Acrosome integrity

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Introduction

The effect of DMSO and ethanol is evaluated at concentrations from 0 up to 2% on acrosome integrity of spermatozoa.

DMSO

Table 1: Data summary

| Name | ai_dmso |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Number of rows | 20 |
| Number of columns | 5 |
| Column type frequency: factor | 1 |
| numeric | 4 |
| Group variables | None |

Variable type: factor

| skim_variable | n_missing | $complete_rate$ | ordered | n_unique | top_counts |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------------|
| donor | 0 | 1 | FALSE | 4 | 6: 5, 7: 5, 8: 5, 9: 5 |

Variable type: numeric

| skim_variablen_ | _missingcom | plete_r | a tn ean | sd | p0 | p25 | p50 | p75 | p100 | hist |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| conc | 0 | 1 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 2.00 | |
| acrointact | 0 | 1 | 184.85 | 5.80 | 168.00 | 183.00 | 186.00 | 189.00 | 191.00 | |
| total | 0 | 1 | 200.45 | 2.01 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 209.00 | |
| $acrointact_frac$ | 0 | 1 | 0.92 | 0.03 | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 0.94 | 0.96 | |

There are four donors, no missing data.

```
table(ai_dmso$donor, as.factor(ai_dmso$conc))
```

```
0 0.1 0.5 1 2
6 1 1 1 1 1
7 1 1 1 1 1
8 1 1 1 1 1
9 1 1 1 1 1
```

The data are balanced with one observation for each concentration and each donor and no missing data.

```
ai_dmso_m1 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (conc | donor),
    data = ai_dmso, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
  summary(ai_dmso_m1)
Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
  Approximation) [glmerMod]
Family: binomial (logit)
Formula: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (conc | donor)
   Data: ai_dmso
     AIC
             BIC
                    logLik deviance df.resid
   115.9
            120.9
                    -53.0
                              105.9
                                          15
```

```
Scaled residuals:
```

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -1.04554 -0.48370 -0.02401 0.56732 0.96683
```

Random effects:

Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr

donor (Intercept) 0.004637 0.0681

conc 0.026459 0.1627 1.00

Number of obs: 20, groups: donor, 4

Fixed effects:

Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 2.69266 0.09485 28.390 <2e-16 ***
conc -0.25370 0.11347 -2.236 0.0254 *

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

(Intr)

conc -0.219

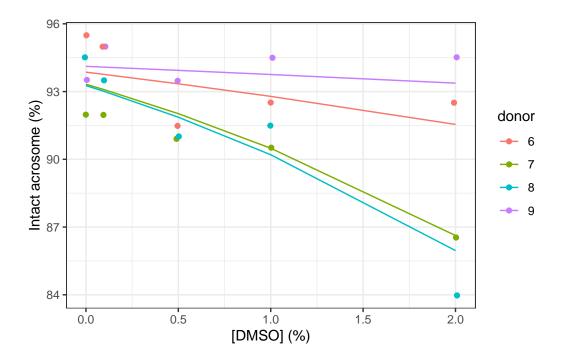
The model is:

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$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{acrointact}_{i} \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n=1,\operatorname{prob}_{\operatorname{acrointact}=1} = \widehat{P}) \\ &, \log \left[\frac{\widehat{P}}{1-\widehat{P}} \right] = \alpha_{j[i]} + \beta_{1j[i]}(\operatorname{conc}) \\ &, \qquad \qquad \left(\begin{array}{c} \alpha_{j} \\ \beta_{1j} \end{array} \right) \sim N \left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \mu_{\alpha_{j}} \\ \mu_{\beta_{1j}} \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \sigma_{\alpha_{j}}^{2} & \rho_{\alpha_{j}\beta_{1j}} \\ \rho_{\beta_{1j}\alpha_{j}} & \sigma_{\beta_{1j}}^{2} \end{array} \right) \right), \text{ for donor } j=1,\ldots,J \end{aligned}$$

Here is a plot of this model:

```
ggplot(data = ai_dmso) +
  geom_jitter(aes(x = conc, y = acrointact_frac * 100, col = donor),
    width = 0.01) +
  geom_line(aes(x = conc, y = fitted(ai_dmso_m1) * 100, col = donor)) +
  labs(x = "[DMSO] (%)", y = "Intact acrosome (%)")
```



Generally, slopes are all negative, suggesting a negative concentration effect. Data are rather widespread. Shifts in the intercept per donor is not obvious here, but change in slope is much more marked. We may try simplifying the model so that only slopes vary between donors. Let's check it with a likelihood ratio test:

```
ai_dmso_m2 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (0 + conc:donor | dono
    data = ai_dmso, family = binomial(link = "logit"))

boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')</pre>
```

anova(ai_dmso_m1, ai_dmso_m2, refit = FALSE) # Despite the name, it is indeed a LR test

```
Data: ai_dmso
Models:
ai_dmso_m1: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (conc | donor)
ai_dmso_m2: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (0 + conc:donor | donor)
npar AIC BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
ai_dmso_m1    5 115.92 120.89 -52.958    105.92
ai_dmso_m2    12 129.20 141.15 -52.601    105.20 0.7123 7    0.9982
```

The likelihood ratio test does not detects significant differences between the full and simplified models at $\alpha = 5\%$. But... the model had a problem because we had a singularity. Let's try the simplification where the random effect donor only accounts for the intercept:

```
ai_dmso_m3 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (1 | donor),
    data = ai_dmso, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
anova(ai_dmso_m1, ai_dmso_m3, refit = FALSE) # Despite the name, it is indeed a LR test</pre>
```

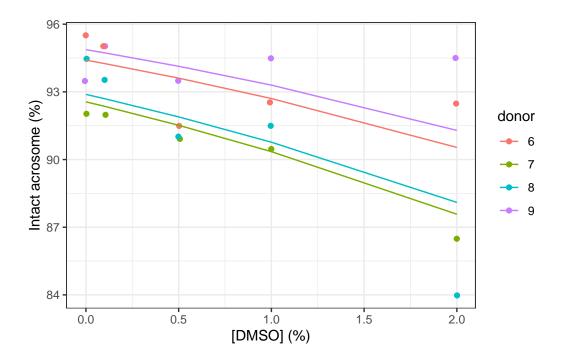
Here we draw the same conclusion, but this time our model fits without any problems. Let's continue our analysis with this simpler model ai_dmso_m3. This model is:

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$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{acrointact}_{i} \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n=1,\operatorname{prob}_{\operatorname{acrointact}=1} = \widehat{P}) \\ &, \log \left[\frac{\widehat{P}}{1 - \widehat{P}} \right] = \alpha_{j[i]} + \beta_{1}(\operatorname{conc}) \\ & \qquad \qquad \alpha_{j} \sim N\left(\mu_{\alpha_{j}}, \sigma_{\alpha_{j}}^{2}\right), \text{ for donor j} = 1, \dots, J \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Here is a plot of this model:

```
ggplot(data = ai_dmso) +
  geom_jitter(aes(x = conc, y = acrointact_frac * 100, col = donor),
    width = 0.01) +
  geom_line(aes(x = conc, y = fitted(ai_dmso_m3) * 100, col = donor)) +
  labs(x = "[DMSO] (%)", y = "Intact acrosome (%)")
```



Visually, it seems not too bad, but it seems we have the two last points for donor 9 suggesting a smaller slope and last point for donor 8 in favour of a larger slope. Here, we have too few data points to really decide what is the best model. However, considering all the other variables studied here, a model with intercept depending on the donor is not to be rejected (it is clearly the best model wherever more data are available).

```
summary(ai_dmso_m3)
```

```
Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace Approximation) [glmerMod]
Family: binomial (logit)
Formula: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (1 | donor)
Data: ai_dmso

AIC BIC logLik deviance df.resid
115.5 118.5 -54.8 109.5 17

Scaled residuals:
```

3Q

0.5077

Random effects:

-1.7904 -0.4015 -0.0199

1Q Median

Max

1.6093

```
Variance Std.Dev.
 Groups Name
 donor (Intercept) 0.03849 0.1962
Number of obs: 20, groups: donor, 4
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 2.71161
                        0.13232 20.493 < 2e-16 ***
conc
            -0.28386
                         0.07669 -3.701 0.000214 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
     (Intr)
conc -0.494
The Z test indicates that conc is significantly different from zero at \alpha = 5\%. However, it is not
the best test in the case of a mixed model like here. We prefer to rely on the 95% confidence
interval calculated either on the profile, or via parametric bootstrap (and especially the later
one):
  confint(ai_dmso_m3, level = 0.95) # 95% CI based on profile
Computing profile confidence intervals ...
                   2.5 %
                             97.5 %
.sig01
             0.05229171 0.5531516
(Intercept) 2.40826337 3.0303645
conc
            -0.43348853 -0.1322598
  set.seed(96347)
  # 1000x parameter bootstrap
  (ai_dmso_m3_conf <- confint(ai_dmso_m3, level = 0.95, method = "boot", nsim = 1000L))</pre>
Computing bootstrap confidence intervals ...
194 message(s): boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
6 warning(s): Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00227339 (tol = 0.002, component 1
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % .sig01 0.0000000 0.3531096 (Intercept) 2.4379061 2.9935609 conc -0.4339087 -0.1238000
```

1/5 of bootstrapped models present singularities. However, 95%CI from profiles and for parametric bootstrap are very close. So, we can trust them. Slope for conc is significantly different from zero at $\alpha = 5\%$ because the 95% CI does not contain zero.

Additional verifications

We could double-check the significance of the slope conc by looking at a likelihood ratio test when dropping conc from the model:

```
#drop1(ai_dmso_m3, scope = "conc")
  ai_dmso_m4 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ 1 + (1 | donor),
    data = ai dmso, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
  anova(ai_dmso_m3, ai_dmso_m4, refit = TRUE)
Data: ai_dmso
Models:
ai_dmso_m4: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ 1 + (1 | donor)
ai_dmso_m3: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (1 | donor)
                          BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
                   AIC
                                        122.77
              2 126.77 128.76 -61.386
ai dmso m4
ai_dmso_m3
              3 115.50 118.49 -54.752
                                        109.50 13.268 1
                                                             0.00027 ***
                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
```

The model with conc is significantly different at α level 5% from a reference model that sets the slope conc = 0. There is thus a significant effect of DMSO concentration (confirmation of results obtained from 95% CI).

We also double-check convergence of the model by trying different optimisation engines (just to make sure). First, is there a singularity in the model?

```
isSingular(ai_dmso_m3)
```

[1] FALSE

... then, a report about the model convergence:

```
ai_dmso_m3_all <- allFit(ai_dmso_m3)
Loading required namespace: dfoptim
Loading required namespace: optimx
bobyqa : [OK]</pre>
```

Nelder_Mead : [OK]
nlminbwrap : [OK]
nmkbw : [OK]

optimx.L-BFGS-B : [OK]

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD : [OK]
nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA : [OK]

```
summary(ai_dmso_m3_all)
```

\$which.OK

bobyqa Nelder_Mead
TRUE TRUE
nlminbwrap nmkbw
TRUE TRUE
optimx.L-BFGS-B nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
TRUE

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA TRUE

\$msgs \$msgs\$bobyqa NULL

\$msgs\$Nelder_Mead
NULL

\$msgs\$nlminbwrap
NULL

\$msgs\$nmkbw NULL \$msgs\$`optimx.L-BFGS-B`
NULL

 $\verb| smsgs| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD| \\ NULL \\$

\$msgs\$nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
NULL

\$fixef

| | (Intercept) | conc |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| bobyqa | 2.711615 | -0.2838597 |
| Nelder_Mead | 2.711619 | -0.2838580 |
| nlminbwrap | 2.711617 | -0.2838619 |
| nmkbw | 2.711609 | -0.2838352 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 2.711615 | -0.2838595 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD | 2.711510 | -0.2838224 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA | 2.711618 | -0.2838643 |

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 bobyqa
 Nelder_Mead

 -54.75245
 -54.75245

 nlminbwrap
 nmkbw

 -54.75245
 -54.75245

 optimx.L-BFGS-B
 nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD

 -54.75245
 -54.75245

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA -54.75245

\$sdcor

| | donor.(Intercept) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| bobyqa | 0.1961798 |
| Nelder_Mead | 0.1961796 |
| nlminbwrap | 0.1961816 |
| nmkbw | 0.1961364 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 0.1961824 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD | 0.1962364 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA | 0.1961850 |

\$theta

donor.(Intercept) bobyqa 0.1961798

```
      Nelder_Mead
      0.1961796

      nlminbwrap
      0.1961816

      nmkbw
      0.1961364

      optimx.L-BFGS-B
      0.1961824

      nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
      0.1962364

      nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
      0.1961850
```

\$times

| | user.self | sys.self | elapsed | user.child | sys.child |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| bobyqa | 0.042 | 0.000 | 0.041 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelder_Mead | 0.055 | 0.001 | 0.055 | 0 | 0 |
| nlminbwrap | 0.042 | 0.000 | 0.041 | 0 | 0 |
| nmkbw | 0.058 | 0.000 | 0.059 | 0 | 0 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 0.343 | 0.001 | 0.345 | 0 | 0 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.051 | 0 | 0 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA | 0.041 | 0.000 | 0.042 | 0 | 0 |

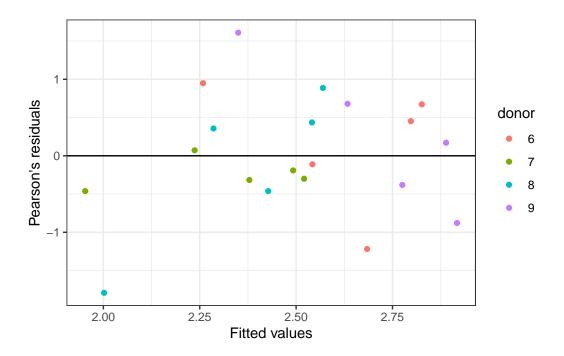
\$feval

