

Building and evaluation of a PBPK model for antibody MEDI-524 in cynomolgus monkeys

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This evaluation report and the corresponding PK-Sim project file are filed at:

<https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/OSP-PBPK-Model-Library/>

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1 Introduction

MEDI-524 is a humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG1) against the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) ([Dall'Acqua2006](#)).

MEDI-524 shows a pharmacokinetic behavior which is typical for an antibody without endogenous target. The plasma concentration–time profile after intravenous application of a 30 mg/kg dose in cynomolgus monkeys ([Dall'Acqua2006](#)) were used together with pharmacokinetic (PK) data from 5 other compounds to identify unknown parameters during the development of the generic large molecule physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model in PK-Sim ([Niederalt 2018](#)).

The herein presented evaluation report evaluates the performance of the PBPK model for MEDI-524 in cynomolgus monkeys for the PK data used for the development of the generic large molecule model in PK-Sim.

The presented MEDI-524 PBPK model as well as the respective evaluation plan and evaluation report are provided open-source (<https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/MEDI524-Model>).

2 Methods

2.1 Modeling Strategy

The development of the large molecule PBPK model in PK-Sim® has previously been described by Niederalt et al. (Niederalt 2018). In short, the model was built as an extension of the PK-Sim® model for small molecules incorporating (i) the two-pore formalism for drug extravasation from blood plasma to interstitial space, (ii) lymph flow, (iii) endosomal clearance and (iv) protection from endosomal clearance by neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) mediated recycling.

For model development and evaluation, PK data were used from compounds with a wide range of solute radii and from different species. The PK data used for parameter estimation were from the following compounds: antibody–drug conjugate BAY 79-4620 in mice (Bayer in house data), antibody 7E3 in wild-type and FcRn knockout mice (Garg 2007, Garg2009), domain antibody dAb2 in mice (Sepp 2015), antibodies MEDI-524 and MEDI-524-YTE in monkeys (Dall'Acqua 2006), and antibody CDA1 in humans (Taylor 2008). The PK data used for model evaluation were from inulin in rats (Tsuji1983) and tefibazumab in humans (Reilly 2005).

The PBPK model including the estimated physiological parameters as described by Niederalt et al. (Niederalt 2018) is available in the Open Systems Pharmacology Suite from version 7.1 onwards.

This evaluation report focuses on the PBPK model for the antibody antibodies MEDI-524.

Details about input data (physicochemical, *in vitro* and PK) 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

2.2.1 In vitro / physico-chemical Data

A literature search was performed to collect available information on physicochemical properties of MEDI-524. The obtained information from literature is summarized in the table below.

Parameter	Unit	Value	Source	Description
MW	g/mol	150000	Lobo 2004	Molecular weight
r	nm	5.34	Taylor 1984	Hydrodynamic solute radius
Kd (FcRn)	μM	1.196	Dall'Acqua 2006	Dissociation constant for binding to cynomolgus monkey FcRn for MEDI-524 (pH 6)

2.2.2 PK Data

Published PK data on MEDI-524 in cynomolgus monkeys were used.

Publication	Description
Dall'Acqua 2006	The plasma concentration–time profiles after single i.v. infusion of 30 mg/kg MEDI-524 in cynomolgus monkeys were used.

2.3 Model Parameters and Assumptions

2.3.1 Absorption

There is no absorption process since MEDI-524 was administered intravenously.

2.3.2 Distribution

The standard lymph and fluid recirculation flow rates and the standard vascular properties of the different tissues (hydraulic conductivity, pore radii, fraction of flow via large pores) from PK-Sim were used. MEDI-524, among other compounds, has been used to identify these lymph and fluid recirculation flow rates used in PK-Sim ([Niederalt 2018](#)).

2.3.3 Metabolism and Elimination

The FcRn mediated clearance present in the standard PK-Sim model was used as only clearance process. The standard physiological parameters related to FcRn mediated clearance were used (rate constants for endosomal uptake and recycling, association rate constant for FcRn binding and concentration of FcRn in the endosomal space). MEDI-524, among other compounds, has been used to identify these parameters using literature values for the drug affinities to FcRn in the endosomal space ([Niederalt 2018](#)).

2.3.4 Automated Parameter Identification

No drug specific parameters were fitted. MEDI-524, among other compounds, has been used to develop the model for proteins and large molecules in PK-Sim ([Niederalt 2018](#)).

