

# Perl speaks NONMEM (PsN) and Xpose

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## http://psn.sf.net

### What is PsN?

PsN is a toolbox for population PK/PD model building using NONMEM. It has a broad functionality ranging from parameter estimate extraction from output files. data file sub setting and resampling, to advanced computer-intensive statistical methods and NONMEM job handling in large distributed computing systems. PsN includes stand-alone tools for the end-user as well as development libraries for method developers. PsN3 supports NONMEM7.

#### Features of PsN

- · Parallel execution of multiple NONMEM runs on several systems; Sun Grid Engine, Platform LSF and Slurm (new). Support for NM7.2 parallelization (new).
- Automatic reruns with perturbed initial estimates
- Covariate model building using the Stepwise Covariate Model building (scm), the new Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (lasso) and the new Cross-Validation scm (xv\_scm) programs. Automatic linearization (new) of covariate models for faster evaluation. The scm program has recently undergone a major revision for increased flexibility and stability.
- Model diagnostics using automated Numerical and Visual Predictive Check (npc/ vpc). New features include handling of drop-out , missing observations and time-to-event models
- · Rapid sample size calculations for a likelihood ratio test-based power using the new mcmp program
- Model comparisons and diagnostics using Stochastic Simulation and Estimation (sse).
- · Model fit diagnostics using the Case-deletion Diagnostic, bootstrap and Loglikelihood Profiling programs.
- Creation of run records for NONMEM runs using the runrecord program.
- Replacing initial estimates in model files with final estimates from lst-files (reduced runtime) and renumbering table and msfofile settings using program update inits.
- Runs on Windows, OS X and Linux



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### What is Xpose?

Xpose is an open-source population PK/PD model building aid for NONMEM. Xpose tries to make it easier for a modeler to use diagnostics in an intelligent manner, providing a toolkit for dataset checkout, exploration and visualization, model diagnostics, candidate covariate identification and model comparison. The current version of Xpose (4.2) supports NONMEM 7.

### Features of Xpose

- Written in R a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics similar to S-Plus. R is free, easy to use and very powerful. Because R is open source, new methods can be implemented and verified, with many methods based on peer reviewed literature.
- Simulation based diagnostics Mirror Plots, Visual predictive Checks, Numerical predictive checks.
- Command line and menu-based interface all functions in Xpose are available from the command line, resulting in:
  - Highly customizable, publication quality, plots
  - Scripts for automatic generation of PDF files containing goodness-of-fit plots after every NONMEM run.
- Through the use of DCOM technology, Xpose can be run from any Windows application
- Calculation of CWRES for NONMEMVI.



### Tools available in Xpose

- Data checkout
- Run summaries
- Diagnostic plots
- Variable summaries
- GAM covariate prediction
- Kaplan-Meier-Plots

### Model Diagnostics using Cooperative Features of PsN and Xpose

#### **Mirror Plots**

Mirror plots created by simulating data and calculating post-hoc estimates from the final model. PsN simulates, estimates and creates table files with the command.

execute run22.mod -mirror\_plots=1

· Xpose creates the mirror plots



### NPC/VPC

- · PsN controls the simulation of new datasets and does the computations needed for the NPC or VPC vpc run22.mod -samples=1000
- Options to handle categorized data e.g.:
  - Categorical data
  - Censored continuous (e.g. BLQ) data
  - Categorized continuous data





- Options to perform prediction corrected VPC (pcVPC) and prediction+variability corrected VPC (pvcVPC)
  - vpc run22.mod -samples=1000-predcorr
- Wide range of customizable binning and stratification settings

### vpc run.mod-stratify on=DOSE

• Automatic handling of log transformed data

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