```
bobyqa Nelder_Mead
54 93
nlminbwrap nmkbw
NA 111
optimx.L-BFGS-B nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
16 84
nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
36
attr(,"class")
[1] "summary.allFit"
```

Analysis of the residuals

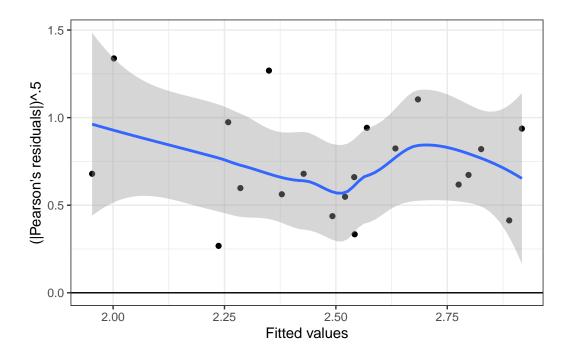
Let's check how the Pearson's residuals distribute and if there is homoscedasticity.

```
ai_dmso <- fortify.merMod(ai_dmso_m3)
ggplot(data = ai_dmso, aes(x = .fitted, y = .scresid, col = donor)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0) +
    labs(x = "Fitted values", y = "Pearson's residuals")</pre>
```



Residuals do not seem weird, given the scarcity of the data.

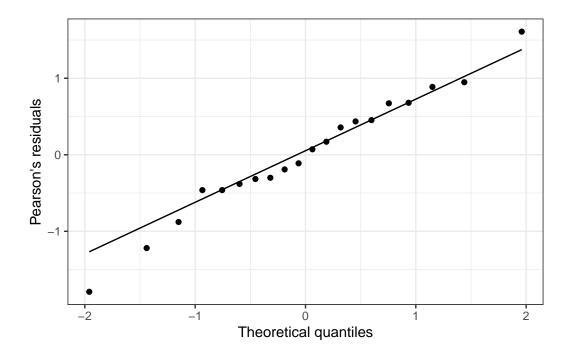
```
ggplot(data = ai_dmso, aes(x = .fitted, y = sqrt(abs(.scresid)))) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "loess", formula = y ~ x) +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0) +
    labs(x = "Fitted values", y = "(|Pearson's residuals|)^.5")
```



Homoscedasticity of the residuals seems acceptable (the blue curve that is a loess smoothing in the data is relatively horizontal).

Note: according to Gauss-Markov theorem that indicates that linearity, random sample, non-collinearity between predictors, non-correlation between predictors and error term and homoscedasticity are the only requirements for our GLMM, we do not have to check it. Also the model is robust to departure of Normality, and none of the tests we made depend on a Normal distribution of the residuals (we said we don't trust z/t tests and replace them by likelihood ratio tests and parameterized bootstrapped confidence intervals). However, for completeness, here is the quantile-quantile plot of the residuals:

```
ggplot(data = ai_dmso, aes(sample = .scresid)) +
  geom_qq() +
  geom_qq_line() +
  labs(x = "Theoretical quantiles", y = "Pearson's residuals")
```



It appears to be good. A Shapiro-Wilk test does not confirm Normality, but we are pretty sure it is caused by the extreme value:

```
shapiro.test(ai_dmso$.scresid)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: ai_dmso$.scresid
W = 0.98424, p-value = 0.9765
```

Predictions

The model allows to calculate the drop in acrosome integrity according to DMSO concentration from 0 to 2%. Note that an inverse logit transformation is required. Here is the calculations:

```
ai_dmso_slope <- c(
    ci95_min = min(ai_dmso_m3_conf["conc", ]),
    estimate = fixef(ai_dmso_m3)[["conc"]],
    ci95_max = max(ai_dmso_m3_conf["conc", ]))
ai_dmso_slope</pre>
```

```
ci95_min estimate ci95_max
-0.4339087 -0.2838577 -0.1238000

#saveRDS(ai_dmso_slope, "../data/acrosome_integrity_DMSO_slope.rds")
```

Let's say we want to calculate the drop in acrosome integrity for various DMSO concentrations between 0 and 2% if the acrosome integrity of a sample without DMSO is 94%. The calculation is:

```
predict_logit <- function(conc, intercept = 1, slopes) {</pre>
    slopes_mat <- matrix(slopes, nrow = 1,</pre>
      dimnames = list(NULL, names(slopes)))
    data.frame(conc = conc, -intercept +
        boot::inv.logit(boot::logit(intercept) +
        conc %*% slopes_mat))
  }
  dmso\_conc <- (0:20) / 10
  ai_dmso_lost <- predict_logit(dmso_conc, 0.94, ai_dmso_slope)
  ai_dmso_lost
             ci95 min
  conc
                           estimate
                                         ci95 max
1
   0.0
        1.110223e-16 1.110223e-16 1.110223e-16
2
   0.1 -2.494478e-03 -1.621096e-03 -7.020474e-04
3
   0.2 -5.085482e-03 -3.283042e-03 -1.411773e-03
   0.3 -7.776143e-03 -4.986707e-03 -2.129247e-03
5
   0.4 -1.056964e-02 -6.732969e-03 -2.854542e-03
6
   0.5 -1.346920e-02 -8.522717e-03 -3.587731e-03
7
   0.6 -1.647810e-02 -1.035685e-02 -4.328885e-03
   0.7 -1.959964e-02 -1.223626e-02 -5.078077e-03
8
9
   0.8 -2.283715e-02 -1.416188e-02 -5.835380e-03
10 0.9 -2.619402e-02 -1.613461e-02 -6.600868e-03
   1.0 -2.967361e-02 -1.815539e-02 -7.374615e-03
   1.1 -3.327934e-02 -2.022515e-02 -8.156695e-03
   1.2 -3.701460e-02 -2.234482e-02 -8.947182e-03
14
   1.3 -4.088279e-02 -2.451536e-02 -9.746151e-03
15 1.4 -4.488730e-02 -2.673770e-02 -1.055368e-02
16 1.5 -4.903149e-02 -2.901279e-02 -1.136983e-02
17
   1.6 -5.331870e-02 -3.134159e-02 -1.219470e-02
18
   1.7 -5.775220e-02 -3.372505e-02 -1.302835e-02
   1.8 -6.233522e-02 -3.616412e-02 -1.387086e-02
   1.9 -6.707093e-02 -3.865975e-02 -1.472231e-02
```

```
#saveRDS(ai_dmso_lost, "../data/acrosome_integrity_DMSO_lost.rds")
```

This is the lost in acrosome integrity that the model predicts. At 2% DMSO, we lose roughly 4%, and the 95%CI gives us a maximum lost of 7%.

Ethanol

Table 4: Data summary

| Name Number of rows Number of columns | ai_etoh 20 5 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Column type frequency: factor numeric | 1 4 |
| Group variables | None |

Variable type: factor

| skim_variable | n_missing | complete_rate | ordered | n_unique | top_counts |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------|------------------------|
| donor | 0 | 1 | FALSE | 4 | 6: 5, 7: 5, 8: 5, 9: 5 |

Variable type: numeric

| skim_variable | $n_{missingcom}$ | plete_r | a tn ean | sd | p0 | p25 | p50 | p75 | p100 | hist |
|---------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| conc | 0 | 1 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 2.00 | |
| acrointact | 0 | 1 | 187.15 | 7.34 | 174.00 | 183.75 | 187.00 | 189.00 | 213.00 | |

| skim_variablen_ | _missingcom | plete_r | a tn ean | sd | p0 | p25 | p50 | p75 | p100 | hist |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| total | 0 | 1 | 202.05 | 6.30 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.25 | 228.00 | |
| $acrointact_frac$ | 0 | 1 | 0.93 | 0.02 | 0.87 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 0.94 | 0.96 | |

There are four donors, no missing data.

```
table(ai_etoh$donor, as.factor(ai_etoh$conc))
```

```
0 0.1 0.5 1 2
6 1 1 1 1 1
7 1 1 1 1 1
8 1 1 1 1 1
9 1 1 1 1 1
```

The data are balanced with one observation for each concentration and each donor and no missing data.

