

# Building and evaluation of a PBPK model for Midazolam in healthy adults

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# 1 Introduction

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Midazolam is a widely-used sedative, approved as premedication before surgical interventions. It is almost exclusively metabolized by CYP3A4, turning it into a sensitive probe and victim drug for the investigation of in vivo CYP3A4 activity. Midazolam shows substantial first pass metabolism, resulting in a bioavailability of under 50%. Less than 1% of a midazolam dose is excreted unchanged in urine.

The herein presented model represents an update of the midazolam model published by Hanke et al. ([Hanke 2018](#)). The model has been developed using in particular published pharmacokinetic clinical data by Hohmann et al. ([Hohmann 2015](#)), Hyland et al. 2009 ([Hyland 2009](#)) and Thummel et al. 1996 ([Thummel 1996](#)). It has then been evaluated by comparing observed data to simulations of a large number of clinical studies covering a dose range from 0.05 mg/kg to 20 mg after intravenous and oral administrations. Furthermore, it has been evaluated within a CYP3A4 DDI modeling network as a victim drug.

Model features include:

- CYP3A4 metabolism
- (direct) UGT1A4 metabolism
- excretion into urine via glomerular filtration
- a decrease in the permeability between the intracellular and interstitial space (parameters "P (intracellular->interstitial)" and "P (interstitial->intracellular)") in intestinal mucosa to optimize quantitatively the extent of gut wall metabolism
- and binding to a hypothetical binding partner in the brain to optimize a late redistribution phase in midazolam plasma concentrations.

The presented midazolam PBPK model as well as the respective evaluation plan and PBPK report are provided open-source (<https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/Midazolam-model>).

## 2 Methods

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### 2.1 Modeling Strategy

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The general concept of building a PBPK model has previously been described by Kuepfer et al. ([Kuepfer 2016](#)). Regarding the relevant anthropometric (height, weight) and physiological parameters (e.g. blood flows, organ volumes, binding protein concentrations, hematocrit, cardiac output) in adults was gathered from the literature and has been previously published ([PK-Sim Ontogeny Database Version 7.3](#)). The information was incorporated into PK-Sim® and was used as default values for the simulations in adults.

The applied activity and variability of plasma proteins and active processes that are integrated into PK-Sim® are described in the publicly available PK-Sim® Ontogeny Database Version 7.3 ([Schlender 2016](#)) or otherwise referenced for the specific process.

First, a mean model was built using clinical data from single dose studies with intravenous and oral administration of midazolam by Hohmann et al. ([Hohmann 2015](#)) (plasma concentration), Hyland et al. 2009 ([Hyland 2009](#)) (fraction metabolized via UGT1A4), and Thummel et al. 1996 ([Thummel 1996](#)) (fraction excreted into urine of unchanged drug). The mean PBPK model was developed using a typical European individual. The relative tissue-specific expressions of enzymes predominantly being involved in the metabolism of midazolam (CYP3A4 and UGT1A4) were considered. The CYP3A4 expression profiles is based on high-sensitive real-time RT-PCR ([Nishimura 2013](#)). UGT1A4 was assumed to be exclusively expressed in the liver. Absolute tissue-specific expressions were obtained by considering the respective absolute concentration in the liver. The PK-Sim database provides a default value for CYP3A4 (compare [Rodrigues 1999](#) and assume 40 mg protein per gram liver). A reference concentration of 2.32 µmol/L in the liver for UGT1A4 was derived from a quantification reported by Achouret *al.* ([Achour 2014](#)) with 58.0 pmol/mg in Human Liver Microsomes (assuming 40 mg protein per gram liver).

A specific set of parameters (see below) was optimized using the Parameter Identification module provided in PK-Sim®. Structural model selection was mainly guided by visual inspection of the resulting description of data and biological plausibility.

Once the appropriate structural model was identified, additional parameters for tablet formulations were identified.

The model was then verified by simulating further clinical studies reporting pharmacokinetic concentration-time profiles of midazolam.

Details about input data (physicochemical, *in vitro* and clinical) can be found in [Section 2.2](#).

Details about the structural model and its parameters can be found in [Section 2.3](#).

### 2.2 Data

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#### 2.2.1 In vitro and physico-chemical data

A literature search was performed to collect available information on physical chemical properties of midazolam. The obtained information from literature is summarized in the table below, and is used for model building.

Parameter	Unit	Value	Source	Description
MW	g/mol	325.78	<a href="#">DrugBank DB00683</a>	Molecular weight
pK <sub>a,base</sub>		6.2	<a href="#">Wang 2019</a>	Basic dissociation constant
pK <sub>a,acid</sub>		10.95	<a href="#">Wang 2019</a>	Acid dissociation constant
Solubility (pH)	mg/mL	0.13 (5)	<a href="#">Heikkinen 2012</a>	Aqueous Solubility
		0.049 (6.5)	<a href="#">Heikkinen 2012</a>	FaSSIF solubility
		0.09 (5)	<a href="#">Heikkinen 2012</a>	FeSSIF solubility
logP		3.53	<a href="#">Wang 2019</a>	Partition coefficient between octanol and water
		3.0	<a href="#">Dagenais 2009</a>	Partition coefficient between octanol and water
		3.37	<a href="#">Bolger 2006</a>	Partition coefficient between octanol and water
		3.1	<a href="#">Rodgers 2006</a>	Partition coefficient between octanol and water
f <sub>u</sub>	%	3.1	<a href="#">Gertz 2010</a>	Fraction unbound in plasma
	%	3.2	<a href="#">Wang 2019</a>	Fraction unbound in plasma
	%	2.2	<a href="#">Lown 1995</a>	Fraction unbound in plasma
	%	3.1	<a href="#">Björkman 2001</a>	Fraction unbound in plasma in men
	%	3.1	<a href="#">Björkman 2001</a>	Fraction unbound in plasma in women
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> CYP3A4	pmol/min/pmol, μmol/L	1.96 2.69	<a href="#">Galentin 2004</a>	CYP3A4 supersomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics (alpha-hydroxylation)
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> CYP3A4	pmol/min/mg μmol/L	850 4	<a href="#">Bolger 2006</a>	CYP3A liver mircosomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> CYP3A4	nmol/min/mg μmol/L	4.41 3.8	<a href="#">Ito 2003</a>	CYP3A liver mircosomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics (alpha-hydroxylation)
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> CYP3A4	nmol/min/mg μmol/L	0.18 3.9	<a href="#">Patki 2003</a>	CYP3A liver mircosomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics (alpha-hydroxylation)
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> CYP3A4	pmol/min/pmol, μmol/L	5.23 2.16	<a href="#">Wang 2019</a>	CYP3A4 supersomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics (alpha-hydroxylation)
V <sub>max</sub> , K <sub>m</sub> UGT1A4	pmol/min/mg μmol/L	276 37.8	<a href="#">Klieber 2008</a>	UGT1A4 liver mircosomes Michaelis-Menten kinetics

Parameter	Unit	Value	Source	Description
K <sub>D</sub> GABRG2	nmol/L	1.8	<a href="#">Buhr 1997</a>	Binding affinity to GABRG2 (Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid Type A Receptor Subunit Gamma2)

## 2.2.2 Clinical data

A literature search was performed to collect available clinical data on midazolam in adults.

The following publications were found in adults for model building:

Publication	Arm / Treatment / Information used for model building
<a href="#">Hohmann 2015</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of midazolam solutions: - intravenous 0.001 mg - intravenous 1 mg - oral 0.003 mg - oral 3 mg
<a href="#">Hyland 2009</a>	Quantification of direct UGT1A4-formed midazolam- <i>N</i> -glucuronide (in urine) after administration of a 3 mg oral and 1 mg intravenous dose of midazolam. See table below for summary of data.
<a href="#">Thummel 1996</a>	Quantification of unchanged midazolam in urine after administration of a 2 mg oral and 1 mg intravenous dose of midazolam. See table below for summary of data.
<a href="#">Ahonen 1995</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of a midazolam 7.5 mg tablet (in the absence of itraconazole)
<a href="#">Olkola 1994</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of a midazolam 7.5 mg tablet (in the absence of itraconazole)
<a href="#">Olkola 1996</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of a midazolam 7.5 mg tablet (in the absence of itraconazole)
<a href="#">Saari 2006</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of a midazolam 7.5 mg tablet (in the absence of voriconazole)
<a href="#">Link 2008</a>	Plasma PK profiles in healthy subjects with single dose administrations of a midazolam 7.5 mg tablet (in the absence of rifampicin)

The following table shows the data from the excretion studies ([Thummel 1996](#), [Hyland 2009](#)) used for model building:

Observer	Value
Fraction excreted to urine of unchanged midazolam after iv administration (female)	0.27%
Fraction excreted to urine of unchanged midazolam after iv administration (male)	0.28%
Fraction excreted to urine of unchanged midazolam after po administration (female)	0.31%
Fraction excreted to urine of unchanged midazolam after po administration (male)	0.47%
Fraction metabolized UGT1A4 (to midazolam- <i>N</i> -glucuronide) after iv administration	2.16%
Fraction metabolized UGT1A4 (to midazolam- <i>N</i> -glucuronide) after po administration	1.29%

The following dosing scenarios were simulated and compared to respective data for model verification:

Scenario	Data reference
iv 0.05 mg/kg (2 min)	<a href="#">Olkkola 1993</a>
iv 0.05 mg/kg (30 min)	<a href="#">Gorski 1998</a>
	<a href="#">Gorski 2003</a>
	<a href="#">Quinney 2008</a>
iv 0.05 mg/kg (bolus)	<a href="#">Szalat 2007</a>
iv 0.075 mg/kg (1 min)	<a href="#">Allonen 1981</a>
	<a href="#">Swart 2002</a>
iv 0.15 mg/kg (bolus)	<a href="#">Heizmann 1983</a>
iv 1 mg (bolus)	<a href="#">Kharasch 1997</a>
	<a href="#">Kharasch 2004</a>
	<a href="#">Kharasch 2011</a>
	<a href="#">Phimmasone 2001</a>
	<a href="#">Shin 2013</a>
	<a href="#">Shin 2016</a>
iv 2 mg (bolus)	<a href="#">Darwish 2008</a>
iv 5 mg (30 sec)	<a href="#">Schwagmeier 1998</a>
iv 5 mg (bolus)	<a href="#">Smith 1981</a>
po 0.01 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Prueksaritanont 2017</a>
po 0.075 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Eap 2004</a>
po 0.075 mg/kg (syrup)	<a href="#">Chung 2006</a>
po 1 mg (solution)	<a href="#">van Dyk 2018</a>
po 10 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Lam 2003</a>
	<a href="#">Smith 1981</a>
po 10 mg (tablet)	<a href="#">Heizmann 1983</a>
	<a href="#">Smith 1981</a>
po 15 mg (tablet)	<a href="#">Allonen 1981</a>
	<a href="#">Backman 1994</a>
	<a href="#">Backman 1996</a>
	<a href="#">Backman 1998</a>
	<a href="#">Bornemann 1986</a>
	<a href="#">Olkkola 1993</a>
	<a href="#">Yeates 1996</a>
	<a href="#">Zimmermann 1996</a>
po 15 mg (tablet) - with 1h after high-fat breakfast	<a href="#">Bornemann 1986</a>
po 2 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Templeton 2010</a>

Scenario	Data reference
po 2.5 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Okudaira 2007</a>
po 20 mg (tablet)	<a href="#">Heizmann 1983</a>
po 3 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Katzenmaier 2010</a>
	<a href="#">Kharasch 2004</a>
	<a href="#">Kharasch 2011</a>
	<a href="#">Markert 2013</a>
po 3.5 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Quinney 2008</a>
po 4 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Gorski 1998</a>
	<a href="#">Gorski 2003</a>
po 40 mg (tablet)	<a href="#">Heizmann 1983</a>
po 5 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Darwish 2008</a>
	<a href="#">Okudaira 2007</a>
	<a href="#">Tham 2006</a>
po 6 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Greenblat 2003</a>
po 7.5 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Eap 2004</a>
po 8 mg (solution)	<a href="#">Gurley 2006</a>
	<a href="#">Gurley 2008a</a>
Mikus 2017 (4 mg po solution, followed by 2 mg iv administration 6 hours later)	<a href="#">Mikus 2017</a>

## 2.3 Model Parameters and Assumptions

### 2.3.1 Absorption

The model parameter `specific_intestinal_permeability` was optimized to best match clinical data (see [Section 2.3.4](#)). The default solubility was assumed to be the measured value in the FaSSIF medium (see [Section 2.2.1](#)).

The dissolution of tablets were implemented via an empirical Weibull dissolution tablet. However, dissolution does not seem to be relevant in terms of *rate-limiting*; see results of optimization in [Section 2.3.4](#).

### 2.3.2 Distribution

Midazolam is moderately to highly protein bound (approx. 97 %) in plasma (see [Section 2.2.1](#)). A value of 3.1% was used in this PBPK model for `Fraction_unbound (plasma, reference value)`. It was assumed that the major binding partner is albumin.

An important parameter influencing the resulting volume of distribution is lipophilicity. The reported experimental logP values are in the range of 3 (see [Section 2.2.1](#)) which served as a starting value. Finally, the model parameter `Lipophilicity` was optimized to match best clinical data (see also [Section 2.3.4](#)).



After testing the available organ-plasma partition coefficient and cell permeability calculation methods built in PK-Sim, observed clinical data was best described by choosing the partition coefficient calculation by **Rodgers and Rowland** and cellular permeability calculation by **PK-Sim Standard**.

Initial model building showed that the late disposition (approx. 24 hours after administration) could not be well described. This effect was assumed to be (re-)distribution-related. Finally, binding to a hypothetical binding partner in the brain was assumed (motivated by the target of midazolam: GABA receptor). After implementation of *in vitro* binding affinity to GABRG2 (Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid Type A Receptor Subunit Gamma 2) (see [Section 2.2.1](#)), the **Reference concentration** of GABRG2 (Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid Type A Receptor Subunit Gamma 2) was optimized to match best clinical data (see also [Section 2.3.4](#)). Note that the respective **koff** value was assumed to be 1 min<sup>-1</sup>.

## 2.3.3 Metabolism and Elimination

Two metabolic pathways were implemented into the model via Michaelis-Menten kinetics

- CYP3A4
- UGT1A4

Additionally, a renal clearance (assumed to be mainly driven by glomerular filtration) was implemented.

The first model simulations showed that gut wall metabolism was underrepresented in the PBPK model. In order to increase gut wall metabolism, the “mucosa permeability on basolateral side” (jointly the model parameters in the mucosa: **P (interstitial->intracellular)** and **P (intracellular->interstitial)**) was estimated. A decrease in this permeability may lead to higher gut wall concentrations and, in turn, to a higher gut wall elimination. This parameter was preferred over other parameters such as relative CYP3A4 expression or fraction unbound (fu) in the gut wall as it is technically not limited to a maximum value of 100%.

