

ICE PBPK workflow

Description

The workflow allows the flexibility to select from two different rat and human PK models from the EPA's httk package: (solve_pbtok), and (Solve_gas_pbtok). The workflow is to predict plasma and tissue concentration profiles across time following a dose of a substance. Exposure routes include oral ingestion (solve_pbtok), intravenous (solve_pbtok), and inhalation (solve_gas_pbtok). For inhalation exposures using the dose is provided as an air concentration.

An example input file is included: ChemicalData_Rnotebook.txt

Load libraries

```
# load libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(deSolve)
library(doParallel)
library(httk) #this is needed for models: Solve_3comp, Solve_pbtok.
# The code is compatible with httk_2.0.2
library(openxlsx) #for writing the excel file that is user output
library(data.table)
```

Define custom functions

```
# function to parse time series list into second
# output table format. The input for this function
# is a list object (x) that contains an entry with
# the pbpk outputs from the httk functions along
# with the plasma CSS and CASRN for the chemical
assemble.table <- function(x) {
  CASRN <- rep(x$CASRN[1], 9) #8 rows, 1 for each compartment + 1 for time
  compound <- rep(chem.physical_and_invitro.data[which(chem.physical_and_invitro.data$CAS ==
    x$CASRN[1]), 1], 9)
  dtxsid <- rep(chem.physical_and_invitro.data[which(chem.physical_and_invitro.data$CAS ==
    x$CASRN[1]), 4], 9)
  Cmax <- c(NA, sapply(as.data.frame(x[4:11]), function(y) max(as.numeric(y))))
  Unit <- rep(ConcentrationUnit, 9)
  CSS_plasma <- rep(x$CSS_plasma[1], 9) #8 rows, 1 for each compartment + 1 for time
  compartment <- names(x)[3:11]
  concs <- t(x[3:11])
```

```

out <- as.data.frame(cbind(CASRN, compound, dtxsid,
  Cmax, Unit, CSS_plasma, compartment, concs))
rownames(out) <- NULL

return(out)
}

```

Input data and output file path

There are several input variables needed to run the code. Some variables are model specific, as detailed. Adjust the file paths to point to the file in your directory.

chemFile: The file containing chemical data from ICE. this has the CASRN as the first field

```

chemFile <- "ChemicalData_Rnotebook.txt" # chemicals data from ICE,
# include CASRN field as identifier
Userout <- "User_Results.xlsx" # file name (and path) for the output
# file for the tissue concentrations
output_image <- "User_plot.pdf" #the file for the plot of the results

```

Model variables

Details about what model, route, and dose need to be specified.

What model?

Currently, species in ICE is limited to human or rat. Using this notebook one can expand the species with minor editing of the code, provided the parameters are available.

```

species <- "human" # 'human' or 'rat'
modelType <- "solve_gas_pbt" # 'solve_pbt' or 'solve_gas_pbt'

```

For the PBPK models some additional parameters can be modified. An inhalation exposure has additional parameters. The route determines where the chemical will enter the system. Exposure route, interval, and days are needed for all PBPK models.

```

route <- "gas" # 'Solve_gas_pbt' uses the inhalation (gas) route
interv <- 24 #dosing interval, hours
ndays <- 3 #number of days dosing is done
# expPeriod<-24 #length of time between exposures,
# hours
expDose <- 1 #current calculations assume 1mg/kg/dose
ConcentrationUnit <- "uM" #this is not available on the UI currently,
# options are uM and mg/L

```

Inhalation specific parameters

For an inhalation route of exposure, the “expDose” exposure route is currently not available. Instead, the “expConc” exposure route, which is more typical of a gas exposure, can be used. This models an inhaled concentration over a duration of time, set by “expLength”.

