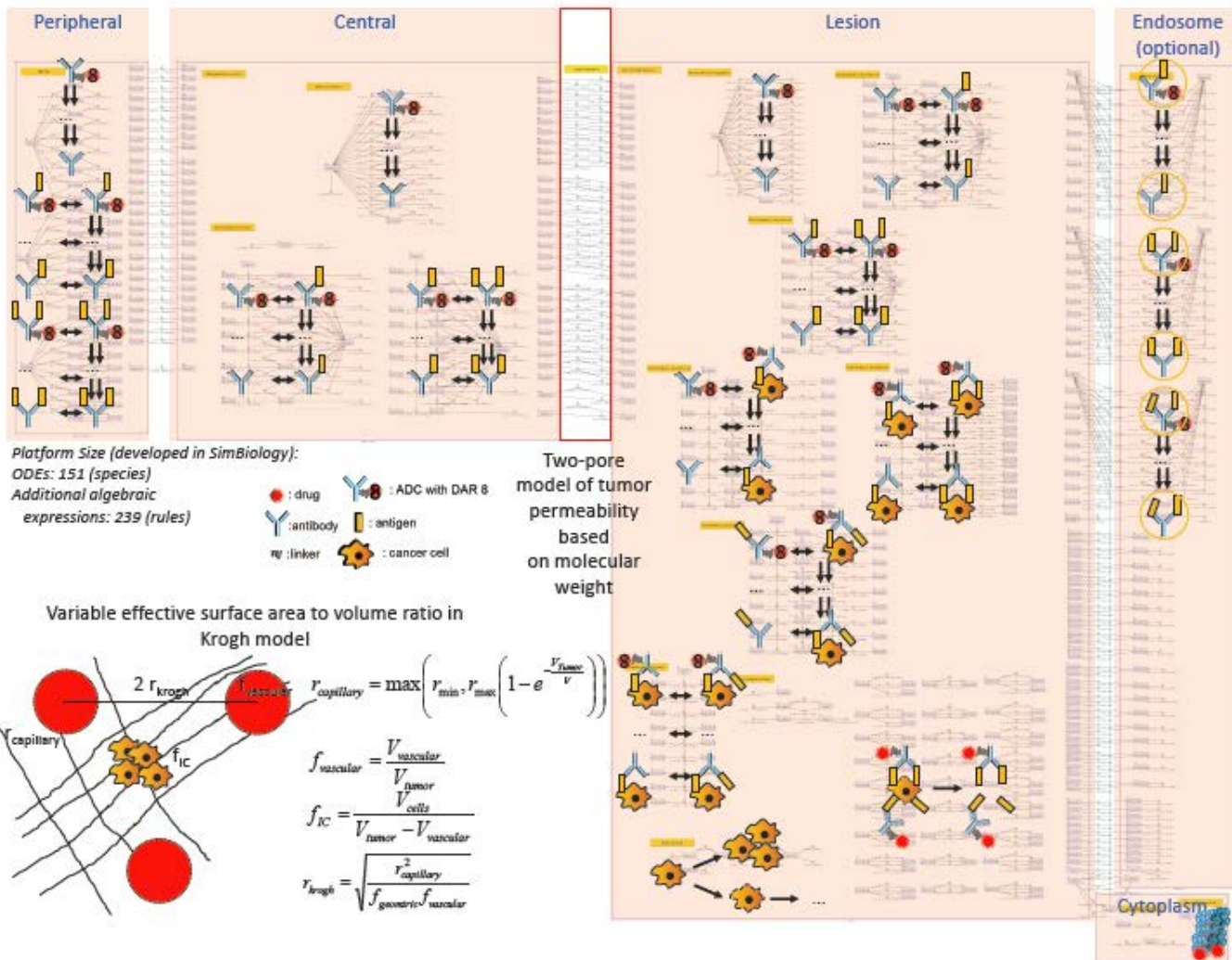


*Interaction between drug and receptor requires simultaneous modeling of PK and PD*

