

## SBML Model Report

# Model name: “Ehrenstein2000 - Positive-Feedback model for the loss of acetylcholine in Alzheimer’s disease”



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## 1 General Overview

This is a document in SBML Level 2 Version 4 format. This model was created by Audald Lloret i Villas<sup>1</sup> at October 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 1:37 p. m. and last time modified at December twelveth 2014 at 3:03 p. m. Table 1 shows an overview of the quantities of all components of this model.

Table 1: Number of components in this model, which are described in the following sections.

Element	Quantity	Element	Quantity
compartment types	0	compartments	1
species types	0	species	3
events	0	constraints	0
reactions	4	function definitions	4
global parameters	4	unit definitions	3
rules	1	initial assignments	0

## Model Notes

Ehrenstein2000 - Positive-Feedback model forthe loss of acetylcholine in Alzheimer’s disease-  
Curated model derived from  
**BIOMD0000000553**

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This model is described in the article: [A positive-feedback model for the loss of acetylcholine in Alzheimer's disease](#). Ehrenstein G, Galdzicki Z, Lange GD. Ann. N. Y. Acad. Sci. 2000; 899: 283-291

Abstract:

We describe a two-component positive-feedback system that could account for the large reduction of acetylcholine that is characteristic of patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD). One component is beta-amyloid-induced apoptosis of cholinergic cells, leading to a decrease in acetylcholine. The other component is an increase in the concentration of beta-amyloid in response to a decrease in acetylcholine. We describe each mechanism with a differential equation, and then solve the two equations numerically. The solution provides a description of the time course of the reduction of acetylcholine in AD patients that is consistent with epidemiological data. This model may also provide an explanation for the significant, but lesser, decrease of other neurotransmitters that is characteristic of AD.

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## 2 Unit Definitions

This is an overview of five unit definitions of which two are predefined by SBML and not mentioned in the model.

### 2.1 Unit volume

**Name** volume

**Definition** ml

### 2.2 Unit time

**Name** time

**Definition** 86400 s

### 2.3 Unit substance

**Name** substance

**Definition** mmol

## 2.4 Unit area

**Notes** Square metre is the predefined SBML unit for area since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

**Definition**  $\text{m}^2$

## 2.5 Unit length

**Notes** Metre is the predefined SBML unit for length since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

**Definition** m

# 3 Compartment

This model contains one compartment.

Table 2: Properties of all compartments.

Id	Name	SBO	Spatial Dimensions	Size	Unit	Constant	Outside
Brain	Brain		3	1	litre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

## 3.1 Compartment Brain

This is a three dimensional compartment with a constant size of one ml.

**Name** Brain

## 4 Species

This model contains three species. The boundary condition of one of these species is set to `true` so that this species' amount cannot be changed by any reaction. Section 9 provides further details and the derived rates of change of each species.

Table 3: Properties of each species.

Id	Name	Compartment	Derived Unit	Constant	Boundary Condition
a	a	Brain	$\text{mmol} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	b	Brain	$\text{mmol} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
aRel	aRel	Brain	$\text{mmol} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 5 Parameters

This model contains four global parameters.

Table 4: Properties of each parameter.

Id	Name	SBO	Value	Unit	Constant
k1	k1		0.007		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k2	k2		0.330		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k3	k3		0.004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k4	k4		0.010		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 6 Function definitions

This is an overview of four function definitions.

### 6.1 Function definition `Constant_flux_irreversible`

**Name** Constant flux (irreversible)

**Argument**  $v$

**Mathematical Expression**

$$v \quad (1)$$

### 6.2 Function definition `Loss_of_intracellular_choline_0`

**Name** Loss of intracellular choline

**Arguments**  $k1$ ,  $[a]$ ,  $[b]$

**Mathematical Expression**

$$k1 \cdot [a] \cdot [b] \quad (2)$$

### 6.3 Function definition `Effect_of_extracellular_ACh_0`

**Name** Effect of extracellular ACh

**Arguments**  $k3$ ,  $[a]$

**Mathematical Expression**

$$k3 \cdot [a] \quad (3)$$

## 6.4 Function definition

`Decrease_in_the_extracellular_concentration_of_beta_amyloid_0`

**Name** Decrease in the extracellular concentration of beta-amyloid

**Arguments** `k4`, `[b]`

**Mathematical Expression**

$$k4 \cdot [b] \quad (4)$$

## 7 Rule

This is an overview of one rule.

### 7.1 Rule `aRel`

Rule `aRel` is an assignment rule for species `aRel`:

$$aRel = \frac{[a]}{50} \quad (5)$$

# 8 Reactions

This model contains four reactions. All reactions are listed in the following table and are subsequently described in detail. If a reaction is affected by a modifier, the identifier of this species is written above the reaction arrow.

