



Workshop on FAIRification

Towards improved regulatory readability of model validity

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1. FAIR model characterization

Current OECD templates for model characterization provide information on the 5 main validity criteria in **different order, different (sub)headers, different level of details**

1) FAIR model identity

2) Purpose of the model

3) Relevance

4) Reliability

5) Applicability domain (AD)

In vitro NAMs: ToxTemp (former OECD No 211)*

1. Overview
2. General information
3. Description of the general features of the test system source
4. Definition of the test system as used in the method
5. Test method exposure scheme & endpoints
6. Handling details of the test method
7. Data management
8. Prediction model and toxicological application
9. Publication/Validation status
10. Test method transferability
11. Safety, ethics and specific requirements

In silico NAMs: QMRF (OECD No 386, Annex 1)*

1. QSAR identifier
2. General information
3. Defining the endpoint
4. Defining the algorithm
5. Defining the applicability domain
6. Defining goodness-of-fit and robustness
7. Defining predictivity
8. Providing a mechanistic interpretation

PBK models: OECD No 331*

- Table 3.1. A. Name of model
- Table 3.1. B. Model developer and contact details
- Table 3.1. C. Summary of model characterization, development, validation, and regulatory applicability
- Table 3.1. D. Model characterization
- Table 3.1. E. Identification of uncertainties
- Table 3.1. F. Model implementation details
- Table 3.1. G. Peer engagement (input/review)
- Table 3.1. H. Parameter tables
- Table 3.1. References and background information
- Table 3.2. A. Context/Implementation
- Table 3.2. B.1 Biological Basis
- Table 3.2. B.2 Theoretical Basis of Model Equations
- Table 3.2. B.5 Goodness-of-Fit and Predictivity
- Fig. 3.4
- Section 3.1. Context and implementation

* text color indicates which of the 5 validity information types can be found in which sections

Using 5 common headers for the main validity criteria to resort the information within OECD templates could ease regulatory understanding of the models

In vitro NAMs:
ToxTemp

In silico NAMs:
QMRF

PBK models:
OECD 331

OMICS data
interpretation*

1) FAIR model identity

2) Purpose of the model in technical and/or regulatory terms

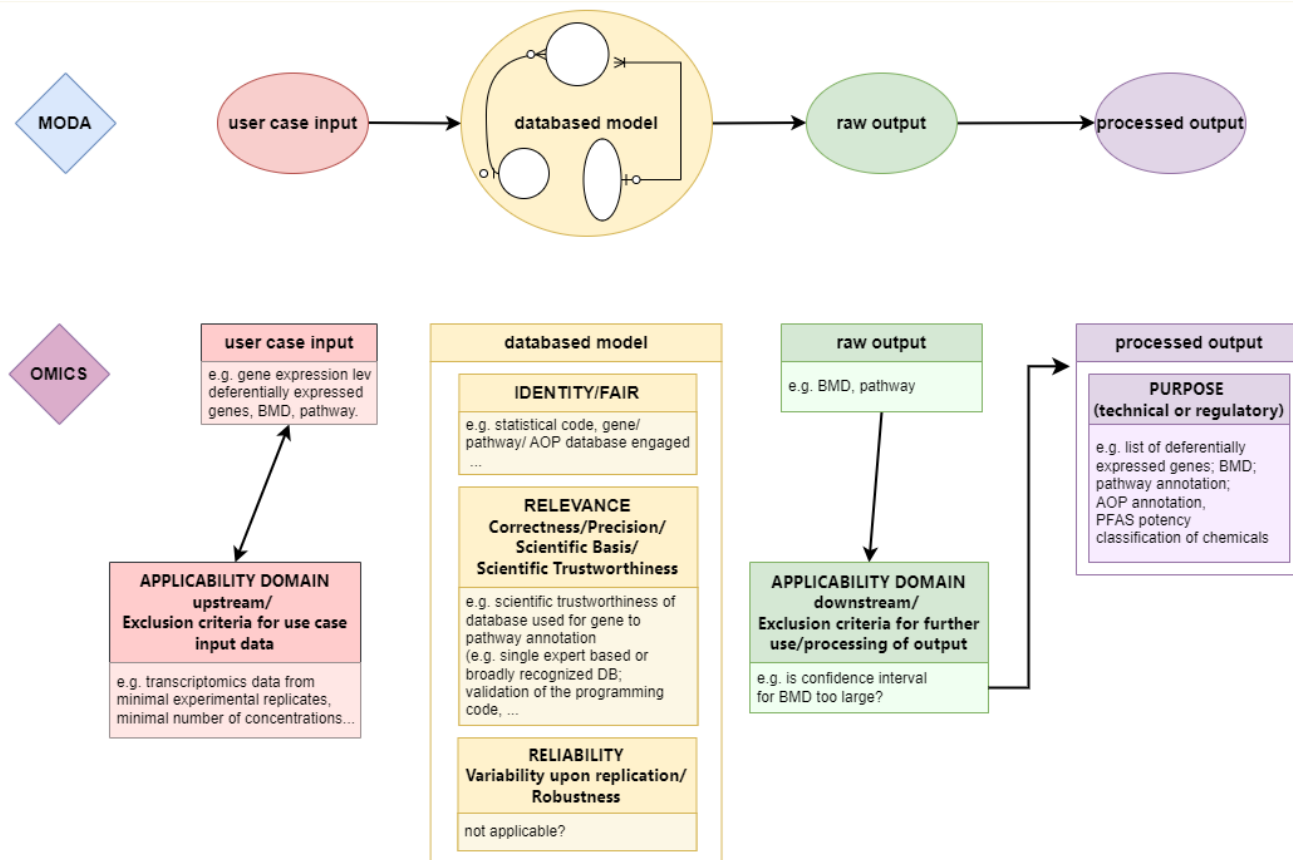
3) Relevance and/or correctness, precision, scientific trustworthiness, robustness