3 Results and Discussion

The PBPK model for MEDI-524 was evaluated with PK data in cynomolgus monkeys.

These PK data have been used together with PK data from 5 other compounds to simultaneously identify parameters during the development of the generic model for proteins and large molecules in PK-Sim ([Niederalt 2018](#)).

The next sections show:

1. the final model 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

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

Compound: MEDI524

Parameters

Name	Value	Value Origin	Alternative	Default
Solubility at reference pH	9999 mg/l	Other-/Dummy value not used in the simulation	Measurement	True
Reference pH	7	Other-/Dummy value not used in the simulation	Measurement	True
Lipophilicity	-5 Log Units	Other-/Dummy value not used in the simulation	Measurement	True
Fraction unbound (plasma, reference value)	1	Other-Assumption	Measurement	True
Is small molecule	No			
Molecular weight	150000 g/mol	Publication-Lobo2004		
Plasma protein binding partner	Unknown			
Radius (solute)	0.00534 µm	Publication-Taylor1984		
Kd (FcRn) in endosomal space	1.196 µmol/l	Publication-Dall'Acqua2006		

Calculation methods

Name	Value
Partition coefficients	PK-Sim Standard
Cellular permeabilities	PK-Sim Standard

Processes

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.

Table 3-1: GMFE for Goodness of fit plot for concentration in plasma

Group	GMFE
Intravenous administration	1.14

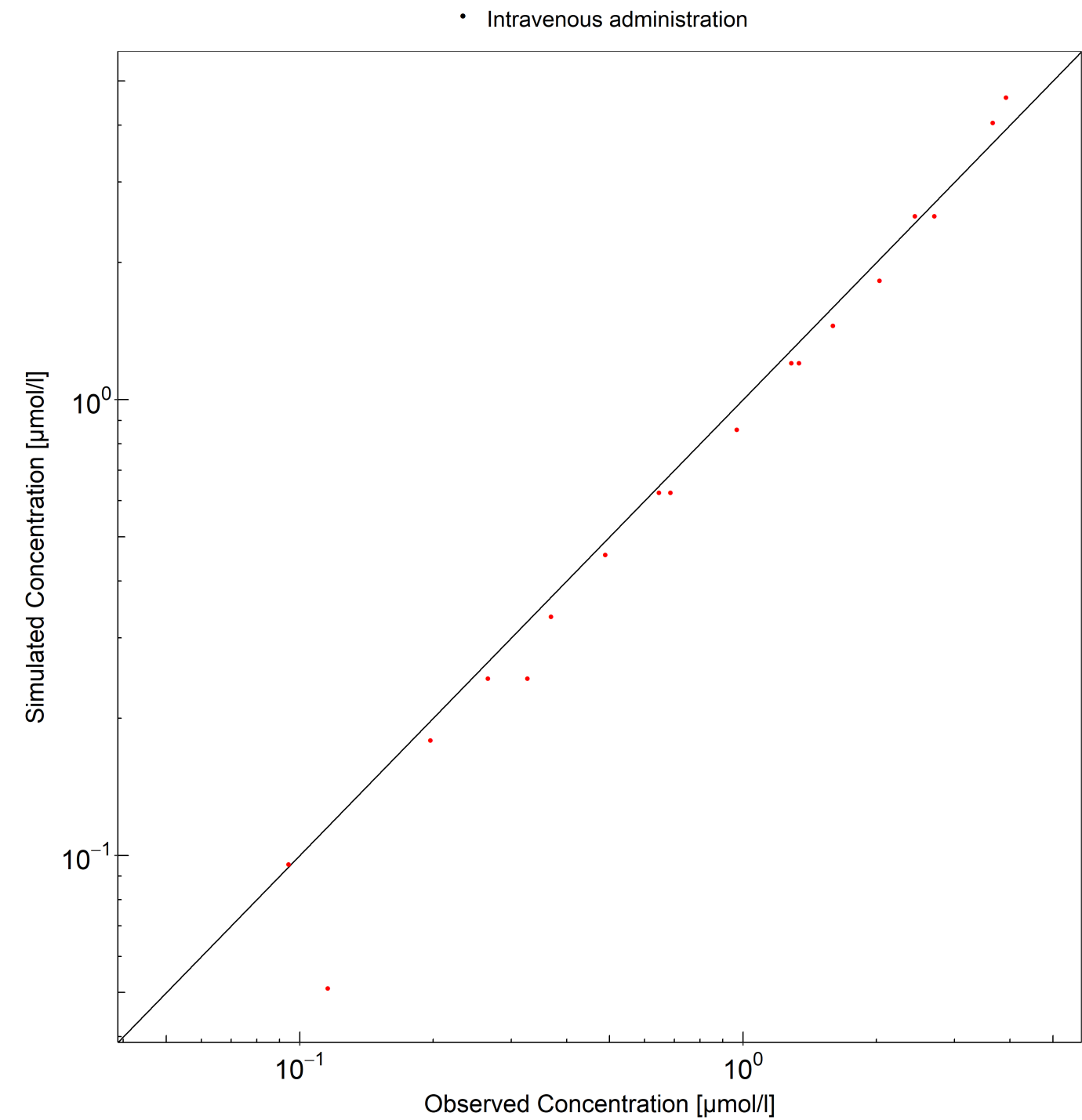


Figure 3-1: Goodness of fit plot for concentration in plasma

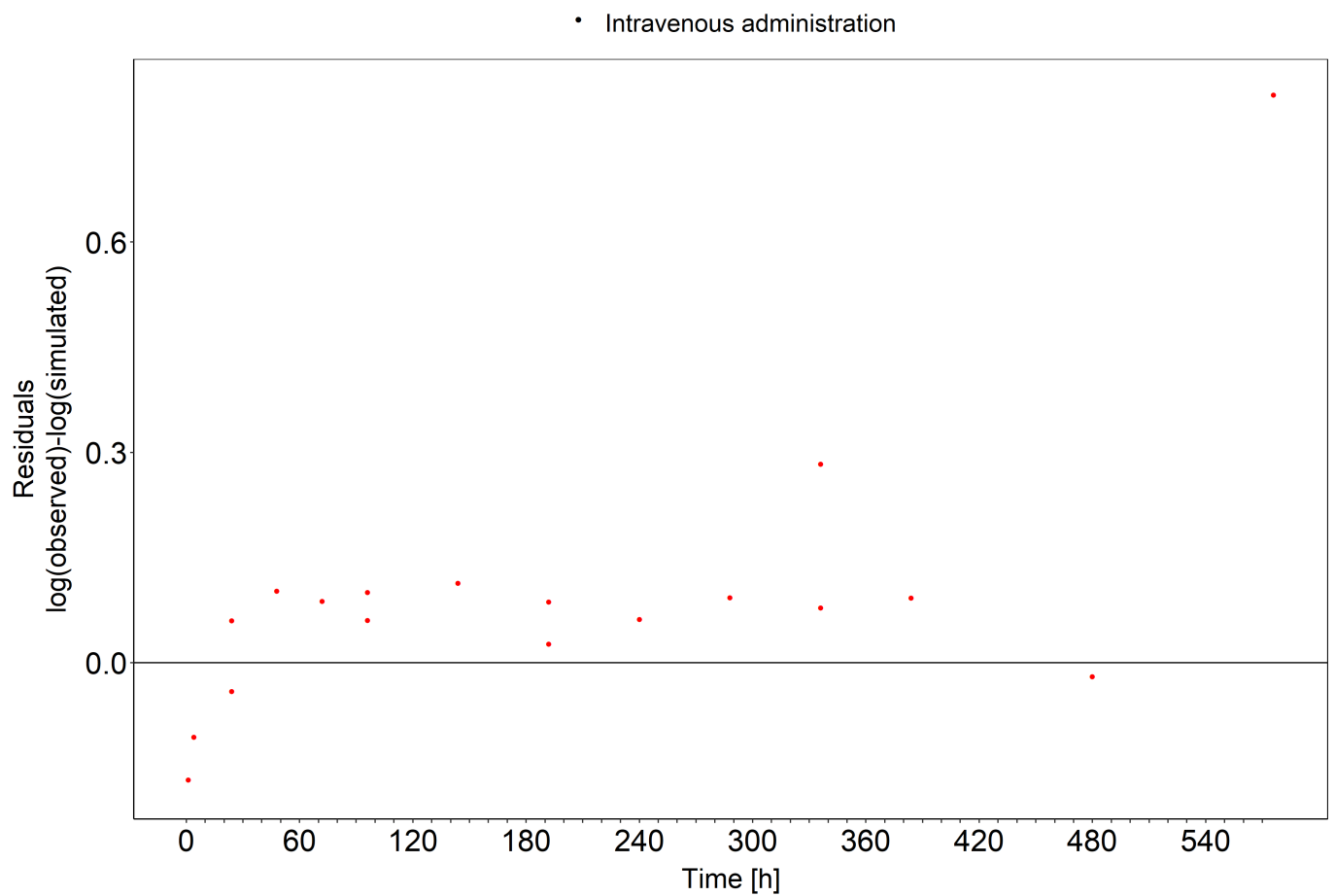


Figure 3-2: Goodness of fit plot for concentration in plasma

3.3 Concentration-Time Profiles

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

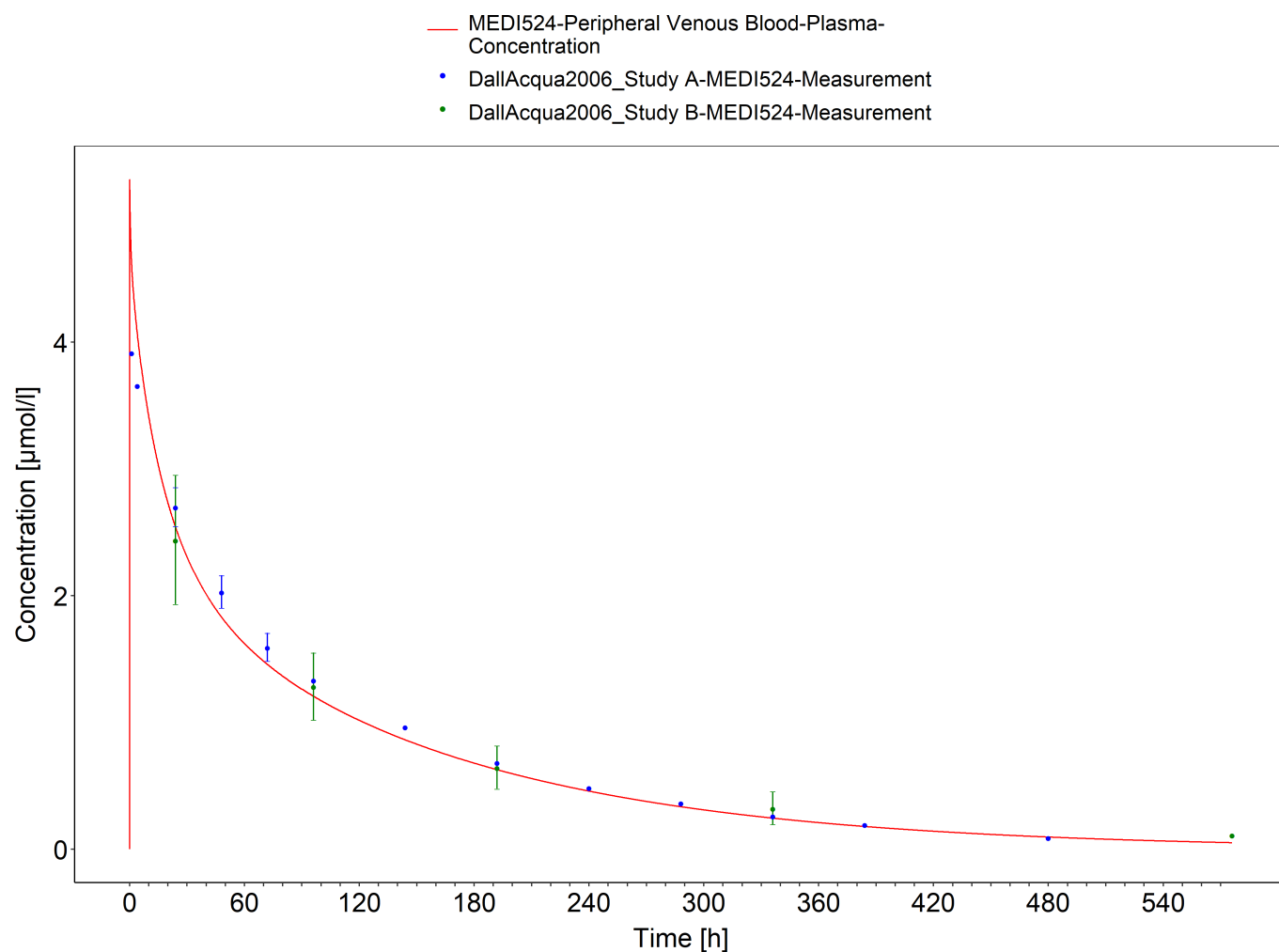


Figure 3-3: Plasma concentration (linear scale)

