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	<b>QMRF Title: Fish Dietary Biomagnification Factor</b>
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## 1. QSAR identifier

### 1.1. QSAR identifier (title):

Fish\_Dietary\_Biomagnification\_Factor

### 1.2. Other related models:

Acceptable-by-Design QSARs to Predict the Dietary Biomagnification of Organic Chemicals in Fish, Grisoni et al. 2018;

Detecting the bioaccumulation patterns of chemicals through datadriven approaches, Grisoni et al. 2018

### 1.3. Software coding the model:

QSAR-ME Profiler

Software for QSAR models predictions

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## 2. General information

### 2.1. Date of QMRF:

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### 2.3. Date of QMRF update(s):

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### 2.4. QMRF update(s):

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### 2.5. Model developer(s) and contact details:

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### 2.6. Date of model development and/or publication:

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### 2.7. Reference(s) to main scientific papers and/or software package:

[1] QSARINS <http://dunant.dista.uninsubria.it/qsar/>

[2] PaDEL-Descriptor: An Open Source Software to Calculate Molecular Descriptors and Fingerprints v 2.21 <http://www.yapcsoft.com/dd/padeldescriptor/>

[3] Classification-based QSARs for predicting dietary biomagnification in fish doi: 10.1080/1062936X.2022.2066174

[4] QSPR Models for Bioconcentration Factor (BCF): Are They Able to Predict Data of Industrial Interest? <https://doi.org/10.1080/1062936X.2019.1626278>.

[5] QSAR-ME Profiler <http://dunant.dista.uninsubria.it/qsar/>

### 2.8. Availability of information about the model:

Model developed as output of a PhD Program in Chemical and Environmental Sciences (DiSCA, University of Insubria) PhD scholarship

to Linda Bertato and of a post-doc grant to Dr. Nicola Chirico.

The model is non-proprietary and training and prediction sets are available.

**2.9. Availability of another QMRF for exactly the same model:**

no

**3. Defining the endpoint - OECD Principle 1**

**3.1. Species:**

Fish

**3.2. Endpoint:**

QMRF 2. Environmental fate parameters QMRF 2. 4.a. Bioconcentration . BCF fish

**3.3. Comment on endpoint:**

Dietary Biomagnification Factor in Fish

**3.4. Endpoint units:**

kg lipid/kg lipid

**3.5. Dependent variable:**

Log\_BMF

**3.6. Experimental protocol:**

OECD 305-III: Dietary Exposure Bioaccumulation Fish Test

**3.7. Endpoint data quality and variability:**

Data were initially curated by Arnot and Quinn 2015 according to the compliance with the OECD TG 305. In addition, BMF data-associated to conflicting structures were excluded as well as multiple records available for stereoisomers. Quality scores (H, M, L) were available in the original dataset assigned by the authors (Arnot and Quinn, 2015), was used to develop the model. Specifically, this model is based on a larger dataset containing high and medium quality data in addition to the reliable low data.

**4. Defining the algorithm - OECD Principle 2**

**4.1. Type of model:**

Multiple Linear Regression by means of Ordinary Least Squares

**4.2. Explicit algorithm:**

MLR - QSAR model

Multiple Linear Regression by means of Ordinary Least Squares

$$\text{Log BMF (dietary)} = -90^{***} (\pm 0.19) + 1.41^{***} (\pm 0.19) \text{ PubchemFP503} - 0.40^{***} (\pm 0.07) \text{ SubFPC295} - 0.06^{***} (\pm 0.02) \text{ R\_TpiPCTPC} + 0.56^{***} (\pm 0.23) \text{ MLFER\_S} - 1.39^{***} (\pm 0.60) \text{ maxHother} + 0.65^{***} (\pm 0.26) \text{ GGI5} - 4.00\text{E-}3^{**} (\pm 2.5\text{E-}3) \text{ VE3\_Dt}$$

Significance (P values): <sup>\*\*\*</sup>, 0.001; <sup>\*\*</sup>, 0.01; <sup>\*</sup>, 0.1

