

S1 Table – List of all model parameters including their values, units, and a brief description of their role.

Parameter	Status ¹	Value	Unit	Description
<i>Vol</i> _{Duodenum}	○	3.84615×10^{-5}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the duodenum compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{RBC}	○	7.9×10^{-4}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the RBC compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{Spleen}	○	6.73077×10^{-5}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the spleen compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{Liver}	○	1.161905×10^{-3}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the liver compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{Plasma}	○	1.3×10^{-3}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the plasma compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{BoneMarrow}	○	2.14286×10^{-4}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the bone marrow compartment
<i>Vol</i> _{RestOfBody}	○	1.96948×10^{-2}	<i>l</i>	Volume of the “rest of body” compartment
<i>kInDuo</i>	▲	0.397138	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron transfer from Transferrin to Duodenum
<i>kInLiver</i>	▲	2.11666	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron transfer from Transferrin to Liver
<i>kInRBC</i>	†	5.03844×10^{11}	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron transfer from Bone Marrow to RBC
<i>kInRest</i>	†	4.78121	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron transfer from Transferrin to “Rest of Body”
<i>kInBM</i>	†	4.06878×10^{12}	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron transfer from Transferrin to Bone Marrow
<i>kDuoLoss</i>	▲	6.80738×10^{-5}	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron loss from Duodenum compartment
<i>kRestLoss</i>	†	0.0168620	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant of iron loss from “Rest of Body” compartment
<i>kBMSpleen</i>	†	0.103218	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order rate constant for transfer of iron from Bone Marrow to Spleen
<i>VDuoNTBI</i>	†	0.200906	<i>mol d</i> ⁻¹	Maximal rate of Ferroportin in Duodenum compartment (FPN <i>V</i> _{max})
<i>VLiverNTBI</i>	†	0.0444795	<i>mol d</i> ⁻¹	Maximal rate of Ferroportin in Liver compartment (FPN <i>V</i> _{max})
<i>VSpleenNTBI</i>	†	2.06738	<i>mol d</i> ⁻¹	Maximal rate of Ferroportin in Spleen compartment (FPN <i>V</i> _{max})
<i>VRestNTBI</i>	▲	0.0101453	<i>mol d</i> ⁻¹	Maximal rate of Ferroportin in Rest of Body compartment (FPN <i>V</i> _{max})
<i>kRBCSpleen</i>	○	0.03	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	Steady state rate of transfer of iron from RBC to Spleen
<i>K_mFeFPN</i>	▲	0.112511	<i>M</i>	Michaelis constant of Ferroportin reactions
<i>K_iHepcidinFPN</i>	○	6.3×10^{-9}	<i>M</i>	Inhibition constant of Ferroportin reactions by Hepcidin
<i>vDiet</i>	†	3.46965×10^{-3}	<i>M d</i> ⁻¹	Steady state rate of iron entry into duodenum (from diet)
<i>fDiet</i>	▲ ○ ▲	1.29060×10^{-6} 1 3.11813		Factor to adjust <i>vDiet</i> to the different levels of iron supply (deficient, adequate, and rich iron, in this order). The effective rate of dietary iron entry is the product <i>fDiet</i> × <i>vDiet</i>
<i>kNTBI_Fe1Tf</i>	†	1.00400×10^9	<i>M</i> ⁻¹ <i>d</i> ⁻¹	Second order rate constant of NTBI binding to apoTransferrin
<i>kFe1Tf_Fe2Tf</i>	○	1.00400×10^9	<i>M</i> ⁻¹ <i>d</i> ⁻¹	Second order rate constant of NTBI binding to Fe1Tf
<i>k_sHepcidin</i>	†	3.98766×10^{-4}	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	1 st order activation constant of Hepcidin synthesis by TotalFeTf
<i>KEPOHepcidin</i>	○	5.0×10^{-12}	<i>M</i>	Inhibition constant of EPO on Hepcidin synthesis
<i>hEPOHepcidin</i>	○	4		Hill coefficient for inhibition of EPO on Hepcidin synthesis
<i>kdHepcidin</i>	○	0.75616	<i>d</i> ⁻¹	<i>v</i> order rate constant for degradation of Hepcidin
<i>VNTBILiver</i>	▲	14.1511	<i>M d</i> ⁻¹	Maximal rate of import of NTBI into the liver (ZIP14 <i>V</i> _{max})
<i>K_mNTBI</i>	▲	6.79291×10^{-4}	<i>M</i>	Michaelis constant for NTBI entry into the liver (ZIP14 <i>K_m</i>)

<i>KaNTBI</i>	▲	2.55016×10^{-4}	<i>M</i>	Substrate activation constant for NTBI entry into the liver
<i>vEPO</i>	†	2.62675×10^{-9}	<i>M d⁻¹</i>	Maximal rate of synthesis of EPO (when [FeRBC]=0)
<i>hEPO</i>	○	6.5		Hill coefficient for the inhibition of EPO synthesis by FeRBC
<i>KiEPORBC</i>	○	0.01	<i>M</i>	Inhibition constant of EPO synthesis by FeRBC
<i>kdEPO</i>	○	4.8	<i>d⁻¹</i>	1 st order rate constant for the degradation of EPO
<i>vTf</i>	†	1.54710×10^{-5}	<i>M d⁻¹</i>	Rate of synthesis of Transferrin
<i>kdTf</i>	○	0.4	<i>d⁻¹</i>	1 st order rate constant of degradation of Transferrin
<i>Injected</i>	○	3.073×10^{15}		Number of radioactive ferrous ions injected (tracer)

¹- parameters marked with a triangle (▲) were fit to the data, those marked with a dagger (†) were determined by steady state equations, and those marked with an open circle (○) were determined by other data or assumptions.