

Pediatric Qualification Package: CYP3A4 Ontogeny

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1 Introduction to Pediatric Translation and CYP3A4 Ontogeny Qualification

The presented qualification report evaluates the predictive performance of the OSP suite to predict cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4)-mediated drug clearance in children.

Therefore, PBPK models of specific *in vivo* probe substances covering children aged below 6 months up to adolescents were built and evaluated. All models are whole-body PBPK models, allowing for dynamic pediatric translation in organs expressing CYP3A4. The qualification report demonstrates the level of confidence of the OSP suite with regard to reliable PBPK predictions of age-related CYP3A4-mediated drug clearance during model-informed drug development. The presented PBPK models as well as the respective qualification plan and qualification report are provided open-source and transparently documented (https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/Pediatric_Qualification_Package_CYP3A4_Ontogeny).

Translation of Adult PBPK to Children

Using a developed and validated (adult) PBPK model for an *in vivo* probe substance, a pediatric PBPK model can be established for children by translating physiology, clearance processes (as parameterized in the adult model) and age-dependent protein binding including the variability therein.[[Maharaj 2013](#)]

The PBPK models are developed with clinical data of healthy adult subjects obtained from the literature, covering available dosing ranges for e.g. intravenous as well as oral administration, to capture both systemic clearance as well gut-wall metabolic clearance processes. For orally administered drugs, the same formulations that are used in children should ideally be included in the model for adults. Plasma concentrations following multiple-dose application, mass balance information and other clinical measurements need to be included for model development, if available. During model translation from adults to children for a specific substance, uncertainties in data-quality caused by impact of disease or the target study population, inaccurate *in vitro* assay-techniques regarding mass balance, as well as study differences may cause not being able to adequately predict the PK in children for all reported studies.

Prediction performance of the PBPK model for these probe substances in children are then shown by means of e.g. predicted versus observed area under the plasma concentration (AUC)-ratio plots, of which the results support an adequate prediction of the ontogeny function for the application of PBPK model translation of adult PBPK to children.

For qualification purpose, during the translation of adult PBPK to children the following assumptions and considerations were made:

- when translating an adult model to children, it was assumed that the metabolism and excretion pathways are qualitatively the same in children as in adults.
- no further changes to input parameters other than those for the physiology and protein binding. All other parameters (e.g. lipophilicity, intestinal permeability, solubility) were kept unchanged.

Anthropometric and Physiological Information

Regarding the age-dependencies of the relevant anthropometric (height, weight) and physiological parameters (e.g. blood flows, organ volumes, binding protein concentrations, hematocrit, cardiac output) in children was gathered from the literature and has been previously published [[Edginton 2006](#)]. The information was incorporated into PK-Sim® and was used as default values for the simulations in children.

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

Qualification of CYP3A4 enzyme ontogeny

To qualify the OSP suite for the pediatric translation of the pharmacokinetics of new drugs that are metabolized by CYP3A4, the following set of probe substances was included:

- Alfentanil [[Alfentanil-Model](#)]
- Sufentanil [[Sufentanil-Model](#)]

The adult PBPK model reports and the corresponding PK-Sim project files are filed at: <https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/OSP-PBPK-Model-Library/>

2 Pediatric translation qualification results

Evaluation of Pediatric translation

All pediatric translations are pure retrospective predictions, no pediatric pharmacokinetic studies were used to inform model parameters. All parameters necessary to model the pediatric populations, such as demographics (age, weight, height), as well as dosing formulation information were taken from the respective pediatrics studies from literature in order to evaluate their predictive performance.

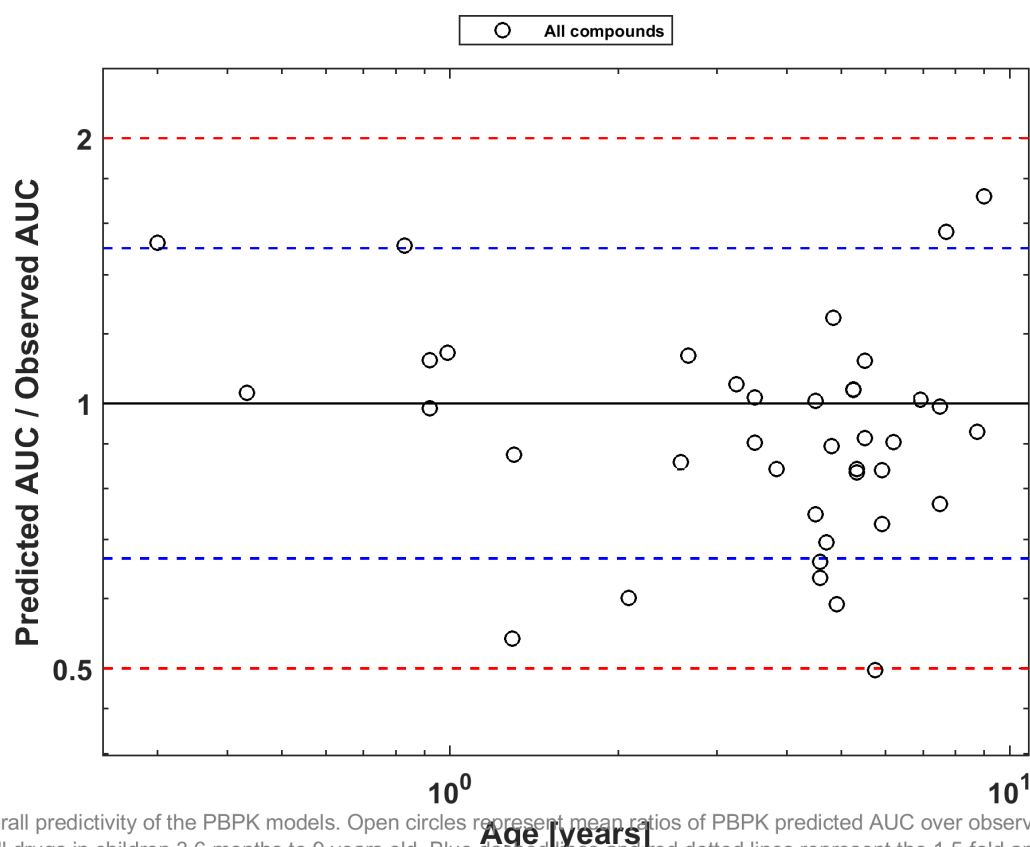
The models were evaluated by ratio plots of area under the plasma concentration-time curve (AUC), or clearance (CL) values resulting from our predictions to the values observed during clinical studies, and by comparison of concentration-time profiles if available. As a quantitative measure of the descriptive and predictive performance of each model, the geometric mean fold error was calculated according to Eq. 1:

$$\text{Eq. 1: GMFE} = 10^{\left(\frac{\sum |\log_{10}(\text{pred PK parameter} / \text{obs PK parameter})|}{n} \right)}$$

with GMFE = geometric mean fold error of all AUC or CL predictions of the respective model, pred PK parameter = predicted AUC or CL, obs PK parameter = observed AUC or CL, and n = number of observed values.

The ratios of predicted over observed mean AUC or CL values from all compound were also plotted across all age groups in the figure below. As illustrated, most of the prediction were within the 0.5 to 2.0 range (2-fold error).

In the next sections the demographics as well as the evaluation results of the predictive performance of the specific compound PBPK models in children can be found.



Overall predictivity of the PBPK models. Open circles represent mean ratios of PBPK predicted AUC over observed AUC of all drugs in children 3.6 months to 9 years old. Blue dashed lines and red dotted lines represent the 1.5-fold and 2-fold error, respectively.

GMFE (AUC) = 1.248220

AUC	Number	Ratio [%]
Points total	39	-
Points within 1.5 fold	29	74.359
Points within 2-fold	38	97.4359

Study ID	Age [y]	BodyWeight [kg]	Predicted AUC [mg*min/ml]	Observed AUC [mg*min/ml]	Pred/Obs AUC Ratio
Davis 1987	1.2917	8.9	0.00044791	0.00082873	0.54048
Davis 1987	0.43333	5.3	0.00056094	0.00054546	1.0284
Guay 1991	2.0833	12.1	6.5157e-05	0.00010838	0.60119
Guay 1991	2.5833	16	3.9715e-05	4.63e-05	0.85777
Guay 1991	2.6667	11.3	0.00010103	8.92e-05	1.1327
Guay 1991	3.25	16	8.6802e-05	8.26e-05	1.0509
Guay 1991	3.8333	14.2	5.5827e-05	6.63e-05	0.84203
Guay 1991	4.5833	15	4.4454e-05	6.73e-05	0.66053
Guay 1991	4.5833	19	8.5408e-05	0.00013487	0.63325
Guay 1991	4.8333	17.5	8.744e-05	6.99e-05	1.2509
Guay 1991	5.25	18.5	4.5236e-05	4.36e-05	1.0375
Guay 1991	5.25	19.65	8.8355e-05	8.53e-05	1.0358
Guay 1991	5.3333	24	0.00011313	0.0001355	0.83491
Guay 1991	5.3333	24	6.3533e-05	7.55e-05	0.8415
Guay 1991	5.75	14.5	7.5552e-05	0.00015183	0.49761
Guay 1991	5.9167	28.2	9.2983e-05	0.00012754	0.72904
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den Hollander 1992	0.92	6.5	20.8285	21.1	0.98713
den Hollander 1992	0.83	6.4	21.1387	14	1.5099
den Hollander 1992	0.99	8.5	22.5826	19.8	1.1405
den Hollander 1992	0.3	5.1	28.1617	18.5	1.5223
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Meistelman 1987	4.7	20	0.0040913	0.0058824	0.69552
Meistelman 1987	5.5	20	0.0037913	0.0033898	1.1184
Meistelman 1987	7.7	23	0.0037737	0.0024096	1.5661
Meistelman 1987	4.5	14	0.0032523	0.0043478	0.74804
Meistelman 1987	4.8	24	0.0048364	0.0054054	0.89473
Meistelman 1987	4.5	20	0.0041944	0.0041667	1.0067
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Meistelman 1987	4.9	22	0.0043792	0.0074074	0.59119

