

# **THE FDA MODEL MASTER FILE**

## **STANDARDIZATION OF M&S PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF DERMATOLOGICAL PRODUCTS**

**2024 OSP COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**  
**2024 – 10 – 08**



- Model Master File (MMF) framework and relation to dermal modeling
- FDA's efforts to standardize models
  - Workshops held in October 2022 and May 2023.
  - Publication: Fang et al., *The Role of Model Master Files for Sharing, Acceptance, and Communication with FDA*. AAPS Journal, (2024) 26:28
- Models as a resource for:
  - Product development.
  - Shared science.
  - Regulatory review.
  - Streamlining drug approval processes.
- Models including:
  - PBPK, pop-PK, IVIVC model, drug-device models, immunogenicity models.

# THE MECHANISTIC UB/UC MODEL OF SKIN PENETRATION, IMPLEMENTED IN MOBI (OSP SUITE)



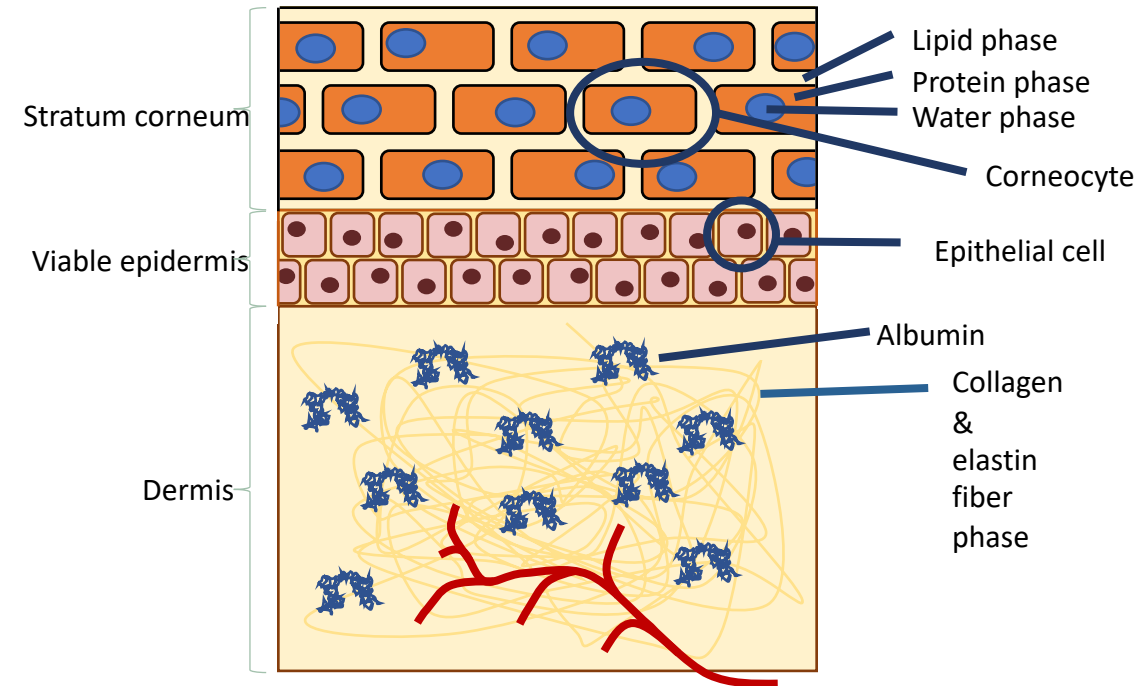
Design and performance of a spreadsheet-based model for estimating bioavailability of chemicals from dermal exposure ☆