4) Reliability and/or variability upon replication

5) Applicability domain (AD) upstream and/or downstream

* still to be developed at OECD level

If useful, this could be applied to new omics data interpretation format and systematically linked to the MODA formatting, as suggested in Kolokathis et al. 2024, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.csbj.2024.10.018>



2. FAIR model output

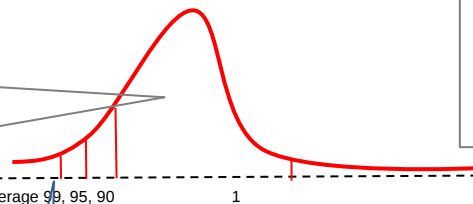
FAIR model output – should be transparent for uncertainty propagation

distribution for HD_M^I is shifted to the left, if any of the Geometric Means of the assessment factor distributions is increased

broadens, if any of the assessment factor distributions are broadened



human reference dose distribution

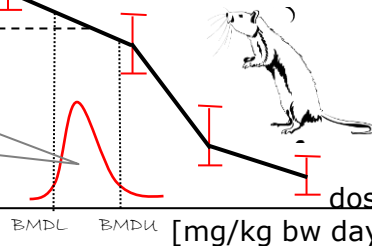
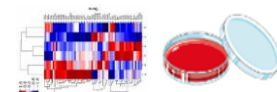


the protection goal for magnitude of effect (M) is defined by the BMR from experiment;

for continuous data e.g. by BMR = 5% erythrocyte decrease
OR
for quantal data by BMR = 50%

% effect

100
90



HD_M^I

HD = Human Dose M= Magnitude, I = Incidence
e.g. HD_5^1 =**Human Dose** causing
5% decreased erythrocyte count
for **≤ 1% of population**
with probability of e.g. 95%

HD_M^I which reaches the protection goals (e.g. M=-5% erythrocytes for I ≤1% population) with a coverage (= probability) of **99%**.

HD_M^I which reaches the same protection goals (e.g. M= -5% erythrocytes for I ≤1% population) but with a probability of just **1%**.

The range between the 99th and the 1st percentile of the HD_{05}^{01} is an estimate for the uncertainty of the HD_{05}^{01} .