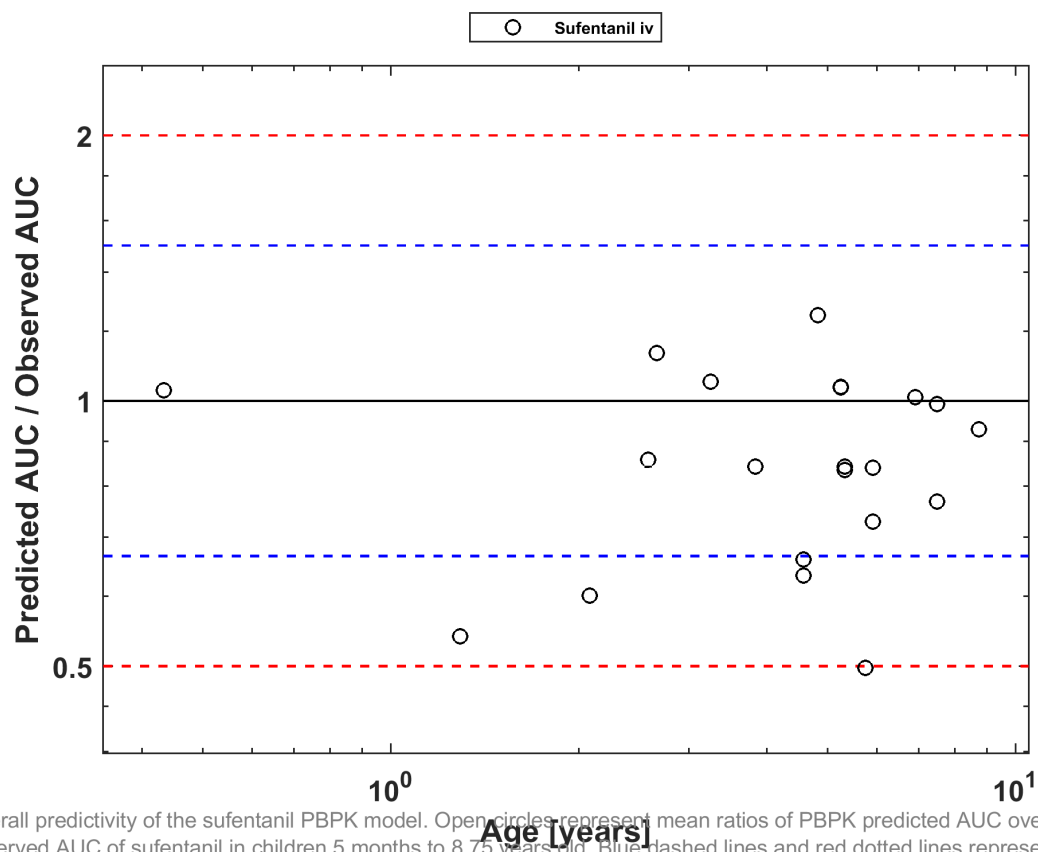
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Sufentanil model

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The pediatric PBPK model predicted the clearance values of sufentanil observed in pediatric studies reasonably across all available age groups, ranging from 5 months to 8.75 years old. The ratios of mean predicted over observed clearance values are illustrated in the table below as well as in the predicted versus observed clearance ratio plot, showing that most predictions in children were within 2-fold error of observed values.



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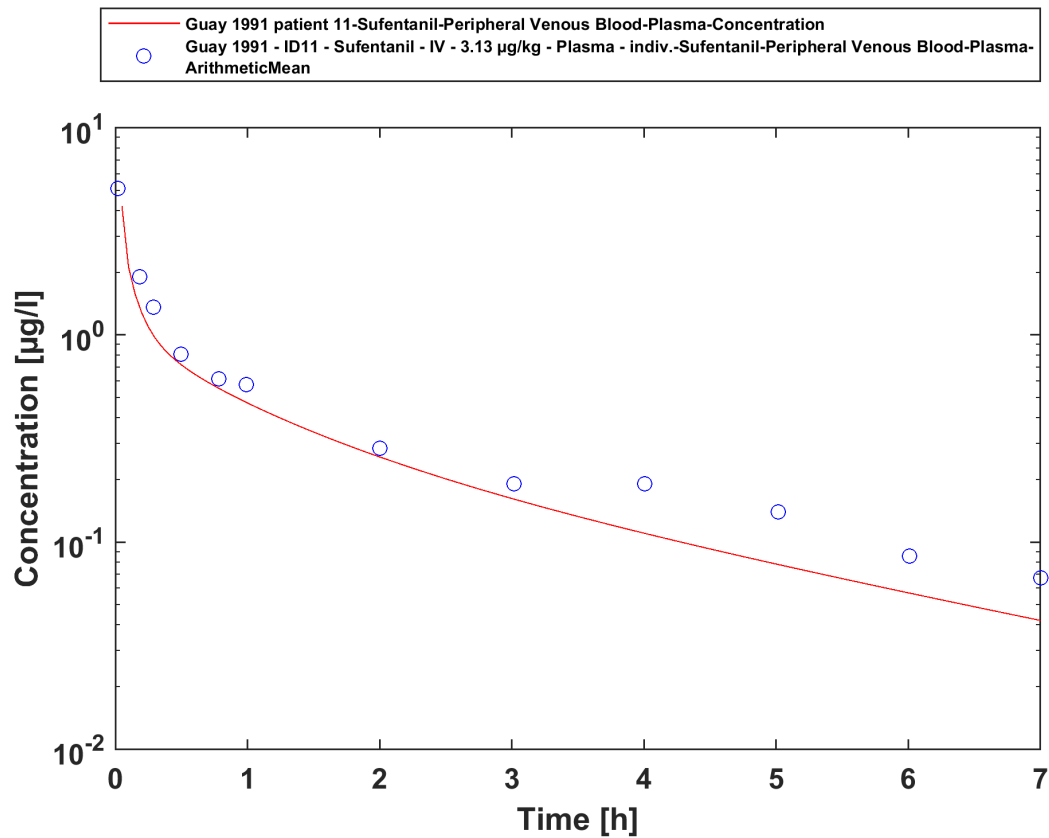
AUC	Number	Ratio [%]
Points total	21	-
Points within 1.5 fold	16	76.1905
Points within 2-fold	20	95.2381

