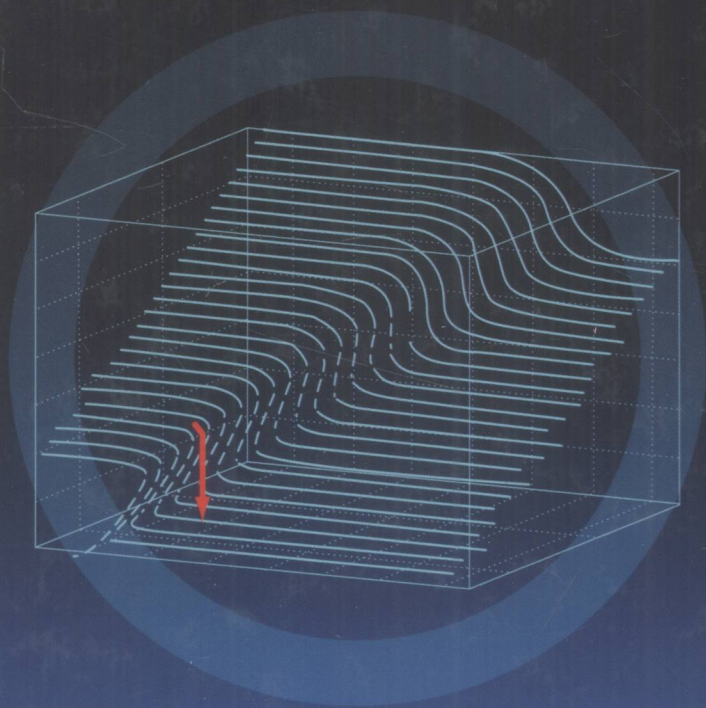


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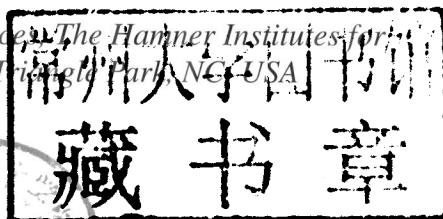
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# **Quantitative Modeling in Toxicology**

# Preface

The goal of most toxicology studies is to help reach some conclusion about likely risks posed to humans or to other species from chemical exposures. Test results, both from *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies, require various forms of extrapolation to make risk predictions for specific exposures and in specific populations. Over the past 50 to 60 years, a variety of modeling tools have emerged that help in describing toxicological processes quantitatively and in making these extrapolations. These quantitative models have substantially improved our understanding of human exposure, pharmacokinetics, mode of action and toxic responses associated with chemicals. In recent years, toxicology, as true for other biological disciplines, has also been enriched by the new tools from genomic biology and by the increasing emphasis on computational systems biology for describing cell and tissue function.

The opportunity now exists for toxicology to transition from a qualitative science cataloging responses in various animal species to a discipline capable of quantitatively describing key mechanistic processes that determine dose-response behaviors for animal and human responses. Quantitative modeling in toxicology includes approaches that simulate (i) exposure and disposition of chemicals in the body, (ii) biochemical interaction between toxic moiety and target tissues, (iii) molecular and cellular alterations emanating from the initial interactions; and (iv) adverse responses at the organ or organism level. Properly developed, these quantitative mechanistic models can provide unambiguous, testable statements of working hypotheses regarding chemical uptake, biochemical interactions, and the initiation and progression of toxicity in the exposed organism.

Integration of quantitative tools within experimental design, data collection and analysis as well as risk assessment applications is more important than ever. Specifically, these tools are important (i) for conducting scientifically sound extrapolations of dosimetry and responses for risk assessment purposes, (ii) for refining/reducing animal use in toxicology studies by facilitating the development of new, novel and efficient experiments, and (iii) for creating a framework with which to integrate the various observations (exposure, dose, mechanism, response) at a quantitative level. Despite the growth in interest in these quantitative models in toxicology, there are few resources to serve as a guide in learning more about these tools. The two of us, along with other colleagues, have taught modeling courses at our respective institutions through lectures and computer demonstrations. In these courses, we have also felt the need for a concise overview of quantitative modeling in toxicology and began discussions leading to this book.

***Quantitative Modeling in Toxicology*** now brings together contributions from key scientists on the modeling of exposure, tissue dose, tissue interaction and toxicological responses. Chapters 2-5 describe the quantitative models of pharmacokinetics of individual chemicals

and mixtures. Chapters 6 through 11 describe models for toxicant-target tissue interaction. Chapters 12 through 15 describe models for cellular, organ, and organism responses. The simulation models of toxic effects based on the toxicant-target interaction models and mode of action information are highlighted with specific examples. Finally, Chapters 16 through 21 present the approaches, tools and challenges regarding the application and evaluation of quantitative models for exposure and risk assessments. Based on the breadth of the material in these chapters, this book should serve as an initial reference for toxicologists and risk assessors who are interested in developing quantitative models for a better understanding of dose-response relationships.

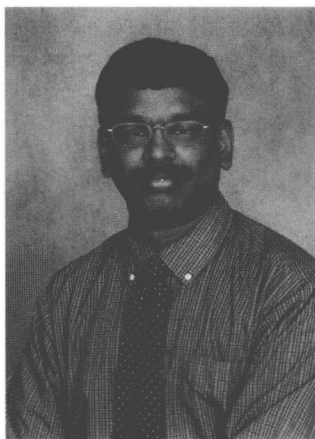
The process of simulation modeling requires writing computer code to represent the biological systems and the consequences of exposure. The models are written in a computer language and then solved by numerical integration. The examples throughout the book use a variety of commercial software, including ACSL<sup>®</sup>, BERKELEY MADONNA<sup>®</sup>, MATLAB<sup>®</sup>, EXCEL<sup>®</sup> and MEGen<sup>®</sup>. We do not endorse any particular software and did not require our contributors to use any particular software. In general, the source code developed in one language can be easily recoded into alternative language. Code for running various models in the book have been included in specific chapters and made available for download from the publisher. The text files for these models are intended to assist the interested reader in developing models for their own use or for use for instruction. We would appreciate comments from our readers about the value of these models for learning more about quantitative modeling in toxicology.

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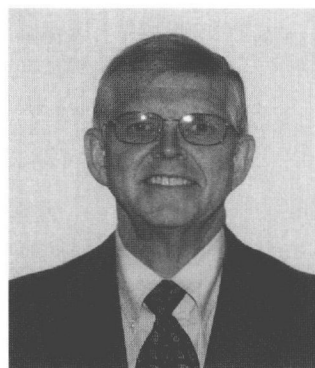
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## About the Book . . .

*Quantitative modeling in toxicology* is a must-read for those interested in computer simulation of the biological fate and effects of chemicals. It brings together a diverse group of experts in this area to provide the reader with the current state of knowledge regarding the modeling of dose, tissue interactions and tissue responses. Additionally, tools and approaches for model evaluation and application are described. Access to an electronic MODEL LIBRARY containing the source code for several dosimetry, toxicant interaction and toxicity models is included with the book in order to allow the interested reader to reconstruct the examples in the various chapters. This book will be of particular interest to graduate students, practicing toxicologists and risk assessors who are fascinated by the application of quantitative modeling approaches to simulate perturbations of biological systems upon exposure to xenobiotics.

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# **Section 1**

## **Introduction**