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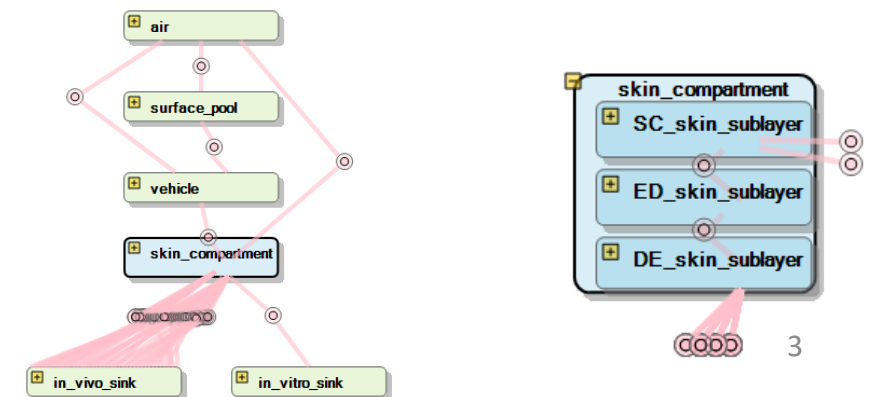
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- **One dimensional partial differential equation representation of skin permeation**
- **Inputs include descriptors of:**
  - The applied permeant (physical/chemical properties)
  - Applied formulation
  - Skin condition
  - Experimental conditions
  - Application protocol
- **Outputs:**
  - Total accumulation in each skin layer and on skin surface
  - Flux and cumulative permeant amount that clears skin



<https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/Skin-permeation-model>



- **Model development**

Empirical model of vehicle evaporation

- **Learning and extrapolation**

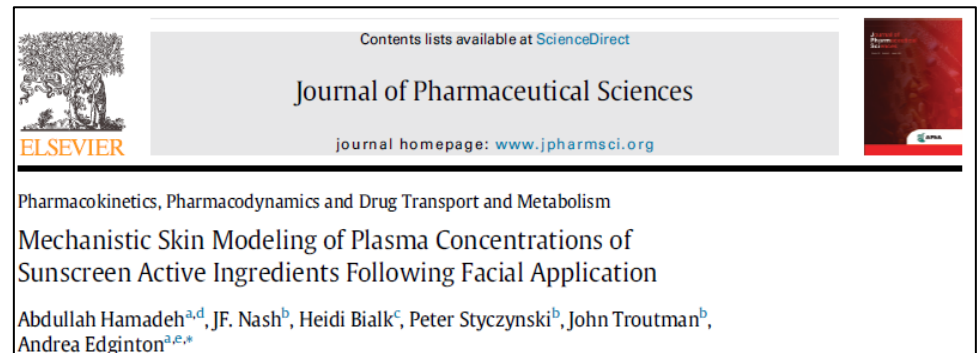
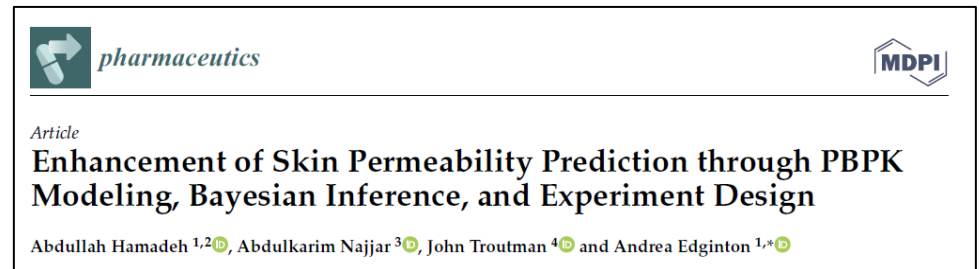
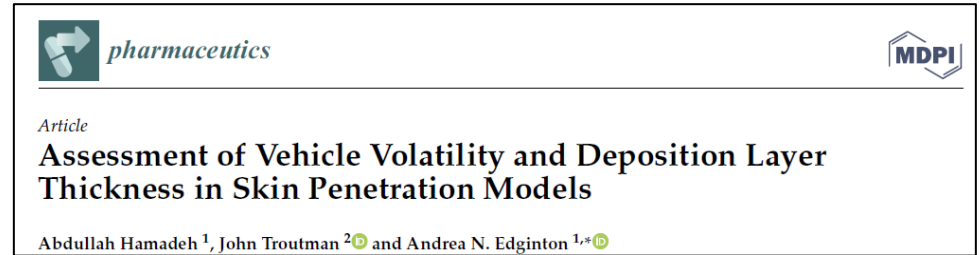
How to train skin absorption models with in vitro measurement data to predict in vivo dermal disposition

- **Experiment design for model training and extrapolation**

How to select/generate informative experimental data for robust model training and extrapolation