Note that “expDose” is currently not supported.

```
gasDosing <- "expConc" # 'expConc' or 'expDose'
# This is only needed if gasDosing == 'expConc' bc
# otherwise default to expDose
if (gasDosing == "expConc" & (!exists("expConc") ||
  is.null(expConc))) {
  expConc <- 1 #current calculations assume 1mg/kg/dose
}
expLength <- 0.25 #length of the gas exposure, hours
```

Load data

Notice that the chemical input has the source of the FU and Clint data. ICE now has 2 different sources of these values so the source is important for tracking this information.

```
chemical <- as.data.frame(read_delim(chemFile, delim = "\t")) #there are single quotes
# in chemical names that need to be addressed,
# tidyR handles this well
chemical[1:2, ]
```

```
## Substance Name CASRN DTXSID Chemical Parameters Fu % Fu Source
## 1 Beclomethasone 4419-39-0 DTXSID5040750 0.130 OPERA
## 2 Ketanserin 74050-98-9 DTXSID3023188 0.052 OPERA
## Chemical Parameters Clint ul/min/10^6 cells Clint Source
## 1 34.43499 OPERA
## 2 46.88134 OPERA
## Chemical Parameters pKa, Acidic Chemical Parameters LogP log10
## 1 8.689 1.980
## 2 8.597 3.282
## Chemical Parameters MW g/mol Chemical Parameters HL log10, atm-m3/mole
## 1 408.916 -10.130
## 2 395.427 -7.616
## Chemical Parameters pKa, Basic
## 1 6.546
## 2 5.826
```

Preparing data

Minor prep work is done on the data that comes from ICE. Partitioning coefficients are obtained by internal function from the htk package using the provided phys chem parameters. Compare with the example input file for naming. Note that a few checks are done - these will generate flags that can be used to follow up as needed.

```

## column names should be labeled correctly. RegEx
## have been used to help, see the example file

# cleaning the names for taking from an ICE
# Query-stricter matching is used to handel
# including the ADME source information
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*Name.*", "ChemicalName",
  colnames(chemical))
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*Parameters fu.*", "fu",
  colnames(chemical), ignore.case = TRUE)
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*funbound.*", "fu", colnames(chemical),
  ignore.case = TRUE)
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*fu Source.*", "fu Source",
  colnames(chemical), ignore.case = TRUE)
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*MW.*", "MW", colnames(chemical))
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*HL.*", "HL", colnames(chemical))
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*Parameters Clint.*",
  "Clint", colnames(chemical), ignore.case = TRUE)
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*Clint Source.*", "Clint Source",
  colnames(chemical), ignore.case = TRUE)
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*LogP.*", "LogP", colnames(chemical))
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*pKa, Basic.*", "pka_Accept",
  colnames(chemical))
colnames(chemical) <- gsub(".*pKa, Acidic.*", "pka_Donor",
  colnames(chemical))

# Converting units for internsic clearance values
# chemical$Clint<-10^chemical$Clint #this moves
# from log10 ul/ml/10^6 cells to just ul/ml/10^6
# cells
chemical$logPwa <- -1 * chemical$HL #this gets the water octanal coeff
# Add the flag here as a warning if model not
# appropriate or other issues related to generating
# predictions for a chemical
chemical$Flag <- ""
# catch for low Fu
chemical$Flag[chemical$fu <= 1e-10] <- "Fu is zero,likely due to rounding. Setting to 1e-5"
chemical$fu[chemical$fu <= 1e-10] <- 1e-05

```

PBPK models

Currently, the PBPK analysis in ICE supports the “solve_pbtk” and “Solve_gas_pbpk” model types. This is wrapper code to format the inputs and parameters needed to run the models specified by the htk package.

