

# Infliximab: Time-Weighted Bayesian Estimation

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```
# Set working directory
project.dir <- "/Volumes/Prosecutor/PhD/InfliximabBayes/infliximab-bayes/Project/"
n <- 12 # Number of seed individuals that were simulated
nsim <- 200 # Number of simulations of seed individuals
sim.output.dir <- paste0("SIM",nsim,"_IND",n)
work.dir <- paste0(project.dir,sim.output.dir,"/")
setwd(project.dir)

# Load package libraries
library(ggplot2) # Plotting
library(grid) # Plotting
library(plyr) # ddply function

# Custom ggplot2 theme
theme_bw2 <- theme_set(theme_bw(base_size = 12))

# Pre-specified functions
CI95lo <- function(x) quantile(x,probs = 0.025) # Calculate 2.5th percentile
CI95hi <- function(x) quantile(x,probs = 0.975) # Calculate 97.5th percentile

# Summary function for calculating median and prediction intervals
summary.function <- function(x) {
  median <- median(x)
  stat.95lo <- CI95lo(x)
  stat.95hi <- CI95hi(x)
  result <- c(median,stat.95lo,stat.95hi)
  names(result)[c(1,2,3)] <- c("median","stat.95lo","stat.95hi")
  result
}

# Calculate the number of individuals below the target trough concentration at day 546
below.target.546 <- function(x) {
  below.target.data <- subset(x,time == 546)
  below.target.data$BTT[below.target.data$IPRE < 3] <- 1
  below.target.data$BTT[below.target.data$IPRE >= 3] <- 0
  result <- data.frame(
    BTT = sum(below.target.data$BTT),
    n = length(below.target.data$BTT)
  )
  result
}

# Pre-specified objects
trough.target <- 3 # Don't want to be below the trough
trough.upper <- 5 # Don't want concentrations to be too high - waste of drug
infusion.times <- c(0,14,42,98,154,210,266,322,378,434,490,546)
scale.log10.labels <- c(0.01,0.1,1,10,100,1000)
```

```
sample.time1 <- 98 # Sampling time at the end of interval 1
sample.time2 <- 210 # Sampling time at the end of interval 2
sample.time3 <- 378 # Sampling time at the end of interval 3
sample.time4 <- 546 # Sampling time at the end of interval 4
sample.times <- c(sample.time1,sample.time2,sample.time3,sample.time4)
```

## Introduction: Time-Weighted Bayesian Estimation

### Infliximab Pharmacokinetic Model

### Population specifications

All patients weigh 70 kg. All patients have a baseline albumin of 4 g/dL.

There are 12 seed individuals:

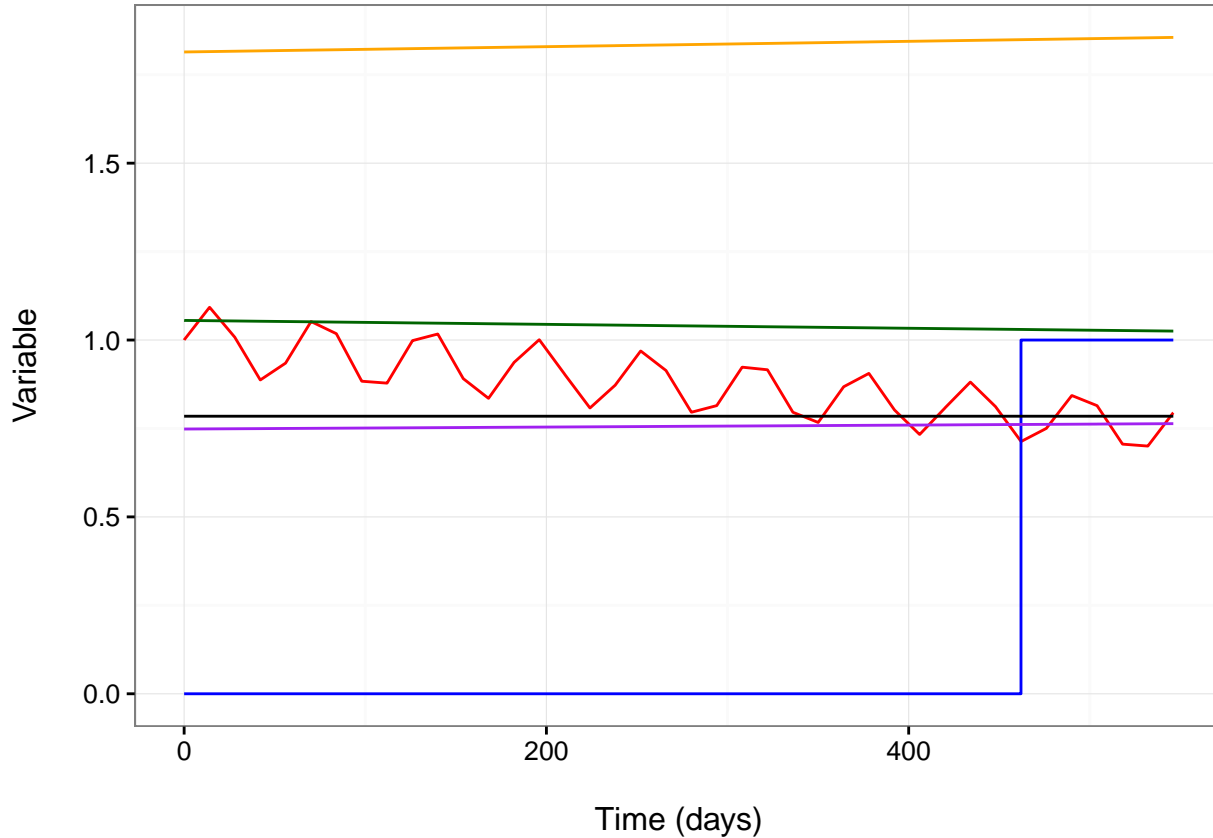
1. ADA onset = 154 days, final albumin = 3 g/dL
2. ADA onset = 154 days, final albumin = 4 g/dL
3. ADA onset = 154 days, final albumin = 5 g/dL
4. ADA onset = 294 days, final albumin = 3 g/dL
5. ADA onset = 294 days, final albumin = 4 g/dL
6. ADA onset = 294 days, final albumin = 5 g/dL
7. ADA onset = 462 days, final albumin = 3 g/dL
8. ADA onset = 462 days, final albumin = 4 g/dL
9. ADA onset = 462 days, final albumin = 5 g/dL
10. ADA onset = 646 days, final albumin = 3 g/dL
11. ADA onset = 646 days, final albumin = 4 g/dL
12. ADA onset = 646 days, final albumin = 5 g/dL

Between time = 0 (baseline) and time = 546 (final), patient albumin changes in a linear sine wave fashion (amplitude = 0.1, frequency = 60 days, phase = 0)

Random effect values for V1, Q and V2 change linearly between time = 0 and time = 546. CL random effect does not change as this parameter holds ADA and albumin covariate effects.