- **Data fusion from multiple diverse data sources**

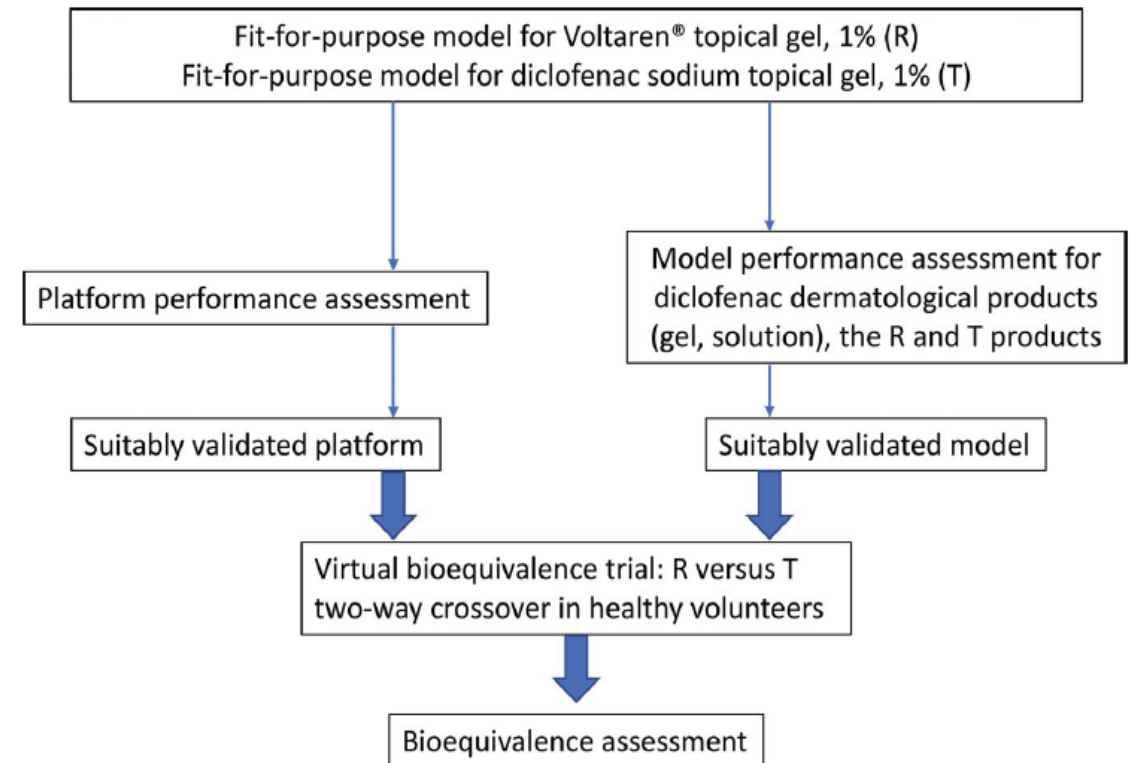
Learning sunscreen formulation effects from in vitro data, clearance from in vivo data, and extrapolating to new application scenario.



- Paper discusses approval of an ANDA for:
  - **Test:** generic diclofenac sodium topical gel, 1%
  - **Reference:** Voltaren topical gel, 1%
- First time a VBE assessment leverages dermal PBPK modeling and a **totality of evidence approach** resulting in ANDA approval.
- **Current product specific guidance for establishing BE diclofenac sodium topical gel, 1%:**
  - an in vivo BE study with PK end points in healthy volunteers
  - and an in vivo comparative clinical end point BE study in knee osteoarthritis patients
- **FDA waived the in vivo comparative clinical end point BE study** based on a validated model that predicts bioequivalence of test and reference at the presumed site of action (skin and synovial fluid).

## Physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling to support bioequivalence and approval of generic products: A case for diclofenac sodium topical gel, 1%

Eleftheria Tsakalozou | Andrew Babiskin | Liang Zhao



*“Considering comparative clinical end point BE studies tend to be the least sensitive approach to detect formulation differences between a reference and test product, the Agency encourages generic drug applicants to use alternative BE approaches, such as modeling and simulation.”*

## **Example demonstrated use of modeling to avoid a costly BE study**

Consider several generics manufacturers each building their own models of the same reference drug, submitted separately.

## **Issues identified**

*Wasted Time:* Regulatory agencies must review multiple models of the same reference drug repeatedly.

*Inconsistent Science:* Each virtual BE assessment is performed based on potentially different models of the reference drug.