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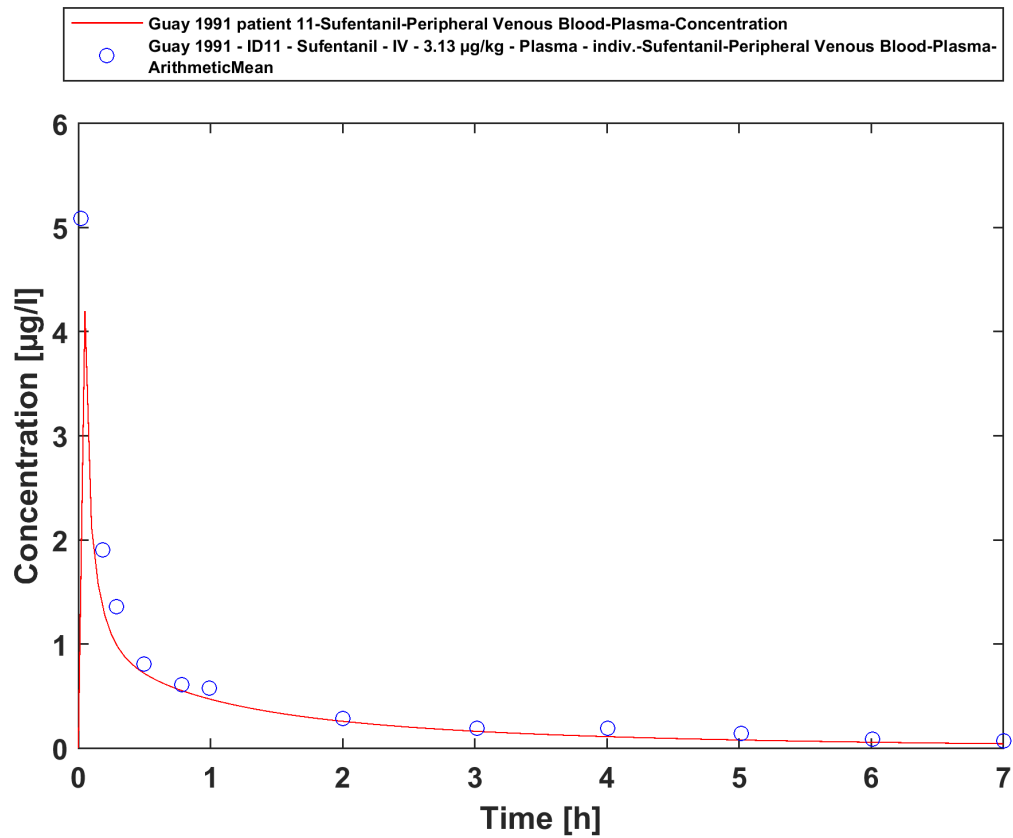
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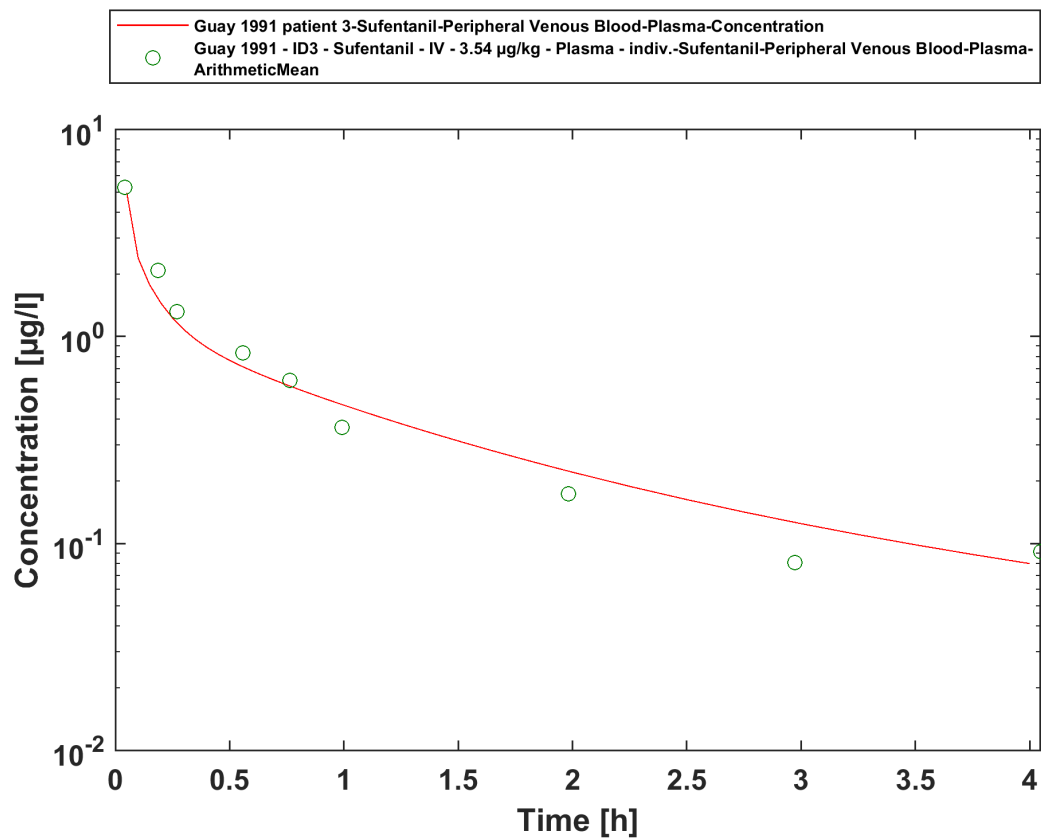
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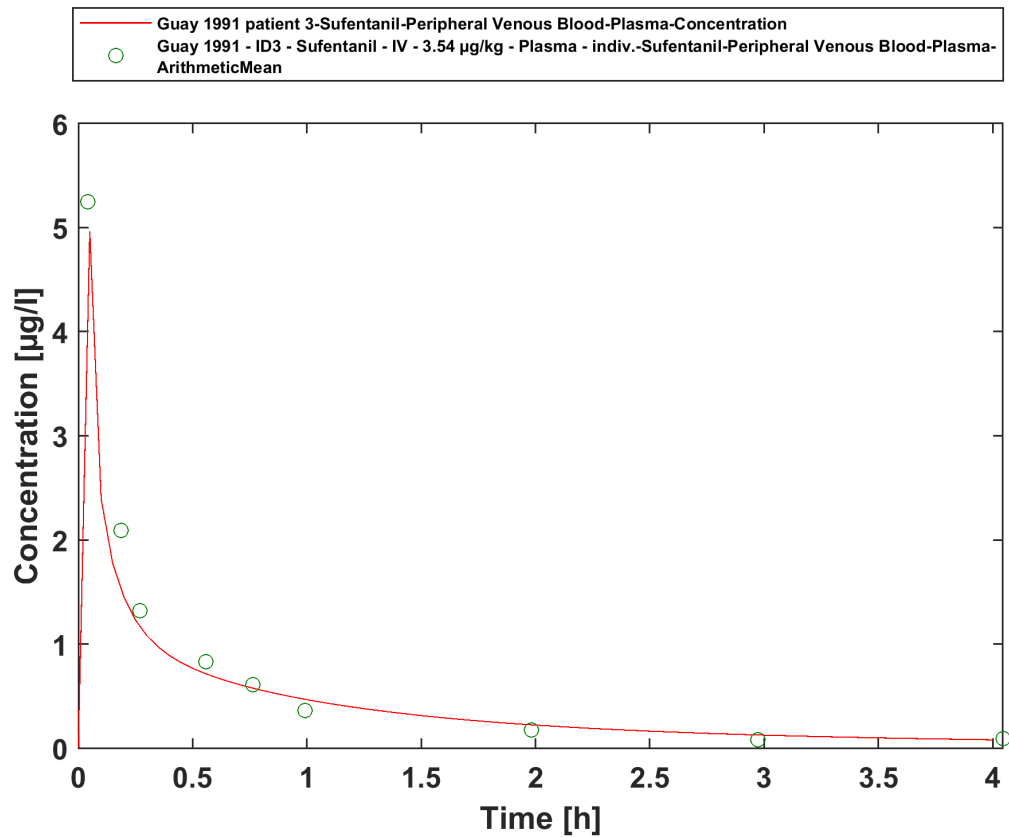