Table 5: Overview of all reactions

Nº	Id	Name	Reaction Equation	SBO
1	Loss_of- _intracellular- _choline	Loss of intracellular choline	$a \xrightarrow{b, a, b} \emptyset$	
2	Abeta- _formation- _from_APP	Abeta formation from APP	$\emptyset \longrightarrow b$	
3	Effect_of- _extracellular- _ACh	Effect of extracellular ACh	$b \xrightarrow{a, a} \emptyset$	
4	Decrease- _in_the- _extracellular- _concentration- _of_beta- _amyloid	Decrease in the extracellular concentration of beta-amyloid	$b \xrightarrow{b} \emptyset$	

## 8.1 Reaction Loss\_of\_intracellular\_choline

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product influenced by three modifiers.

**Name** Loss of intracellular choline

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 6: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
a	a	

### Modifiers

Table 7: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
b	b	
a	a	
b	b	

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_1 = \text{vol}(\text{Brain}) \cdot \text{Loss\_of\_intracellular\_choline\_0}(k_1, [a], [b]) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Loss\_of\_intracellular\_choline\_0}(k_1, [a], [b]) = k_1 \cdot [a] \cdot [b] \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Loss\_of\_intracellular\_choline\_0}(k_1, [a], [b]) = k_1 \cdot [a] \cdot [b] \quad (9)$$

## 8.2 Reaction Abeta\_formation\_from\_APP

This is an irreversible reaction of no reactant forming one product.

**Name** Abeta formation from APP



### Reaction equation



### Product

Table 8: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
b	b	

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_2 = \text{vol}(\text{Brain}) \cdot \text{Constant\_flux\_irreversible}(k_2) \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Constant\_flux\_irreversible}(v) = v \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Constant\_flux\_irreversible}(v) = v \quad (13)$$

## 8.3 Reaction *Effect\_of\_extracellular\_ACh*

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product influenced by two modifiers.

**Name** Effect of extracellular ACh

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 9: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
b	b	

### Modifiers

Table 10: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
a	a	
a	a	

## Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_3 = \text{vol}(\text{Brain}) \cdot \text{Effect\_of\_extracellular\_ACh}_0(k_3, [a]) \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Effect\_of\_extracellular\_ACh}_0(k_3, [a]) = k_3 \cdot [a] \quad (16)$$

$$\text{Effect\_of\_extracellular\_ACh}_0(k_3, [a]) = k_3 \cdot [a] \quad (17)$$

## 8.4 Reaction

[Decrease\\_in\\_the\\_extracellular\\_concentration\\_of\\_beta\\_amyloid](#)

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product influenced by one modifier.

**Name** Decrease in the extracellular concentration of beta-amyloid

### Reaction equation



## Reactant

Table 11: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
b	b	

## Modifier

Table 12: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
b	b	

## Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_4 = \text{vol}(\text{Brain}) \cdot \text{Decrease\_in\_the\_extracellular\_concentration\_of\_beta\_amyloid\_0}(k_4, [b]) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Decrease\_in\_the\_extracellular\_concentration\_of\_beta\_amyloid\_0}(k_4, [b]) = k_4 \cdot [b] \quad (20)$$

$$\text{Decrease\_in\_the\_extracellular\_concentration\_of\_beta\_amyloid\_0}(k_4, [b]) = k_4 \cdot [b] \quad (21)$$

## 9 Derived Rate Equations

When interpreted as an ordinary differential equation framework, this model implies the following set of equations for the rates of change of each species.

Identifiers for kinetic laws highlighted in gray cannot be verified to evaluate to units of SBML substance per time. As a result, some SBML interpreters may not be able to verify the consistency of the units on quantities in the model. Please check if

- parameters without an unit definition are involved or
- volume correction is necessary because the `hasOnlySubstanceUnits` flag may be set to `false` and `spacialDimensions`  $> 0$  for certain species.

### 9.1 Species a

**Name** a

**Notes** Extracellular concentration of Acetylcholine (ACh)

**Initial concentration**  $50 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$

This species takes part in four reactions (as a reactant in [Loss\\_of\\_intracellular\\_choline](#) and as a modifier in [Loss\\_of\\_intracellular\\_choline](#), [Effect\\_of\\_extracellular\\_ACh](#), [Effect\\_of\\_extracellular\\_ACh](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}a = -v_1 \quad (22)$$

### 9.2 Species b

**Name** b

**Notes** Extracellular concentration of  $\beta$ -amyloid

**Initial concentration**  $0 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$

This species takes part in six reactions (as a reactant in [Effect\\_of\\_extracellular\\_ACh](#), [Decrease\\_in\\_the\\_extracellular\\_concentration\\_of\\_beta\\_amyloid](#) and as a product in [Abeta\\_formation\\_from\\_APP](#) and as a modifier in [Loss\\_of\\_intracellular\\_choline](#), [Loss\\_of\\_intracellular\\_choline](#), [Decrease\\_in\\_the\\_extracellular\\_concentration\\_of\\_beta\\_amyloid](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}b = v_2 - v_3 - v_4 \quad (23)$$

### 9.3 Species `aRel`

**Name** `aRel`

**Notes** Relative concentration of Acetylcholine

**Initial concentration** 1 mmol · ml<sup>-1</sup>

**Involved in rule** `aRel`

One rule determines the species' quantity.

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