## **Consequences**

Models may represent different ADME mechanisms, leading to incongruity.

Regulators are aware of the discrepancies but cannot inform manufacturers.

## **Solution?**

A unified accepted model could mitigate these issues, providing a common scientific basis for all applications.

## Features of MMFs that add value:

- **Acceptance:** *model is validated*
  - (via, e.g. the OSP Qualification Framework).
- **Availability:** *model is available*
  - (from, e.g. GitHub).
- **Accessibility:** *the model is understood and modifiable.*
  - model is open source, model equations available through MoBi.
  - can modify absorption/dissolution for generics, retaining accepted systemic model

**Title: Mechanistic in silico inference of dermal absorption for chemical risk assessment**

**Presenters: John Troutman and Abdullah Hamadeh**

**155 participants from 20 different countries**

**Do you use in silico skin penetration methods to inform (check all that apply)?**

**65%**

- a. Product innovation and development - 12%
- b. Safety Assessment – 53%
- c. Neither – 33%
- d. Other – 2%

**What are the barriers to using in silico models?**

**74%**

- a. Lack of regulatory acceptance - 50% **Acceptance**
- b. Complexity to access and run simulations – 24% **Availability**
- c. Skepticism with model structure, parameterization and applicability – 21%
- d. Other – 5%

**What would increase your confidence in applying/accepting model predictions?**

**84%**

- a. Demonstrate relevance and reliability using experimental data - 55% **Acceptance**
- b. Availability of training materials (courses, tutorials, guidance documents) – 29% **Accessibility**
- c. Access to model documentation – 16%



- **Limited sharing by developers**
  - Drug developers have little incentive to share models beyond regulatory submissions, making **availability** a challenge.
- **Closed source model limitations**
  - Closed-source models are restricted to licensed users, creating **accessibility** issues.
  - Limited ability to customize model for novel drug products.
- **Need for a standardized framework**
  - Agreement required across regulatory, academic, and industrial sectors on:
    - Model description, verification, and validation (**acceptance**).
    - Documentation format and parameterization.
- **Defining valid contexts of use**
  - Clear boundaries needed for model applicability:
    - Small vs. large molecules, formulation classes, and populations.

A pathway to MMF development could be through **academic-industrial partnerships**.

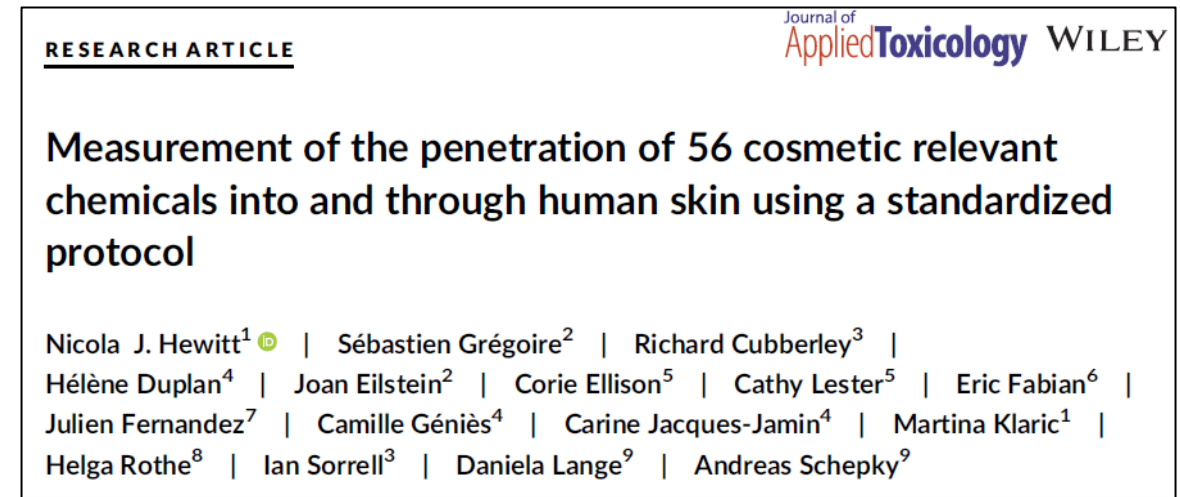
- **Incentive for industry:** regulator acceptance of relevant modeling platform opens pathway to modeling studies in lieu of clinical studies:
  - OSP dermal model (outcome of University of Waterloo partnership with P&G)
  - Models of release from special classes of formulations (long acting injectables)
  - Models of release from devices
- **Incentive for academia:** student training, networking, development of computational tools for further research
- **Our ongoing efforts with P&G:**
  - Development of OSP dermal model validation platform
  - Shiny app interface
  - OSPSuite R in the background.
  - Aim to show validation of OSP dermal model against literature datasets