## 2.3.4 Automated Parameter Identification

This is the result of the final parameter identification for the base model:

Model Parameter	Optimized Value	Unit
<b>Lipophilicity</b>	2.897	Log Units
<b>Specific intestinal permeability</b>	1.555E-4	cm/min
Basolateral mucosa permeability ( <b>P (interstitial-&gt;intracellular)</b> , <b>P (intracellular-&gt;interstitial)</b> )	1.924E-3	cm/min
<b>K<sub>m</sub></b> (CYP3A4)	4 FIXED (see <a href="#">Section 2.2.1</a> )	μmol/L
<b>k<sub>cat</sub></b> (CYP3A4)	8.761	1/min
<b>K<sub>m</sub></b> (UGT1A4)	37.8 FIXED (see <a href="#">Section 2.2.1</a> )	μmol/L
<b>k<sub>cat</sub></b> (UGT1A4)	3.591	1/min
<b>GFR fraction</b>	0.6401	
<b>Reference concentration</b> (GABRG2)	1.088	μmol/L

This is the result of the final parameter identification for the dissolution parameters of a midazolam tablet:

Model Parameter	Optimized Value	Unit
Dissolution time (50% dissolved)	0.0107	min
Dissolution shape	4.3803	

## 3 Results and Discussion

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The PBPK model for midazolam was developed and verified with clinical pharmacokinetic data.

The model was built and evaluated covering data from studies including in particular

- intravenous (bolus and infusions) and oral administrations (solution and tablets).
- a dose range of 0.001 to 40 mg.

The model quantifies metabolism via CYP3A4 and UGT1A4.

The next sections show:

1. the final model input parameters for the building blocks: [Section 3.1](#).
2. the overall goodness of fit: [Section 3.2](#).
3. simulated vs. observed concentration-time profiles for the clinical studies used for model building and for model verification: [Section 3.3](#).

### 3.1 Final input parameters

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The compound parameter values of the final PBPK model are illustrated below.

# Compound: Midazolam

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## Parameters

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Name	Value	Value Origin	Alternative	Default	
Solubility at reference pH	0.13 mg/ml	Publication-Heikkinen 2012	Aqueous solubility	False	
Reference pH	5	Publication-Heikkinen 2012	Aqueous solubility	False	
Solubility at reference pH	0.049 mg/ml	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	FaSSIF	True	
Reference pH	6.5	Publication-Heikkinen 2012	FaSSIF	True	
Solubility at reference pH	0.09 mg/ml	Publication-Heikkinen 2012	FeSSIF	False	
Reference pH	5	Publication-Heikkinen 2012	FeSSIF	False	
Lipophilicity	2.8972038771 Log Units	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	Optimized	True	
Lipophilicity	3.53 Log Units	Publication-Simcyp	LogP (Simcyp)	False	
Lipophilicity	3 Log Units	Publication-Dagenais 2009	LogP (experimental) (Dagenais)	False	
Lipophilicity	3.37 Log Units	Publication-GastroPlus	LogP (GastroPlus)	False	
Lipophilicity	3.1 Log Units	Publication-Rodgers and Rowland	LogP (experimental) (Rodgers & Rowland)	False	
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	0.032	Publication-Simcyp	Simcyp	False	
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	0.031	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	Gertz et al. 2010	True	
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	0.022	Publication-Lown et al. 1995	Lown et al. 1995	False	
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	0.016		Björkman et al. 2001 (men)	False	
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	0.02		Björkman et al. 2001 (women)	False	

Name	Value	Value Origin	Alternative	Default	
Specific intestinal permeability (transcellular)	0.00015549970673 cm/min	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	Optimized	True	
Cl	1				
F	1				
Is small molecule	Yes				
Molecular weight	325.78 g/mol				
Plasma protein binding partner	Albumin				

## Calculation methods

Name	Value	
Partition coefficients	Rodgers and Rowland	
Cellular permeabilities	PK-Sim Standard	

## Processes

### Specific Binding: GABRG2-Buhr 1997

Molecule: GABRG2

#### Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
koff	1 1/min	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	
Kd	1.8 nmol/l		

### Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-Patki et al. 2003

Molecule: CYP3A4

Metabolite: 1-OH-Midazolam

#### Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	0.18 nmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Km	3.9 µmol/l		

### Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-Simcyp

Molecule: CYP3A4

Metabolite: 1-OH-Midazolam

## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax/recombinant enzyme	2.16 pmol/min/pmol rec. enzyme		
Km	2.16 $\mu$ mol/l		

## Metabolizing Enzyme: UGT1A4-Optimized

Molecule: UGT1A4

Metabolite: Midazolam-N-glucuronide

## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	276 pmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Content of CYP proteins in liver microsomes	58 pmol/mg mic. protein	Publication-Achour 2014	
Km	37.8 $\mu$ mol/l	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	
kcat	3.5911771641 1/min	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	

## Systemic Process: Glomerular Filtration-Optimized

Species: Human

## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
GFR fraction	0.6401025724	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	

## Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-Optimized

Molecule: CYP3A4

## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	850 pmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Km	4 µmol/l	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	
kcat	8.7607941215 1/min	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Hohmann iv+po, Hyland feUr MDZG, Thummel feUr unchanged - Pint' on 2019-04-09 16:10	

## Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-Galentin et al. 2004

Molecule: CYP3A4

Metabolite: 1-OH-Midazolam

### Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax/recombinant enzyme	1.96 pmol/min/pmol rec. enzyme		
Km	2.69 µmol/l		

## Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-Ito et al. 2003

Molecule: CYP3A4

Metabolite: 1-OH-Midazolam

### Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	4.41 nmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Km	3.8 µmol/l		

## Metabolizing Enzyme: CYP3A4-GastroPlus

Molecule: CYP3A4

### Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	850 pmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Km	4 µmol/l		

## Metabolizing Enzyme: UGT1A4-Klieber et al. 2008



Molecule: UGT1A4

## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
In vitro Vmax for liver microsomes	276 pmol/min/mg mic. protein		
Content of CYP proteins in liver microsomes	58 pmol/mg mic. protein	Publication-Achour 2014	
Km	37.8 $\mu$ mol/l		

# Formulation: Tablet (Dormicum)

Type: Weibull

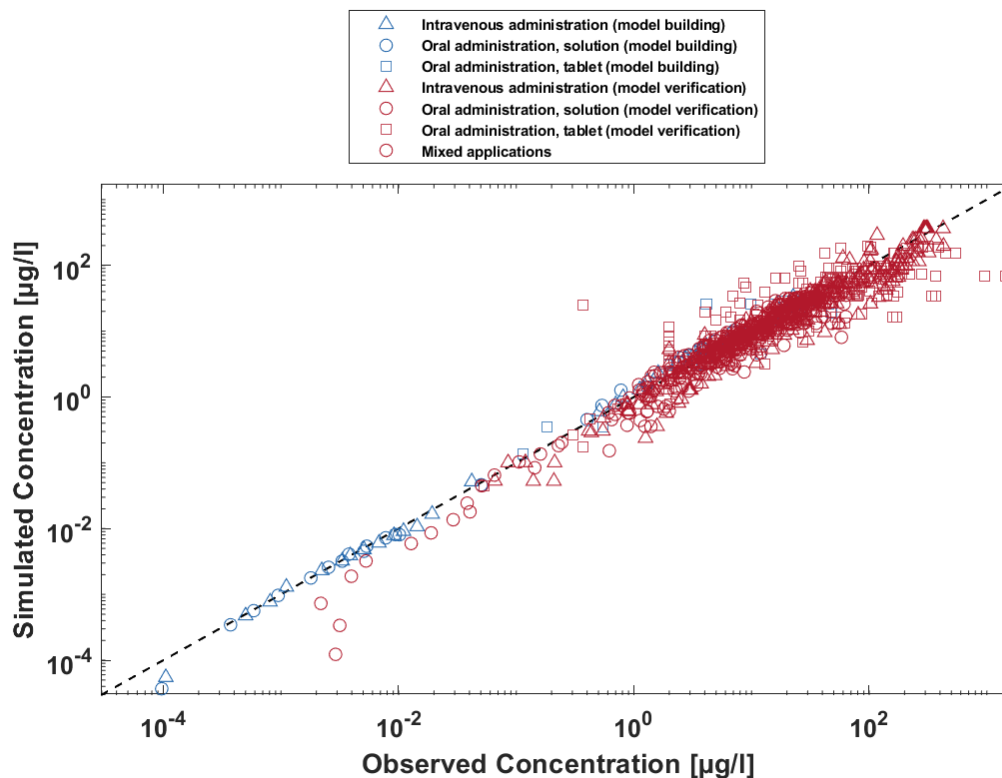
## Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	
Dissolution time (50% dissolved)	0.0107481462 min	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Tablet 7.5 mg' on 2019-04-09 16:30	
Lag time	0 min		
Dissolution shape	4.3802943225	Parameter Identification-Parameter Identification-Value updated from 'PI Tablet 7.5 mg' on 2019-04-09 16:30	
Use as suspension	Yes		

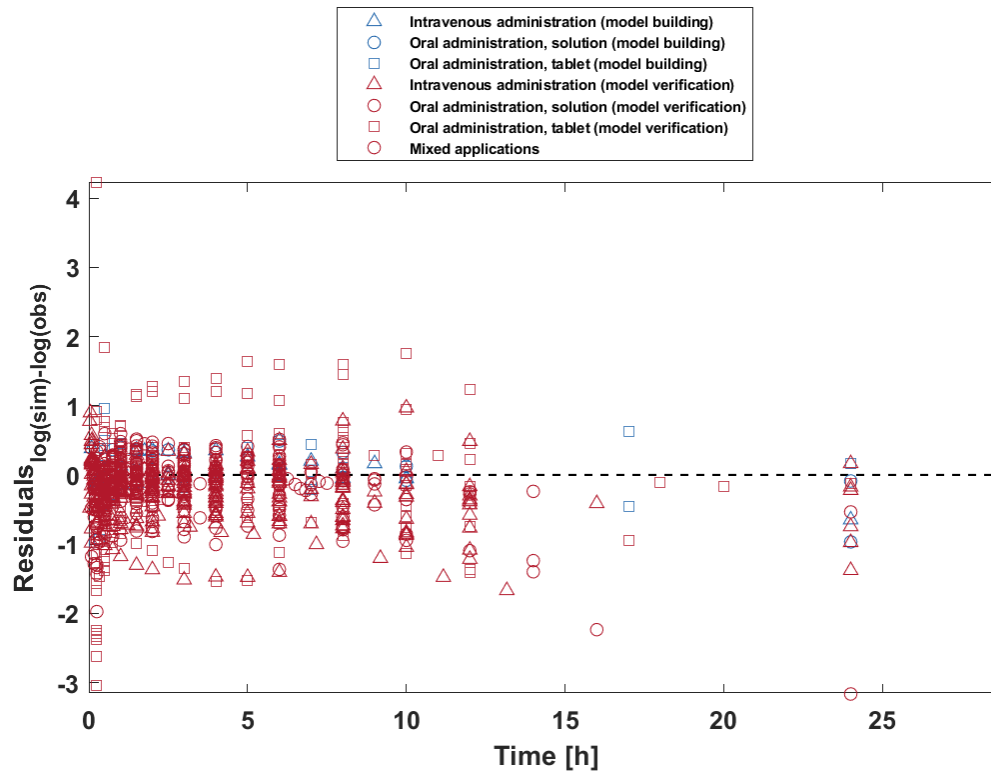
## 3.2 Diagnostics Plots

Below you find the goodness-of-fit visual diagnostic plots for the PBPK model performance of all data used presented in [Section 2.2.2](#).

The first plot shows observed versus simulated plasma concentration, the second weighted residuals versus time.



Midazolam concentration in plasma/blood



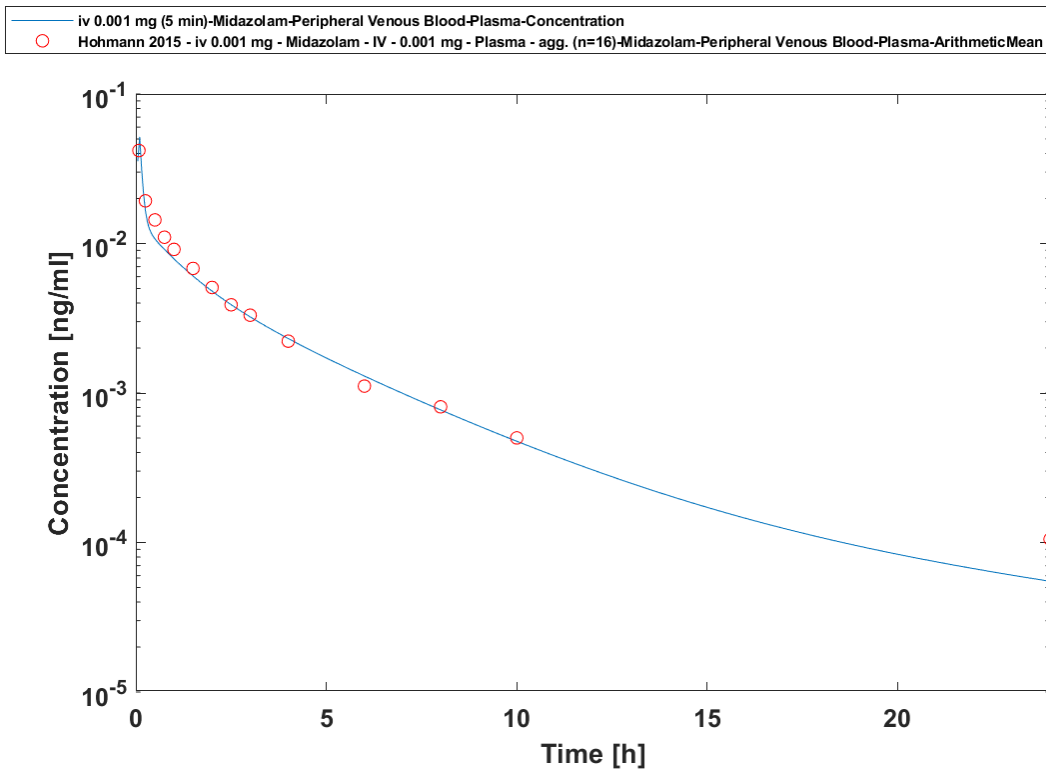
Midazolam concentration in plasma/blood

GMFE = 1.455407

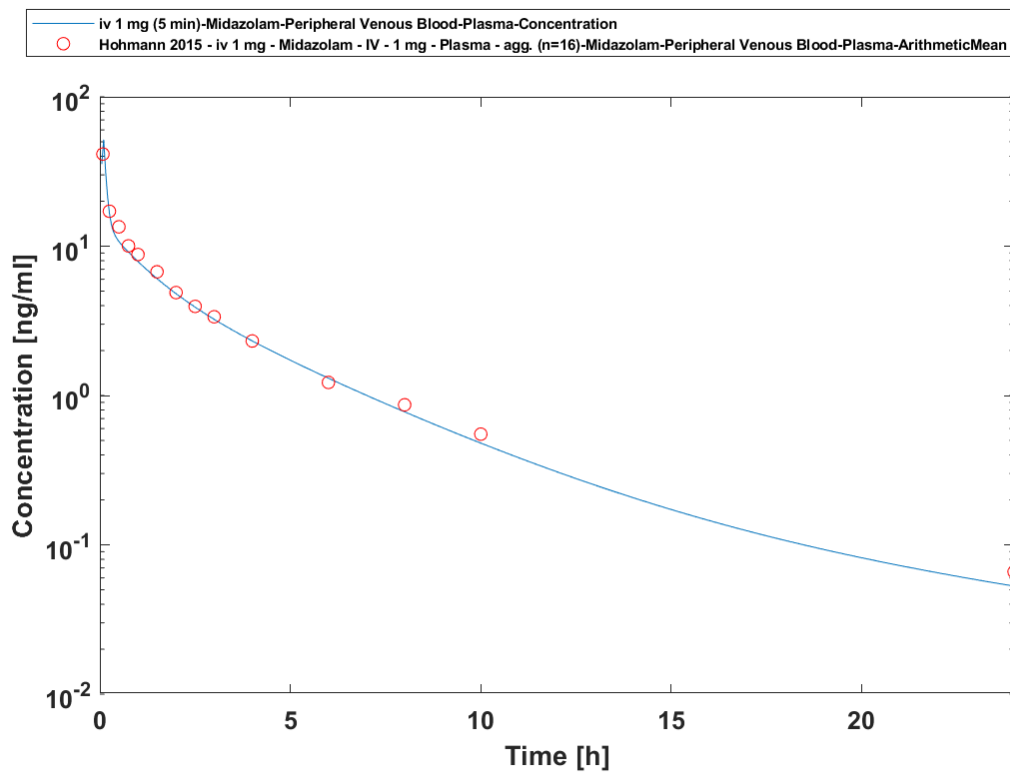
## 3.3 Concentration-Time Profiles

Simulated versus observed concentration-time profiles of all data listed in [Section 2.2.2](#) are presented below.