Parameter processing for the PBPK models

The htk package needs some additional parameters including the correct capitalization of the species and ensuring that the adding of the user-specified data to the chem table is properly integrated.

```

# library(htk) preprocessing variables:
if (tolower(species) == "rat") {

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    species_1 <- "Rat"
  }
  if (tolower(species) == "human") {
    species_1 <- "Human"
  }
  options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
  # add chemical info to the table. Using variable
  # coming from ICE to deal with mapping issues
  chemical$DTXSID2 <- paste0(chemical$DTXSID, "_n")
  if (species_1 == "Human") {
    chem.physical_and_invitro.data <- add_chemtable(chemical,
      current.table = chem.physical_and_invitro.data,
      data.list = list(CAS = "CASRN", DTXSID = "DTXSID2",
        Clint = "Clint", Funbound.plasma = "fu",
        pKa_Donor = "pKa_Donor", pKa_Accept = "pKa_Accept",
        logP = "LogP", logPwa = "logPwa", MW = "MW",
        logHenry = "HL"), species = species_1,
      reference = paste0(species_1, "ICE"), overwrite = T)
  } else {
    chem.physical_and_invitro.data <- add_chemtable(chemical,
      current.table = chem.physical_and_invitro.data,
      data.list = list(CAS = "CASRN", DTXSID = "DTXSID2",
        Clint = "Clint", Funbound.plasma = "fu",
        pKa_Donor = "pKa_Donor", pKa_Accept = "pKa_Accept",
        logP = "LogP", logPwa = "logPwa", MW = "MW",
        logHenry = "HL"), species = species_1,
      reference = paste0(species_1, "ICE"), overwrite = T)
    chem.physical_and_invitro.data <- add_chemtable(chemical,
      current.table = chem.physical_and_invitro.data,
      data.list = list(CAS = "CASRN", DTXSID = "DTXSID2",
        Clint = "Clint", Funbound.plasma = "fu"),
      species = "Human", reference = paste0(species_1,
        "ICE"), overwrite = T) #addresses bug issues where look up from human bc assume no rat
  }
  if (route != "iv") {
    iv.dose = FALSE
  } else {
    iv.dose = TRUE
  }

  dpd <- 24/interv #calculating the doses per day

```

solve_pbtk model

The solve_pbtk model is a PBPK model that has gut lumen, gut, liver, kidneys, veins, arteries, lungs, and the rest of the body compartments.

```

if (modelType == "solve_pbtk") {
  # note that dose=0 stops the initial dosing of the
  # compartments and is needed to accurately model
  # the specified dosing situation
  output_list <- list()

```

```

count = 1
for (this.cas in chemical[, "CASRN"]) {
  if (route == "oral") {
    concs <- solve_pbtck(chem.cas = this.cas,
      parameters = NULL, doses.per.day = dpd,
      days = ndays, tsteps = 4, dose = 0,
      daily.dose = expDose * dpd, iv.dose = iv.dose,
      output.units = ConcentrationUnit, species = species_1,
      default.to.human = TRUE, plots = F,
      suppress.messages = TRUE)[, c(1:10,
        13)]
  } else if (route == "iv") {
    concs <- solve_pbtck(chem.cas = this.cas,
      parameters = NULL, doses.per.day = dpd,
      days = ndays, tsteps = 4, dose = 0,
      daily.dose = expDose * dpd, iv.dose = iv.dose,
      output.units = ConcentrationUnit, species = species_1,
      default.to.human = TRUE, plots = F,
      suppress.messages = TRUE)[, c(1:10,
        13)]

    # ignore computational errors associated with the
    # solver
    to_ignore <- 2 #<- time point 2 will always be anomalous
    n_to_ignore <- max(1, floor((24 * ndays)/interv))
    if ((24/interv) == 1) {
      steps_between_doses <- 97
    } else if (24/interv > 1) {
      steps_between_doses <- floor(97/(24/interv)) +
        1
    } else if (24/interv < 1) {
      steps_between_doses <- floor(97/(24/interv))
    }
    for (i in 1:n_to_ignore) {
      to_ignore[i + 1] = to_ignore[i] + steps_between_doses
    }
    concs <- concs[-to_ignore, ]
  }

  # steady state concentration
  CSS0 <- calc_analytic_css(chem.cas = this.cas,
    parameters = NULL, daily.dose = expDose *
      dpd, doses.per.day = dpd, species = species_1,
    model = "pbtck", output.units = ConcentrationUnit)

  # convert units and store output
  output_time.h <- sapply(concs[, 1], function(x) x *
    24) #days to hours
  output_vals <- concs[, 3:11]
  output <- as.data.frame(cbind(CASRN = rep(this.cas,
    length(output_time.h)), CSS_plasma = rep(CSS0,
    length(output_time.h)), output_time.h,
    output_vals))

