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	QMRF Title: QSAR for the soil adsorption coefficient Koc
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1. QSAR identifier

1.1. QSAR identifier (title):

QSAR for the soil adsorption coefficient Koc

1.2. Other related models:

1.3. Software coding the model:

QSARModel 3.7.0

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2. General information

2.1. Date of QMRF:

04.09.2009

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2.3. Date of QMRF update(s):

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2.6. Date of model development and/or publication:

03.09.2009

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

[1]Karelson M, Dobchev D, Tamm T, Tulp I, Jänes J, Tämm K, Lomaka A, Savchenko D, Karelson G (2008). Correlation of blood-brain penetration and human serum albumin binding with theoretical descriptors, ARKIVOC 16, 38-60.

[2]Karelson M, Karelson G, Tamm T, Tulp I, Jänes J, Tämm K, Lomaka A, Savchenko D, Dobchev D (2009). QSAR study of pharmacological permeabilities, ARKIVOC 2, 218 - 238.

2.8. Availability of information about the model:

Model is proprietary, but the training and test sets are available.

Algorithm 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:

3.2. Endpoint:

2.Environmental fate parameters 2.6.Partition coefficient. Organic carbon-sorption partition coefficient (organic carbon; Koc)

3.3. Comment on endpoint:

Koc values on soil and on sewage sludge were obtained using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). The adsorption coefficient is defined as the ratio between the concentration of the substance in the soil/sludge and the concentration of the substance in the aqueous phase at adsorption equilibrium.

3.4.Endpoint units:

unitless

3.5.Dependent variable:

logKoc

3.6.Experimental protocol:

Estimation of the adsorption coefficient (KOC) on soil was determined using the OECD Test Guideline TG121 (EU C.19).

The adsorption coefficient normalized to the organic carbon content of the soil KOC is a useful indicator of the binding capacity of a chemical on organic matter of soil and sewage sludge and allows comparisons to be made between different chemicals. $KOC = K_d / f_{OC}$ or $KOC = K_f / f_{OC}$, where K_d is distribution coefficient, K_f is Freundlich adsorption coefficient and f_{OC} is organic carbon content of a sorbent. The application of HPLC screening has become an accepted tool to estimate reliably soil adsorption coefficients of many organic chemicals. The method is based on the similitude between soil and a chromatographic column, and correlates soil adsorption coefficients with the HPLC-retention behaviour expressed as capacity factor (references 8,9).

Experimental soil adsorption coefficients KOC of 142 non-ionic organic pesticides (one compound (CAS 2303-16-4) were excluded because undefined isomer form) were taken from references 1,3 (in section 9.2),. KOC values measured in soils with low carbon content have been excluded, since interactions of a pesticide with soil inorganic matrix may become more important. KOC data for 20 other chemicals obtained from several sources (references 4-7, in 9.2) were used as external validation set (in addition to the 34, split from the training set). The experimental data for testing set is a collection of several scientific publications, training set is from ref (1) in section 9.2

3.7.Endpoint data quality and variability:

Statistics: max value: 5.15, min value: 0.42, standard deviation: 0.88, skewness: 0.70

4.Defining the algorithm - OECD Principle 2

4.1.Type of model:

QSAR

4.2.Explicit algorithm:

multilinear regression QSAR

$\log Koc = 0.96 - 0.26 * \text{Polarity parameter (AM1) / distance} + 1.07E-002 * \text{ALFA polarizability (DIP) (AM1)} - 1.99 * \text{Max net atomic charge (AM1) for C atoms} + 1.30E-002 * \text{WNSA1 Weighted PNSA (PNSA1 * TMSA / 1000)}$ (Zefirov)

4.3.Descriptors in the model:

[1]ALFA polarizability (DIP) (AM1) [au] Quantum chemically (AM1 method) obtained dipole-based polarizability of molecule

[2]Max net atomic charge (AM1) for C atoms [au] maximum partial charge on any carbon atom (from AM1 calculation)

[3]Polarity parameter (AM1) / distance [au/ Å] difference of maximum positive and negative partial charges (from AM1 calculations)

[4]WNSA1 Weighted PNSA (PNSA1*TMSA/1000) (Zefirov) [mÅ⁴] partial charge weighted partial negatively charged surface area of molecule

4.4.Descriptor selection:

Initial pool of ~1000 descriptors

A set of statistical selection rules applied, including Fisher criterion, variance check, intercorrelation check, significance check for 1- and 2-parameter correlations (in terms of correlation coefficient and t-test)

4.5.Algorithm and descriptor generation:

Multiple linear regression applied to generate the model.