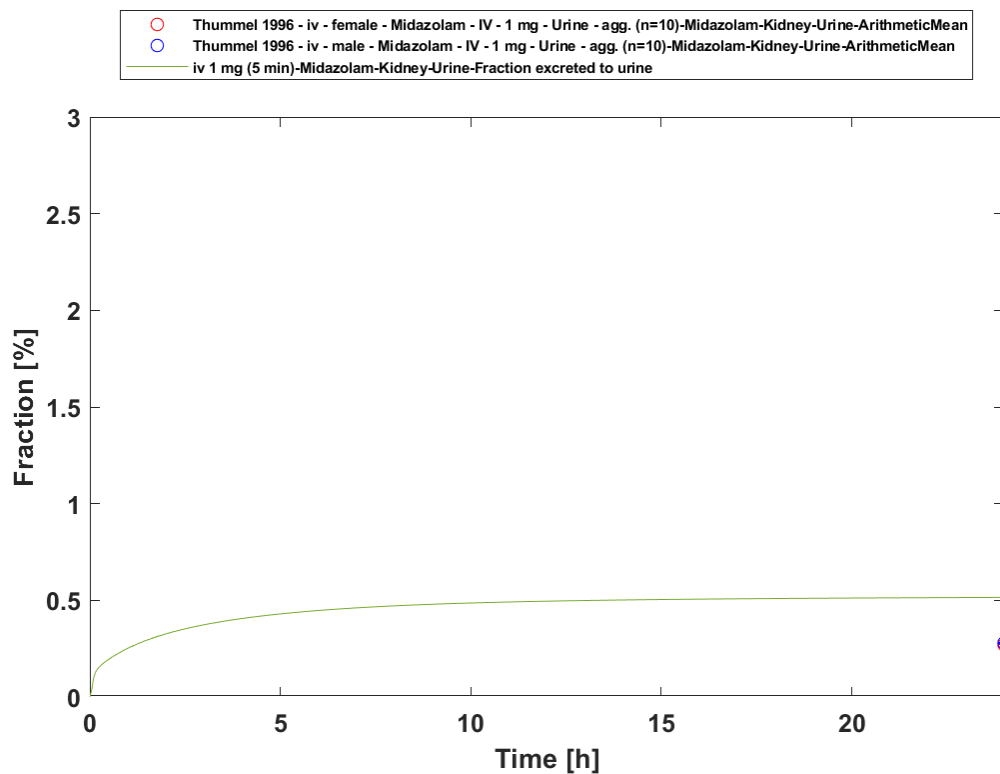
### 3.3.1 Model Building



iv 0.001 mg (5 min) - Plasma

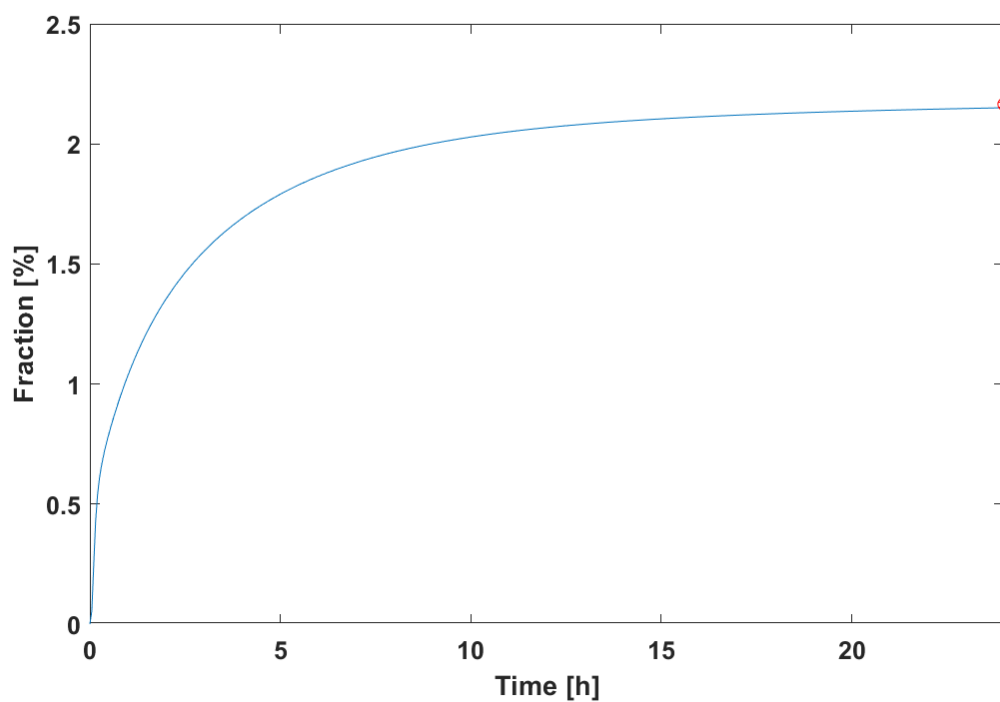


iv 1 mg (5 min) - Plasma



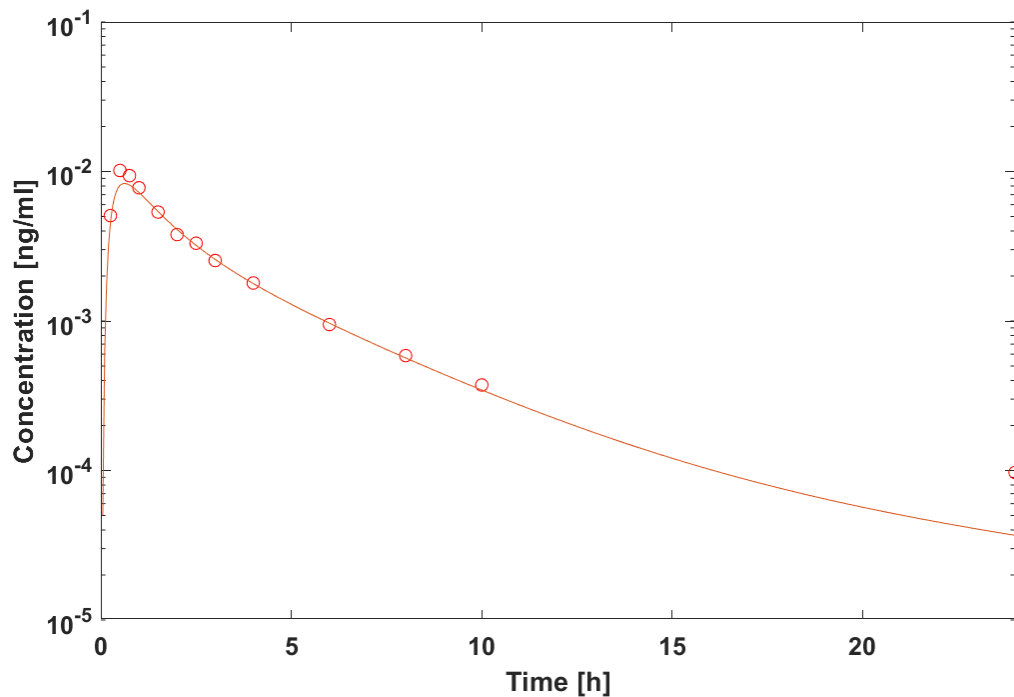
iv 1 mg (5 min) - Urine

min)-Midazolam-UGT1A4-Optimized Metabolite-Liver Periportal-Intracellular-Fraction of dose-Midazolam  
 09 - 1-mg i.v. dose (as fraction of dose) - Midazolam-N-Glucuronide - IV - 1 mg - Urine - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-N-Glucuronide-Kidney-Urine-ArithmeticMean



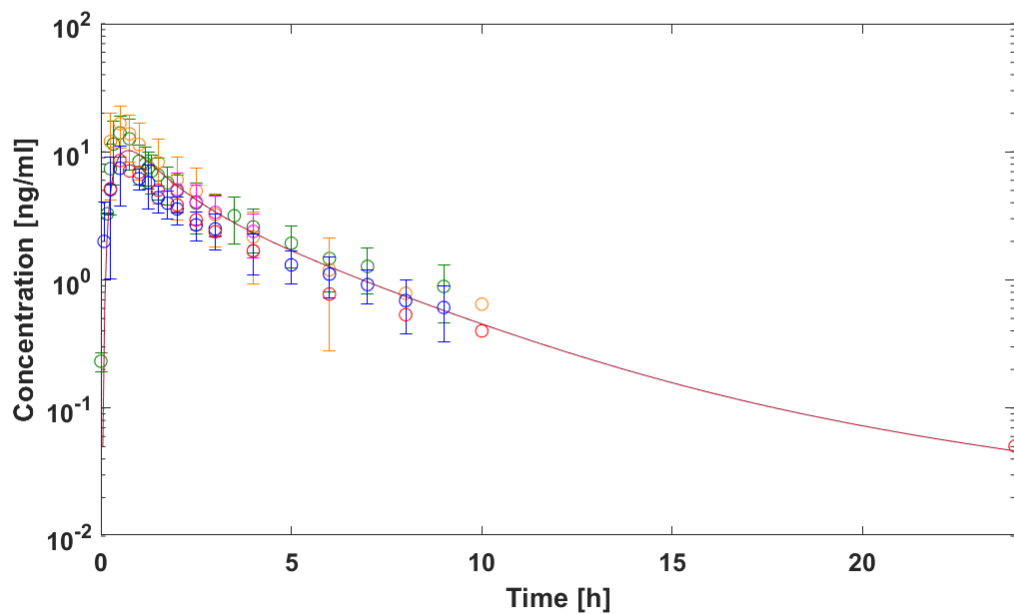
iv 1 mg (5 min) - fm UGT1A4

○ Hohmann 2015 - po 0.003 mg - Midazolam - PO - 0.003 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 — po 0.003 mg (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration

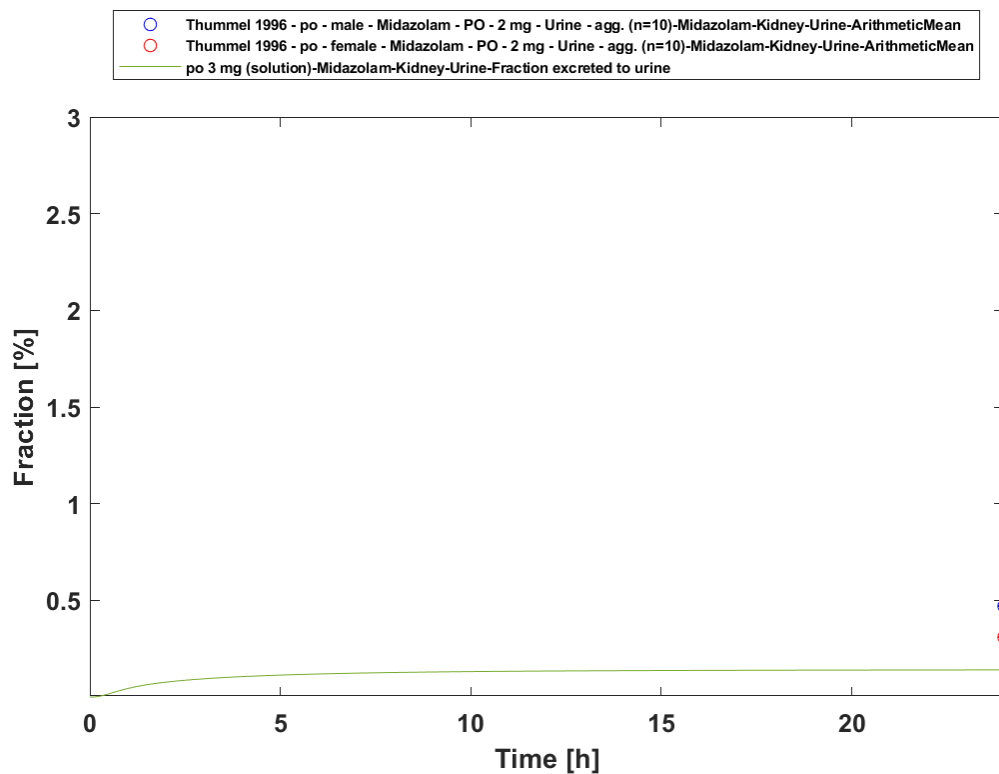


po 0.003 mg (solution) - Plasma

ch 2011 - po Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 3 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 maier 2010 - Midazolam control - Midazolam - PO - 3 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 t 2013 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 3 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=11)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 g (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
 ch 2004 - po #1 Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 3 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 nn 2015 - po 3 mg - Midazolam - PO - 3 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