```

```

    output_list[[count]] <- as.data.frame(output)
    count <- count + 1
  }
}

```

solve_gas_pbtok model

The solve_gas_pbtok is a PBPK model similar to the “solve_pbtok” model but it uses an inhalation route of exposure assuming the chemical is volatile (gas). As a result, it has some additional checks to see if the assumption of gas exposure is reasonable but will still proceed with a flag warning.

```

if (modelType == "solve_gas_pbtok") {
  # check the assumption of volatility
  chemical$Flag[chemical$HL <= -7.80388 & chemical$Flag !=
    ""] <- "Fu is zero, likely due to rounding. Setting to 1e-5;
    Chemical likely nonvolatile, consider appropriateness of model"
  chemical$Flag[chemical$HL <= -7.80388 & chemical$Flag ==
    ""] <- "Chemical likely nonvolatile, consider appropriateness of model"

  # note that dose=0 stops the initial dosing of the
  # compartments and is needed to accurately model
  # the specified dosing situation
  output_list <- list()
  count = 1
  for (this.cas in chemical[, "CASRN"]) {

    # --- expDose option has currently been disabled
    # due to a bug in the httk package --- if(gasDosing
    # == 'expDose'){ ConcentrationUnit <- 'uM' # output
    # unit only has one option of 'uM' for
    # Solve_gas_pbtok model concMax <-
    # max(solve_gas_pbtok(chem.cas = this.cas,
    # parameters = NULL, doses.per.day = dpd, days =
    # ndays, tsteps = 4, dose=0, daily.dose =
    # expDose*dpd, exp.conc = 0, period=interv,
    # exp.duration = expLength, output.units =
    # ConcentrationUnit, species = species_1,
    # default.to.human = TRUE, plots = F,
    # suppress.messages = TRUE)[, 'Cplasma']) }

    if (gasDosing == "expConc") {
      ConcentrationUnit <- "uM" # output unit only has one option of 'uM' for Solve_gas_pbtok mod
      concs <- solve_gas_pbtok(chem.cas = this.cas,
        parameters = NULL, doses.per.day = dpd,
        days = ndays, tsteps = 4, dose = 0,
        daily.dose = 0, exp.conc = expConc,
        period = interv, exp.duration = expLength,
        output.units = ConcentrationUnit, species = species_1,
        default.to.human = TRUE, plots = F,
        suppress.messages = TRUE)[, c(1:10,
        17)]
    }
  }
}

```



```

##      (H = step size). Solver will continue anyway.
## In above message, R1 = 2, R2 = 8.47642e-17
##
## DLSODA- Warning..Internal T (=R1) and H (=R2) are
##      such that in the machine, T + H = T on the next step
##      (H = step size). Solver will continue anyway.
## In above message, R1 = 2, R2 = 8.47642e-17
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## Plasma concentration returned in uM units.
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##      such that in the machine, T + H = T on the next step
##      (H = step size). Solver will continue anyway.
## In above message, R1 = 2, R2 = 8.22149e-17
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```

Save output files

Table

An Excel output file will be created with two tabs, 1 for the PBPK parameters and one for the analysis output.

