

**Table S1. Survey Questions and Responses**

Question	Answers	Responses (%)	# of Responses	# Skipped
1. How many employees does your company have?	< 500 employees	6.25%	2	1
	500-2,000 employees	21.88%	7	
	2,001-10,000 employees	34.38%	11	
	> 10,000 employees	37.50%	12	
2. What type of therapy is the focus at your company?	Primarily small molecules	40.63%	13	1
	Primarily biologics	6.25%	2	
	Mixed	53.13%	17	
3. Which of the following therapeutic areas is the focus at your company (select all that apply)?	Oncology	57.58%	19	0
	Neuroscience	66.67%	22	
	Autoimmune disorders	54.55%	18	
	Infectious diseases	33.33%	11	
	Cardiovascular	30.30%	10	
	Metabolic disorders	27.27%	9	
	Rare diseases	39.39%	13	
4. How well defined is the term “quantitative systems pharmacology” (QSP) at your company?	The use of the term QSP to describe models is well defined; it is clear which models are QSP models and which are not.	18.18%	6	0
	The use of the term QSP to describe models is loosely defined; it is somewhat unclear which models are QSP models and which are not.	54.55%	18	
	My company does not use the term QSP to describe its modeling activities or does not perform QSP modeling (internally or externally).	27.27%	9	
The remaining questions were not answered by the 9 responders that indicated in question 4 that they do not use QSP modeling.				
5. As the term is used at your company, which of the following are typical or required characteristics of QSP models (select all that apply)?	QSP models include mechanistic detail on biological and/or therapeutic processes	83.33%	20	9
	QSP models represent a complex, interconnected, and multi-scale system, described by variables and/or parameters	58.33%	14	
	QSP models utilize diverse types of data, including “-omics” data	41.67%	10	
	QSP models incorporate effect of drugs, including PK if available	75.00%	18	
	Other	16.67%	4	
6. Which of the following models would your company define as a QSP model (select all that apply)?	Mechanistic PK/PD models based on known/hypothesized biological/therapeutic mechanisms	79.17%	19	9
	Comprehensive model of known/hypothesized biological/therapeutic mechanisms, including feedbacks, and redundancies	83.33%	20	
	Mechanistic PBPK models	50.00%	12	
	Mechanism-based pathway or signaling transduction models (e.g., deterministic ODE models)	83.33%	20	
	Data-driven pathway or signaling transduction models (e.g., influence networks)	41.67%	10	
	Spatial-temporal models of drug delivery and/or effects (e.g., computational fluid dynamics models)	33.33%	8	
	Quantitative structure–activity relationship (QSAR) models	0.00%	0	
	Machine learning approaches (e.g., Bayesian networks) applied to biological problems	8.33%	2	
	Agent-based models applied to biological problems	16.67%	4	
	None of these are QSP models	0.00%	0	
	Unsure (QSP is loosely defined)	20.83%	5	
7. To what department do your preclinical QSP modelers belong (select all that apply)?	DMPK	58.33%	14	9
	Preclinical PKPD/Modeling & Simulation group	41.67%	10	
	Clinical Pharmacology	29.17%	7	
	Computational Biology/Bioinformatics	16.67%	4	
	Statistics	0.00%	0	
	Discovery/Biology Research	8.33%	2	
	Other	16.67%	4	
8. What is the academic background of your company’s QSP modelers (select all that apply)?	Pharmacokinetics/Pharmaceutical Sciences	75.00%	18	9
	Pharmacology	41.67%	10	
	Computational Biology/Bioinformatics	50.00%	12	
	Engineering	58.33%	14	
	Computer Science	16.67%	4	
	Mathematics	33.33%	8	
	Statistics	8.33%	2	
	Physical Sciences	25.00%	6	
	Life Sciences	29.17%	7	
	Other background	4.17%	1	