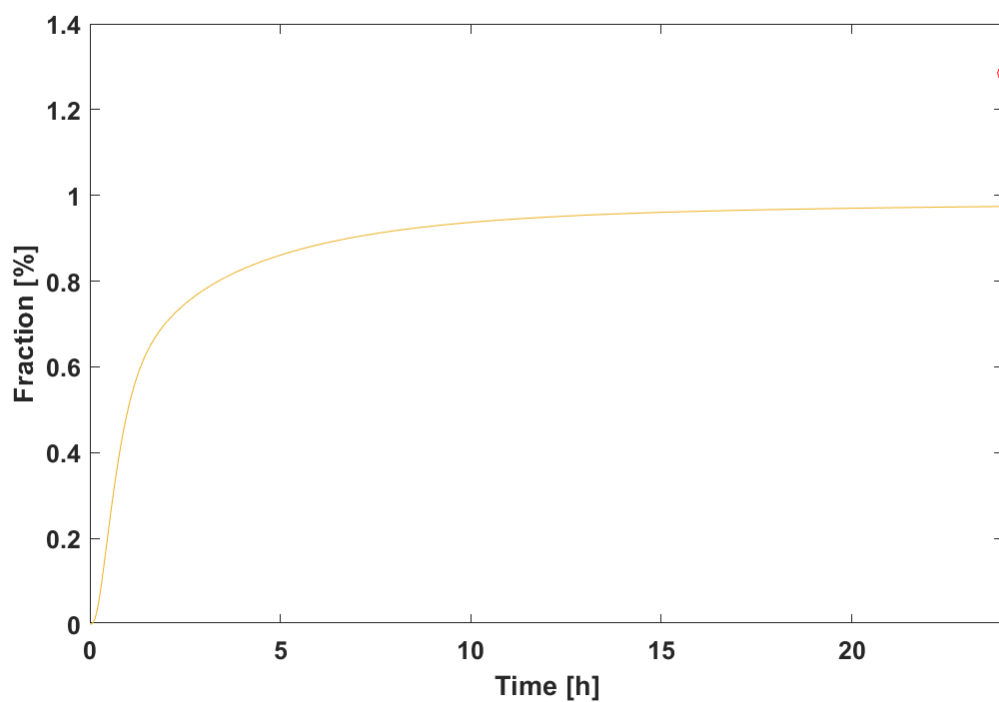


po 3 mg (solution) - Plasma



po 3 mg (solution) - Urine

1 - 3-mg oral dose (as fraction of dose) - Midazolam-N-Glucuronide - PO - 3 mg - Urine - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-N-Glucuronide-Kidney-Urine-ArithmeticMean  
 lution)-Midazolam-UGT1A4-Optimized Metabolite-Liver Periportal-Intracellular-Fraction of dose-Midazolam



po 3 mg (solution) - fm UGT1A4

tablet)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration

· po Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

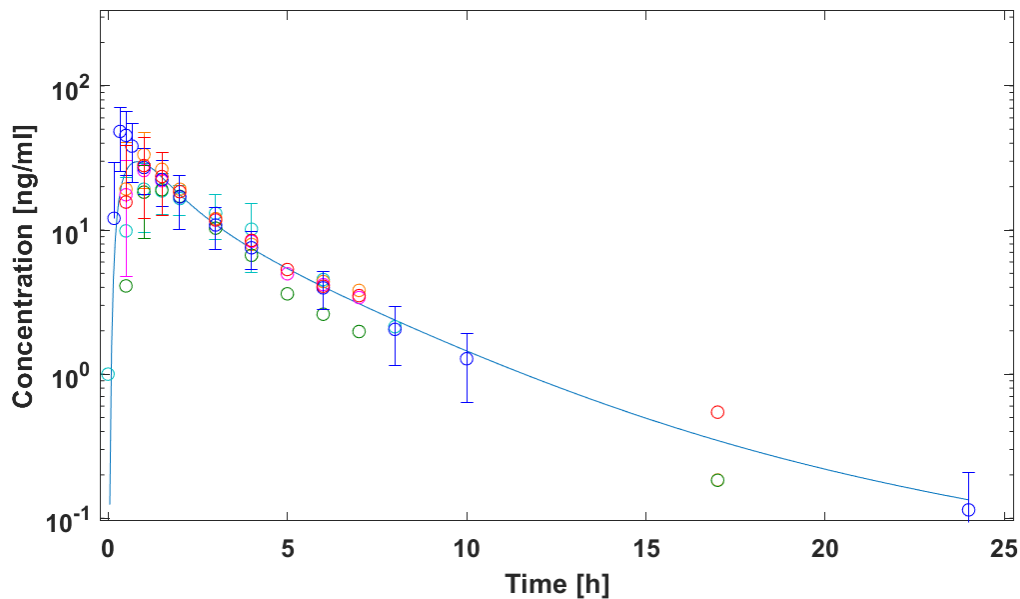
i6 - day 6 (po) Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

i6 - day 1 (po) Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

i4 - po Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=9)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

po Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=8)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

i5 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



po 7.5 mg (tablet) - Plasma

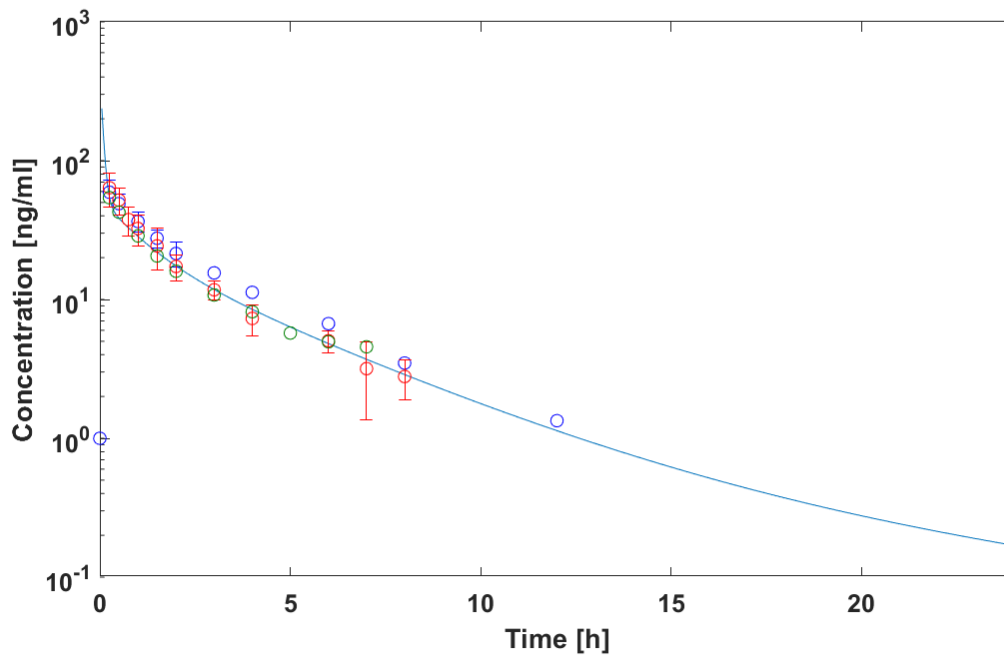
### 3.3.2 Model Verification

(2 min)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration

· Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

- iv Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

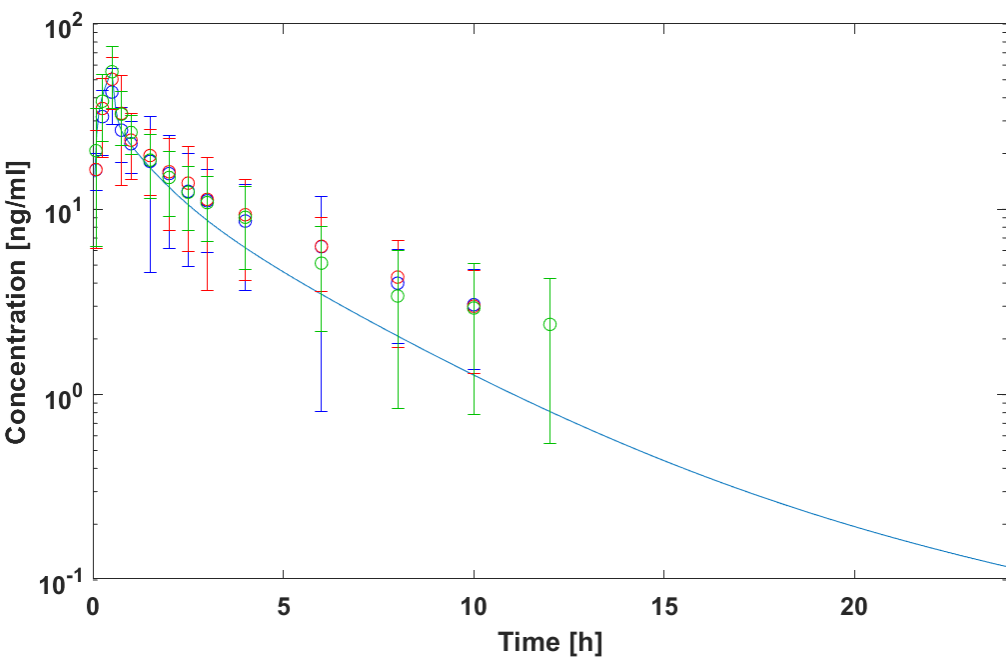
- day 4 (iv) Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



iv 0.05 mg/kg (2 min) - Plasma

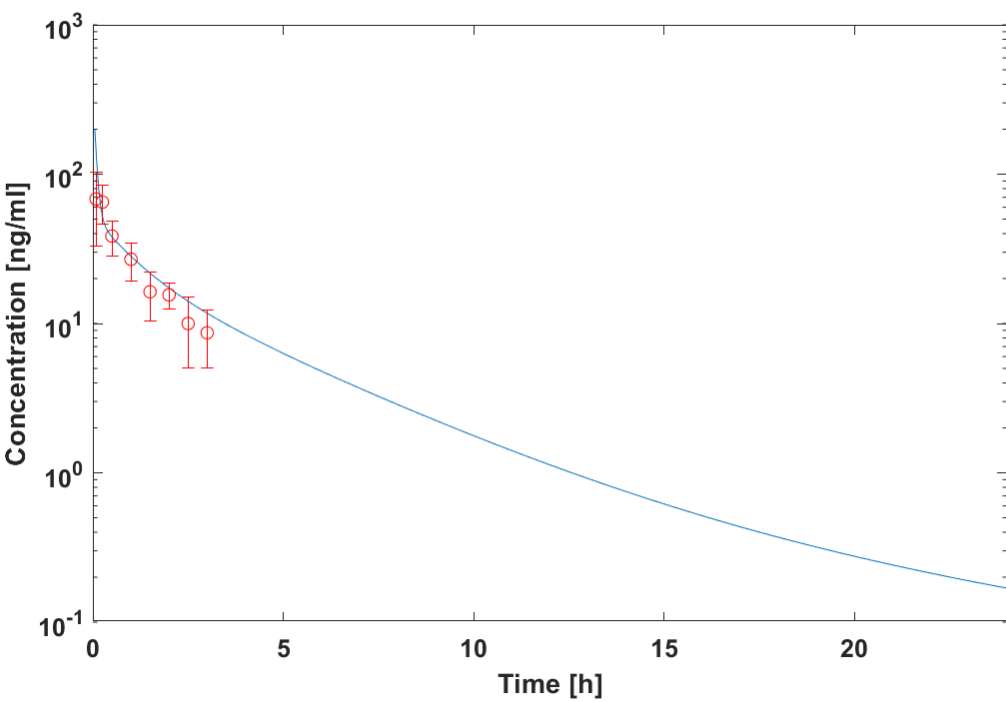


l min)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-Concentration  
Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Whole Blood - agg. (n=52)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-ArithmeticMean  
Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Whole Blood - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-ArithmeticMean  
Control iv Midazolam All - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Whole Blood - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-ArithmeticMean



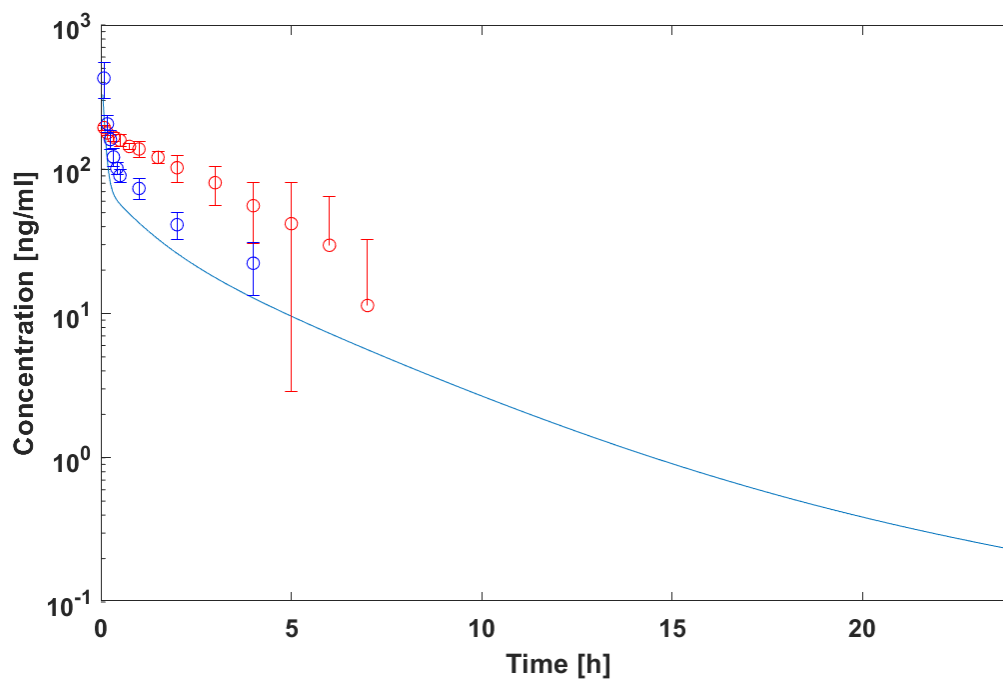
iv 0.05 mg/kg (30 min) - Whole blood

/ 0.05 mg/kg (bolus)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
izalat 2007 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.05 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=3)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



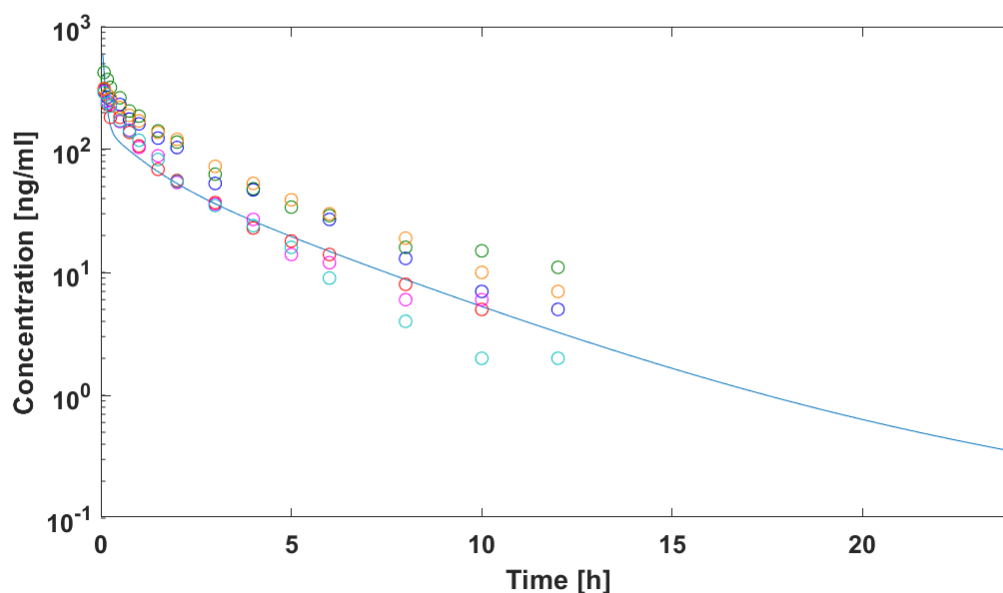
iv 0.05 mg/kg (bolus) - Plasma

mg/kg (1 min)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
 1981 - iv - Midazolam - IV - 0.075 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 202 - day 5 Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 0.075 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=8)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



