

Model-based extrapolation between dosing regimens

Varying regimens in oncology Phase I dose-escalation trials

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Oncology Phase I Dose-Escalation

- Disease severity mandates efficacy maximization
- Aim is to find maximum tolerated dose (MTD)
- Adaptive trial design
 - Sequential enrollment of small cohorts of 3-6 patients
 - Treatment for 1 cycle
 - Assessment of cycle 1 trial data once cycle 1 completes
 - Dose of next cohort must ensure patient safety
- Challenges for statistical approaches
 - Data sparsity
 - (Drug combinations)
 - Only consideration of a dose escalation... Dose regimens??

Everolimus Example

- **Phase Ib dose-escalation in small-cell lung cancer**

Besse B, Heist RS, Papadimitrakopoulou VA, et al. A phase Ib dose-escalation study of everolimus combined with cisplatin and etoposide as first-line therapy in patients with extensive-stage small-cell lung cancer. Ann Oncol. 2014

- **Explored two regimens**

- Daily dosing: 2.5 mg/day, 5.0 mg/day
- Weekly dosing: 20 mg/week, 30 mg/week

- **Each regimen analyzed separately**

- **MTD declared for daily 2.5 mg**

Regimen	Dose [mg/admin]	N	DLT
daily	2.5	4	2
daily	5.0	6	3
weekly	20.0	5	0
weekly	30.0	13	4

Bayesian Logistic Regression Model (BLRM)

- Statistical model
 - Data: # of patients with DLT r_i per cohort with n_i patients at dose d_i
 - Binomial likelihood with DLT probability $\pi_i(d_i)$
 - Logit-link regression: intercept, positive slope with $\log\left(\frac{d_i}{d^*}\right)$
- Escalation with overdose control (EWOC)

$$P(\pi(d) \geq 0.33) < 0.25$$

- Regimens out of scope

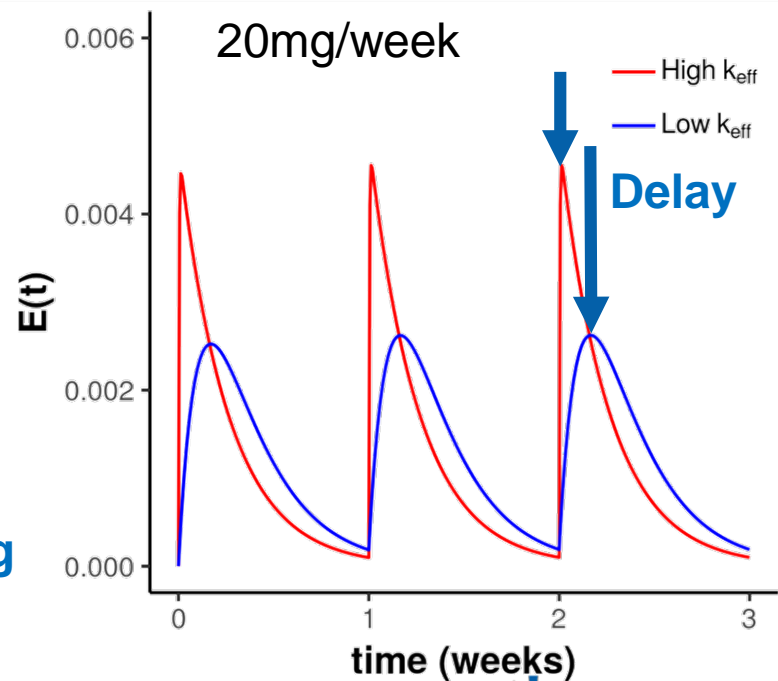
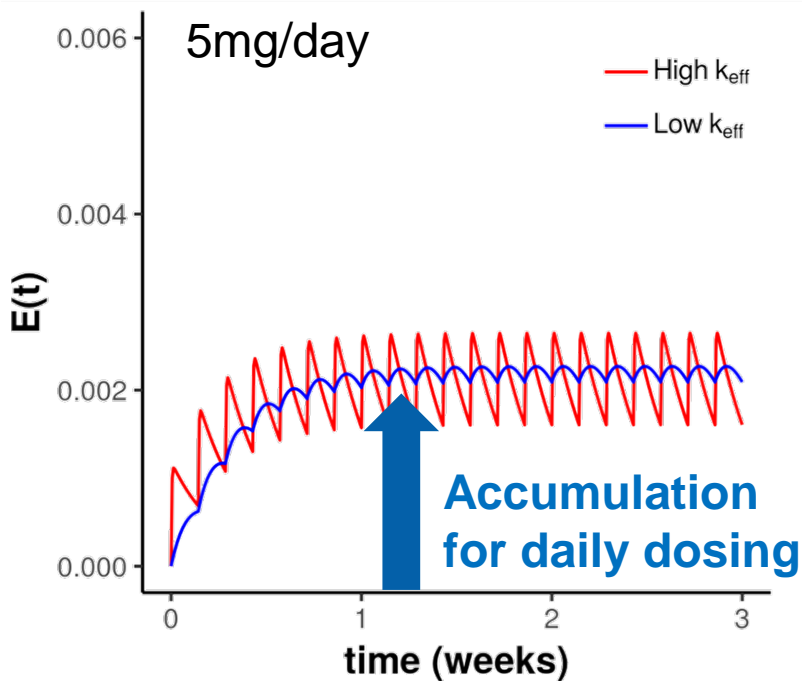
- Ad-hoc limitations