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9. How many QSP modeling full-time equivalents (FTEs) does your company have?	< 1	37.50%	9	9
	1-2 FTE	16.67%	4	
	3-5 FTE	8.33%	2	
	6-10 FTE	25.00%	6	
	10+ FTE	12.50%	3	
10. Do you have staff assigned as part-time QSP modelers and if so, what other functions do they serve (select all that apply)	No	16.67%	4	9
	Yes, statistics	8.33%	2	
	Yes, pharmacometrics	29.17%	7	
	Yes, preclinical PK/PD	58.33%	14	
	Yes, clinical pharmacology	41.67%	10	
	Yes, DMPK	45.83%	11	
11. If "yes" is selected for Question 10, please provide the percentage of FTE used to develop or apply preclinical QSP models	Yes, other	8.33%	2	
	0-25%	38.10%	8	12
	25-50%	38.10%	8	
	50-75%	9.52%	2	
	75-100%	9.52%	2	
12. How are QSP modelers in your company organized?	Not applicable	4.76%	1	
	Centralized	41.67%	10	9
	Divided into therapeutic areas	8.33%	2	
	Divided into different geographic regions	8.33%	2	
	Other organizational structure	41.67%	10	
13. How do QSP modelers in your company interact with project teams?	Direct (modeler is integral part/member of project team)	20.83%	5	9
	Indirect (modeler provides support only as requested by project team member)	29.17%	7	
	Both, dependent on project or development stage	50.00%	12	
14. How many QSP projects are typically supported simultaneously per (part-time or full-time) QSP modeler?	1	25.00%	6	9
	2	45.83%	11	
	3	20.83%	5	
	4	0.00%	0	
	>4	8.33%	2	
15. At what stage is QSP modeling currently initiated in your company (select all that apply)?	Target validation	39.13%	9	10
	Lead identification	21.74%	5	
	Lead optimization (LO)	43.48%	10	
	Clinical candidate selection (pre-IND)	73.91%	17	
	Clinical development (post-IND)	60.87%	14	
16. Regarding the timing in which preclinical QSP modeling is done, please select all that apply.	Modeling is initiated to facilitate/support preclinical experimental study design	45.83%	11	9
	Modeling is initiated to help interpret and analyze preclinical experimental data in general	83.33%	20	
	Modeling is initiated only when unexpected preclinical experimental results are obtained	20.83%	5	
	Modeling is initiated to facilitate/support planning for First in Human studies	66.67%	16	
	Not applicable (my company does not use preclinical QSP modeling, only clinical)	4.17%	1	
17. How does your company share QSP models internally/externally (select all that apply)?	As standalone executable tool	20.83%	5	9
	As open-source code	33.33%	8	
	As commercial code (e.g., MATLAB script)	62.50%	15	
	As mathematical descriptions	33.33%	8	
	As markup language model (e.g., SBML, CellML)	25.00%	6	
	Other	8.33%	2	
18. If your company's QSP modelers are divided between preclinical and clinical, how is information shared typically?	Not applicable (company does not share QSP models)	16.67%	4	
	We have a shared database of models and data with open access to both preclinical and clinical modelers	0.00%	0	10
	There is an official hand-off of models, data and reports, which ends the involvement of the preclinical modelers	0.00%	0	
	There is a gradual hand-off of models, data and reports, with the preclinical modeler working with the clinical team to keep developing the model for clinical applications	13.04%	3	
	There is no formal process to transfer knowledge from preclinical to clinical	39.13%	9	
	Not applicable (company does not have separate preclinical and clinical QSP modelers)	47.83%	11	