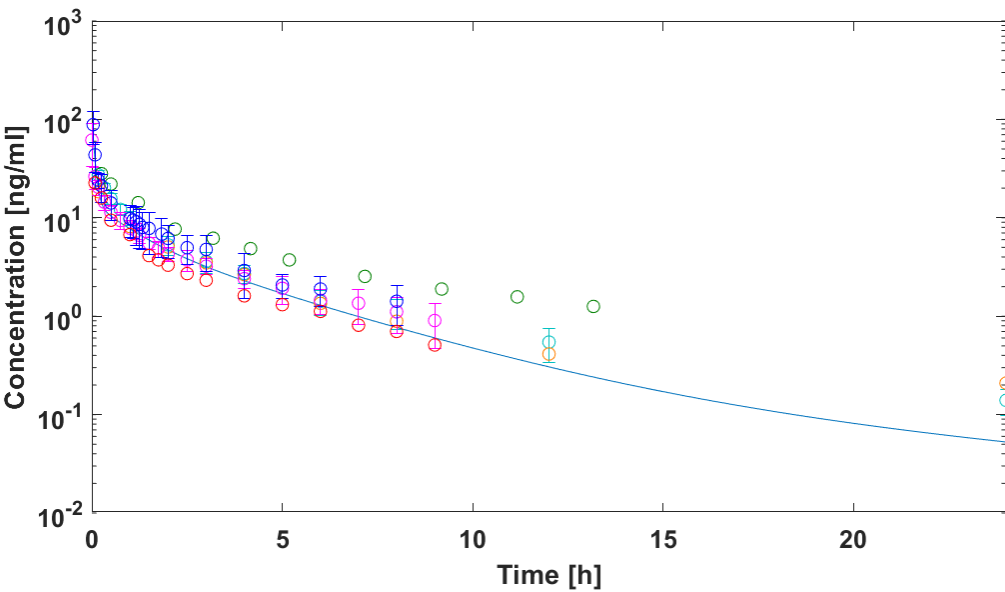
iv 0.075 mg/kg (1 min) - Plasma

iv 0.15 mg/kg (bolus)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
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 Heizmann 1983 - iv 0.15 mg/kg - Indiv. CH.B. - Midazolam - IV - 0.15 mg/kg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
 Heizmann 1983 - iv 0.15 mg/kg - Indiv. E.Sch. - Midazolam - IV - 0.15 mg/kg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
 Heizmann 1983 - iv 0.15 mg/kg - Indiv. K.M. - Midazolam - IV - 0.15 mg/kg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
 Heizmann 1983 - iv 0.15 mg/kg - Indiv. O.A. - Midazolam - IV - 0.15 mg/kg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
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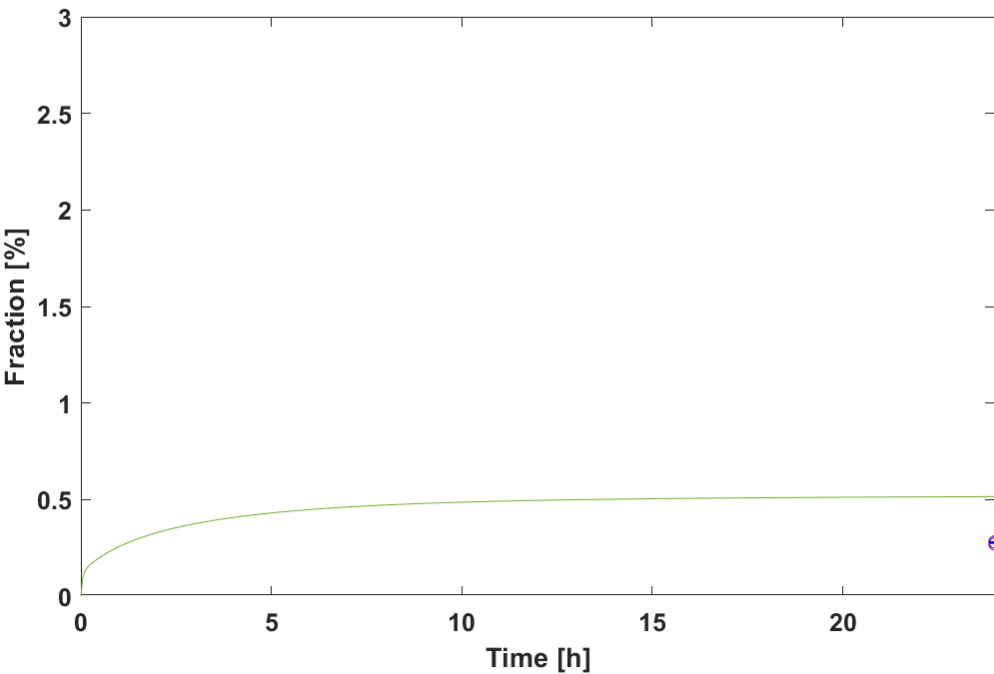
iv 0.15 mg/kg (bolus) - Plasma

1 mg (bolus)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
iin 2016 - Midazolam alone - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
iin 2013 - Control phase (Midazolam alone) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=24)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
arasch 2011 - iv Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
arasch 1997 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - typical (n=9)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
immasone 2001 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
arasch 2004 - iv Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



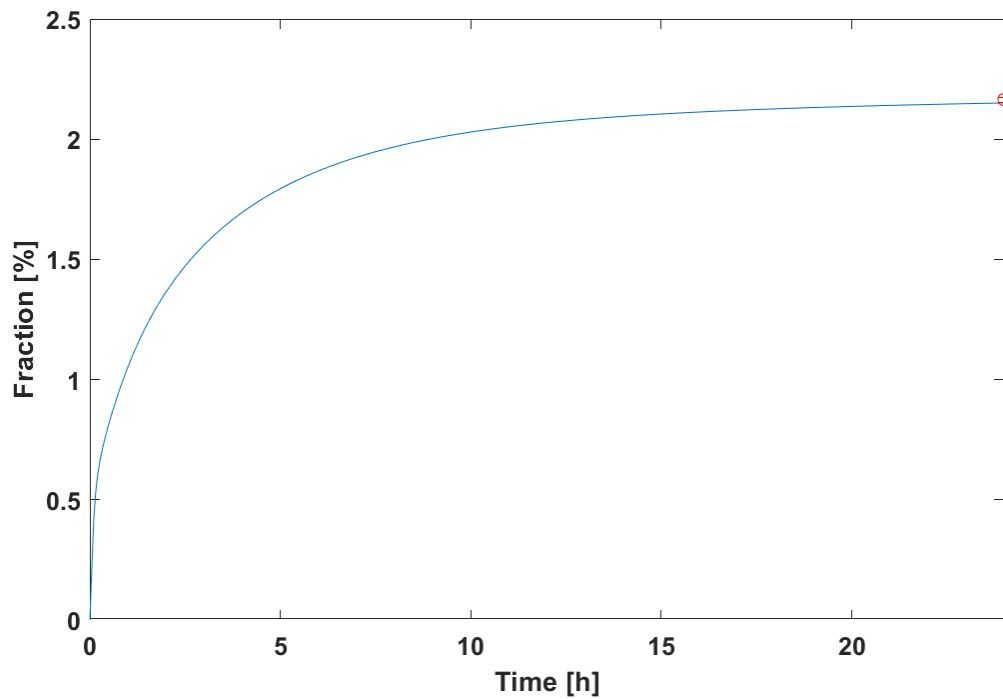
iv 1 mg (bolus) - Plasma

○ Thummel 1996 - iv - female - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Urine - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Kidney-Urine-ArithmeticMean  
○ Thummel 1996 - iv - male - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Urine - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Kidney-Urine-ArithmeticMean  
— iv 1 mg (bolus)-Midazolam-Kidney-Urine-Fraction excreted to urine



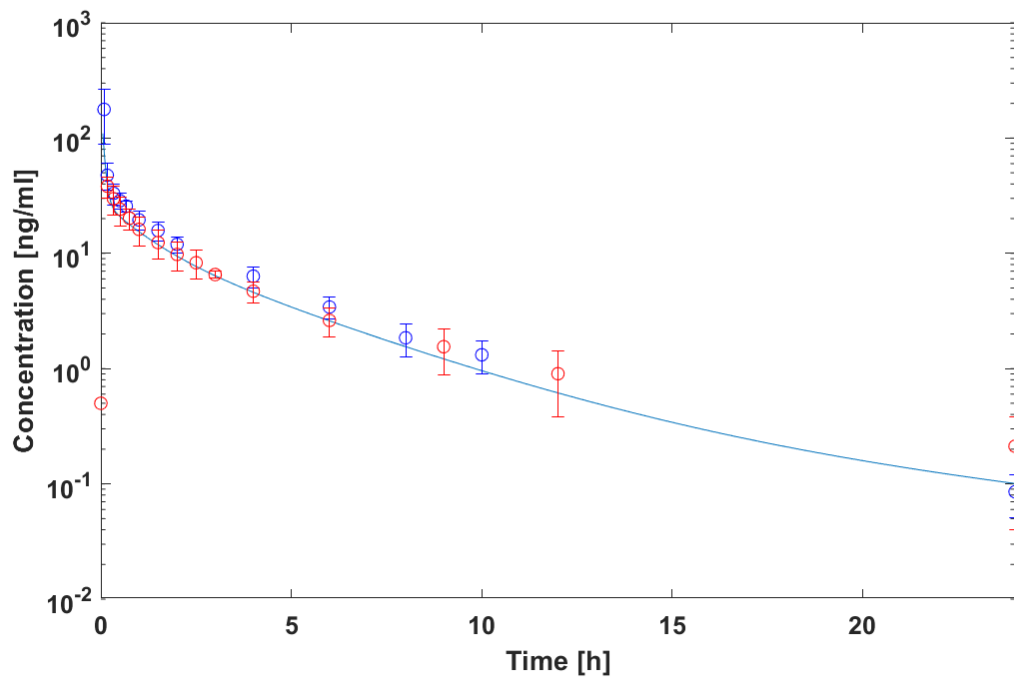
iv 1 mg (bolus) - Urine

plus)-Midazolam-UGT1A4-Optimized Metabolite-Liver Periportal-Intracellular-Fraction of dose-Midazolam  
09 - 1-mg i.v. dose (as fraction of dose) - Midazolam-N-Glucuronide - IV - 1 mg - Urine - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-N-Glucuronide-Kidney-Urine-ArithmeticMean



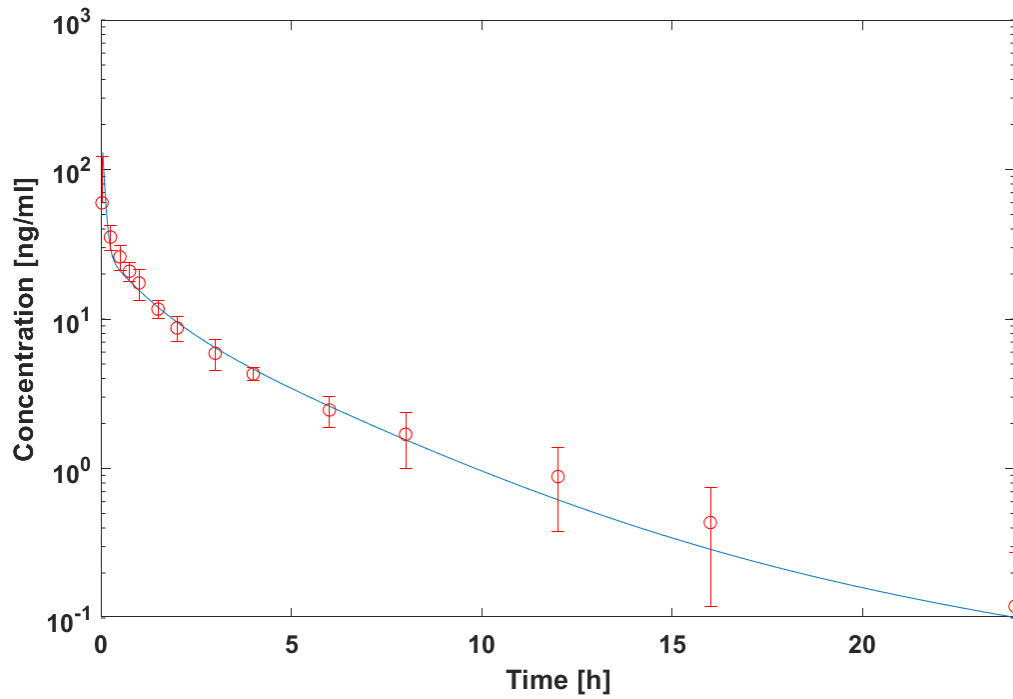
iv 1 mg (bolus) - fm UGT1A4

iv 2 mg (bolus)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
Link 2008 - iv Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 2 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=8)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
Darwish 2008 - iv - Midazolam - IV - 2 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=24)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



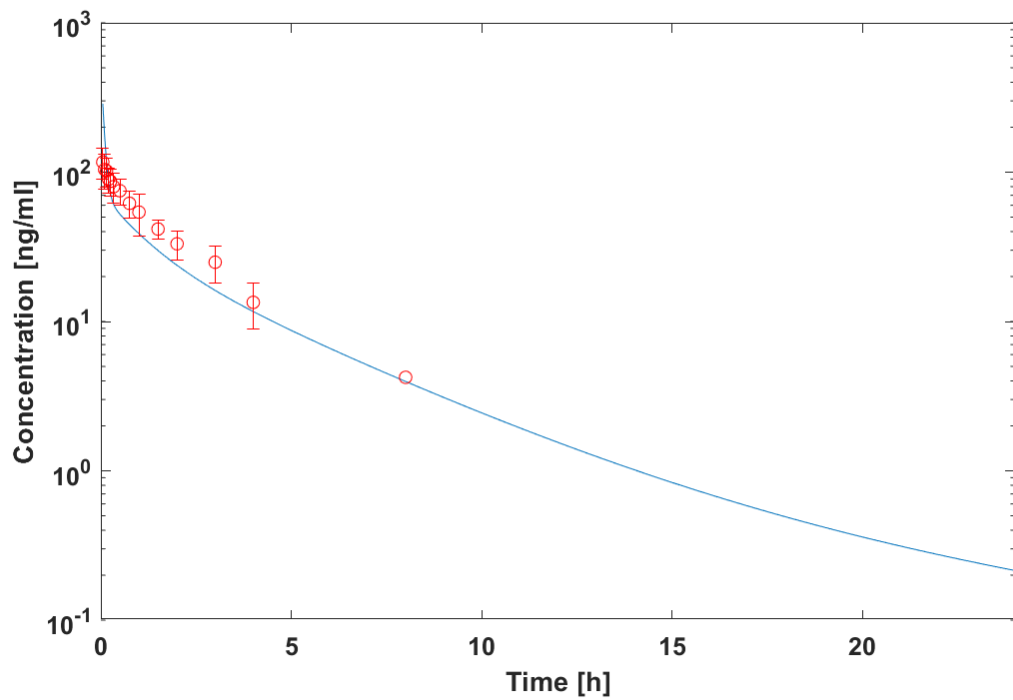
iv 2 mg (bolus) - Plasma

mg (2 min)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
umdar 2007 - po Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 2 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