1D, 2D, and 3D descriptors were calculated, 3D descriptors were based on the 3D molecular structures (optimized by AM1 method as included in MOPAC 6.0)

4.6.Software name and version for descriptor generation:

QSARModel 3.7.0

quantum chemical descriptors derived from AM1 calculation

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4.7.Chemicals/Descriptors ratio:

27.0 (108 chemicals / 4 descriptors)

5.Defining the applicability domain - OECD Principle 3

5.1.Description of the applicability domain of the model:

By chemical identity: non-ionic organic heterogeneous pesticides

By descriptor value range:

ALFA polarizability (DIP) (AM1): 71.2 - 239

Max net atomic charge (AM1) for C atoms: -0.0812 - 0.546

Polarity parameter (AM1) / distance: 0.0426 - 2.58

WNSA1 Weighted PNSA (PNSA1*TMSA/1000) (Zefirov): 27.2 - 185

5.2.Method used to assess the applicability domain:

Range of descriptor values in training set with $\pm 30\%$ confidence (from minimal value - 1/3 of total range to maximum value +1/3 of total range of descriptor values)

5.3.Software name and version for applicability domain assessment:

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5.4.Limits of applicability:

no other limits than specified in 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:

108 data points: 0 negative values; 108 positive values

6.6. Pre-processing of data before modelling:

No other than transforming to logarithmic scale

6.7. Statistics for goodness-of-fit:

$R^2 = 0.756$ (Correlation coefficient);

$s^2 = 0.445$ (Standard error of the estimate);

$F = 79.76$ (Fisher function);

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

$R^2_{CV} = 0.726$ (Cross-validated correlation coefficient);

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

$R^2_{CVM0} = 0.727$ (80% / 20 %)

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 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 $R^2(\text{fitting}) = 0.756$; average $R^2(\text{prediction}) = 0.755$

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:

54 data points: 0 negative values; 54 positive values

7.6.Experimental design of test set:

From initial (sorted by endpoint value) dataset, each 3rd was subjected to test set, additional 20 points from other publications.

7.7.Predictivity - Statistics obtained by external validation:

$R^2 = 0.754$ (Correlation coefficient)

7.8.Predictivity - Assessment of the external validation set:

Descriptor value range:

ALFA polarizability (DIP) (AM1): 80.2 - 181

Max net atomic charge (AM1) for C atoms: -0.0229 - 0.475

Polarity parameter (AM1) / distance: 0.0367 - 2.51

WNSA1 Weighted PNSA (PNSA1*TMSA/1000) (Zefirov): 28.1 - 183

7.9.Comments on the external validation of the model:

8.Providing a mechanistic interpretation - OECD Principle 5

8.1.Mechanistic basis of the model:

Soil sorption is closely related to water solubility and hydrophobicity (logPow). Therefore, the chemical features which determine the soil sorption are similar to the ones which determine water solubility. In particular equation the "ALFA polarizability (DIP) (AM1)" and the "WNSA1 Weighted PNSA (PNSA1*TMSA/1000) (Zefirov)" are size related descriptors and larger compounds tend to have higher soil sorption because they do have lower water solubility. The "Max net atomic charge (AM1) for C atoms" and the "Polarity parameter (AM1) / distance" are related to charges and to charge distribution. High charge on carbon atom show the presence of active functional group next to carbon and leads to better water solubility, likewise higher polarity leads to better water solubility. Thus these descriptors have minus sign in QSPR equation and their higher values lower the soil sorption.

8.2.A priori or a posteriori mechanistic interpretation:

A posteriori mechanistic interpretation, consistent with published scientific interpretations of experiments (references 1-3,7 in section 9.2)

8.3.Other information about the mechanistic interpretation:

9.Miscellaneous information

9.1.Comments:

Concerned to publication where the source data came from, some CAS numbers were corrected:

116-03-3 should be 116-06-3 (Aldicarb)

12709-03-6 should be 12789-03-6 (Chlordane)

02425-10-7 should be 2425-10-7 (Xylylcarb - name also corrected).

And one compound was excluded from the original set because two compounds (cis/trans isomers) had the same CAS (2303-16-4) with the same endpoint value where the CAS corresponds to cis isomer.

9.2. Bibliography:

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9.3. Supporting information:

Soil sorption_108_training.sdf	http://qsar.db.jrc.ec.europa.eu/qmrf/protocol/Q13-26-0009/attachment/A642
Soil sorption_54_test.sdf	http://qsar.db.jrc.ec.europa.eu/qmrf/protocol/Q13-26-0009/attachment/A643

Test set(s)

10. Summary (JRC QSAR Model Database)

10.1. QMRF number:

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10.2. Publication date:

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10.3.Keywords:

Molcode;soil adsorption;desorption;Koc;

10.4.Comments:

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