```
ai_etoh_m1 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (conc | donor),</pre>
    data = ai_etoh, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
  summary(ai_etoh_m1)
Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
  Approximation) [glmerMod]
Family: binomial (logit)
Formula: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (conc | donor)
   Data: ai_etoh
     AIC
              BIC
                    logLik deviance df.resid
   116.6
            121.6
                     -53.3
                              106.6
                                           15
Scaled residuals:
                                 3Q
     Min
               1Q
                    Median
                                         Max
-1.04177 -0.54026 0.04142 0.43251 1.51864
```

```
Random effects:
                    Variance Std.Dev. Corr
 Groups Name
 donor (Intercept) 0.00000 0.0000
                    0.03567 0.1889
                                       NaN
Number of obs: 20, groups: donor, 4
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 2.63558
                        0.08723 30.212
                                          <2e-16 ***
                        0.12533 -0.943
            -0.11817
                                           0.346
conc
                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
     (Intr)
conc -0.469
optimizer (Nelder_Mead) convergence code: 0 (OK)
boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
```

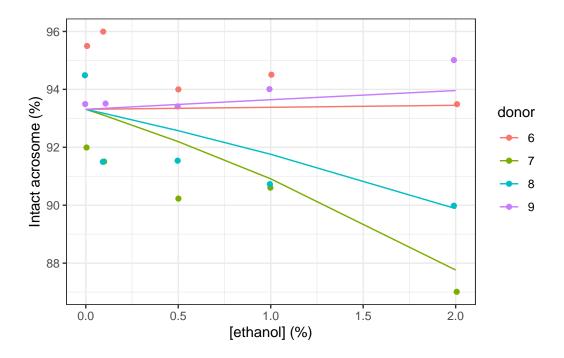
We have a singularity here. The model is:

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$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{acrointact}_{i} \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n=1,\operatorname{prob}_{\operatorname{acrointact}=1} = \widehat{P}) \\ &\operatorname{,} \log \left[\frac{\widehat{P}}{1-\widehat{P}} \right] = \alpha_{j[i]} + \beta_{1j[i]}(\operatorname{conc}) \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} \alpha_{j} \\ \beta_{1j} \end{array} \right) \sim N\left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \mu_{\alpha_{j}} \\ \mu_{\beta_{1j}} \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \sigma_{\alpha_{j}}^{2} & \rho_{\alpha_{j}\beta_{1j}} \\ \rho_{\beta_{1j}\alpha_{j}} & \sigma_{\beta_{1j}}^{2} \end{array} \right) \right), \text{ for donor } j=1,\ldots,J \end{aligned}$$

Here is a plot of this model:

```
ggplot(data = ai_etoh) +
  geom_jitter(aes(x = conc, y = acrointact_frac * 100, col = donor),
    width = 0.01) +
  geom_line(aes(x = conc, y = fitted(ai_etoh_m1) * 100, col = donor)) +
  labs(x = "[ethanol] (%)", y = "Intact acrosome (%)")
```



Here the complete model was not able to estimate the variation of intercept per donor (so, it used the same one). However, data at concentration zero are more widespread. It is not clear if the model could be simplified for the intercept or the slope for the random effect donor. Let's look at both options...

```
ai_etoh_m2 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (1 | donor),
   data = ai_etoh, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
anova(ai_etoh_m1, ai_etoh_m2) # Despite the name, it is indeed a LR test</pre>
```

Another model, with same intercept but different slopes:

```
ai_etoh_m3 <- glmer(cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (0 + conc:donor | dono
data = ai_etoh, family = binomial(link = "logit"))</pre>
```

```
boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
```

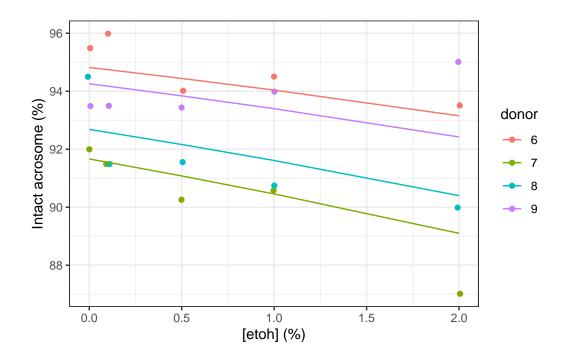
The likelihood ratio test does not detects significant differences between the full and both simplified models at $\alpha = 5\%$, but the second model has singularities too. Using different slopes produces singular gradient. Here is the model with only intercept depending on the donor, which is fitted without problems:

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$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{acrointact}_{i} \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n=1,\operatorname{prob}_{\operatorname{acrointact}=1} = \widehat{P}) \\ &, \log \left[\frac{\widehat{P}}{1 - \widehat{P}} \right] = \alpha_{j[i]} + \beta_{1}(\operatorname{conc}) \\ & \alpha_{j} \sim N\left(\mu_{\alpha_{j}}, \sigma_{\alpha_{j}}^{2}\right), \text{ for donor j} = 1, \dots, J \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Here is a plot of this model:

```
ggplot(data = ai_etoh) +
  geom_jitter(aes(x = conc, y = acrointact_frac * 100, col = donor),
    width = 0.01) +
  geom_line(aes(x = conc, y = fitted(ai_etoh_m2) * 100, col = donor)) +
  labs(x = "[etoh] (%)", y = "Intact acrosome (%)")
```



summary(ai_etoh_m2)

 ${\tt Generalized\ linear\ mixed\ model\ fit\ by\ maximum\ likelihood\ (Laplace\ linear\ mixed\ model\ fit\ linear\ mixed\ model\ model$

Approximation) [glmerMod]
Family: binomial (logit)

Formula: cbind(acrointact, total - acrointact) ~ conc + (1 | donor)

Data: ai_etoh

AIC BIC logLik deviance df.resid 110.4 113.4 -52.2 104.4 17

Scaled residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -0.9529 -0.4104 -0.1084 0.2921 1.3771

Random effects:

Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. donor (Intercept) 0.05266 0.2295 Number of obs: 20, groups: donor, 4

Fixed effects:

Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

```
(Intercept) 2.66406  0.14470  18.411  <2e-16 ***

conc    -0.14824  0.08022  -1.848  0.0646 .

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:
    (Intr)

conc -0.436
```

The Z test indicates that **conc** is not significantly different from zero at $\alpha = 5\%$. However, it is not the best test in the case of a mixed model like here. We prefer to rely on the 95% confidence interval calculated either on the profile, or via parametric bootstrap (and especially the later one):

```
confint(ai_etoh_m2, level = 0.95) # 95% CI based on profile
```

Computing profile confidence intervals ...

```
2.5 % 97.5 % .sig01 0.08352725 0.62762234 (Intercept) 2.32574073 3.01787271 conc -0.30431936 0.01089323
```

```
set.seed(7431)
# 1000x parameter bootstrap
(ai_etoh_m2_conf <- confint(ai_etoh_m2, level = 0.95, method = "boot", nsim = 1000L))</pre>
```

Computing bootstrap confidence intervals ...

```
160 message(s): boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
7 warning(s): Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00254552 (tol = 0.002, component 1
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % .sig01 0.0000000 0.37669024 (Intercept) 2.4006581 2.95902373 conc -0.3153885 0.02246623
```

We had 160 bootstrapped model with singularity among the 1000. Lower bound for the bootstrapped 95%CI is rather different to the one from profiles. This is not surprising since we have rather few data here. Slope for conc is not significantly different from zero at $\alpha = 5\%$ because the 95% CI contains zero. However, it could be due to the scarcity of the data. Yet, the effect appears weak with a lost of a few percents for a concentration of 2% ethanol. We conclude here that the effect is either weak, or inexistent. Using upper bound 95%CI, we would have a variation of:

```
# Let's consider a value of 0.94 at conc = 0, with a slope of -0.31
# we lose:
-0.94 + boot::inv.logit(boot::logit(0.94) - 0.32 * 2)
```

```
[1] -0.0479807
```

That is, we have less than 5% variation in acrosome integrity at worst at ethanol concentration of 2%.

Additional verifications

We also double-check convergence of the model by trying different optimisation engines (just to make sure). First, is there a singularity in the model?

```
isSingular(ai_etoh_m2)
```

[1] FALSE

... then, a report about the model convergence:

```
ai_etoh_m2_all <- allFit(ai_etoh_m2)
```

bobyqa : [OK]
Nelder_Mead : [OK]
nlminbwrap : [OK]
nmkbw : [OK]

optimx.L-BFGS-B : [OK]

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD : [OK]
nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA : [OK]

summary(ai_etoh_m2_all)

\$which.OK

bobyqa Nelder_Mead
TRUE TRUE

nlminbwrap nmkbw

TRUE TRUE

 ${\tt optimx.L-BFGS-B\ nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD}$

TRUE TRUE

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA

TRUE

\$msgs

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(Intercept) conc bobyqa 2.664067 -0.1482448 Nelder_Mead 2.664057 -0.1482393 nlminbwrap 2.664066 -0.1482438 nmkbw 2.663973 -0.1481829 optimx.L-BFGS-B 2.664067 -0.1482447 nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD 2.664063 -0.1482756 nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA 2.664068 -0.1482449

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-52.18489 -52.18489

nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA -52.18489

\$sdcor

| | donor.(Intercept) |
|---|-------------------|
| bobyqa | 0.2294803 |
| Nelder_Mead | 0.2294782 |
| nlminbwrap | 0.2294793 |
| nmkbw | 0.2294284 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 0.2294825 |
| ${\tt nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD}$ | 0.2294788 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA | 0.2294829 |

\$theta

| | donor.(Intercept) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| bobyqa | 0.2294803 |
| Nelder_Mead | 0.2294782 |
| nlminbwrap | 0.2294793 |
| nmkbw | 0.2294284 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 0.2294825 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD | 0.2294788 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA | 0.2294829 |

\$times

| | user.self | sys.self | elapsed | user.child | sys.child |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| bobyqa | 0.042 | 0 | 0.043 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelder_Mead | 0.053 | 0 | 0.054 | 0 | 0 |
| nlminbwrap | 0.045 | 0 | 0.045 | 0 | 0 |
| nmkbw | 0.053 | 0 | 0.053 | 0 | 0 |
| optimx.L-BFGS-B | 0.323 | 0 | 0.323 | 0 | 0 |
| nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD | 0.049 | 0 | 0.049 | 0 | 0 |
| ${	t nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA}$ | 0.038 | 0 | 0.039 | 0 | 0 |

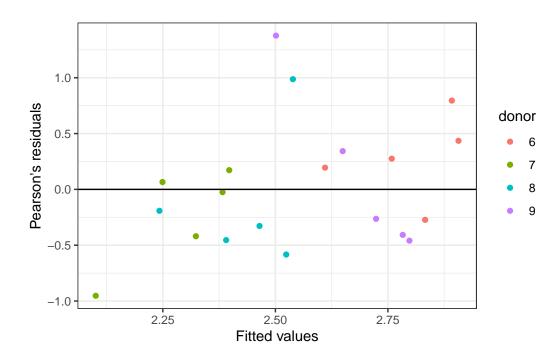
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```
bobyqa Nelder_Mead
59 83
nlminbwrap nmkbw
NA 101
optimx.L-BFGS-B nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
16 87
nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
32
attr(,"class")
[1] "summary.allFit"
```

Analysis of the residuals

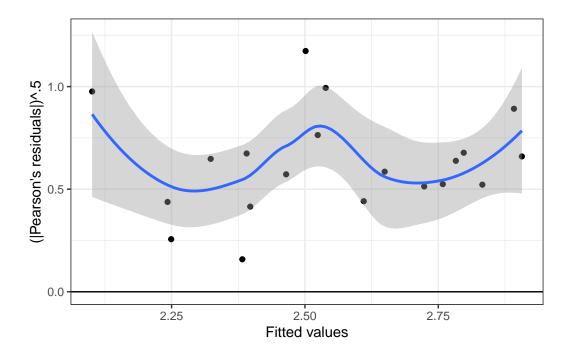
Let's check how the residuals distribute and if there is homoscedasticity.

```
ai_etoh <- fortify.merMod(ai_etoh_m2)
ggplot(data = ai_etoh, aes(x = .fitted, y = .scresid, col = donor)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0) +
    labs(x = "Fitted values", y = "Pearson's residuals")</pre>
```



Given the scarcity of the data, residuals do not seem abnormal.

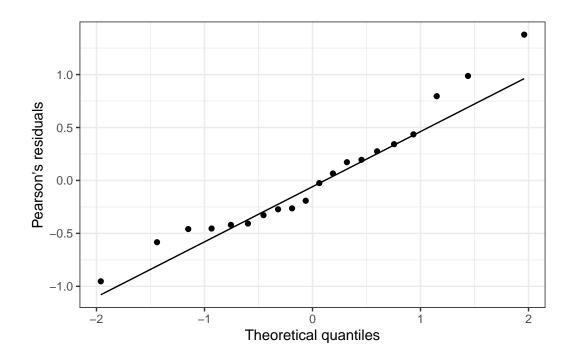
```
ggplot(data = ai_etoh, aes(x = .fitted, y = sqrt(abs(.scresid)))) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "loess", formula = y ~ x) +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0) +
    labs(x = "Fitted values", y = "(|Pearson's residuals|)^.5")
```



Homoscedasticity of the residuals seems here acceptable (the blue curve that is a loess smoothing in the data is relatively horizontal).

With the same remark as for DMSO, here is the quantile-quantile plot of the residuals:

```
ggplot(data = ai_etoh, aes(sample = .scresid)) +
  geom_qq() +
  geom_qq_line() +
  labs(x = "Theoretical quantiles", y = "Pearson's residuals")
```



It appears not particularly bad. A Shapiro-Wilk test confirms Normality (with caution because this test tends to be conservative):

```
shapiro.test(ai_etoh$.scresid)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: ai_etoh\$.scresid
W = 0.94869, p-value = 0.3476

General informations

sessionInfo()

R version 4.1.3 (2022-03-10)

Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)
Running under: macOS Big Sur/Monterey 10.16

Matrix products: default

locale:

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attached base packages:

[1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base

other attached packages:

[1] ggplot2_3.3.5 lme4_1.1-29 Matrix_1.4-1

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