```
# Plot a single individual's characteristics over time
pop.data <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"population_characteristics.csv"))
pop.data1 <- pop.data[pop.data$SIM == 1 & pop.data$ID == 7,]

plotobj11 <- NULL
plotobj11 <- ggplot(pop.data1)
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_line(aes(x = TIME,y = ALB/4),colour = "red")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_step(aes(x = TIME,y = ADA),colour = "blue")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_line(aes(x = TIME,y = exp(ETA1)),colour = "black")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_line(aes(x = TIME,y = exp(ETA2)),colour = "darkgreen")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_line(aes(x = TIME,y = exp(ETA3)),colour = "purple")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + geom_line(aes(x = TIME,y = exp(ETA4)),colour = "orange")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)")
plotobj11 <- plotobj11 + scale_y_continuous("Variable\n")
print(plotobj11)
```



## Dosing and Sampling Specifications

1. Simulations run from time = 0 to time = 546 days (approximately 18 months)
2. There are 4 sampling intervals:
  - Sampling interval 1; 0 to 98 days
  - Sampling interval 2; 98 to 210 days
  - Sampling interval 3; 210 to 378 days
  - Sampling interval 4; 378 to 546 days
3. Trough concentrations are sampled at the end of each sampling interval, i.e., time = 98, 210, and 378 days since first dose
  - No dosing adjustments are made at the conclusion of the study, i.e., day 546, therefore no trough concentration is sampled
4. There are 2 or 3 2-hour infliximab infusions administered in each sampling interval
  - Sampling interval 1; 0, 14 and 42 days
  - Sampling interval 2; 98 and 154 days
  - Sampling interval 3; 210, 266 and 322 days
  - Sampling interval 4; 378, 434 and 490 days

## Label Scenario

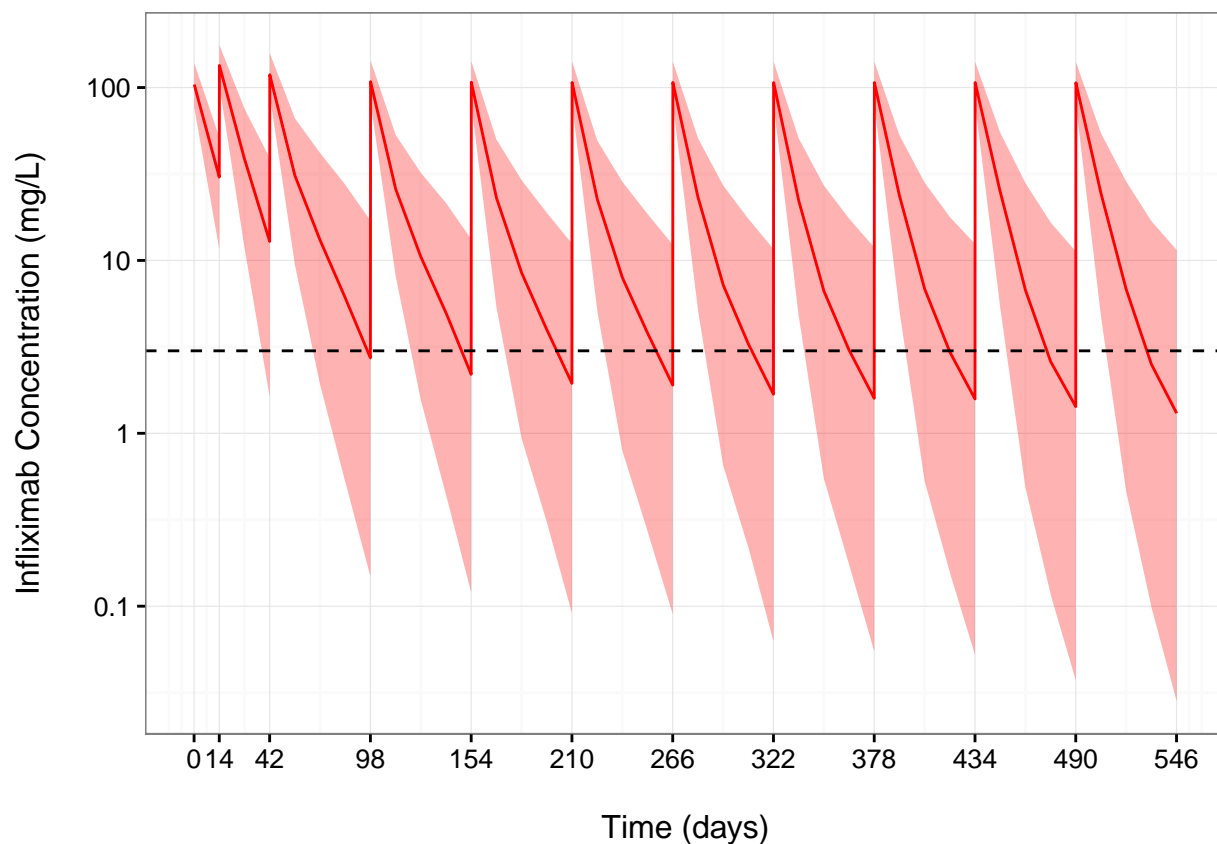
Every patient receives a 5 mg/kg dose of infliximab at every infusion time (i.e., 350 mg infused over 2 hours)