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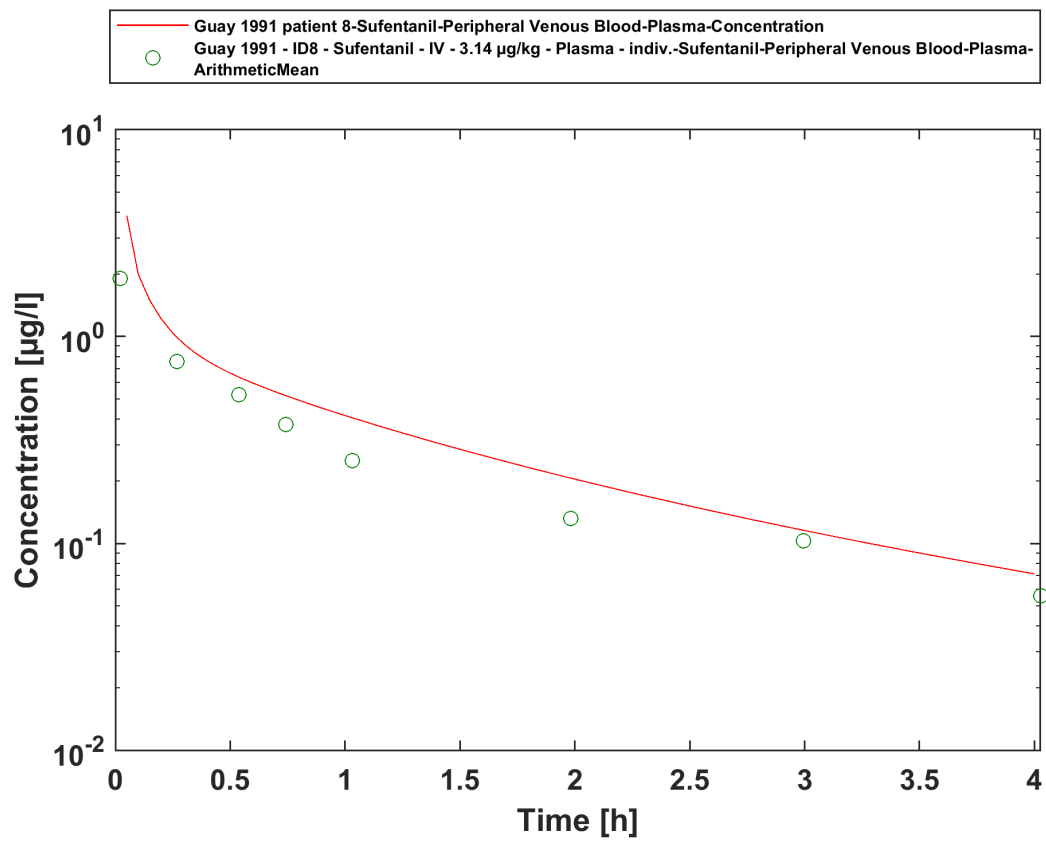
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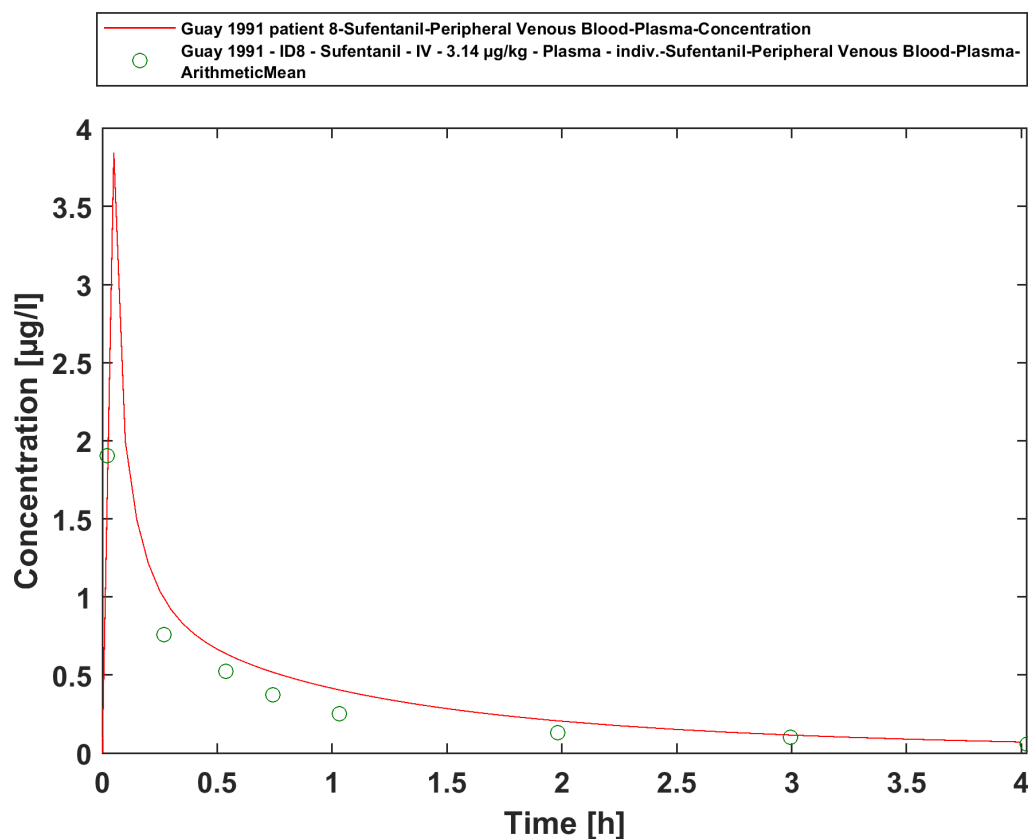
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