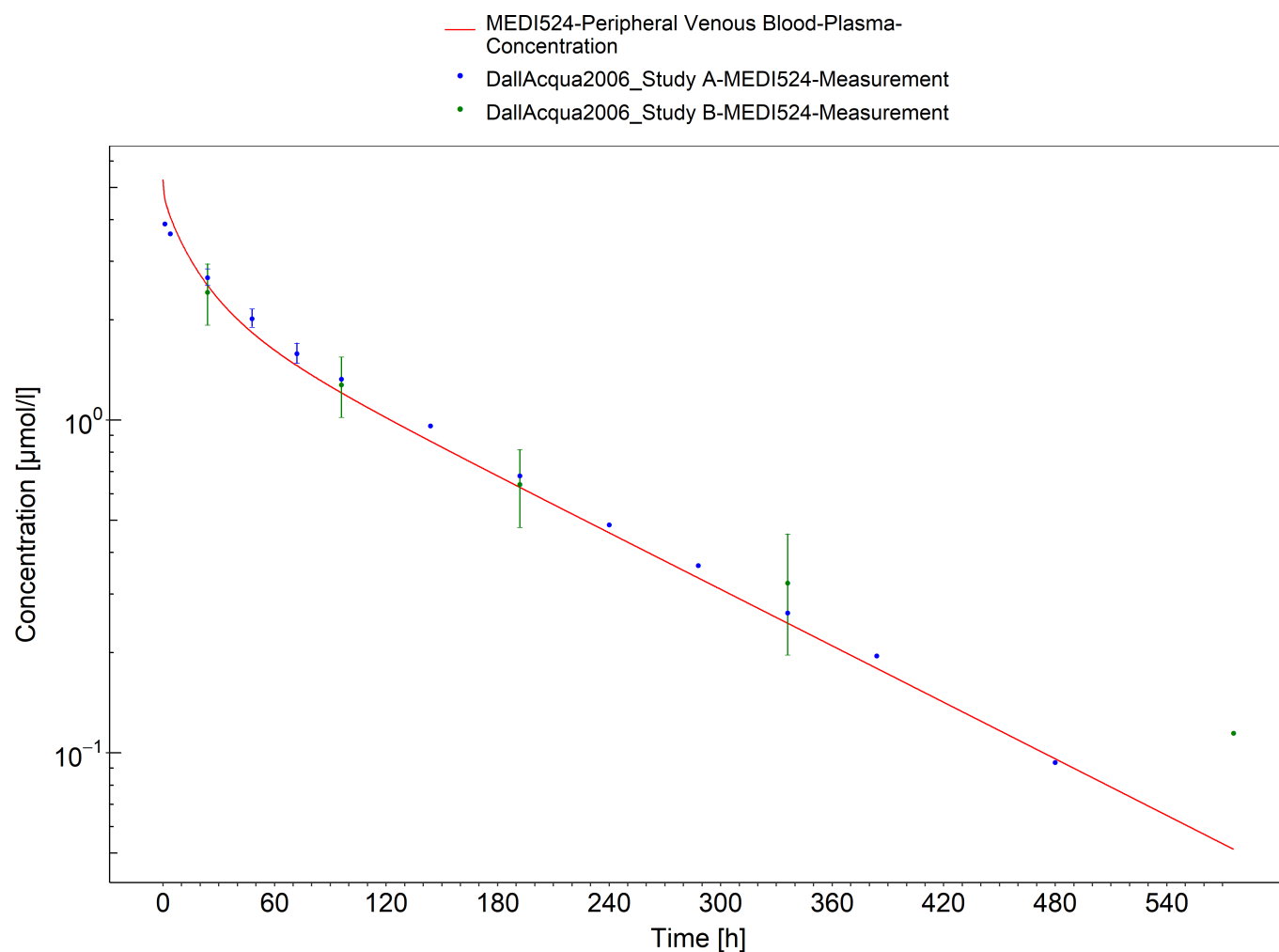


Figure 3-4: Plasma concentration (log scale)

4 Conclusion

The herein presented PBPK model adequately describes the pharmacokinetics of MEDI-524 in monkeys. The PK data had been used during the development of the generic large molecule PBPK model in PK-Sim ([Niederalt 2018](#)) together with PK data from 5 other compounds (7E3, BAY 79-4620, CDA1, dAb2 & MEDI-524-YTE).

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