```

# Source the results of label_simulation
label.data <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"label_simulation.csv"))
label.data <- label.data[label.data$SIM != 0,] # Ignore the population typical individual simulation

# Plot the median and 95% prediction intervals for individual predicted concentrations (IPRE) over time
plotobj1 <- NULL
plotobj1 <- ggplot(label.data)
plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),geom = "line",fun.y = median,colour = "red")
plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),geom = "ribbon",fun.ymin = "CI95lo",fun.ymax = "CI95hi",colour = "red")
plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = trough.target),linetype = "dashed")
plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)",breaks = infusion.times)
plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + scale_y_log10("Infliximab Concentration (mg/L)\n",breaks = scale.log10.labels,labels = scale.log10.labels)
# plotobj1 <- plotobj1 + facet_wrap(~ID) # Facet for seeds
print(plotobj1)

```



For each individual, the time spent under the target trough concentration (3 mg/L) for the entire 546 day period was calculated.

```

# Calculate the time spent under the target trough at the end of each sampling interval
label.data.AUT <- label.data[label.data$time %in% sample.times,]
label.AUT.summary <- dplyr::summarise(label.data.AUT, .(time), function(label.data.AUT) summary.function(label.data.AUT))
print(label.AUT.summary[label.AUT.summary$time == 546,])

```

```

##   time   median stat.95lo stat.95hi
## 4   546 99.06022 0.00204839 336.4517

```

Number of individuals below the target trough concentration at day 546:

```
# Label data
print(below.target.546(label.data))
```

```
##      BTT      n
## 1 1768 2400
```

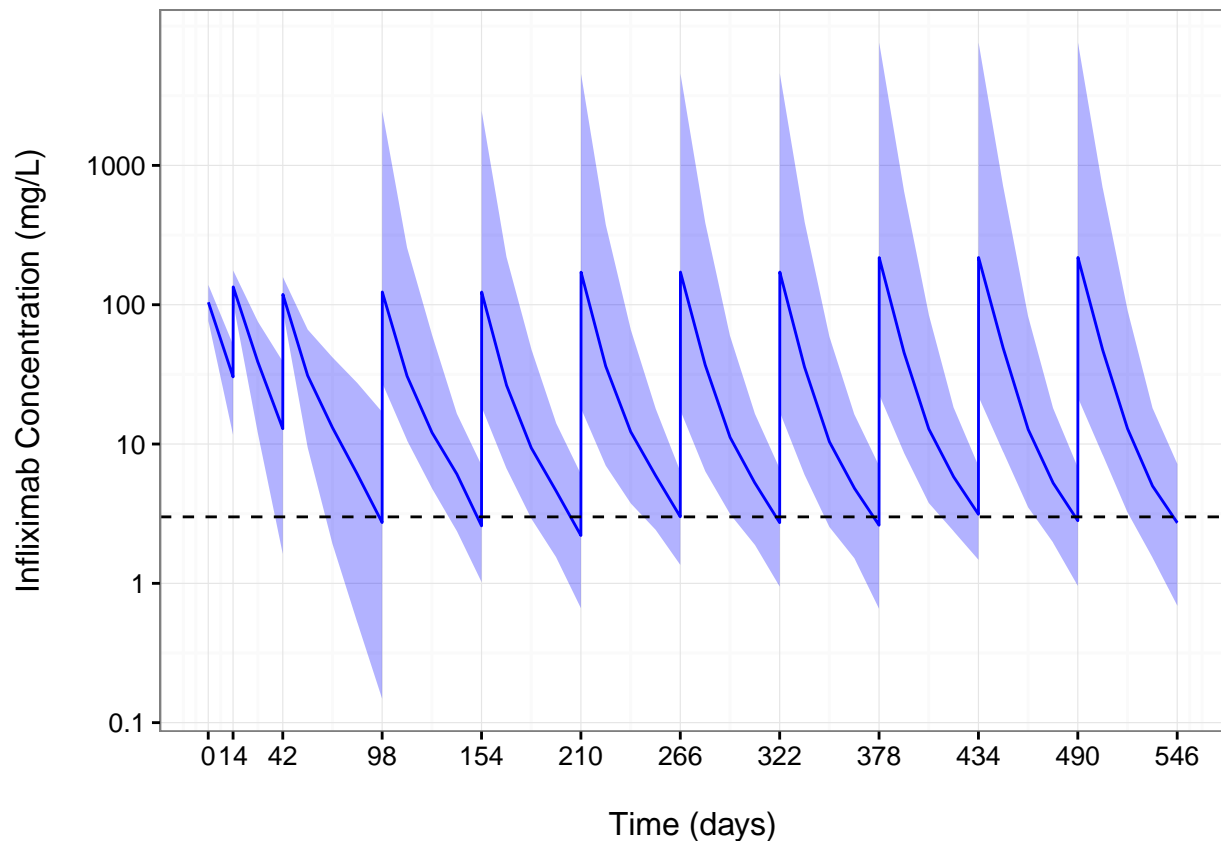
## Clinical Scenario

Scenario where every patient receives a 5 mg/kg dose of infliximab for every infusion time in the first sampling interval (i.e., at 0, 14 and 42 days). Then:

- Trough concentration at time = 98 days is sampled (DV)
- Dose for the next sampling interval is determined as:
  - If a sample < trough target OR sample >= trough upper (5 mg/L) then the new dose will be equal to (trough target/sample)\*previous dose
  - If a sample is within the pre-specified range, then the patient continues with the previous dose
- Cycle is repeated at sampling times = 210 and 378 days

```
# Source the results of clinical_simulation
clinical.data <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"clinical_simulation.csv"))
clinical.data <- clinical.data[clinical.data$SIM != 0,] # Ignore the population typical individual s

# Plot the median and 95% prediction intervals for individual predicted concentrations (IPRE) over time
plotobj2 <- NULL
plotobj2 <- ggplot(clinical.data)
plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),geom = "line",fun.y = median,colour = "blue")
plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),geom = "ribbon",fun.ymin = "CI95lo",fun.ymax = "CI95hi",colour = "blue")
plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = trough.target),linetype = "dashed")
plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)",breaks = infusion.times)
plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + scale_y_log10("Infliximab Concentration (mg/L)\n",breaks = scale.log10.labels,labels = scale.log10.labels)
# plotobj2 <- plotobj2 + facet_wrap(~ID) # Facet for seeds
print(plotobj2)
```



We can see a significant improvement in the proportion of people who are achieving constant concentrations above the target trough (median line is predominantly above the line in the clinical scenario compared to the label scenario).

Calculate time spent under the target trough:

```
# Calculate the time spent under the target trough at the end of each sampling interval
clinical.data.AUT <- clinical.data[clinical.data$time %in% sample.times,]
clinical.AUT.summary <- ddply(clinical.data.AUT, .(time), function(clinical.data.AUT) summary.function)
print(clinical.AUT.summary[clinical.AUT.summary$time == 546,])
```

```
##   time   median  stat.95lo stat.95hi
## 4   546 46.22288 0.002640362 157.7478
```

The median time spent under the target trough at time = 546 days in the clinical scenario is half compared to the label scenario.

Number of individuals below the target trough concentration at day 546:

```
# Clinical data
print(below.target.546(clinical.data))
```

```
##   BTT    n
## 1 1377 2400
```

## Bayesian Estimation and Dose Optimisation Scenarios

Scenario where every patient receives a 5 mg/kg dose of infliximab for every infusion time in the first sampling interval (i.e., at 0, 14 and 42 days). Then:

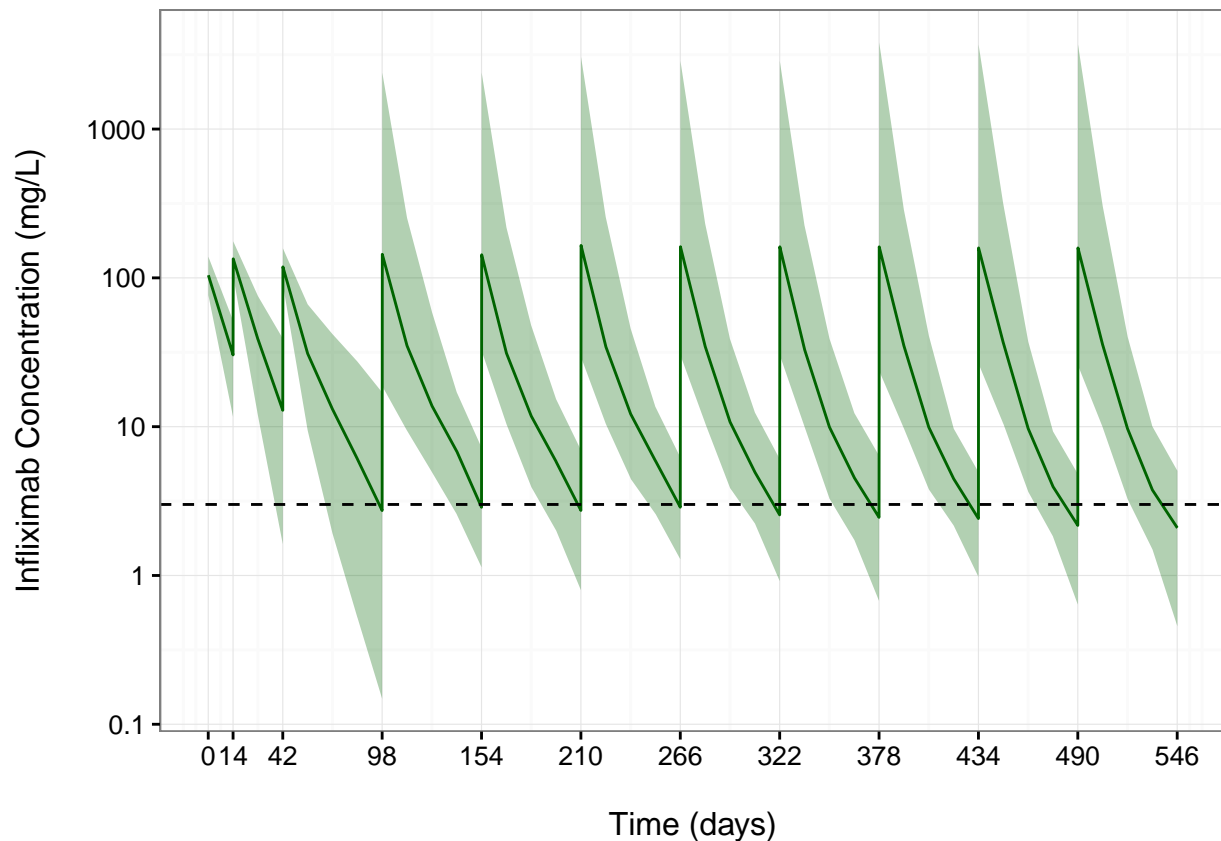
- Trough concentration at time = 98 days is sampled (DV)
- Individual values for pharmacokinetic parameters are obtained from empirical Bayes estimates using known administered doses, the sample, and covariate information at time = 0 and the sampling time
- Doses for the next sampling interval are determined by maximum likelihood estimation (minimise the error between trough concentration given optimised doses and the target trough concentration)
  - Optimised doses for the next sampling interval are allowed to be different
  - Initial estimates for doses are obtained by using the method described earlier in “Clinical Scenario”
  - If an initial estimate for a dose was greater than 1,000,000 mg - then doses were not optimised for the patient and they were just administered 1,000,000 mg
- Cycle is repeated at sampling times = 210 and 378 days
  - Bayes estimates obtained from subsequent sampling intervals are based on all previous samples, not just the most recent one
- When simulating the next interval given the individual parameters estimated from the previous interval, covariate values from the last sample are carried forward
  - We can predict the concentrations, however we cannot predict changes in their covariate profile

### No Time-Weighting, All Covariate Information is available

All observations are weighted equally when maximising the posterior likelihood. Covariate information at the time of sampling as available.

```
# Source the results of bayes_simulation
method1 <- "NTimeWeight"
covariate1 <- "AllCov"
bayes.method1 <- paste0(method1,covariate1)
bayes.data1 <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"/",bayes.method1,"/",bayes.method1,"_optimise_bayes_simulation.csv"))
bayes.data1 <- bayes.data1[bayes.data1$SIM != 0,] # Ignore the population typical individual simulation

# Plot the median and 95% prediction intervals for individual predicted concentrations (IPRE) over time
plotobj3 <- NULL
plotobj3 <- ggplot()
plotobj3 <- plotobj3 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayes.data1,geom = "line",fun.y = median)
plotobj3 <- plotobj3 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayes.data1,geom = "ribbon",fun.ymin = quantile,fun.ymax = quantile,fun.yintercept = median)
plotobj3 <- plotobj3 + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = trough.target),linetype = "dashed")
plotobj3 <- plotobj3 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)",breaks = infusion.times)
plotobj3 <- plotobj3 + scale_y_log10("Infliximab Concentration (mg/L)\n",breaks = scale.log10.labels,labels = scale.log10.labels)
print(plotobj3)
```



Calculate time spent under the target trough:

```
# Calculate the time spent under the target trough at the end of each sampling interval
bayer.data.AUT1 <- bayer.data1[bayer.data1$time %in% sample.times,]
bayer.AUT.summary1 <- dplyr::summarise(bayer.data.AUT1, .(time), function(bayer.data.AUT1) summary.function(bayer.data.AUT1))
print(bayer.AUT.summary1[bayer.AUT.summary1$time == 546,])
```

```
##   time   median  stat.95lo stat.95hi
## 4   546 47.92876 0.002269087 174.6173
```

### Peck 1.005 Time-Weighting, All Covariate Information is available

All observations are time-weighted using the Peck method with  $Q = 1.005$  when maximising the posterior likelihood. Covariate information at the time of sampling as available.

