In Fond Memory of Professor Stuart L. Beal June, 1941 – January, 2006

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Education – Univ. of California, Los Angeles

- B.A. Mathematics with Minors in Logic and Fine Arts
- Graduate Studies in Mathematics
- M.S. Biostatistics Thesis: A Stochastic Model (and Its Computer Implementation) for the Population Sizes of Maturing Cell Types in a Clone
- Ph.D. Biostatistics Dissertation: Adaptive M Estimation with Independent Nonidentically Distributed Data



University of California – San Francisco

- Senior Statistician, Step V, Office of Information Systems (1973-1976)
- Assistant, Associate, Full Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine (1976 – 2006)

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Early Publications - UCSF

- L.B. Sheiner, B. Rosenberg, V.V. Marathe.
 "Estimation of Population Characteristics of Pharmacokinetic Parameters from Routine Clinical Data", J. Pharmacokin. Biopharm. 1977; 5:445-479.
 Acknowledged Stuart Beal for helpful discussions.
- L.B. Sheiner, S.L. Beal, B. Rosenberg, V.V. Marathe. "Forecasting Individual Pharmacokinetics", Clin. Pharmacol. Ther. 1979; 26: 294-305.
- S. Beal, L.B. Sheiner. "The NONMEM System", The American Statistician, 1980; 34: 118-119.

Stuart Beal and Lewis Sheiner

An incredibly creative and productive collaboration.

The NONMEM Software

Pharmacometrics as a new discipline

A new, more rational approach to drug development

1996-2006 National Institutes of Health Merit Award



The NONMEM System

- Software for nonlinear mixed effect modeling implemented through the use of a first-order approximation. Provided a means to analyze (sparse per individual) data collected during routine clinical care. Fortran programming knowledge was needed. Required derivatives of the model response w.r.t. the random terms. Ugh!
- PREDPP Simpler derivatives were needed. Library of standard pharmacokinetic models as well as general routines for linear and nonlinear models. A data structure that particularly suited the analysis of observational, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic data. (with Alison Boeckmann)

The NONMEM System Evolves

• NM-TRAN – developed by Alison Boeckmann

No derivatives required. Increased flexibility in data set format. Many details of Fortran programming could be ignored. Relative user-friendliness expanded access to the the program.

- First-order Conditional Estimation Empirical Bayes estimation of interindividual random terms.
- Eta-Epsilon Interaction
- Laplacian Method



The NONMEM System – An Essential Option

NOABORT

If you sent Stuart a control stream with this option, you were almost certain to get a lecture about using this only if absolutely necessary, (which it almost always was).



Stuart Beal's Genius and Attention to Detail are Evident Throughout the NONMEM Program

Essentially all of the estimation methods in NONMEM are derivative based methods. Careful attention was paid to specifying the appropriate objective function for each method implemented.

Impressive flexibility for modeling, simulation, estimation and statistical assessment.

Only a genius could construct and maintain code like that used to determine the execution path required by the chosen estimation method.



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IF (OPETA1.EQ.1) THEN
    IF (OPGR.EQ.0) THEN
      IF (IST.EQ.1) THEN
       IF (OPTWO.EQ.1) THEN
         IF(OPLAPN.EQ.0) THEN
   IF (NROB.NE.0.AND.(MODE.LE.2.OR.IST.EQ.2)) THEN
           IF (ISHORT.EQ.1.AND.IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.MCALL.EQ.1)
 1
           CALL OBETA (6, JJ, IE)
           CALL OBETA (2, JJ, IE)
         ELSE
           IF (ISHORT.EQ.1.AND.IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.MCALL.EQ.1)
 1
           CALL OBETA2 (6,JJ,IE)
           CALL OBETA2 (2, JJ, IE)
         ENDIF
        ELSE
         IF (IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.IND.EQ.0.AND.MCALL.EQ.1)
1
          CALL OBETA (6, JJ, IE)
         CALL OBETA (2,JJ,IE)
        ENDIF
      ELSE
       IF (IET.EQ.1) THEN
         IF (IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.IST1.EQ.1.AND.IND.EQ.0.
1
            AND.MCALL.EQ.1) CALL OBETA (7,JJ,IE)
         IF (OPTWO.EQ.2) THEN
           IF (IND.EQ.0.OR.MODE.GT.1) THEN
             CALL OBETA (8, JJ, IE)
           ELSE
             CALL OBETA (11, JJ, IE)
           ENDIF
         ELSE
           CALL OBETA (4, JJ, IE)
         ENDIF
        ELSE
         IF (OPLAPN.EQ.0) THEN
           CALL OBETA (10, JJ, IE)
         ELSE
           CALL OBETA2 (10,JJ,IE)
         ENDIF
        ENDIF
      ENDIF
     ELSE
      IF (IST.EQ.1) THEN
       IF (OPTWO.EQ.1) THEN
         CALL OBETA2 (2,JJ,IE)
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         IF (IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.MCALL.EQ.1)
1
          CALL OBETA (6, JJ, IE)
         CALL OBETA (2, JJ, IE)
        ENDIF
      ELSE
       IF (IET.EQ.1) THEN
         IF (IFRIND.EQ.1.AND.MCALL.EQ.1)
1
          CALL OBETA2 (7, JJ, IE)
         CALL OBETA2 (8,JJ,IE)
        ELSE
         IF (OPLIN.EQ.0) CALL OBETA2 (10,JJ,IE)
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        ENDIF
      ENDIF
    ENDIF
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Recent Publications

- "Ways to Fit a Pharmacokinetic Model with Some Data Below the Quantification Limit", J. Pharmacokin. Pharmacodyn. 2001; 28:481-504.
- "Commentary on Significance Levels for Covariate Effects in NONMEM", J. Pharmacokin. Pharmacodyn. 2002; 29:403-410.
- "Conditioning on Certain Random Events Associated with Statistical Variability in PK/PD", J. Pharmacokin. Pharmacodyn. 2005; 213-243.



The NONMEM System – NONMEM 6.1.0

Increased flexibility in modeling

- Event times
- Repeat option
- Simultaneous analysis of continuous and odd-type data
- Compartment initialization
- User-written Functions
- Additional estimation methods
 - Use of a Frequency Prior
 - Hybrid with Interaction
 - Laplacian with Interaction
 - Nonparametric step

Customization of Output

\$INFN record

DO WHILE(DATA) to facilitate the use of the PASS utility.

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The NONMEM System – Stuart Beal's Scientific Legacy

The NONMEM System is used every day by hundreds of pharmaceutical scientists in government, industry and universities world wide.



Most Impressive Characteristic

The love and devotion he had for his wife and family, e.g. an e-mail exchange.

How was your visit to Italy?

Stuart: Trip was a trip of a lifetime! Saw astounding things - things I hadn't at all anticipated. Got to spend 24 hours a day with Lauren for 5 weeks, which was lovely.