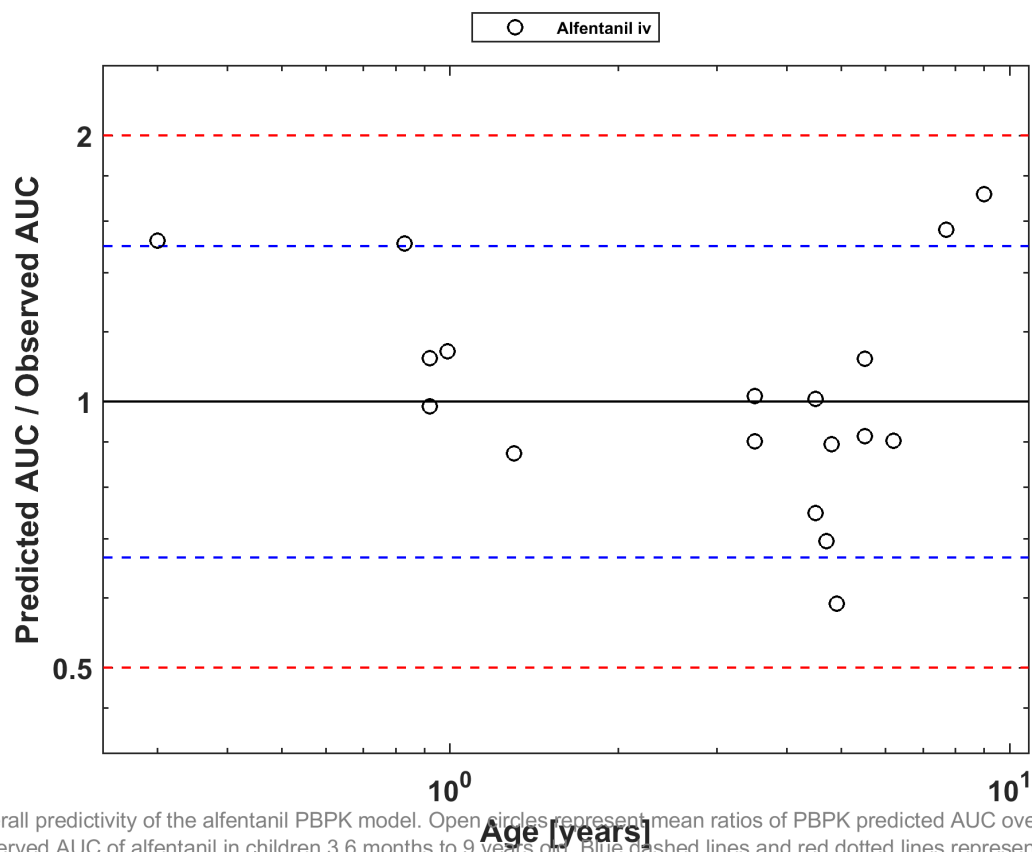
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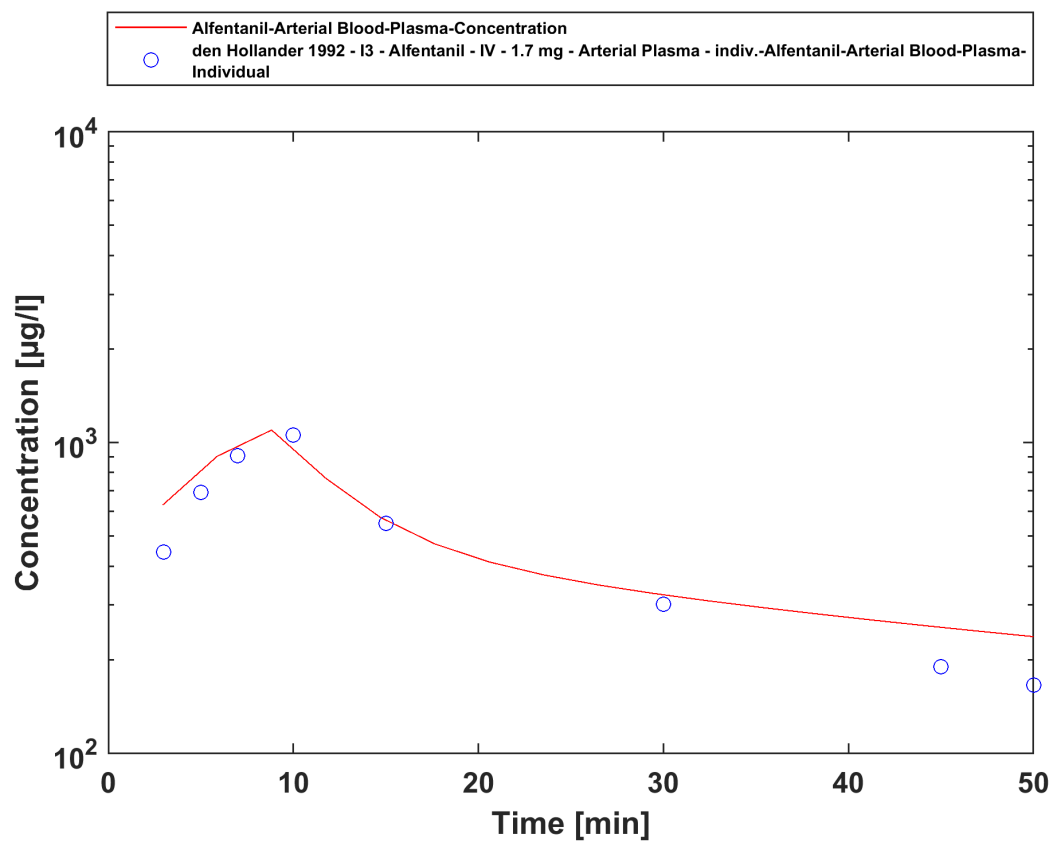
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Points within 1.5 fold	13	72.2222
Points within 2-fold	18	100