#### 4.3.Descriptors in the model:

- [1]PubchemFP503 SMART PATTERN: Cl-C:C-[#1], These bits test for the presence of simple SMARTS patterns, regardless of count, but where bond orders are specific and bond aromaticity matches both single and double bonds.
- [2]SubFPC295 Counts of: C ONS bond
- [3]R\_TpiPCTPC Ratio of total conventional bond order (up to order 10) with total path count (up to order 10)
- [4]MLFER\_S Combined dipolarity/polarizability
- [5]maxHother Maximum atom-type H E-State: H on aaCH, dCH2 or dsCH
- [6]GGI5 Topological charge index of order 5
- [7]VE3\_Dt Logarithmic coefficient sum of the last eigenvector from detour matrix

#### 4.4.Descriptor selection:

An input file including more than 7000 molecular descriptors of different types (0D, 1D, 2D) were calculated in PaDEL-Descriptor v. 2.21. Constant and nearly constant descriptors as well as descriptors found to be correlated pairwise more than 80% and 95 % respectively were excluded in a pre-reduction step prior to modelling. The remaining molecular descriptors were then used as input for the Variable Subset Selection (VSS) procedure which led to a population of models up to 10 variables using the step-up procedure, selected by choosing  $R^2$  as the fitness function, for a total of 500 models.

#### 4.5.Algorithm and descriptor generation:

Molecular descriptors were calculated using the software Padel-Descriptor v. 2.21 using canonicalized SMILES as input. SMILES were canonicalized using the software OpenBabel v. 2.3.2.

#### 4.6.Software name and version for descriptor generation:

Padel Descriptor v. 2.21  
Software to Calculate Molecular Descriptors and Fingerprints  
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<http://www.yapcsoft.com/dd/padeldescriptor/>

Open Babel v. 2.3.2  
Open Babel: The Open Source Chemistry Toolbox  
-  
<http://openbabel.org>

#### 4.7.Chemicals/Descriptors ratio:

27.7

### 5.Defining the applicability domain - OECD Principle 3

#### 5.1.Description of the applicability domain of the model:

Statistical AD:

The applicability domain of the model was verified by the leverage approach and fixed thresholds has been used to define both structural and response outliers (see section 5.4). The plot of leverages (HAT

diagonals) versus standardised residuals, i.e. the Williams plot, verified the presence of response outliers (i.e. compounds with cross-validated standardized residuals greater than 2.5 standard deviation units) and chemicals structurally very influential in determining the model's coefficients (i.e. compounds with a leverage value ( $h$ ) greater than  $3p'/n$  ( $h^*$ ), where  $p'$  is the number of model variables plus one, and  $n$  is the number of the objects used to calculate the model). For new compounds without experimental data, leverage can be used as a quantitative measure for evaluating the degree of extrapolation: for compounds with a high leverage value ( $h > h^*$ ), which are structural outliers, predictions should be considered less reliable.

Mechanistic AD: The applicability domain of the model is related to the most probable site of reaction and the related reactivity, identified by the Toxtree module SMARTCyp.

### **5.2.Method used to assess the applicability domain:**

The structural applicability domain of the model was assessed by the leverage approach, on the bases of a cut-off hat value  $h^*=0.1237$ . HAT values for each compound are calculated as the diagonal elements of the HAT matrix ( $H = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ ).

The response applicability domain can be verified by the standardized residuals (cut off values 2.5 standard units).

### **5.3.Software name and version for applicability domain assessment:**

QSARINS

MLR-OLS models and AD were generated using QSARINS

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### **5.4.Limits of applicability:**

HAT  $i/i$  ( $h^*=0.1237$ )

## **6.Internal validation - OECD Principle 4**

### **6.1.Availability of the training set:**

Yes

### **6.2.Available information for the training set:**

CAS RN: No

Chemical Name: No

Smiles: Yes

Formula: No

INChI: No

MOL file: No

### **6.3.Data for each descriptor variable for the training set:**

All

### **6.4.Data for the dependent variable for the training set:**

All

### **6.5.Other information about the training set:**

194 chemicals were included in the training set.