```
# Source the results of bayes_simulation
method2 <- "Peck1.005"
covariate2 <- "AllCov"
bayer.method2 <- paste0(method2,covariate2)
bayer.data2 <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"/",bayer.method2,"/",bayer.method2,"_optimise_bayes_simulation.csv"))
bayer.data2 <- bayer.data2[bayer.data2$SIM != 0,] # Ignore the population typical individual simulation

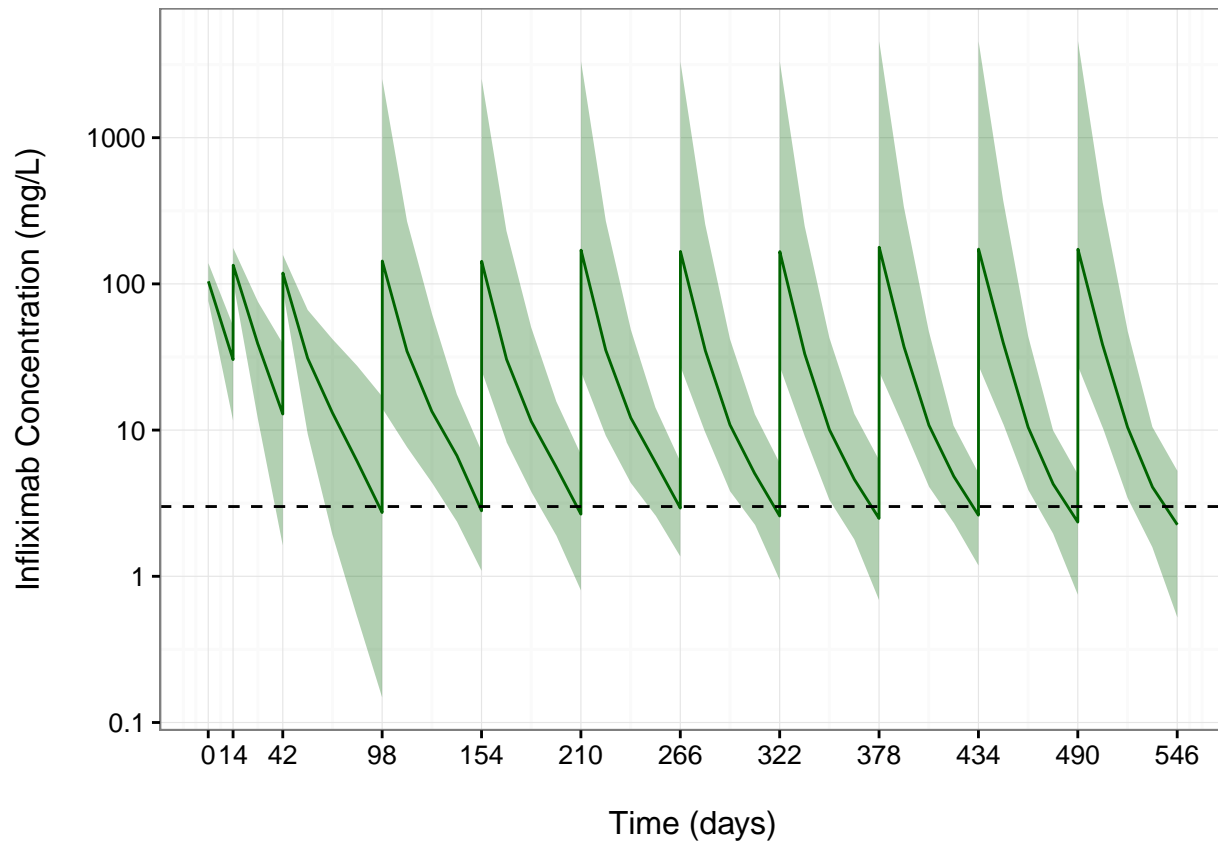
# Plot the median and 95% prediction intervals for individual predicted concentrations (IPRE) over time
plotobj4 <- NULL
plotobj4 <- ggplot()
plotobj4 <- plotobj4 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayer.data2,geom = "line",fun.y = median)
```



```

plotobj4 <- plotobj4 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayes.data2,geom = "ribbon",fun.ymin=
plotobj4 <- plotobj4 + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = trough.target),linetype = "dashed")
plotobj4 <- plotobj4 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)",breaks = infusion.times)
plotobj4 <- plotobj4 + scale_y_log10("Infliximab Concentration (mg/L)\n",breaks = scale.log10.labels,
print(plotobj4)

```



Calculate time spent under the target trough:

```

# Calculate the time spent under the target trough at the end of each sampling interval
bayes.data.AUT2 <- bayes.data2[bayes.data2$time %in% sample.times,]
bayes.AUT.summary2 <- ddpby(bayes.data.AUT2, .(time), function(bayes.data.AUT2) summary.function(bayes
print(bayes.AUT.summary2[bayes.AUT.summary2$time == 546,])

```

```

##   time   median  stat.95lo stat.95hi
## 4   546 45.23204 0.002254981 167.949

```

### Peck 1.01 Time-Weighting, All Covariate Information is available

All observations are time-weighted using the Peck method with  $Q = 1.01$  when maximising the posterior likelihood. Covariate information at the time of sampling as available.