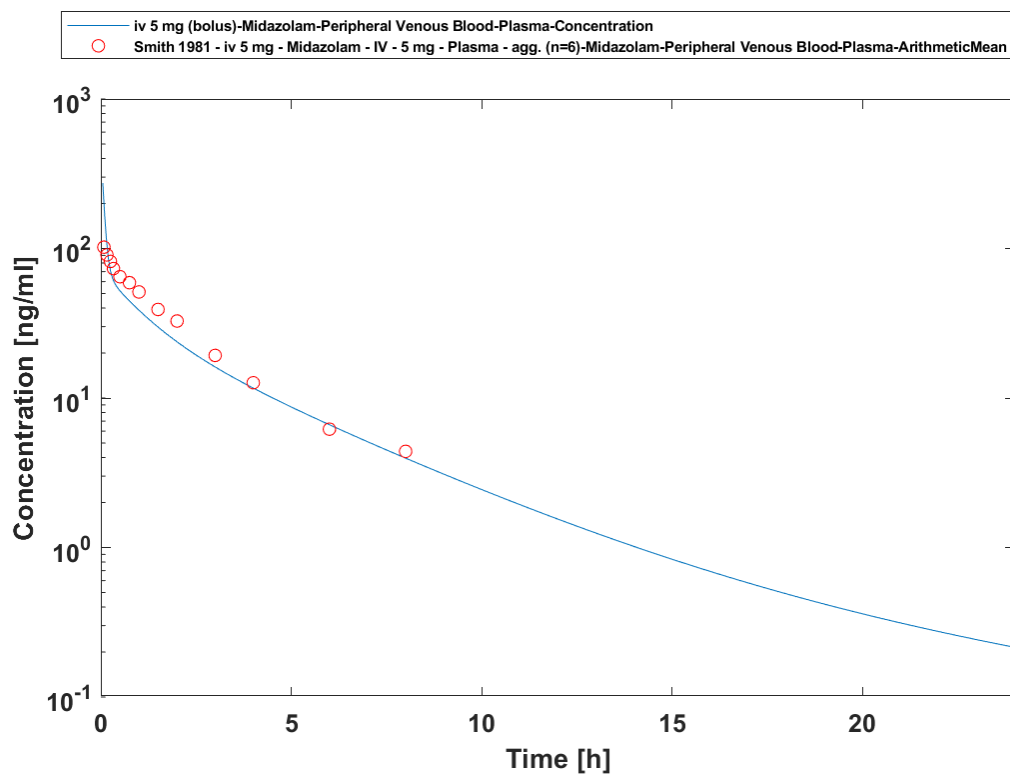


iv 2 mg (2 min) - Plasma

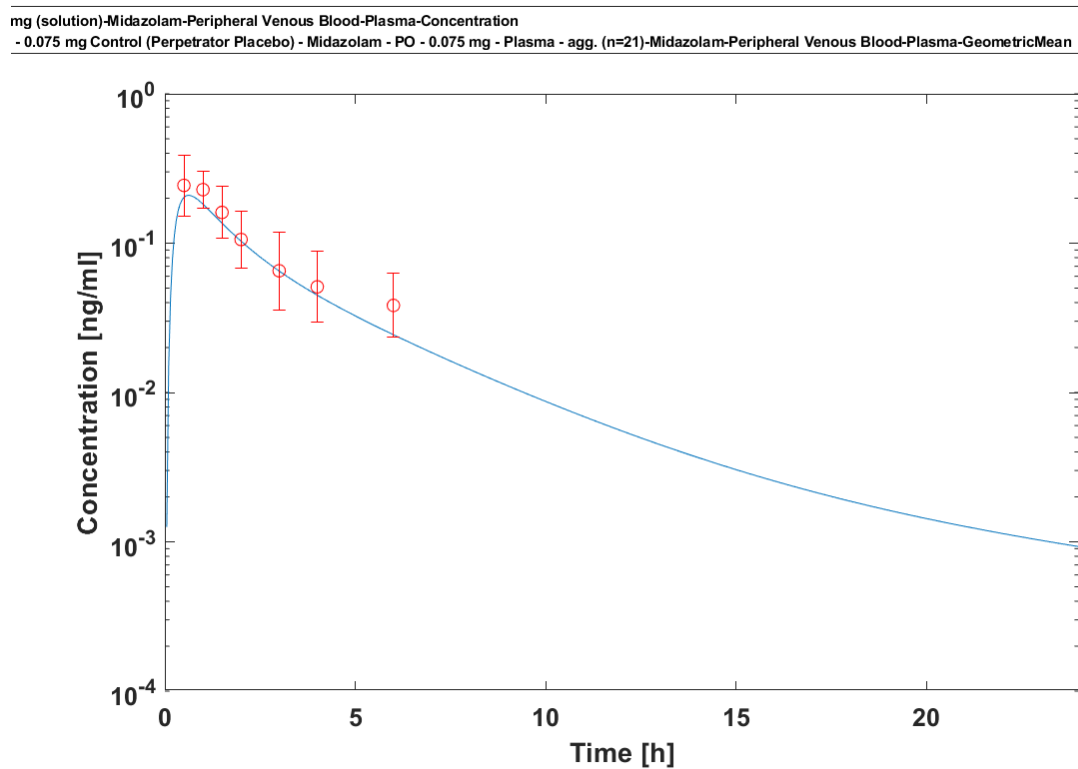
iv 5 mg (30 sec)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
Schwagmeier 1998 - iv administration - Midazolam - IV - 5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=8)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



iv 5 mg (30 sec) - Plasma

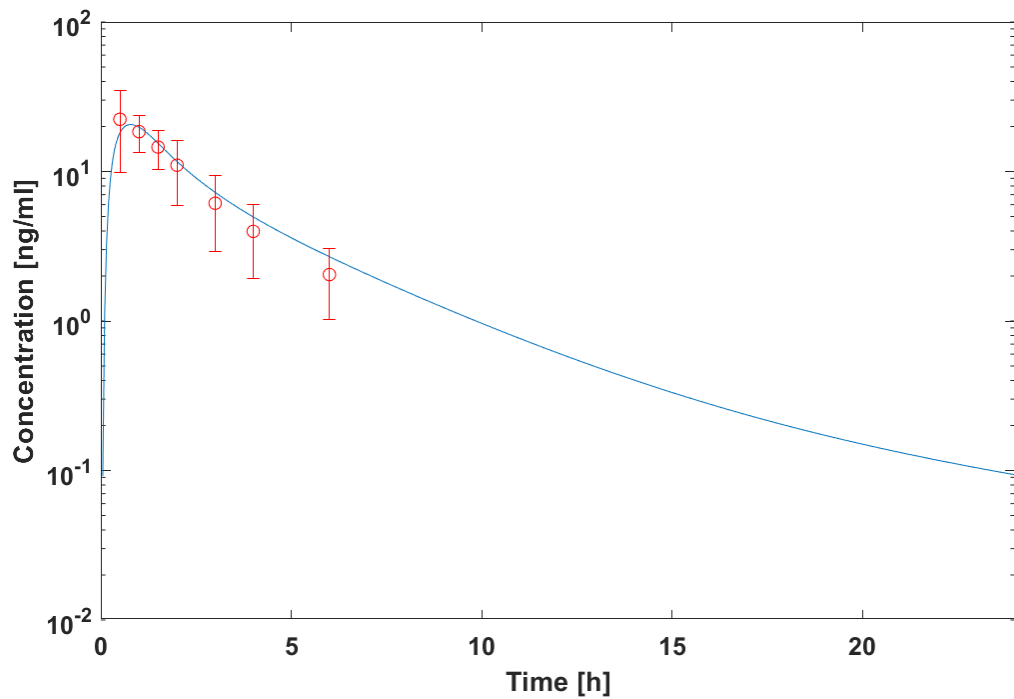


iv 5 mg (bolus) - Plasma



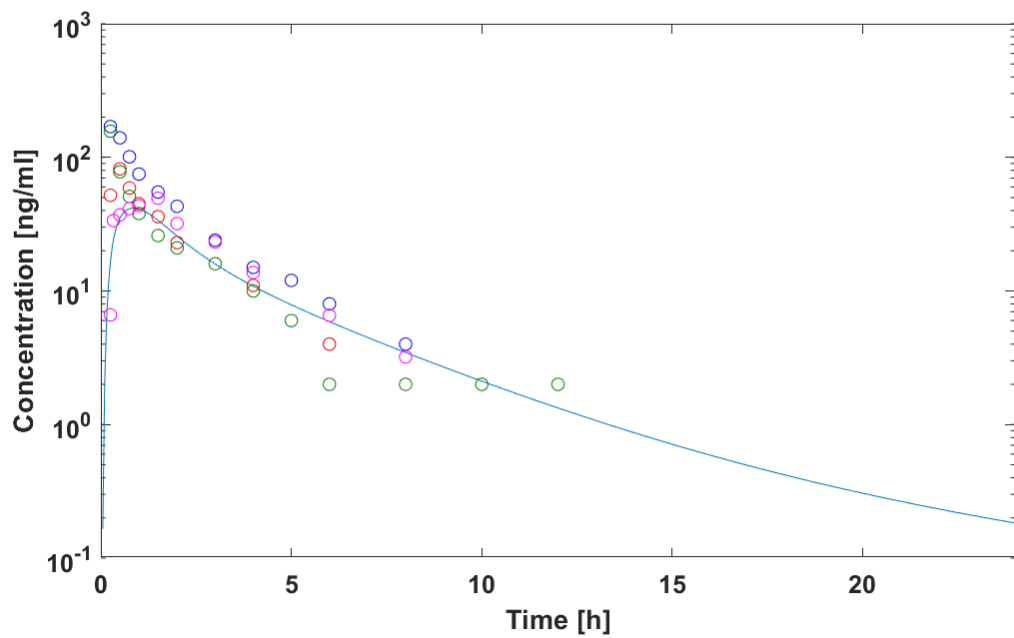
po 0.075 mg (solution) - Plasma

0.075 mg/kg (syrup)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
g 2006 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 0.075 mg/kg - Plasma - agg. (n=18)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



po 0.075 mg/kg (syrup) - Plasma

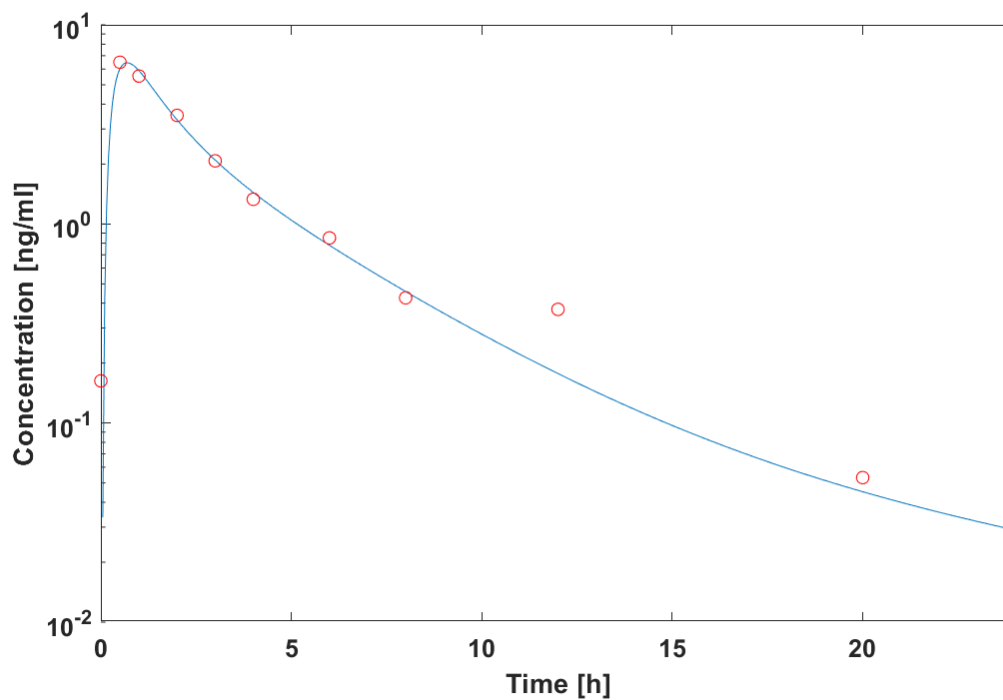
po 10 mg (tablet)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
○ Heizmann 1983 - po 10 mg - Indiv. R.H. - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
○ Heizmann 1983 - po 10 mg - Indiv. O.A. - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
○ Heizmann 1983 - po 10 mg - Indiv. K.M. - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
○ Smith 1981 - oral tablet 10 mg - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



po 10 mg (tablet) - Plasma

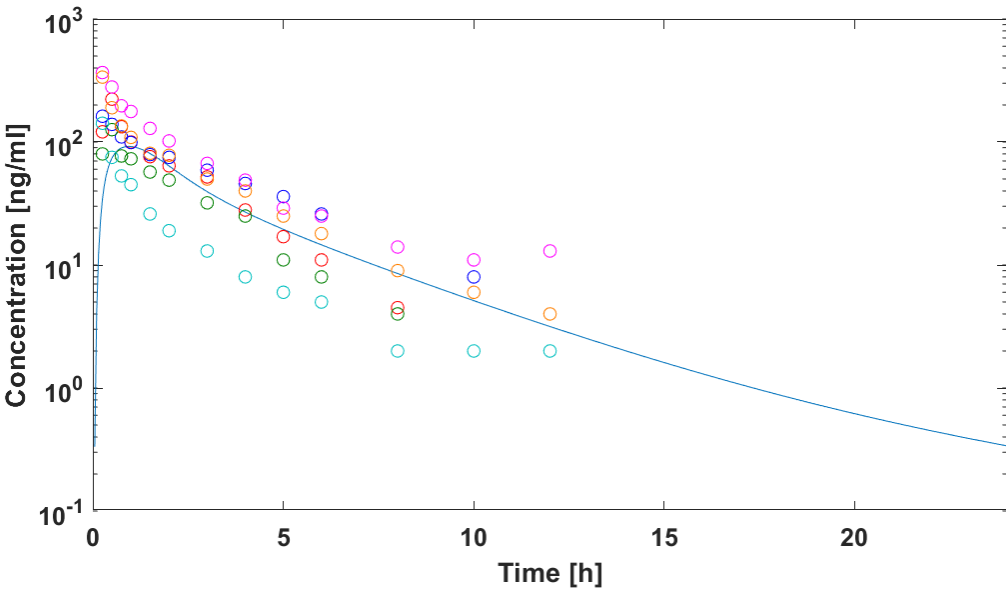
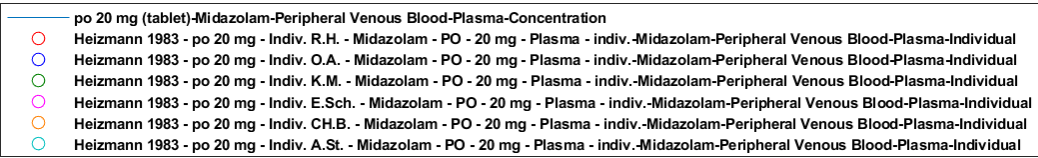
Figure 1 is a semi-log plot showing the concentration of 10 different compounds over time. The y-axis is labeled 'Concentration [ng/ml]' and ranges from  $10^{-1}$  to  $10^3$  on a logarithmic scale. The x-axis is labeled 'Time [h]' and ranges from 0 to 24 on a linear scale. The data points are represented by colored circles with error bars, and a solid purple line represents the fitted decay curve. The compounds are identified by color: cyan, green, red, blue, orange, purple, brown, pink, light blue, and dark blue. The concentration of all compounds decreases over time, following a similar exponential decay pattern.