**6.6.Pre-processing of data before modelling:**

The endpoint was already log transformed prior to modelling.

**6.7.Statistics for goodness-of-fit:**

$R^2$ : 0.85  $RMSE_{TR}$ :0.43

**6.8.Robustness - Statistics obtained by leave-one-out cross-validation:**

$Q^2_{LOO}$ : 0.83

**6.9.Robustness - Statistics obtained by leave-many-out cross-validation:**

$Q^2_{LMO}$ : 0.82  $RMSE_{cv}$ : 0.45

**6.10.Robustness - Statistics obtained by Y-scrambling:**

$R^2_{YSCR}$ : 0.04

**6.11.Robustness - Statistics obtained by bootstrap:**

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**6.12.Robustness - Statistics obtained by other methods:**

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**7.External validation - OECD Principle 4****7.1.Availability of the external validation set:**

Yes

**7.2.Available information for the external validation set:**

CAS RN: No

Chemical Name: No

Smiles: Yes

Formula: No

INChI: No

MOL file: No

**7.3.Data for each descriptor variable for the external validation set:**

All

**7.4.Data for the dependent variable for the external validation set:**

All

**7.5.Other information about the external validation set:**

To verify the predictive capability of the proposed model, the dataset was split, before model development, into a training set used for model development and a prediction set used for external validation.

**7.6.Experimental design of test set:**

Data were ordered according to increasing experimental response and one every three chemicals were put in the prediction set, keeping the first and the last chemicals in the training set. (64 chemicals in the predictions set).

**7.7.Predictivity - Statistics obtained by external validation:**

$RMSE$ : 0.58  $R^2$ : 0.73

**7.8.Predictivity - Assessment of the external validation set:**

Training and prediction sets are balanced according to both structure and the response.

**7.9.Comments on the external validation of the model:**

The full model, calibrated on the complete dataset (thus ensuring a wider applicability domain), is

implemented in the software QSAR-ME Profiler for predictive purposes. The model equation used for the external validation (reported also in section 4.2) and the statistics are the following:  $\text{Log BMF (dietary)} = -90^{***} (\pm 0.19) + 1.41^{***} (\pm 0.19) \text{ PubchemFP503} - 0.40^{***} (\pm 0.07) \text{ SubFPC295} - 0.06^{***} (\pm 0.02) \text{ R\_TpiPCTPC} + 0.56^{***} (\pm 0.23) \text{ MLFER\_S} - 1.39^{***} (\pm 0.60) \text{ maxHother} + 0.65^{***} (\pm 0.26) \text{ GGI5} - 4.00\text{E-}3^{**} (\pm 2.5\text{E-}3) \text{ VE3\_Dt}$  Significance (P values): \*\*\*, 0.001; \*\*, 0.01; \*, 0.05  
Domain of applicability:  $h^* = 0.1237$

## 8. Providing a mechanistic interpretation - OECD Principle 5

### 8.1. Mechanistic basis of the model:

The model was developed by statistical selection of the molecular descriptors. The interpretation of these descriptors, listed in section 4.3, is provided *a posteriori* and described in details in the published article.

### 8.2. A priori or a posteriori mechanistic interpretation:

*a priori* and *a posteriori*.

### 8.3. Other information about the mechanistic interpretation:

## 9. Miscellaneous information

### 9.1. Comments:

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### 9.2. Bibliography:

- [1] Classification-based QSARs for predicting dietary biomagnification in fish doi: 10.1080/1062936X.2022.2066174
- [2] Detecting the bioaccumulation patterns of chemicals through datadriven approaches <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2018.05.157>
- [3] Acceptable-by-Design QSARs to Predict the Dietary Biomagnification of Organic Chemicals in Fish DOI: 10.1002/ieam.4106
- [4] Development and evaluation of a database of dietary bioaccumulation test data for organic chemicals in fish <https://doi.org/10.1021/es506251q>

### 9.3. Supporting information:

Training set(s) Test set(s) Supporting information

## 10. Summary (JRC QSAR Model Database)

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