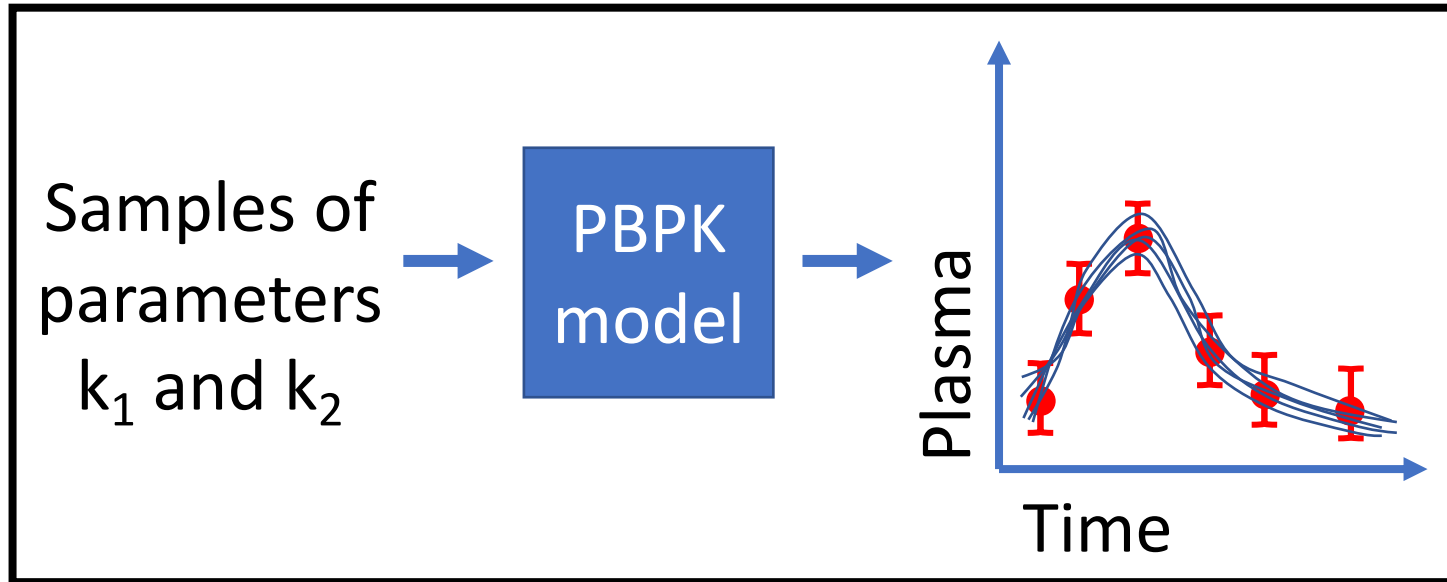
## Modeling dermal absorption

- High sensitivity to application context (formulation, dose).
- Inter-individual variability: stratum corneum thickness, hydration, sebum content
- Within-individual variability across anatomical sites
- Inter-occasion variability due to vehicle metamorphosis

