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## 1. QSAR identifier

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QSAR model for Persistence - Abiotic degradation in air, NO<sub>3</sub>-radical reaction of Volatile Organic Compounds

### 1.2. Other related models:

n/a

### 1.3. Software coding the model:

QSARModel 4.0.4 Molcode Ltd., Turu 2, Tartu, 51014, Estonia  
<http://www.molcode.com>

## 2. General information

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

16.02.2010

**2.7. Reference(s) to main scientific papers and/or software package:****2.8. Availability of information about the model:**

All information in full detail is available

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

None to date

**3. Defining the endpoint - OECD Principle 1****3.1. Species:**

n/a

**3.2. Endpoint:**

2.Environmental fate parameters 2.Persistence: Abiotic degradation in air (Phototransformation) 2.2.b.Indirect photolysis (OH-radical reaction, ozone-radical reaction, other)

**3.3. Comment on endpoint:**

Rate constant for NO<sub>3</sub>-radical reaction (degradation). The dominant chemical process of chemicals in the gasphase is their reaction with OH radicals, NO<sub>3</sub> radicals, and ozone.

**3.4. Endpoint units:**

cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>

**3.5. Dependent variable:**

-logK (NO<sub>3</sub>) (original rate constants were transformed into log scale and multiplied by -1 to reduce data range and obtain positive values)

**3.6. Experimental protocol:**

The selected data are for reactions at 25 °C and 1 atm. The gas-phase reaction rate constants of NO<sub>3</sub> radical and organic chemicals have been directly measured.

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

Original experimental data was collected from ref 1.

Statistics (for -logK(NO<sub>3</sub>):

max value: 17.5

min value: 9.41

standard deviation: 2.20

skewness: -0.305

**4. Defining the algorithm - OECD Principle 2****4.1. Type of model:**

2D and 3D linear regression-based QSAR

**4.2. Explicit algorithm:**

multilinear regression QSAR

multilinear regression QSAR derived with BMLR (Best Multiple Linear Regression) method

$$-\log K (\text{NO}_3) = -7.355$$

$$+9.660\text{E-}002 * \text{HASA-2 (AM1) (all)}$$

$$-2.070 * \text{HOMO energy (AM1)}$$

$$+12.005 * \text{Relative number of aromatic bonds}$$

#### 4.3.Descriptors in the model:

[1]HASA-2 (AM1) (all) [au] Area-weighted surface charge of hydrogen bonding acceptor atoms (from AM1 calculation)

[2]HOMO energy (AM1) [eV] energy of highest occupied molecular orbital energy

[3]Relative number of aromatic bonds [unitless] Relative number of aromatic bonds

#### 4.4.Descriptor selection:

Initial pool of ~1000 descriptors for each structure calculated.

Stepwise descriptor selection was applied to reduce the pool based on a

set of statistical selection rules (for one-parameter equations: Fisher

criterion and R2 over threshold, variance and t-test value over threshold, intercorrelation with another descriptor not over threshold),

two parameter correlations developed from previously reduced pool, the

statistical selection applied: (intercorrelation coefficient below threshold,

significant correlation with endpoint, in terms of correlation coefficient

and t-test)

Stepwise trial of additional descriptors not significantly correlated to

any already in the model.

See refs 2-3.

#### 4.5.Algorithm and descriptor generation:

1D, 2D, and 3D theoretical calculations. Descriptors derived from mol files. Quantum chemical descriptors from AM1 calculations. Model developed by using multilinear regression using ordinary least squares.

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

QSARModel 4.0.4

QSAR/QSPR package that will compute chemically meaningful descriptors and includes statistical tools for regression modeling

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#### 4.7. Chemicals/Descriptors ratio:

27.67 ( 83 chemicals / 3 descriptors)

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

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

Applicability domain based on training set:

a) by chemical identity: Diverse set of Volatile Organic Compounds (aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, alcohols, amines, halogenated compounds, etc)

b) by descriptor value range: The model is suitable for compounds that have the descriptors

in the following minimal-maximal range:

HASA-2 (AM1) (all): 0 - 24.9

HOMO energy (AM1): -11.6 - -8.02

Relative number of aromatic bonds: 0 - 0.400

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

By chemical identity - compounds must be similar to training set compounds in terms of functionality.