Gibiasky L, and Gibiasky E. *J Pharmacokinet Pharmacodyn*. 2014

# Example of QSP Model

## QSP Model for Antibody Drug Conjugates

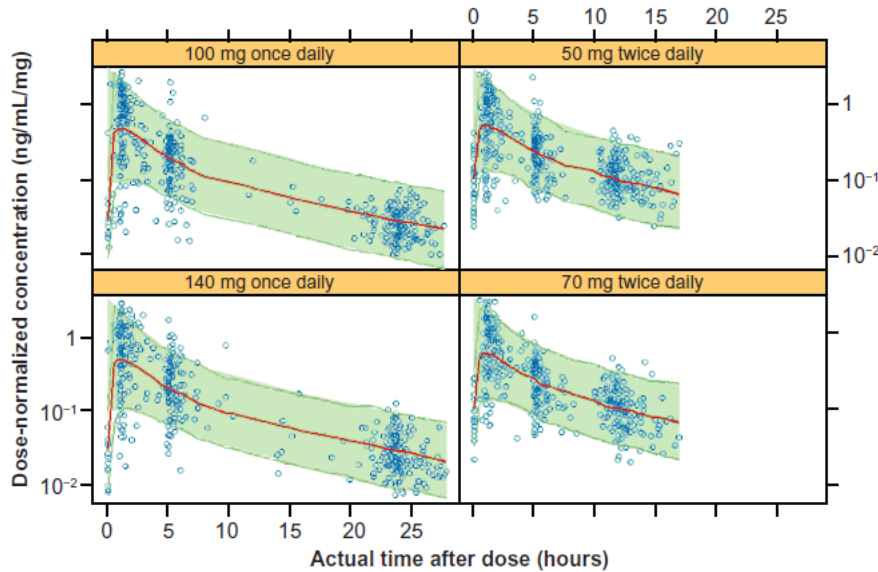


Cheng Y, et al. AAPS J. 2017

# Example of Empirical Population PK and Exposure-Response Models

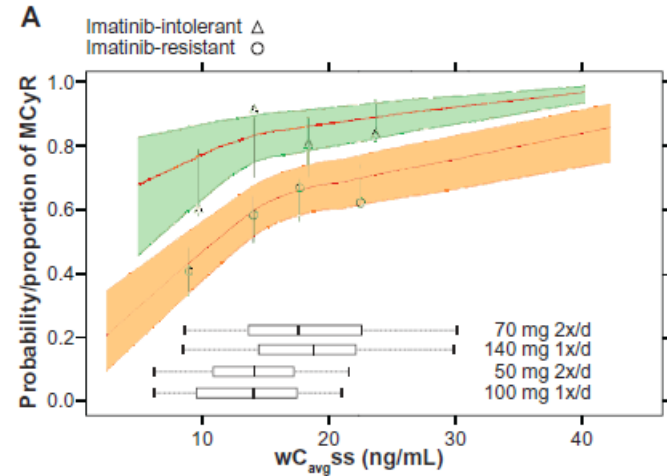
E-R: Efficacy

Dasatinib Plasma Concentration-Time Profile