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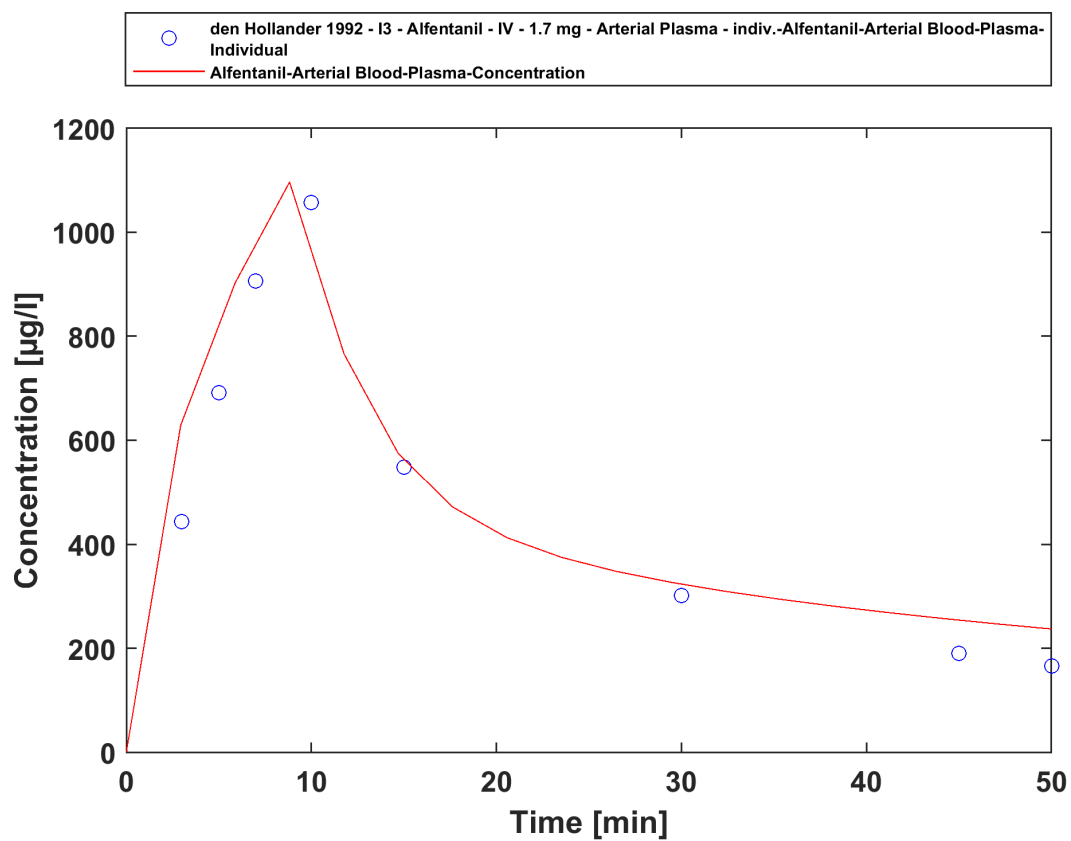
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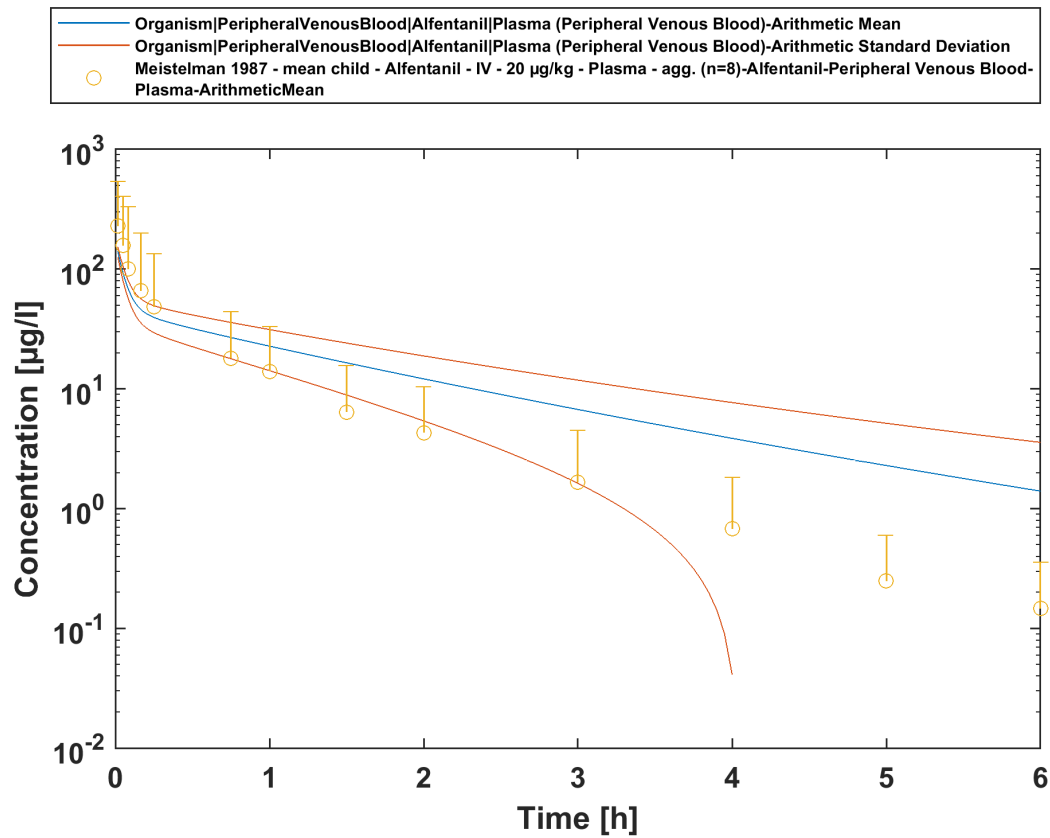
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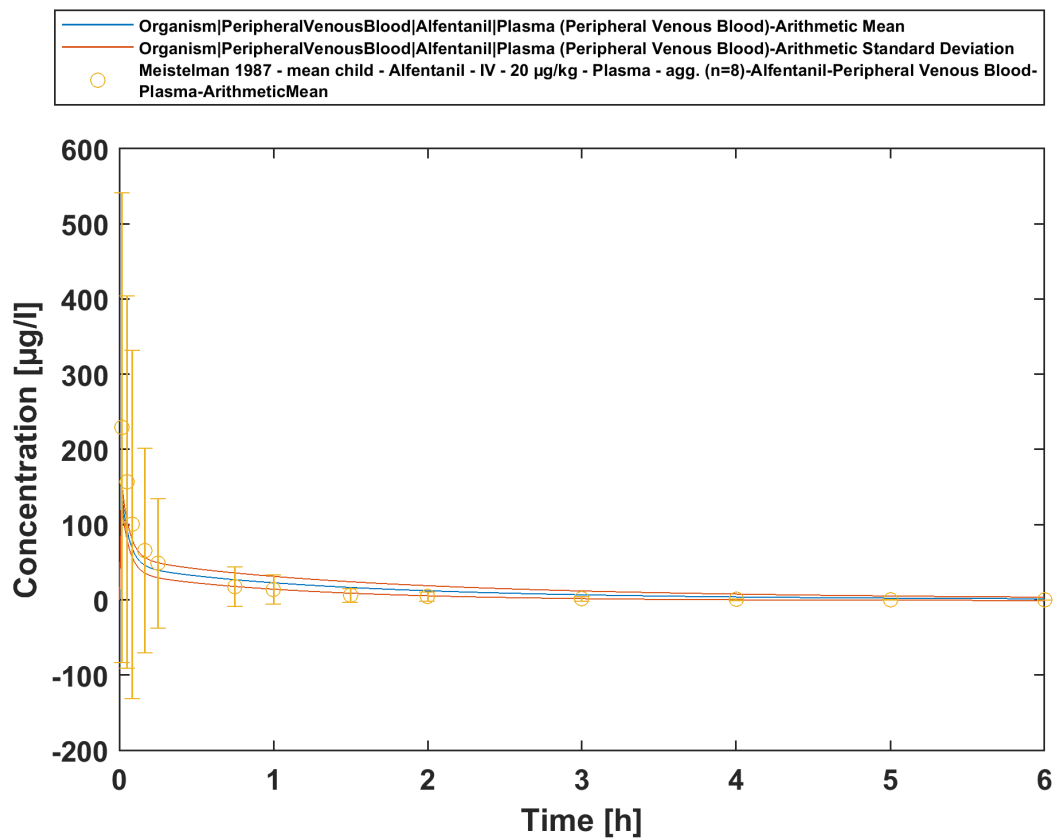
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Ontogeny Database OSPSuite.Documentation/PK-Sim Ontogeny Database Version 7.3.pdf (<https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/OSPSuite.Documentation/blob/38cf71b384cfc25cfa0ce4d2f3addfd32757e13b/PK-Sim%20Ontogeny%20Database%20Version%207.3.pdf>)

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