```

# build output table
formatted_list <- lapply(output_list, assemble.table)

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output_table <- rbindlist(formatted_list)

# trim redundant time rows
to_remove <- which(output_table$compartment == "output_time.h")[-1]
output_table <- output_table[-to_remove]
output_table[1, c(1:6)] <- NA

colnames(output_table)[8:ncol(output_table)] <- paste("t",
  1:length(output_time.h))

# preparing the chemical parameter file for
# writing. This will have the modeling conditions
param_table <- chemical
param_table$Species <- species
param_table$Model <- modelType
if (route == "gas" & gasDosing == "expConc") {
  param_table$"Exposure Concentration,uM" <- expConc #for if inhalation
  param_table$"Exposure Length, hr" <- expLength #for if inhalation
  param_table$"Exposure Period, hr" <- interv #for if inhalation
}

param_table$"Dose, mg/kg" <- expDose
param_table$Route <- route
param_table$"Dose Interval, hrs" <- interv
param_table$"Length of Dosing, Days" <- ndays
# reformatting columns to match the other models:
param_table <- param_table %>% select(any_of(c("CASRN",
  "ChemicalName", "DTXSID", "Flag", "Species", "Model",
  "Route", "Dose, mg/kg", "Exposure Concentration,uM",
  "Exposure Length, hr", "Exposure Period, hr", "Dose Interval, hrs",
  "Length of Dosing, Days", "Clint", "Clint Source",
  "fu", "fu Source", "MW", "LogP", "HL", "pka_Accept",
  "pka_Donor", "logPwa")))
colnames(param_table) <- gsub("pka_Accept", "pka Acceptor",
  colnames(param_table))
colnames(param_table) <- gsub("pka_Donor", "pka Donor",
  colnames(param_table))

# The output file is an excel workbook. This has 2
# tabs, one for the PBPK parameters and one for the
# PBPK results
wb <- createWorkbook()
addWorksheet(wb, "PBPKresults")
writeData(wb, "PBPKresults", output_table)
addWorksheet(wb, "PBPKparameters")
writeData(wb, "PBPKparameters", param_table)
saveWorkbook(wb, file = Userout, overwrite = TRUE)

```

Figure

An example figure showing time series outputs for each compartment is provided. This figure shows the concentration profile in each compartment using the first CASRN provided in the chemical list.

```

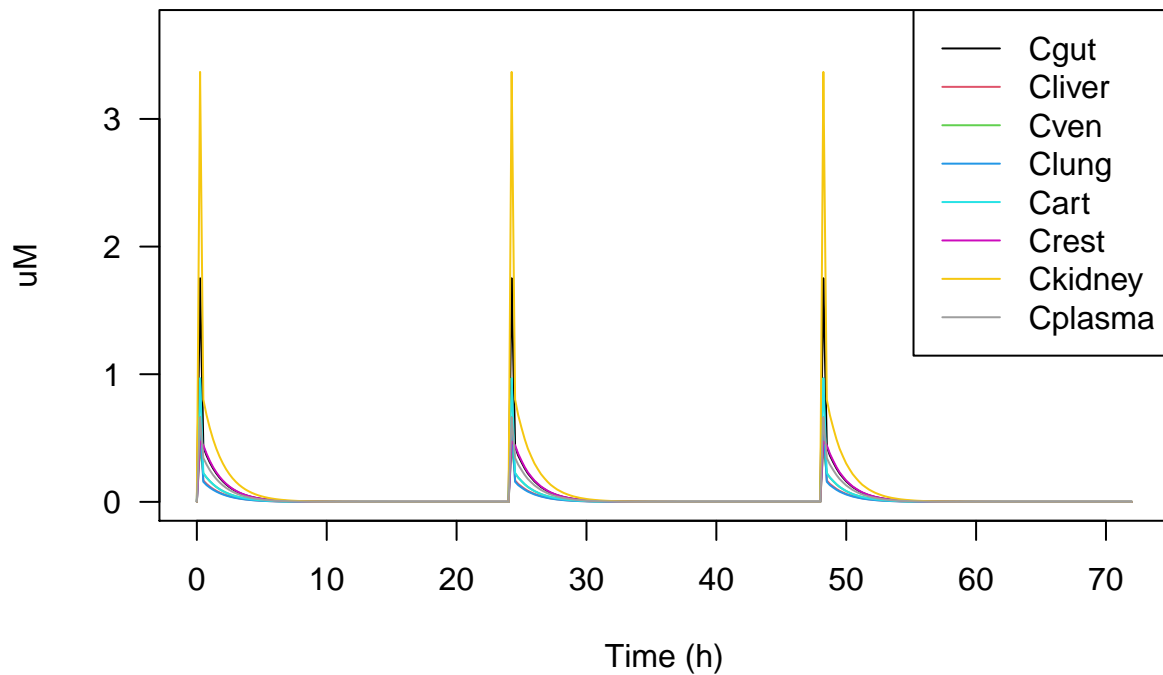
example_cas_index <- which(output_table$CASRN == chemical$CASRN[1])