By descriptor value range: range of descriptor values similar to training set with  $\pm 30\%$  confidence. Descriptor values must fall between maximal and minimal descriptor values of training set  $\pm 30\%$ .

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

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#### 5.4. Limits of applicability:

See 5.1

### 6. Internal validation - OECD Principle 4

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

Yes

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

CAS RN: Yes

Chemical Name: Yes

Smiles: No

Formula: Yes

INChI: No

MOL file: Yes

#### 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:

83 data points (Original source dataset of 114 compounds split into training and testing sets - sorted by experimental value, each 4th structure subjected to testing set, others to training set)

0 negative values

83 positive values

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

no more than specified in 3.5

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

$R^2 = 0.914$  (Correlation coefficient)

$s^2 = 0.661$  (Standard error of the estimate)

$F = 256.8$  (Fisher function)

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

$R^2_{CV} = 0.905$

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

$R^2_{CVMO} = 0.904$  ((80% : 20% , training : testing)

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

ABC analysis (2:1 training : prediction) on sorted (in increased order of endpoint value) data divided into 3 subsets (A;B;C). Training set formed with 2/3 of the compounds (set A+B, A+C, B+C) and validation set consisted of 1/3 of the compounds (C, B, A).

average  $R^2$  (fitting) = 0.916

average  $R^2$  (prediction) = 0.899

**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:Yes

Chemical Name:Yes

Smiles:No

Formula:Yes

INChI:No

MOL file:Yes

**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:**

27 data points,

0 negative values,

27 positive values

## 7.6. Experimental design of test set:

Original source dataset split into testing and training. From the original source data, sorted by endpoint value, each 4th was subjected to the test set.

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

$R^2 = 0.908$  (Coefficient of determination)

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

All are in range of applicability domain:

HASA-2 (AM1) (all): 0 - 11.1

HOMO energy (AM1): -11.8 - -8.75

Relative number of aromatic bonds: 0 - 0.286

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

The validation coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is good and close to those coefficients of internal validation ( $R^2_{CV}$  and  $R^2_{CVM}$ ).

# 8. Providing a mechanistic interpretation - OECD Principle 5

## 8.1. Mechanistic basis of the model:

Descriptor "HASA-2 (AM1) (all)" is representing the capability of hydrogen acceptor bonding relatively to the total surface area. "HOMO energy (AM1)" is an indicator of the nucleophilicity of the molecule - reactive molecules have relatively higher HOMO energy. "Relative number of aromatic bonds" is representing a (relative) count of aromaticity which differentiates these compounds from aliphatic ones. Descriptors in the model are presenting important molecular properties related to H-abstraction. For most compounds, H-abstraction is known to be the predominant pathway for reactions with  $\text{NO}_3$  radicals. As HOMO energy has a negative sign in the equation, the larger the energy the faster the reaction. Strong hydrogen bond acceptor type compounds as well as aromatic compounds have smaller rate constants, as indicated by the negative signs in the equation.

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

a posteriori mechanistic interpretation, consistent with published scientific interpretations of experiments

## 8.3. Other information about the mechanistic interpretation:

Most published studies and models (see ref 4-5) indicate that HOMO energy is the most important factor determining the rate constants for gas phase reactions with  $\text{NO}_3$  radicals. Other descriptors depend on the training set used but usually add corrections for structural variations (e.g. aromatics) or heteroatoms.

# 9. Miscellaneous information

## 9.1. Comments:

## 9.2. Bibliography:

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### 9.3.Supporting information:

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

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## 10.Summary (ECB Inventory)

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