```

# Source the results of bayes_simulation
method3 <- "Peck1.01"
covariate3 <- "AllCov"
bayes.method3 <- paste0(method3,covariate3)

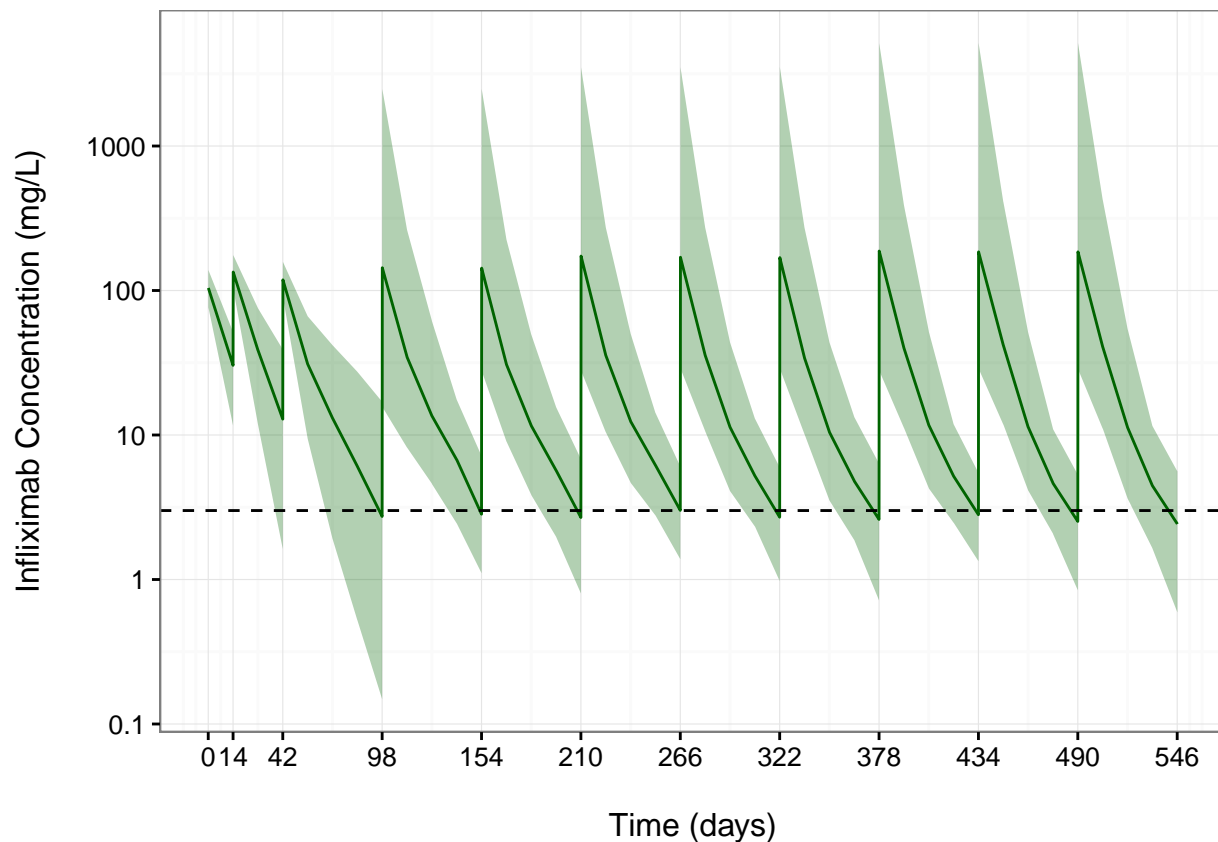
```

```

bayes.data3 <- read.csv(paste0(work.dir,"/",bayes.method3,"/",bayes.method3,"_optimise_bayes_simulation.csv"),as.is=T)
bayes.data3 <- bayes.data3[bayes.data3$SIM != 0,] # Ignore the population typical individual simulation

# Plot the median and 95% prediction intervals for individual predicted concentrations (IPRE) over time
plotobj5 <- NULL
plotobj5 <- ggplot()
plotobj5 <- plotobj5 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayes.data3,geom = "line",fun.y = median)
plotobj5 <- plotobj5 + stat_summary(aes(x = time,y = IPRE),data = bayes.data3,geom = "ribbon",fun.ymin = quantile,fun.ymax = quantile,fun.args = list(p = c(0.025,0.975)))
plotobj5 <- plotobj5 + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = trough.target),linetype = "dashed")
plotobj5 <- plotobj5 + scale_x_continuous("\nTime (days)",breaks = infusion.times)
plotobj5 <- plotobj5 + scale_y_log10("Infliximab Concentration (mg/L)\n",breaks = scale.log10.labels,labels = scale.log10.labels)
print(plotobj5)

```



Calculate time spent under the target trough:

```

# Calculate the time spent under the target trough at the end of each sampling interval
bayes.data.AUT3 <- bayes.data3[bayes.data3$time %in% sample.times,]
bayes.AUT.summary3 <- ddply(bayes.data.AUT3, .(time), function(bayes.data.AUT3) summary.function(bayes.data.AUT3))
print(bayes.AUT.summary3[bayes.AUT.summary3$time == 546,])

```