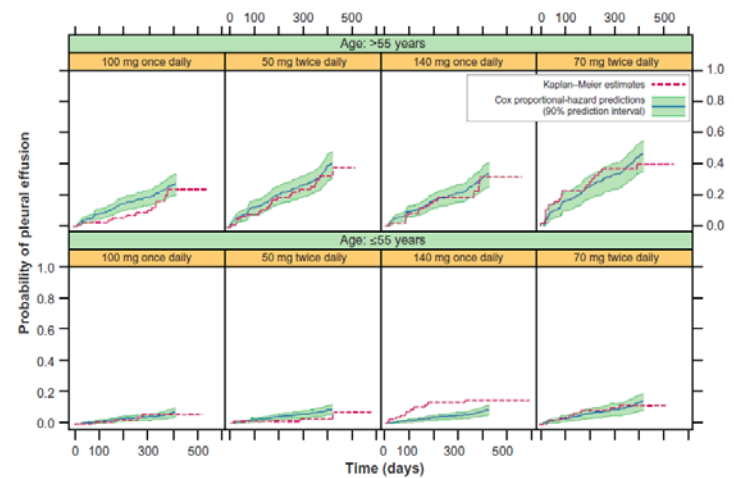


E-R: Safety

Pr(MCyR) vs Exposure

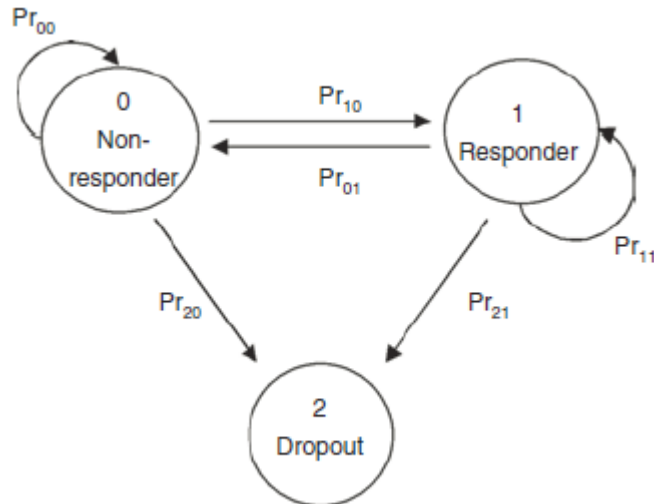


Cumulative Pr(Pleural Effusion), by Dose and Age

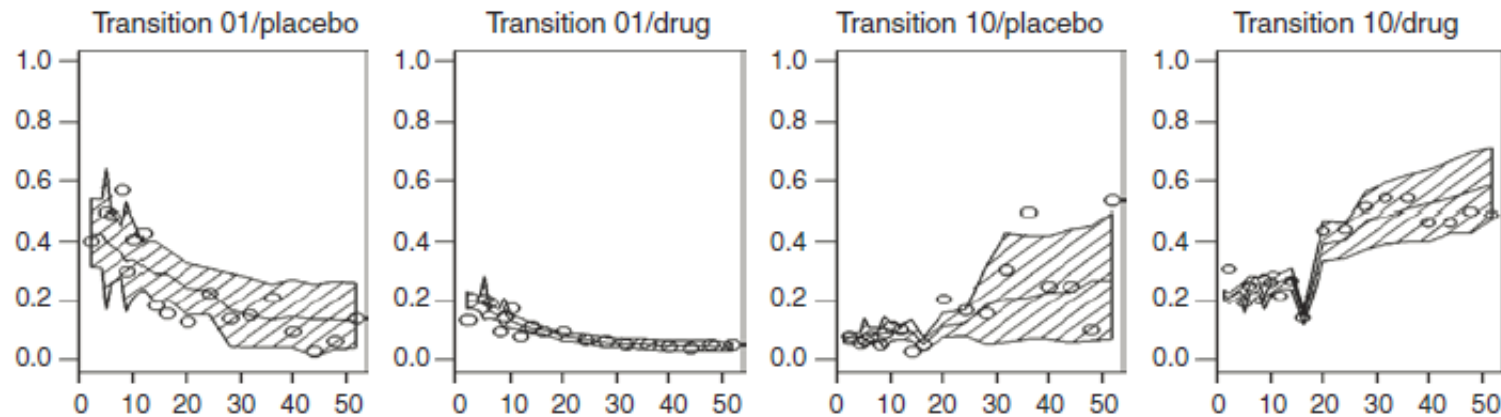


Wang X et al. *Clin Pharmacol Adv Appl*. 2013

# Example of Markov Model



Effect of exposure to certolizumab pegol on the ACR20 score in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