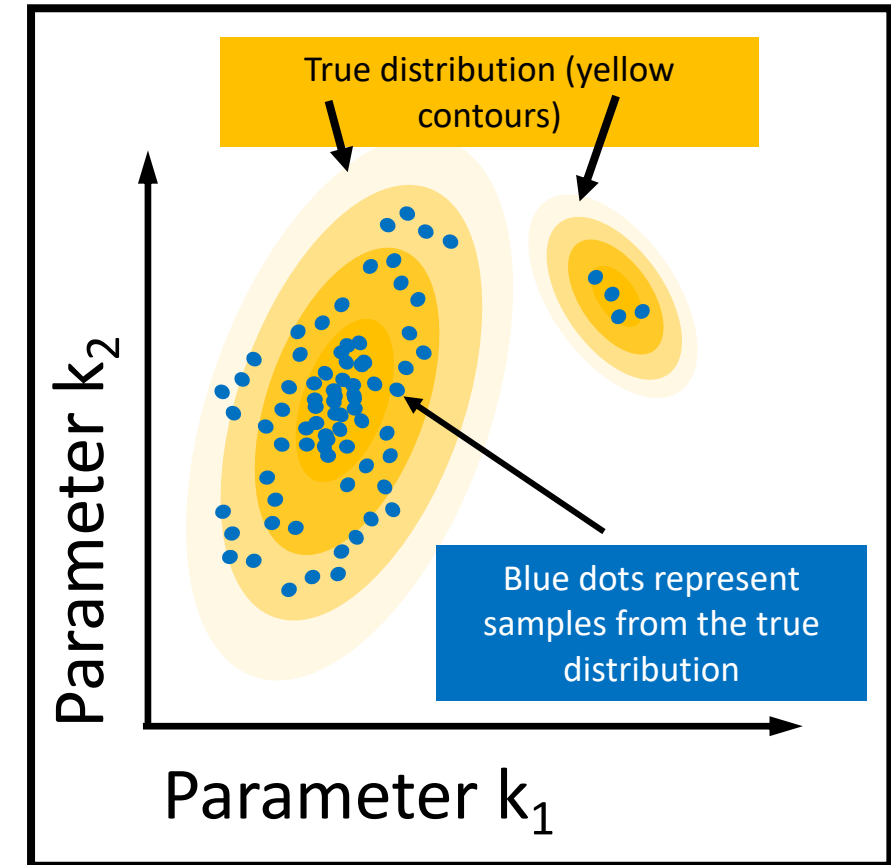
## Validation:

- Common in vitro testing protocols: IVRT, IVPT
- Large volume of published data, in vitro and in vivo
- Variety of measurement points: skin surface, stratum corneum, epidermis, dermis, percutaneous amounts.

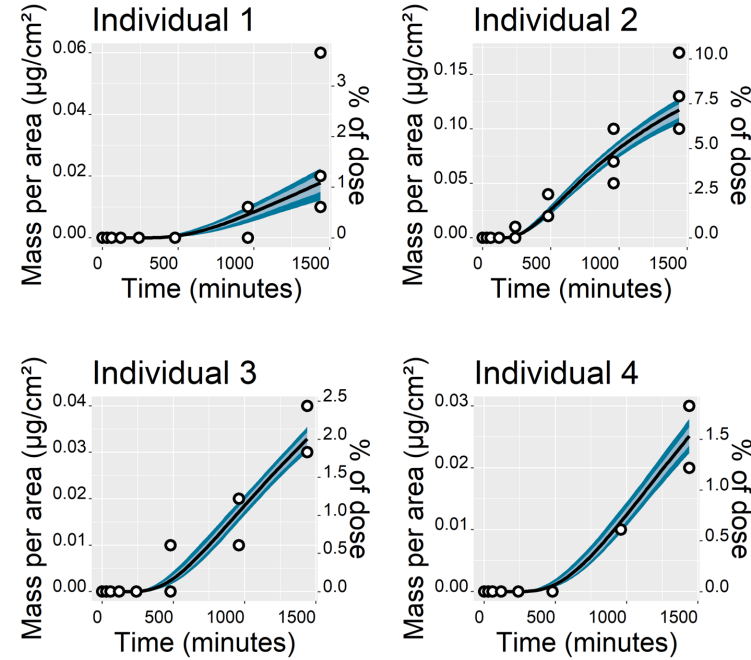
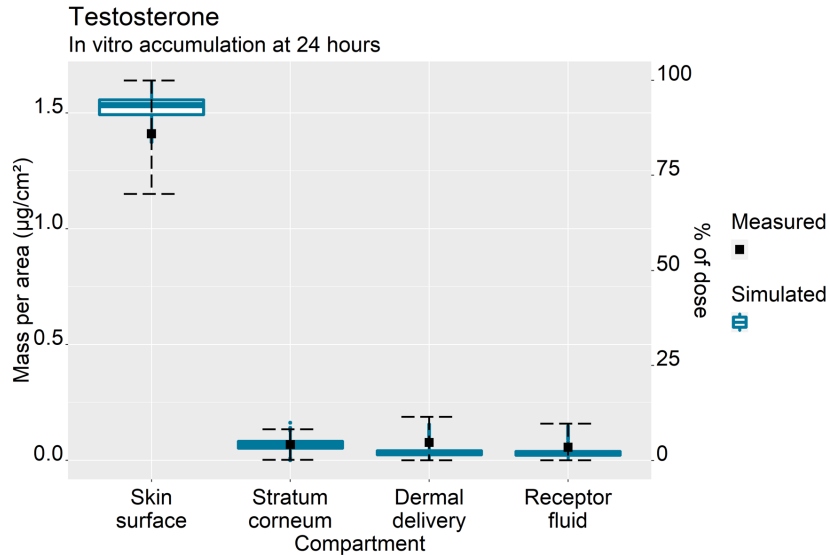