10 2 mg (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
 11 templeton 2010 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 2 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Arithmetic Mean

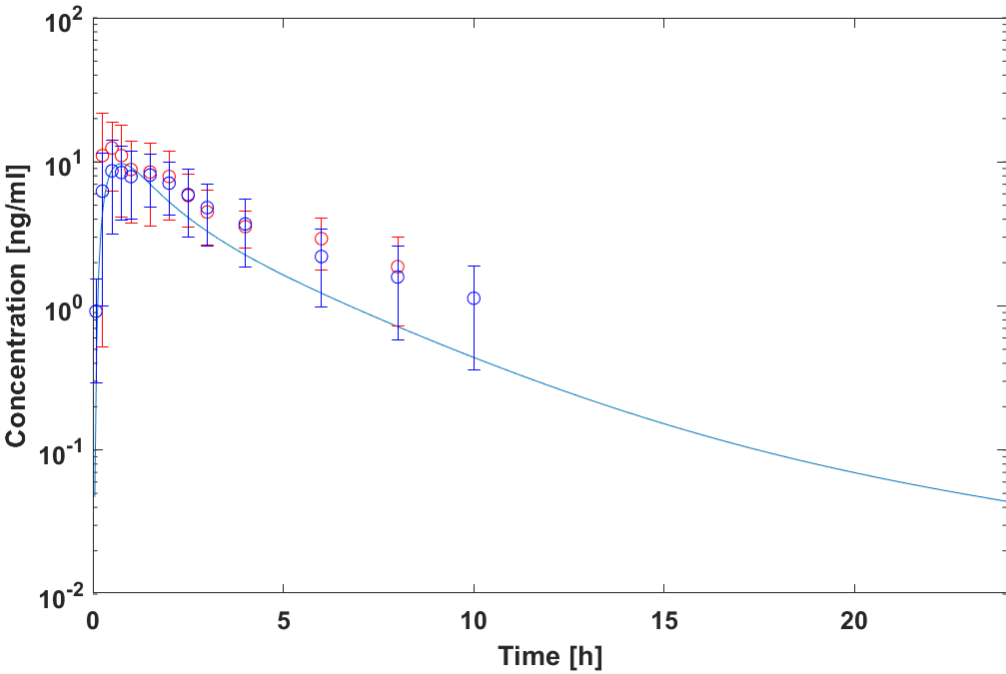
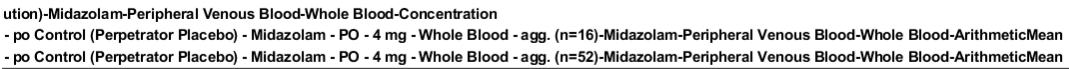


po 2 mg (solution) - Plasma



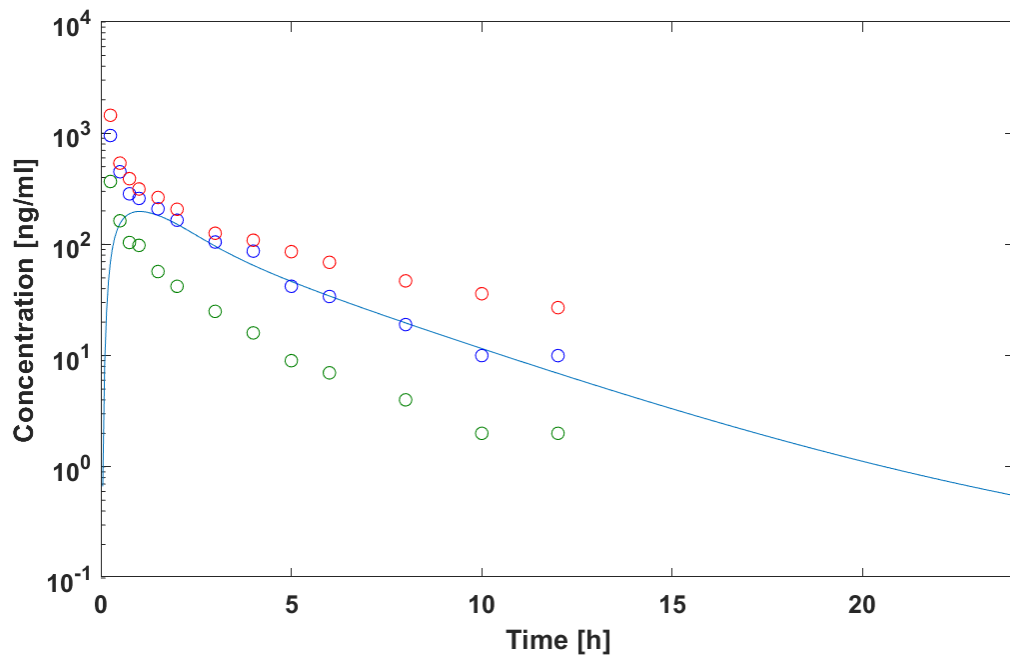


po 20 mg (tablet) - Plasma



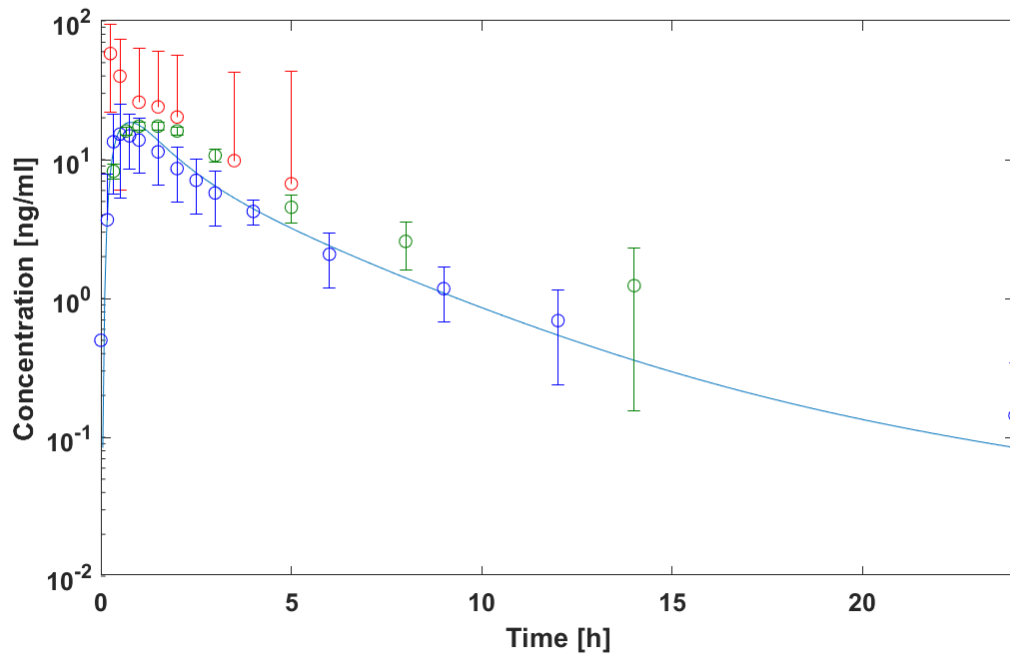
po 4 mg (solution) - Whole blood

po 40 mg (tablet)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
 ● Heizmann 1983 - po 40 mg - Indiv. A.St. - Midazolam - PO - 40 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
 ● Heizmann 1983 - po 40 mg - Indiv. CH.B. - Midazolam - PO - 40 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual  
 ● Heizmann 1983 - po 40 mg - Indiv. E.Sch. - Midazolam - PO - 40 mg - Plasma - indiv.-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Individual



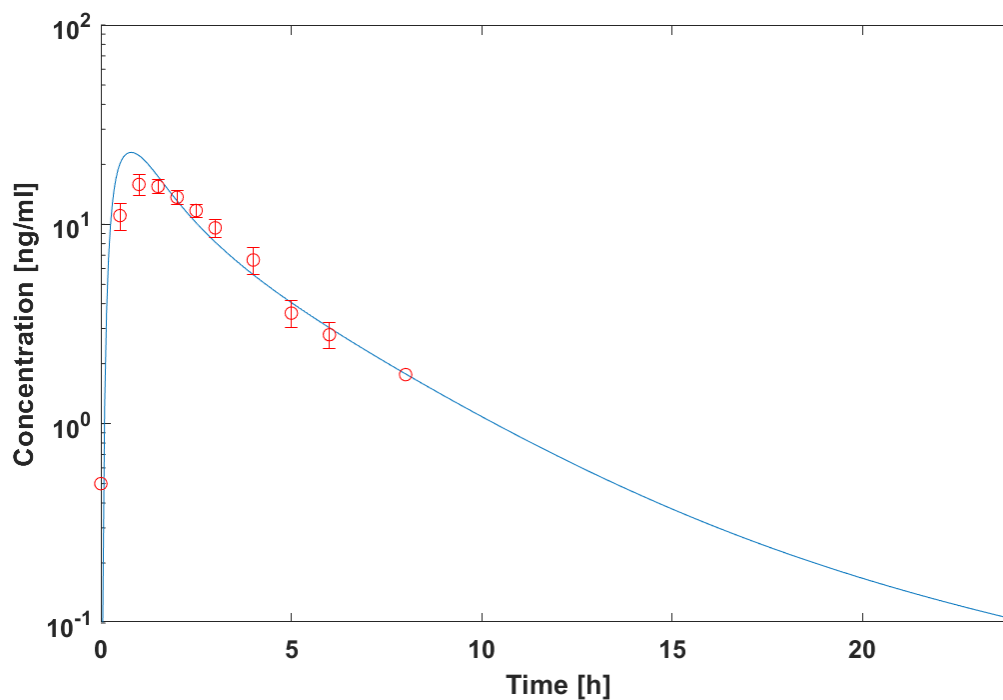
po 40 mg (tablet) - Plasma

1g (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
 2006 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - IV - 1 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=28)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 sh 2008 - oral - Midazolam - PO - 5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=24)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 ira 2007 - EM 0 Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



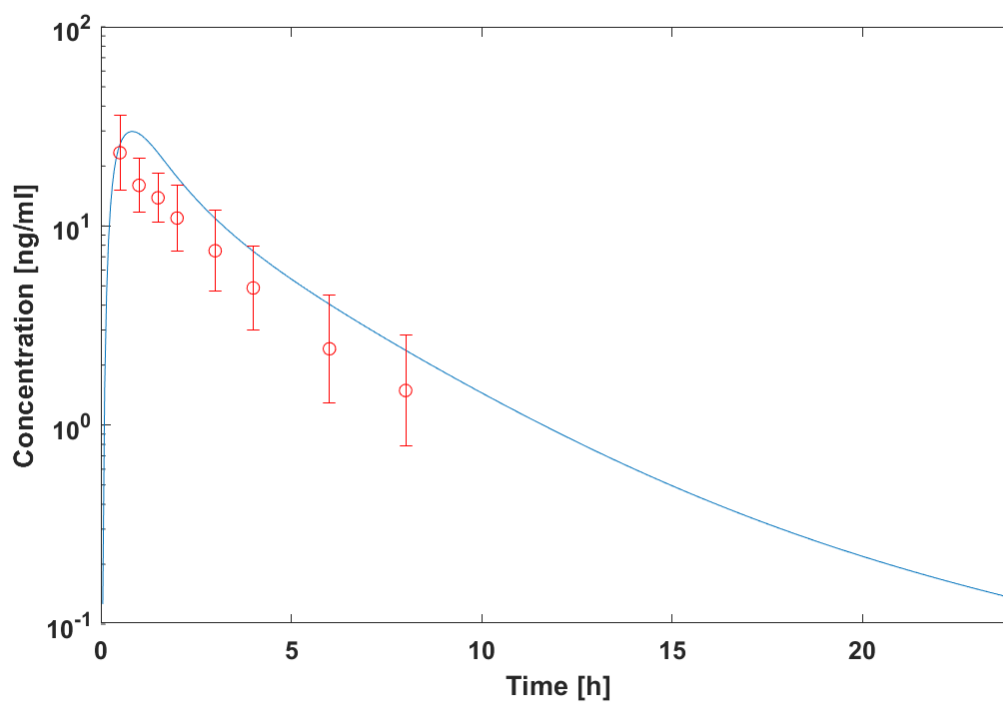
po 5 mg (solution) - Plasma

o 6 mg (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
ireenblat 2003 - Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 6 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=25)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



po 6 mg (solution) - Plasma

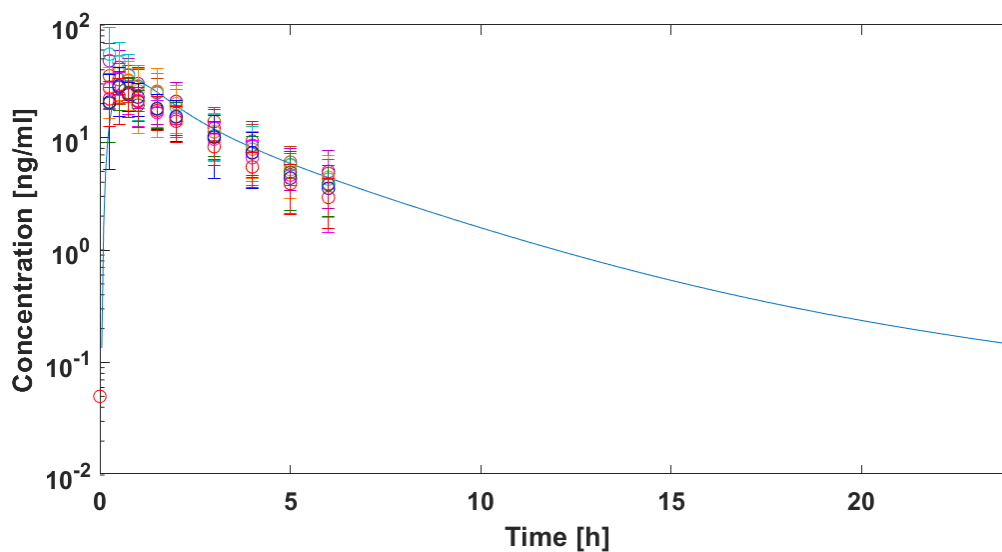
.5 mg (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
2004 - 7.5 mg Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 7.5 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=13)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-GeometricMean



po 7.5 mg (solution) - Plasma

Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration

itrol pre-Kava kava (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 itrol pre-Goldenseal (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 itrol pre-Clarithromycin (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 itrol pre-Rifampicin (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 rol pre-Milk thistle (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=19)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 rol pre-Black cohosh (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=19)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
 rol pre-Clarithromycin (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 8 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=19)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean  
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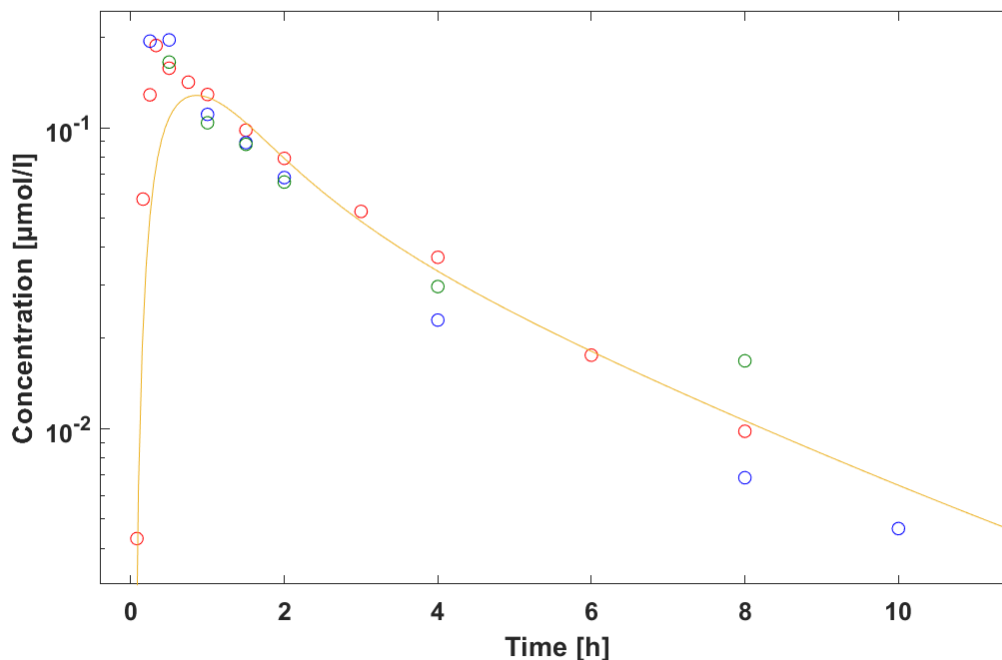
po 8 mg (solution) - Plasma

