

**Appendix 1.** The example of NONMEM control file of semi-compartmental model.

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$PROBLEM PD with Ke0 fit
$DATA
$INPUT
$PRED
    E0 = THETA(1);Baseline
    EMAX = THETA(2);Max Effect
    CE50 = THETA(3)*EXP(ETA(1));C50, only parameter with
          ;interindividual variability
    GAM = THETA(4); Gamma - don't add an ETA to this - very hard to fit
    KE0 = THETA(5)*EXP(ETA(2)); Ke0

    IF (TIME.EQ.0) THEN
        CE = 0
        PTIME = 0
        PCP = 0
        PCE = 0
    ENDIF

    DT = TIME-PTIME;

    IF (DT.EQ.0) THEN; Fighting with problem of nested if statements
        DT1 = 1
    ELSE
        DT1 = DT
    ENDIF

    IF (CP.GE.PCP) THEN
        SLOPE = (CP-PCP)/DT1
        DELTA = DT1*SLOPE+(KE0*PCP-SLOPE)*(1-EXP(-KE0*DT1))/KE0
    ELSE
        SLOPE = (LOG(CP)-LOG(PCP))/DT1
        DELTA = PCP*KE0/(KE0+SLOPE)*(EXP(DT1*SLOPE)-EXP(-KE0*DT1))
    ENDIF

    IF (DT.GT.0) THEN
        CE = PCE*EXP(-KE0*DT)+DELTA
    ELSE
        CE = PCE
    ENDIF

; Full sigmoidal Emax PD model with simple additive error
Y = E0+(EMAX-E0)*CE**GAM/(CE**GAM+C50**GAM) + EPS(1)

; Variables for NONMEM to remember at the next iteration
PTIME = TIME; Prior Time
PCP = CP; Prior plasma concentration
PCE = CE; Prior effect site concentration

$ESTIMATION SIG=3 MAX=2000 PRINT=1 METHOD = 1; FOCE method

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