- Need for down-weighting
 \Leftrightarrow efficiency loss
- 2-step approach leads to one BLRM per regimen

<u>Regimen</u>	<u>Dose [mg/admin]</u>	<u>Dose [mg/day]</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>DLT</u>
daily	2.5	2.50	4	2
daily	5.0	5.00	6	3
weekly	20.0	20/7 =2.86	5	0
weekly	30.0	30/7 =4.29	13	4

Time to event pharmacokinetic model (TITE-PK)

- Time to first event model using an *exposure metric*
- Exposure metric based on drug *pharmacokinetics*
- Use of planned regimen and known PK parameters



TITE-PK model

Time-varying Poisson process

- Hazard at time t proportional to exposure metric $E(t)$

$$h(t) = \beta E(t)$$

$$H(t) = \int_0^t h(t') dt' = \beta \text{AUC}_E(t)$$

$$S(t) = P(T > t) = \exp(-H(t))$$

- Follow-up until time t^* end of cycle 1

- Dosing regimen

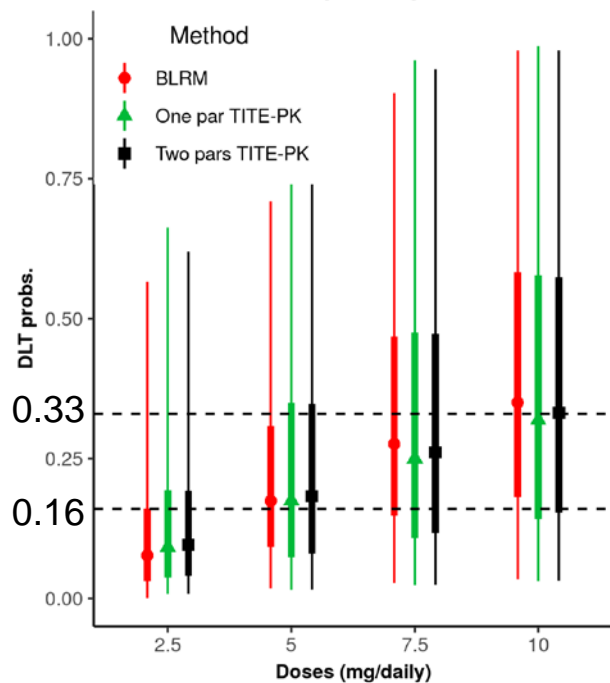
- Dose d
- Frequency of dosing f

- EWOC metric *for cycle 1 of a regimen*

$$\begin{aligned} P(T \leq t^* | d, f) &= 1 - P(T > t^* | d, f) \\ &= 1 - S(t^* | d, f) \end{aligned}$$