- Sensitivity analysis reveals influential model parameters
- Influential parameters of mechanistic PK models may not be uniquely identifiable from experimental data.
- Complex correlations between parameters may not be expressible using parametric distributions.
- Nonparametric distributions represent probability density in parameter space numerically, may be determined using MCMC algorithms.



# VISUAL PREDICTIVE CHECKS OF MODEL FITS TO IN VITRO DATA



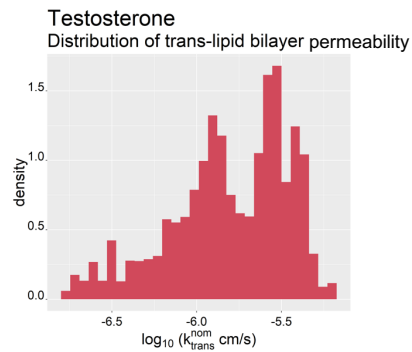
**RESEARCH ARTICLE**

Journal of Applied Toxicology WILEY

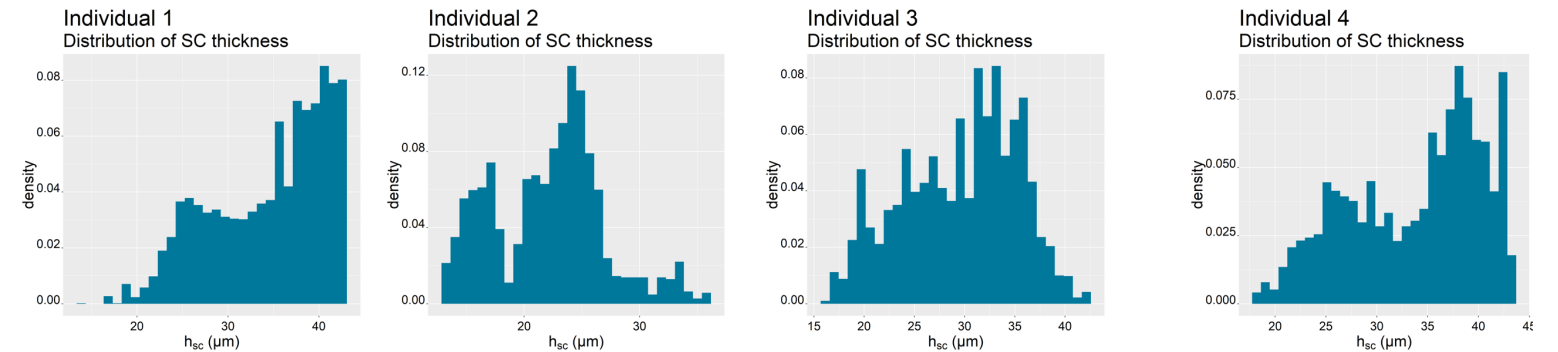
**Measurement of the penetration of 56 cosmetic relevant chemicals into and through human skin using a standardized protocol**

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## Learned compound-specific parameter distribution



## Learned individual-specific parameter distribution



# CONCLUSIONS

- There is increasing use and acceptance of model and simulation in submissions to regulators for dermal products.
- Model Master File reduces review time and unifies accepted science around a specific modeled scenario.
- Important features for an MMF to provide value: acceptance, availability, accessibility.
- Challenge: who has the incentive to build and share a MMF? Academic-industrial partnerships.
- Building a validated dermal MMF requires encompassing much detail:
  - skin permeation kinetics,
  - formulation effects
  - inter-individual variability
  - within-individual variability
  - inter-occasion variability