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19. If there is an official hand-off between preclinical and clinical modelers, at what stage does this occur (select all that apply)?	Pre IND/FIH	26.09%	6	10
	Pre Phase II POC	0.00%	0	
	Post Phase II POC	0.00%	0	
	Not applicable: preclinical and clinical QSP modelers typically work together collaboratively	17.39%	4	
	Not applicable: company does not have separate preclinical and clinical QSP modelers or official hand-off	56.52%	13	
20. Does your company utilize “-omics” (genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, physiomics) data in QSP models?	Often	4.17%	1	9
	Sometimes	16.67%	4	
	Rarely	50.00%	12	
	Never	29.17%	7	
21. Are in-house and/or CRO experiments specifically designed to support QSP modeling activities (e.g., parameter estimation)?	Often	8.33%	2	9
	Sometimes	50.00%	12	
	Rarely	25.00%	6	
	Never	16.67%	4	
22. Which of the following software tool/languages do you use for QSP modeling (select all that apply)?	Specialized systems biology/physiology/pharmacology toolbox/software or markup languages (e.g., MATLAB® SimBiology®, Entelos PhysioLab®, Immunetrics Biosimulation Platform/Aegis, DBSolveOptimum, JDesigner, Bayer’s MoBi®, etc.)	79.17%	19	9
	PBPK software tools (e.g., Simcyp®, GastroPlus, Bayer’s PK-Sim®)	45.83%	11	
	PK/PD modeling tools (e.g., Phoenix® WinNonlin®, Berkeley Madonna, SAAM II, ADAPT 5)	62.50%	15	
	Population PK/PD modeling tools (e.g., Phoenix® NLME, NONMEM®, Monolix®, etc.)	50.00%	12	
	General engineering, computational or statistical languages/tools (e.g., MATLAB®, Mathematica®/SystemModeler, C/C++, Java, Python®, FORTRAN, R, SAS®, SPLus®, etc.)	70.83%	17	
	Others	8.33%	2	
	Not Sure	0.00%	0	
23. What type of QSP models does your company develop or plan to develop?	Fit-for-purpose models (project specific, focused/pathway specific)	33.33%	8	9
	Platform models (comprehensive model of a disease/therapeutic area)	0.00%	0	
	Both types of models	62.50%	15	
	Other	4.17%	1	
24. What biological scales are QSP models at your company typically focused on (select all that apply)?	Gene level	8.33%	2	9
	Pathway level	75.00%	18	
	Organelle level	16.67%	4	
	Cell level	58.33%	14	
	Tissue level	66.67%	16	
	Organ level	83.33%	20	
	Whole body level	70.83%	17	
	Patient populations	62.50%	15	
Not sure	8.33%	2		
25. How is the quality or reliability of your preclinical QSP models assessed (select all that apply)?	Diagnostic plots/statistical tests	50.00%	12	9
	Perform sensitivity analyses	70.83%	17	
	Utilize uncertainty quantification methodologies	29.17%	7	
	Validation simulations	83.33%	20	
	Assessed by other modelers	45.83%	11	
	Evaluated by biological plausibility by non-modelers	70.83%	17	
None	4.17%	1		
26. How many variables are typical of preclinical QSP models developed at your company?	< 20	26.09%	6	10
	20-50	21.74%	5	
	50-100	21.74%	5	
	> 100	30.43%	7	
27. How long does your company typically spend on building a QSP model (select all that apply)?	1-3 weeks	12.50%	3	9
	3-6 weeks	20.83%	5	
	6-12 weeks	29.17%	7	
	3-6 months	37.50%	9	
	6-12 months	50.00%	12	
	12+ months	37.50%	9	
28. What is your company’s typical process for developing a QSP model (select all that apply)?	In-house development from fundamental components	50.00%	12	9
	In-house development based on published models	62.50%	15	
	External collaborations with academia or others	37.50%	9	
	Contract with CROs	54.17%	13	
	Both internal and external model development	45.83%	11	

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29. In your company, preclinical QSP modeling is used for which of the following purposes (select your top 5 answers)?	Target identification, validation, or optimization	25.00%	6	9
	Compound selection, optimization and prioritization	50.00%	12	
	Biomarker identification, validation, translation and further analyses	50.00%	12	
	Go/no-go decision making	33.33%	8	
	Design preclinical experimental studies	41.67%	10	
	Assess hypotheses for (patho)physiological, toxicological, and/or therapeutic mechanisms	70.83%	17	
	Address internal or regulatory questions about unexpected PK/PD behaviors	25.00%	6	
	Compare with competitor compounds	45.83%	11	
	Optimize clinical PoC doses and/or dose regimens	50.00%	12	
	Address questions regarding special population including pediatrics	25.00%	6	
	Optimize clinical trial design (including drug/biomarker sampling times and patient selection)	29.17%	7	
	Predict efficacy in clinical trials	54.17%	13	
	Optimize approved drugs	8.33%	2	
	Suggest companion diagnostics	4.17%	1	
Assess safety/toxicology	25.00%	6		
Other	4.17%	1		
30. How would you describe the application of QSP modeling across therapeutic areas in your company?	Applied in all therapeutic areas	16.67%	4	9
	Broadly applied, but not in all therapeutic areas	33.33%	8	
	Application limited to one or two therapeutic areas	50.00%	12	
31. In what therapeutic area does QSP modeling provide the most support in your organization (select all that apply)?	Oncology	50.00%	12	9
	Neuroscience	16.67%	4	
	Autoimmune disorders	50.00%	12	
	Infectious diseases	8.33%	2	
	Cardiovascular	16.67%	4	
	Metabolic disorders	25.00%	6	
	Rare diseases	29.17%	7	
	Other	20.83%	5	
None	4.17%	1		
32. What is the general view within your company on the importance/impact of QSP modeling?	Very important/impactful	29.17%	7	9
	Somewhat important/impactful	58.33%	14	
	Not important/impactful	8.33%	2	
	Not sure	4.17%	1	
33. Where QSP has been successful, what have been the main reasons for it being judged a success (select all that apply)?	Impacting projects with timely and sufficient modeling support	66.67%	16	9
	Management or decision maker interest	54.17%	13	
	Inclusion in regulatory documents and regulatory agency interest	25.00%	6	
	Modeling findings supported by literature and experimental data	54.17%	13	
	Model development/validation/uncertainty well performed or documented	29.17%	7	
	Addressing the clearly defined problems within the intended scope	66.67%	16	
Preclinical QSP work typically get presented at governance meetings	25.00%	6		
34. Where QSP has failed to deliver, what have been the main reasons for it being judged a failure (select all that apply)?	Limited impacts due to delayed or insufficient modeling support (lack of resources, including funding or expertise)	56.52%	13	10
	Lack of interest from management or internal decision makers (cost/benefit)	56.52%	13	
	Lack of interest from regulatory agencies	4.35%	1	
	Modeling findings not supported by literature and experimental data	30.43%	7	
	Model development/validation/uncertainty poorly performed or documented	17.39%	4	
	Not addressing clearly defined problems within the intended scope	47.83%	11	
35. Has the use of preclinical QSP modeling impacted communication/alignment around biological concepts within project teams?	Yes, it has had a positive impact on team communication/alignment	66.67%	16	9
	Yes, it has had a negative impact on team communication/alignment	0.00%	0	
	No, QSP modeling has not influenced team communication/alignment	33.33%	8	
36. When was preclinical QSP first explored in your company?	Before 2005	8.33%	2	9
	2005-2010	25.00%	6	
	2011-2015	50.00%	12	
	2016 - present	16.67%	4	
37. How many projects does QSP significantly impact per year?	0	16.67%	4	9
	1 - 2	29.17%	7	
	3 - 4	12.50%	3	
	5 - 10	29.17%	7	
	>10	12.50%	3	
38. Does QSP work make it into regulatory submission documents?	Frequently	16.67%	4	9
	Sometimes	8.33%	2	
	Rarely	29.17%	7	
	Never	45.83%	11	