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A (Prior)



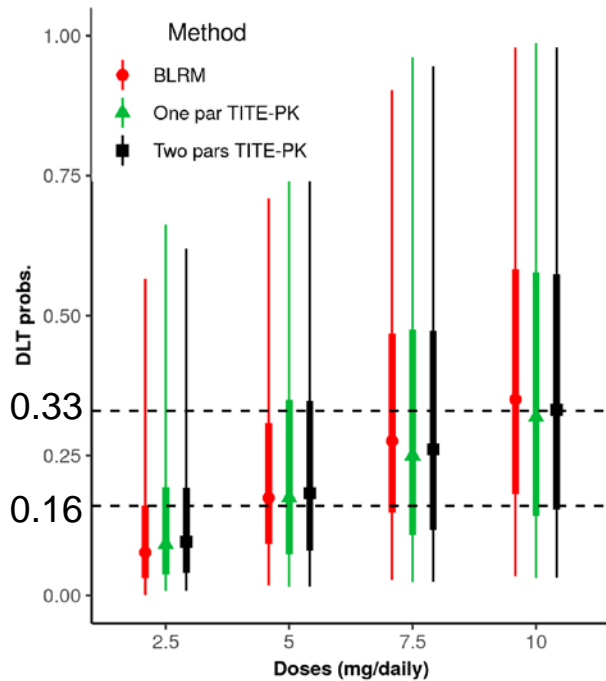
- All models have matched priors

- Posteriors with daily data

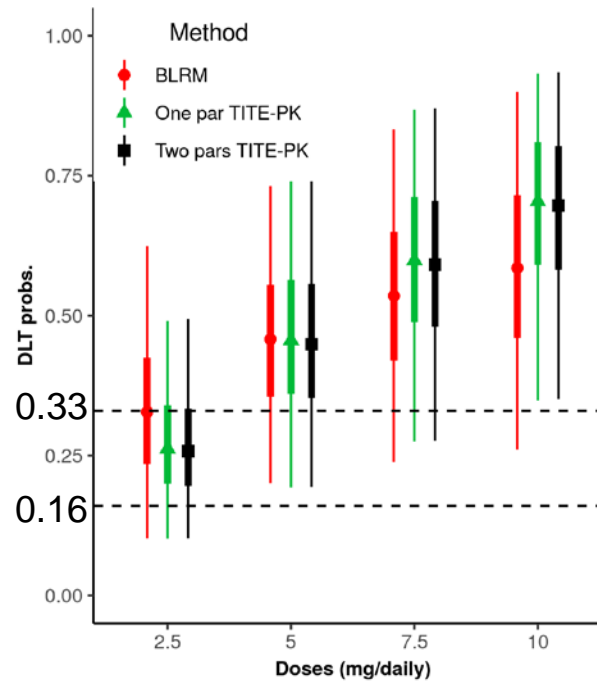
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A (Prior)



B (Posterior: Daily)