```

##   time median  stat.95lo stat.95hi
## 4   546 40.6542 0.002246327 156.8893

```

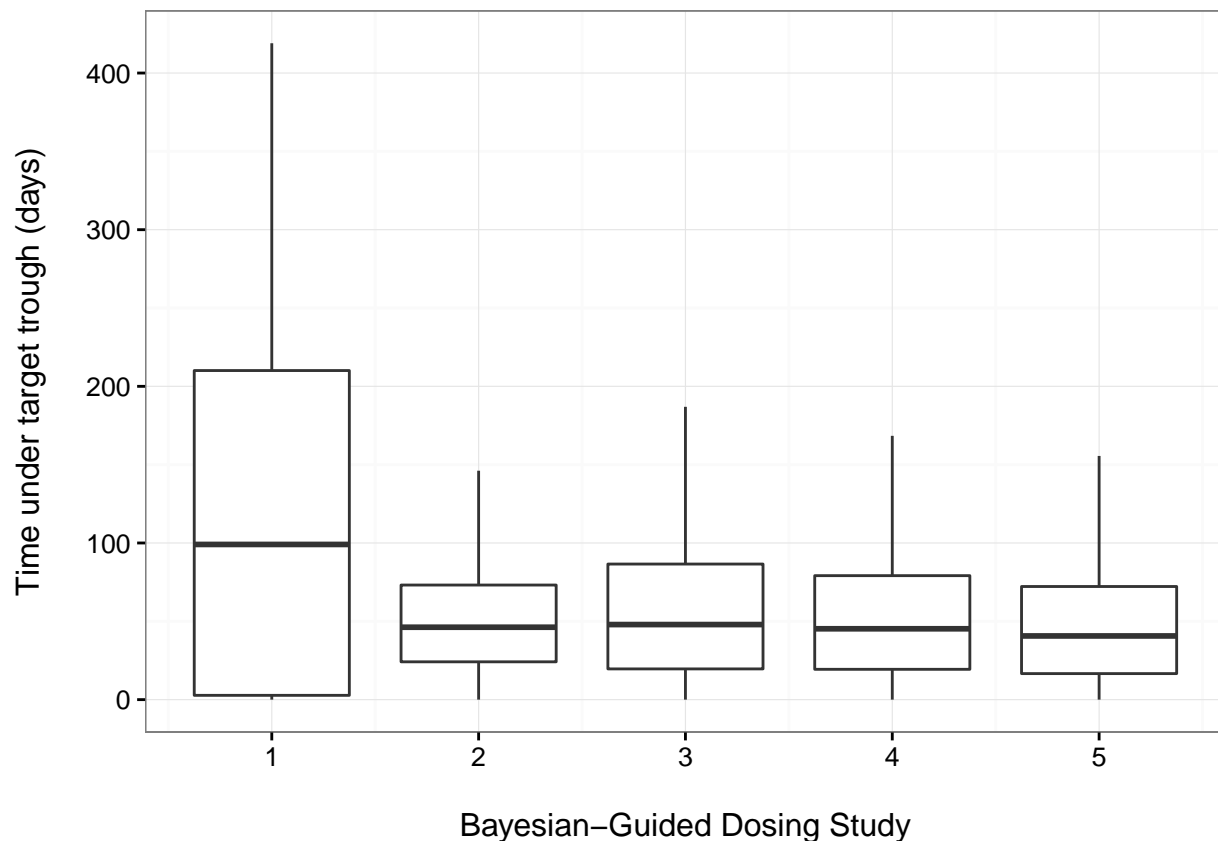
## No Time-Weighting versus Time-Weight (Peck, $Q = 1.005$ and 1.01), All Covariate Information Available

Time under target trough concentration

```
label.data.AUT$SCEN <- 1
clinical.data.AUT$SCEN <- 2
bayes.data.AUT1$SCEN <- 3
bayes.data.AUT2$SCEN <- 4
bayes.data.AUT3$SCEN <- 5

AUT.data1 <- rbind(label.data.AUT,clinical.data.AUT[, -5],bayes.data.AUT1[, -5],bayes.data.AUT2[, -5],bayes.data.AUT3[, -5])

plotobj6 <- NULL
plotobj6 <- ggplot(AUT.data1[AUT.data1$time == 546,])
plotobj6 <- plotobj6 + geom_boxplot(aes(x = SCEN,y = AUT,group = SCEN),outlier.shape = NA)
plotobj6 <- plotobj6 + scale_y_continuous("Time under target trough (days)\n",lim = c(NA,NA))
plotobj6 <- plotobj6 + scale_x_continuous("\nBayesian-Guided Dosing Study")
print(plotobj6)
```



## Number of people below target trough concentration

```
# Bayes data - no time-weighting  
print(below.target.546(bayes.data1))
```

```
##      BTT      n  
## 1 1860 2400
```

```
# Bayes data - Peck, 1.005  
print(below.target.546(bayes.data2))
```

```
##      BTT      n  
## 1 1749 2400
```

```
# Bayes data - Peck, 1.01  
print(below.target.546(bayes.data3))
```

```
##      BTT      n  
## 1 1604 2400
```