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39. If QSP is included in regulatory documents, how is it used (select all that apply)?	As sole supporting evidence	4.17%	1	9
	Supporting Human Efficacious Dose prediction	66.67%	16	
	Supporting safety assessment	29.17%	7	
	Proposing a registration (trial) dose	20.83%	5	
	To support other arguments	33.33%	8	
	Not applicable	33.33%	8	
40. At your company, how do you anticipate the number of QSP modelers changing over the next two years?	Increasing	58.33%	14	9
	Stable	37.50%	9	
	Decreasing	4.17%	1	
41. Within the next five years, in what therapeutic area do you anticipate the most potential for QSP modeling impact in your organization (select all that apply)?	Oncology	62.50%	15	9
	Neuroscience	33.33%	8	
	Autoimmune disorders	62.50%	15	
	Infectious diseases	12.50%	3	
	Cardiovascular	25.00%	6	
	Metabolic disorders	25.00%	6	
	Rare diseases	29.17%	7	
	Other	29.17%	7	
	None	0.00%	0	
42. What cross-functional training opportunities are planned for all modelers (including QSP modelers, PKPD modelers, statisticians, etc. ) in your organization (please select up to 5 answers)?	Mathematics, statistics, engineering, or physics concepts (e.g., nonlinear dynamics, control theory, etc.)	45.83%	11	9
	Relevant biological/physiological/pathological pharmacological systems	58.33%	14	
	Soft skills such as communication, project management, leadership, etc.	58.33%	14	
	Systems biology/physiology, PBPK/PD, pop PK/PD	62.50%	15	
	General ODE- or PDE-based computational modeling concepts	29.17%	7	
	Other types of computational models (e.g., (fuzzy) logic models, agent-based models, etc.)	4.17%	1	
	Information on “big data” or machine learning methods (e.g., Bayesian networks, artificial neural networks, deep learning, support vector machines, clustering)	16.67%	4	
	Coding languages or software development	33.33%	8	
	Optimization/calibration/verification techniques for complex systems	12.50%	3	
	<i>In vivo</i> or <i>in vitro</i> experimental skills	4.17%	1	
	Other	4.17%	1	
	Not sure	12.50%	3	
	None	0.00%	0	

Response (%) =  $100\% \times [\# \text{ of Responses}] \div (33 - [\# \text{ Skipped}])$ , where 33 is the total number of survey participants. In other words, “Responses (%)” are calculated based on the number of responses divided by the number of responders to any given question.