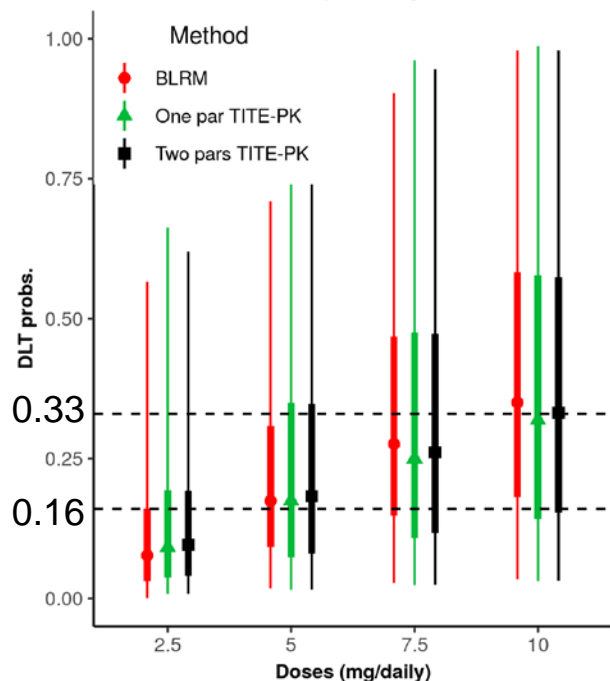
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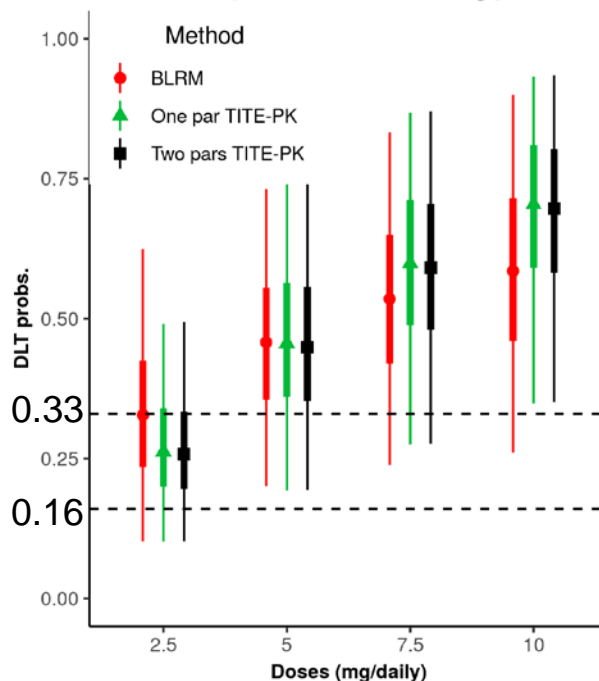
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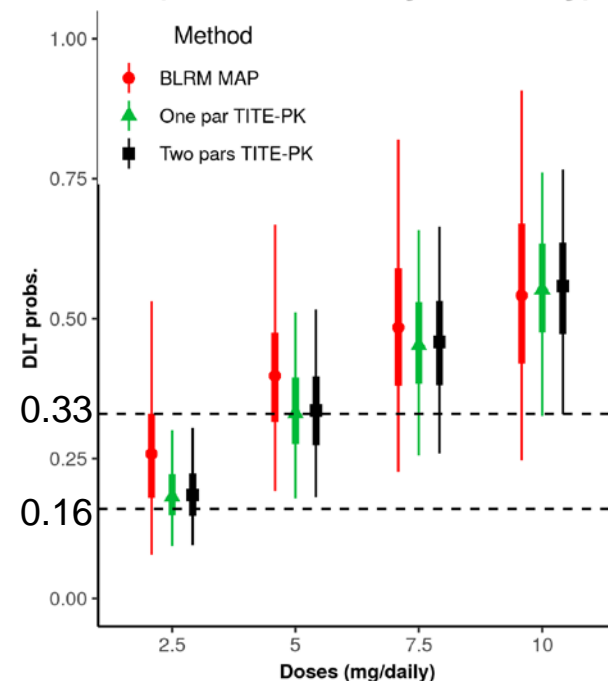
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B (Posterior: Daily)



C (Posterior: Daily + Weekly)



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- Posteriors with daily+weekly data

Conclusions

- **Model based extrapolation**
 - Enables more efficient use of trial data
 - Potentially enhances available historical data (collected under different regimens)
 - Requires assumptions
here: Pharmacokinetic principles
- **Advantages of TITE-PK**
 - No more need for ad-hoc approaches used to combine different dosing regimens \Leftrightarrow easier to apply + greater statistical efficiency
 - Greater flexibility for escalation trials
 - Coherent (single-model) dose-toxicity model for multiple regimens
 - Operationally feasible

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