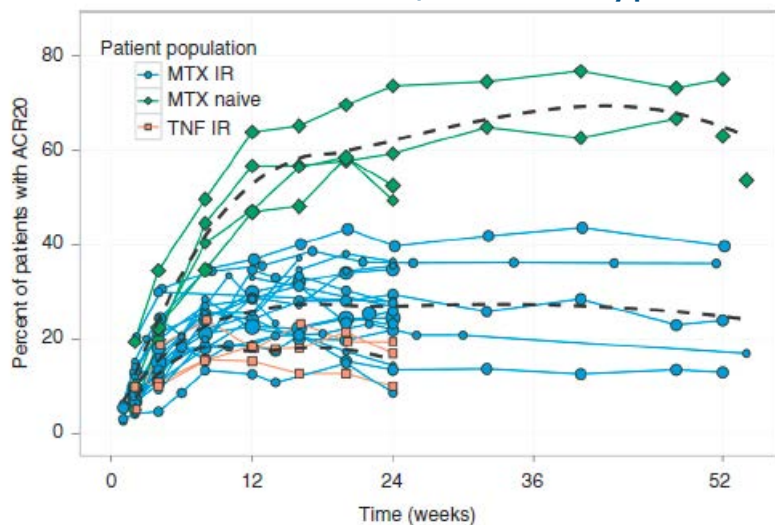


Lacroix BD, et al. *Clin Pharmacol Ther.* 2009

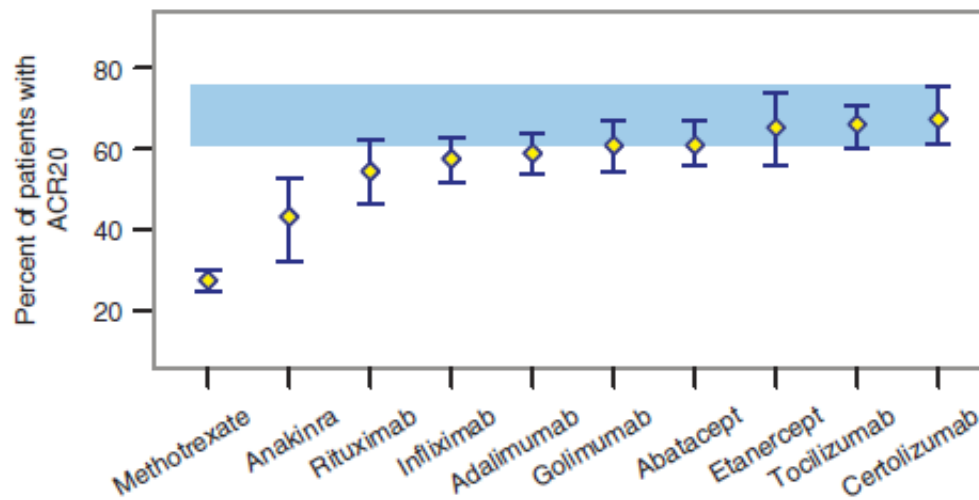


# Example of Model-Based Meta-Analysis: Rheumatoid Arthritis

ACR20 vs Time, Patient Type



Pr(ACR20) at Week-24, by Drug



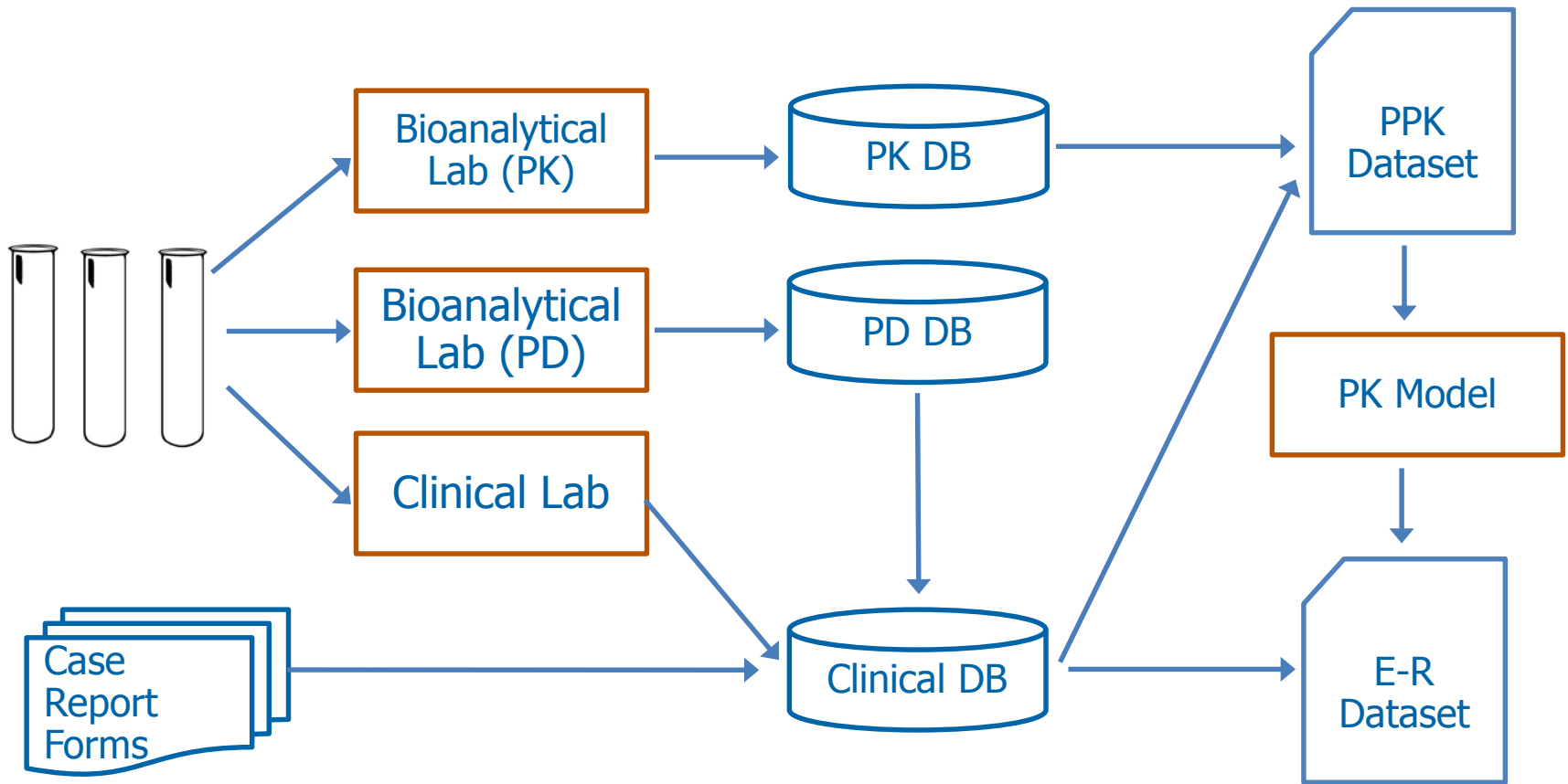
Demin I, et al. *Clin Pharmacol Ther.* 2012

# Common Software

- **NONMEM\***
- BUGS
- GastroPlus
- MATLAB (SimBiology Toolbox)
- MONOLIX
- Phoenix NLME
- R
- SAS
- SimCYP
- STAN

\*NONlinear Mixed-Effects Model

# Typical Data Flow



- *PK and clinical data are generally stored in different databases*
- *Estimated exposures are generally used in E-R analyses*

# Challenges in PK Dataset Preparation

- There may be more than one dependent variable
  - Parent-metabolite PK models
  - Simultaneous PK-PD models (eg TMDD)
- Full dosing history is typically not available for drugs not administered in the clinic (generally orally or subcutaneously administered drugs)
  - Requires imputation of dose time and amount
  - Correct time of sample relative to dose is essential
- Time-varying covariates may not be available at all PK observation time-points (eg anti-drug antibodies)
  - Requires imputation or modeling of time-varying covariates
- Covariate values may have to be derived
  - Estimated GFR: derived from demographic, physical measurements, and clinical lab data
  - Concomitant medications grouped into classes

# Challenges in E-R Dataset Preparation

- Exposure measures have to first be determined by a PK model (from sparse PK data samples)
  - Potentially several summary measures of exposure
  - May require entire conc-time curve
- Data requirements can vary widely, depending up the E-R model, even for models describing the same indication/purpose
  - Binary/ordered categorical
  - Single/Repeated measures
  - Multiple dependent variables
  - Mixed responses (categorical and continuous)

# Summary

- Pharmacometrics encompasses a wide variety of models
- Data for which may come from multiple sources
  - Clinical and PK databases
  - Nonclinical and invitro experimental data
  - Literature data
- Analysis datasets
  - may have several dependent variables
  - often require imputation of missing or unavailable data

*The pharmacometric model is only as good as the quality of data*

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