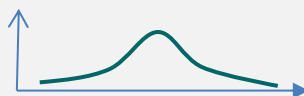
: extrapolation uncertainty

BMD

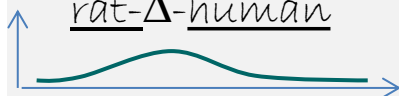
PBK in vitro → human



human-Δ-human



rat-Δ-human



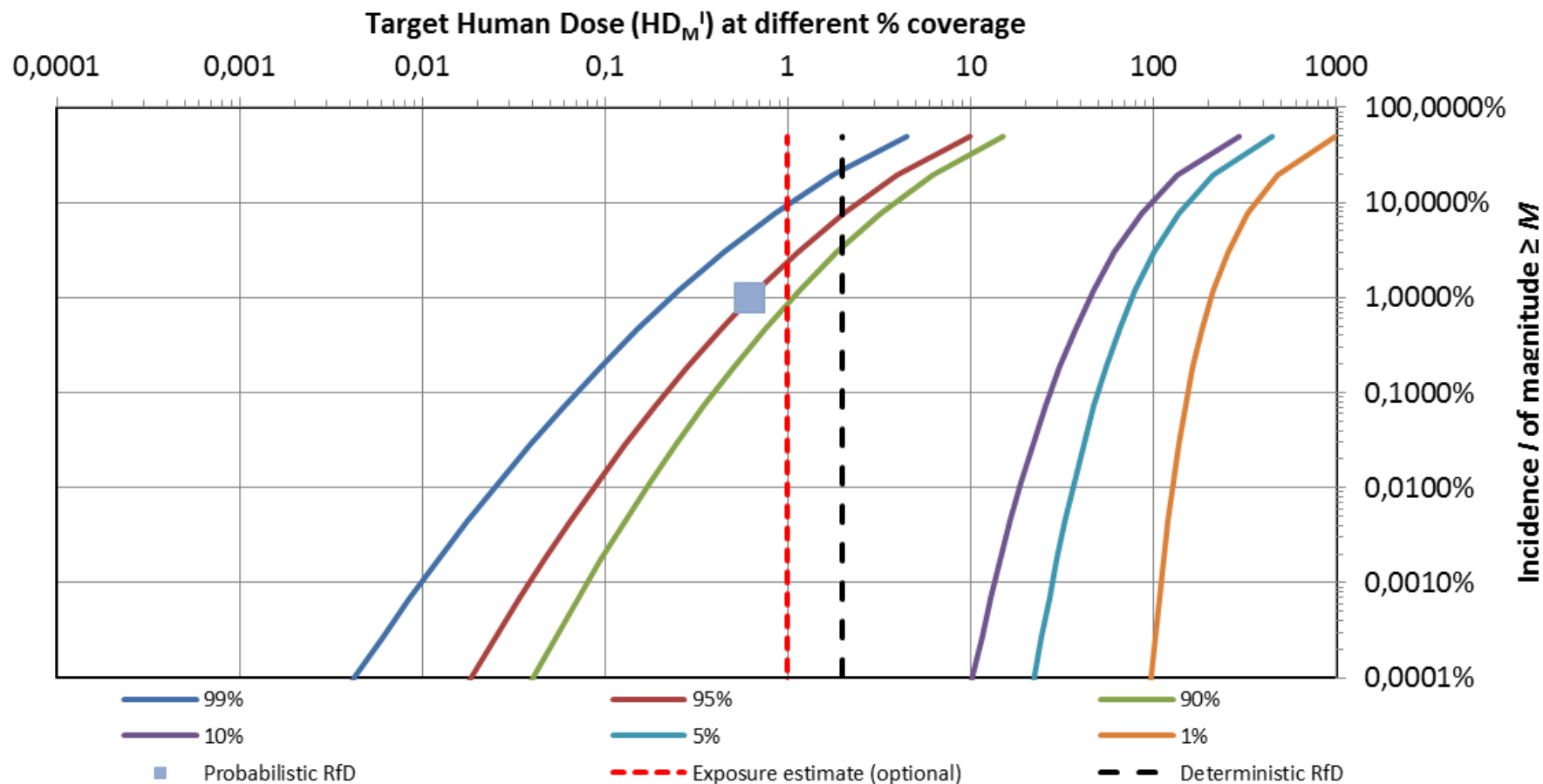
the protection goal for the maximum incidence (I), is defined by the intra-species assessment factors distributions, specific for I