points_plotted <- unlist(output_table[example_cas_index,
  8:ncol(output_table)])
ymax <- max(as.numeric(points_plotted)) * 1.1

par(las = 1)
plot(x = as.numeric(output_table[1, 8:ncol(output_table)]),
  y = as.numeric(output_table[example_cas_index[1],
    8:ncol(output_table)]), type = "l", ylim = c(0,
    ymax), ylab = ConcentrationUnit, xlab = "Time (h)",
  main = paste(modelType, "_", route, sep = ""))
for (i in 2:length(example_cas_index)) {
  lines(x = as.numeric(output_table[1, 8:ncol(output_table)]),
    y = as.numeric(output_table[example_cas_index[i],
      8:ncol(output_table)]), col = i)
}
legend("topright", legend = output_table$compartment[example_cas_index],
  lty = 1, col = c(1:length(example_cas_index)))

```

solve_gas_pbtk_gas



Information on the session

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
## R version 4.0.2 (2020-06-22)
## Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 17763)
##
## Matrix products: default
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=English_United States.1252
## [2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.1252
## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] parallel stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods
## [8] base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] data.table_1.14.0 openxlsx_4.2.4 httpk_2.0.2 doParallel_1.0.16
## [5] iterators_1.0.13 foreach_1.5.1 deSolve_1.28 forcats_0.5.1
## [9] stringr_1.4.0 dplyr_1.0.7 purrr_0.3.4 readr_1.4.0
## [13] tidyr_1.1.3 tibble_3.1.3 ggplot2_3.3.5 tidyverse_1.3.0
## [17] knitr_1.31
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] Rcpp_1.0.7 mvtnorm_1.1-1 msm_1.6.8 lattice_0.20-41
## [5] lubridate_1.7.9.2 assertthat_0.2.1 digest_0.6.27 utf8_1.2.2
## [9] R6_2.5.0 cellranger_1.1.0 backports_1.2.1 reprex_1.0.0
## [13] survey_4.0 evaluate_0.14 highr_0.8 httr_1.4.2
## [17] pillar_1.6.2 rlang_0.4.11 readxl_1.3.1 rstudioapi_0.13
## [21] Matrix_1.3-2 rmarkdown_2.6 splines_4.0.2 munsell_0.5.0
## [25] broom_0.7.4 compiler_4.0.2 modelr_0.1.8 xfun_0.20
## [29] pkgconfig_2.0.3 mitools_2.4 htmltools_0.5.1.1 tidyselect_1.1.1
## [33] expm_0.999-6 codetools_0.2-16 fansi_0.5.0 crayon_1.4.1
## [37] dbplyr_2.0.0 withr_2.4.2 grid_4.0.2 jsonlite_1.7.2
## [41] gtable_0.3.0 lifecycle_1.0.0 DBI_1.1.1 magrittr_2.0.1
## [45] formatR_1.8 scales_1.1.1 zip_2.2.0 cli_3.0.1
## [49] stringi_1.7.3 fs_1.5.0 xml2_1.3.2 ellipsis_0.3.2
## [53] generics_0.1.0 vctrs_0.3.8 tools_4.0.2 glue_1.4.2
## [57] hms_1.0.0 survival_3.1-12 yaml_2.2.1 colorspace_2.0-2
## [61] rvest_0.3.6 haven_2.3.1
```