Smith 1981 - oral solution 10 mg - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=6)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

Lam 2003 - Midazolam before Fluvoxamine - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean

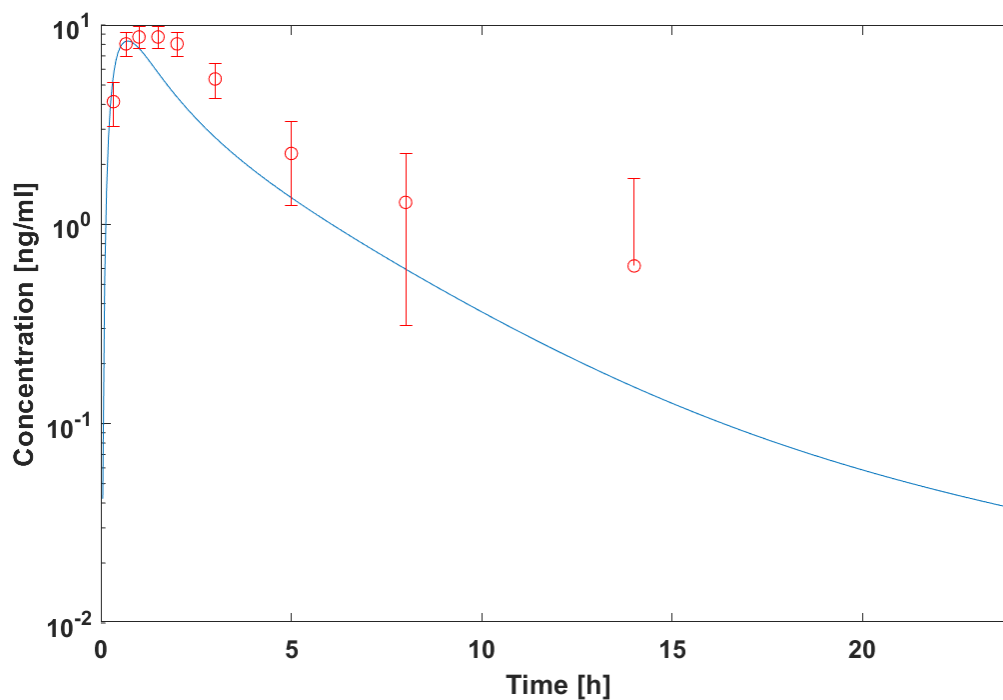
po 10 mg (solution)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration

Lam 2003 - Midazolam before Ketoconazole - Midazolam - PO - 10 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=10)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



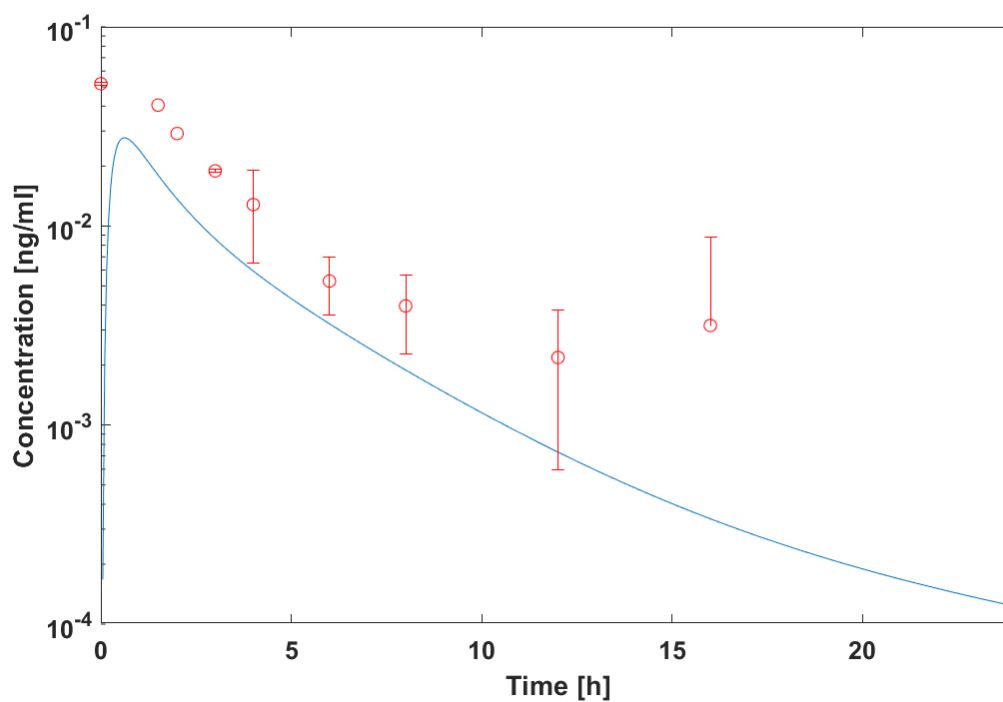
po 10 mg (solution) - Plasma

Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
0 Control (Perpetrator Placebo) - Midazolam - PO - 2.5 (actually 5) mg - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



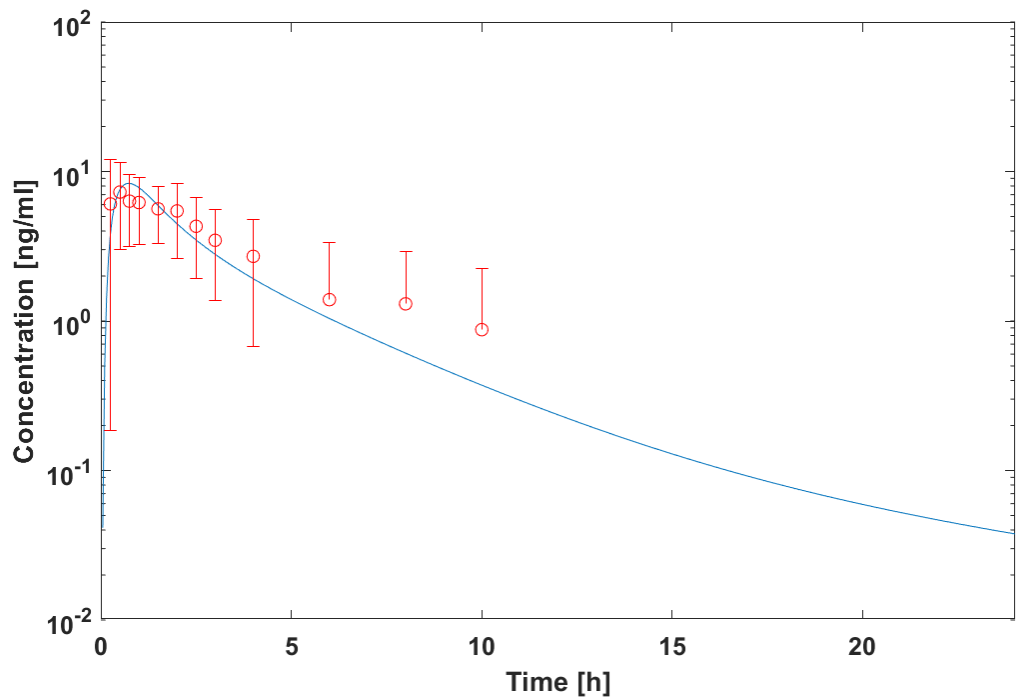
po 2.5 mg (solution) - Plasma

Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
2017 - Midazolam in microdosecocktail alone - Midazolam - PO - 10  $\mu$ g - Plasma - agg. (n=12)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



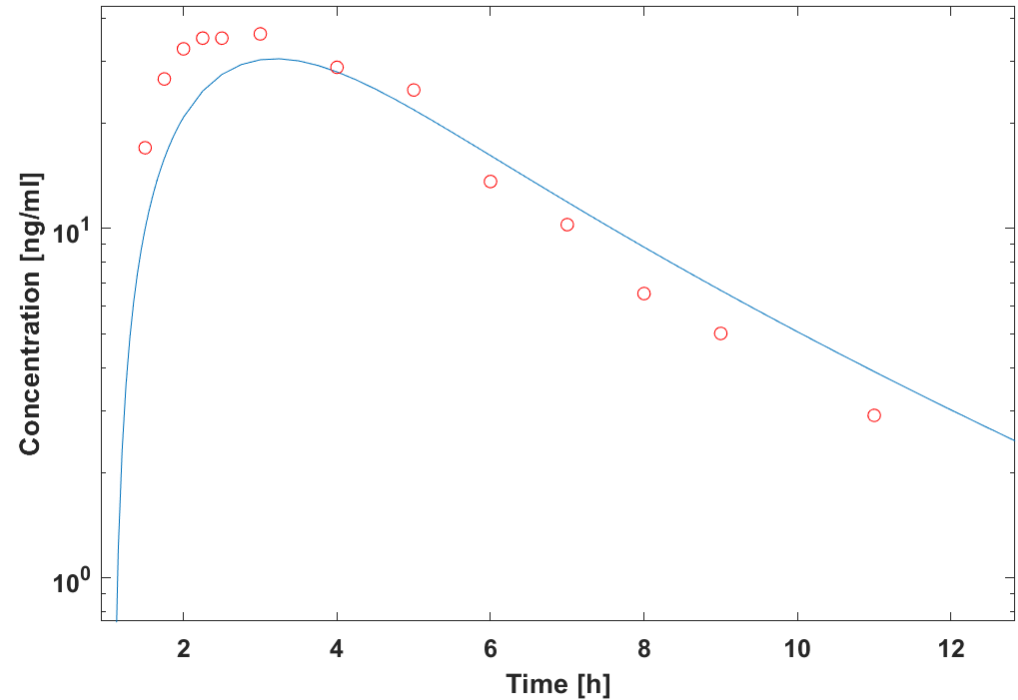
po 0.01 mg (solution) - Plasma

lutation)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-Concentration  
3 - Control po Midazolam All - Midazolam - PO - 3.0 - 4.0 mg - Whole Blood - agg. (n=16)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Whole Blood-ArithmeticMean

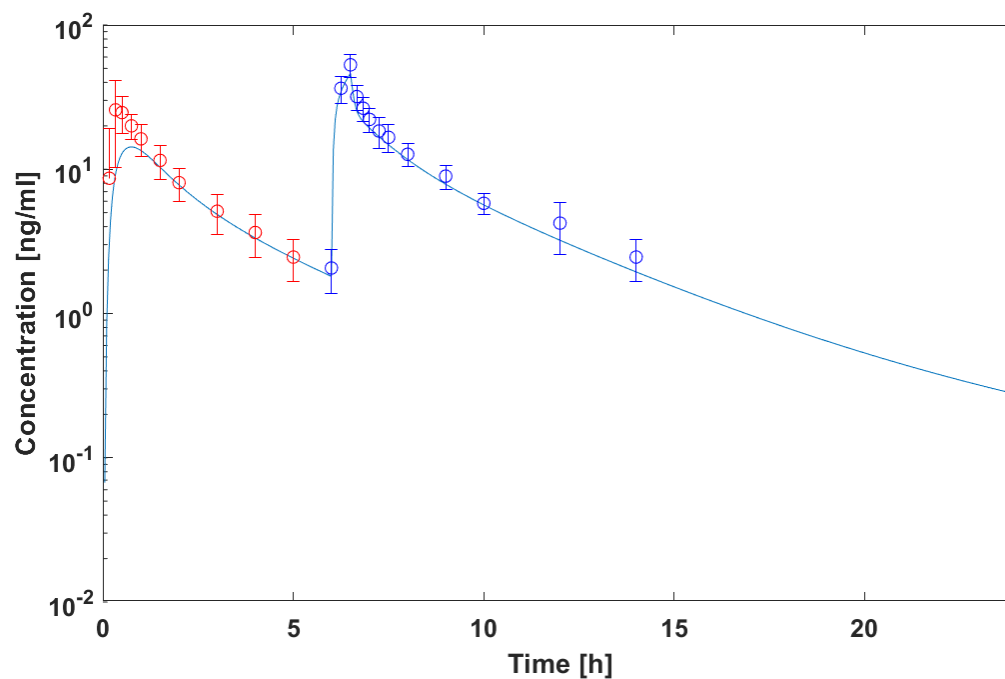
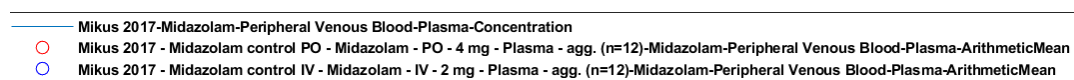


po 3.5 mg (solution) - Whole blood

po 15 mg (tablet) - with 1h after high-fat breakfast-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-Concentration  
Bornemann 1986 - 1 h after a meal - Midazolam - PO - 15 mg - Plasma - agg. (n=18)-Midazolam-Peripheral Venous Blood-Plasma-ArithmeticMean



po 15 mg (tablet) - with 1h after high-fat breakfast - Plasma



Mikus 2017 (4 mg po followed by 2 mg iv)

## 4 Conclusion

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The herein presented PBPK model adequately describes the pharmacokinetics of midazolam in adults.

In particular, it applies quantitative metabolism by CYP3A4. Thus, the model is fit for purpose to be applied for the investigation of drug-drug interactions with regard to its CYP3A4 metabolism.



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