Incidence (%)	Lognormal approximation*	
	P50 _{approx}	P95/P50 _{approx}
10	3.49	2.24
5	4.98	2.82
1	9.69	4.32
0.50	12.36	5.06
0.10	20.42	6.99
0.05	24.82	7.93
0.01	37.71	10.39

A) **probabilistic**, quantify-able uncertainties

B) List of just **qualitative** uncertainties

HD_M^I depends on acceptable population incidence and acceptable probability (% coverage) to meet the protection goal and can be expressed relative to the **exposure estimate** and any **traditional deterministic reference dose**



One could compare the % contribution of uncertainty in the HD_M^I for different assessment approaches to ease regulators understanding of relative uncertainties and acceptance of NAM approaches

hypothetical example

ASPECT	% contribution to overall uncertainty	
	rat based	human In vitro based
PoD	10%	10%
Extrapolation NOAEL to BMD	--	--
Allometric Interspecies scaling	1%	--
Extrapolation rodent to human interspecies TK/TD	22%	--
Extrapolation exposure duration, experimental to real	--	--
PBK extrapolation in vitro to human	--	30%
Human intraspecies uncertainty	67%	60%
(Other aspect #1)	--	
Greatest contributor to overall uncertainty on Target Human Dose (HD_M^I)	Intraspecies	Intraspecies

Summary

Improve regulatory readability of model validity by

- harmonizing model reporting templates by highlighting main regulatory validity criteria
- providing transparency for relative uncertainty contributions from (integrated) model outputs

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Non Animal Methods, SSbD and LCA based
Next Generation Safety Assessment

Backup slides

safety assessment	data		Variable	extrapolation from model to assessment target	variability of assessment target	reference value	classification
traditional	human	rodent data (rarely dog or else)	usually NOAEL rarely BMD [+ BMDL/U]	interspecies extrapolation usually default factor 10 rarely data-based [+LCL/UCL], e.g. WHO 2017	human variability usually default factor 10 rarely data-based [+LCL/UCL], e.g. WHO 2017	usually human safe dose rarely human dose HD protective for x% of population [with y% probability]	effect type: irrit./corr., CMR effect potency: acute toxic, sensitizing, STOT SE & RE
	env	algae + daphnids + fish data	usually EC50 or EC10 or NOAEC rarely BMC [+ BMCL/U]	usually time extrapolation (factor 1 to 1000)	rarely: Interspecies Correlation Estimates & Species Sensitivity Distributions	usually environmental safe concentration rarely env. conc. protective for x% of species [with y% prob.]	effect potency: acute, chronic, PBM

Next Generation	human	human in vitro data, In silico data	bmc [+ bmdl/bmdu]	QIVIVE extrapolation [+ uncertainty from input data & model parameter]	human variability [+ uncertainty], e.g. from PBK and/or historical WHO data	human dose HD protective for x% of population [with y% probability]	effect potency: revised STOT SE & RE [+% prob. for category]
	env	algae + daphnids + fish cell data, In silico data	EC50 or bmc10 [+bmdl/bmdu]	time extrapolation?	Interspecies Correlation Estimates & Species Sensitivity Distributions	environmental concentration protective for x% of species [with y% probability]	effect potency: acute, chronic, PBM [+% prob. for category]

Integration with
SSbD and LCA

NGSA
probably **safe** **hazard** & **safe dose** for toxic bioactivity in humans in environment

SSbD
probably **safe** **hazard** & **safe MoE** = **safe dose** / **exposure** for production, use, waste, recycling for human for environment

LCA
probably acceptable impact on **environmental health** **biodiversity** **climate** **society** **socio-economy**

visualizing
uncertainty of
risk metrics:

limit value
versus
exposure

to identify
aspects of
highest
uncertainty

APROBA-plus
- screenshot

<https://www.rivm.nl/en/aproba-plus>

Bokkers et al. 2017,
doi:10.1016/j.fct.2017.10.038

