

**Prediction of within-subject variability using  
population approaches and its application to  
demonstrate highly variable drug**

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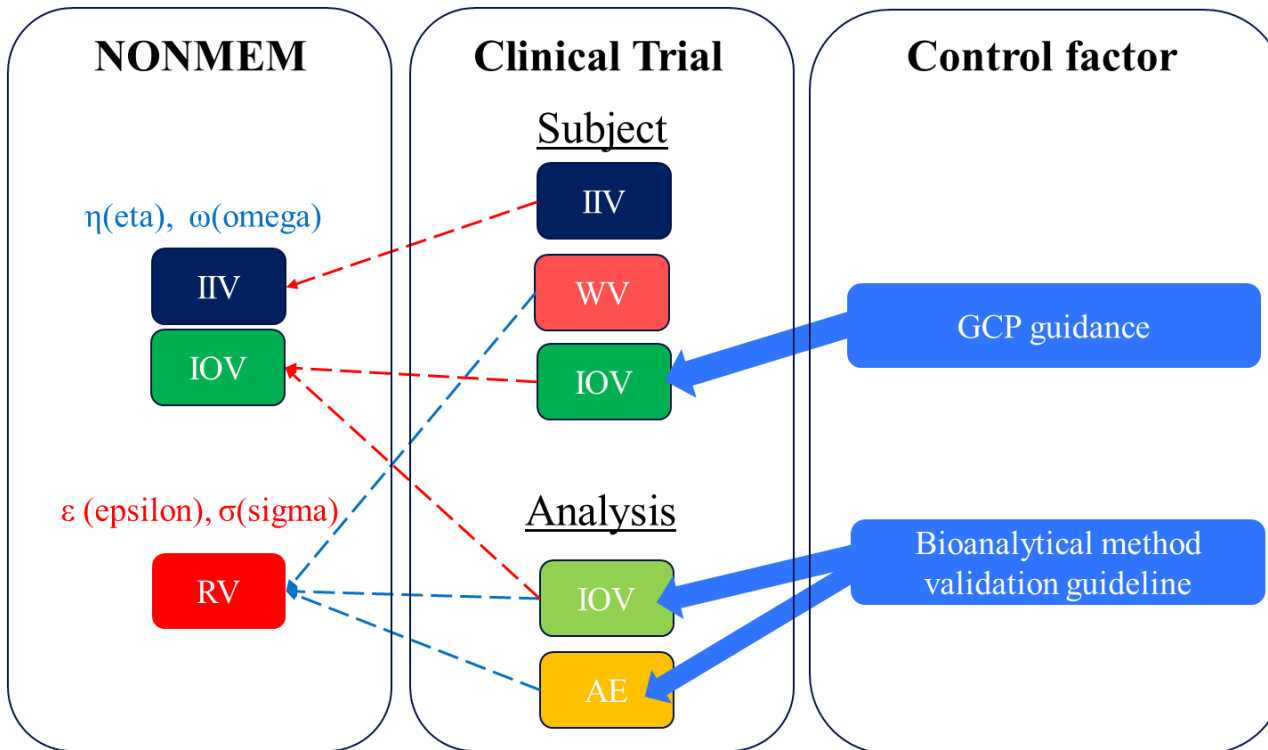
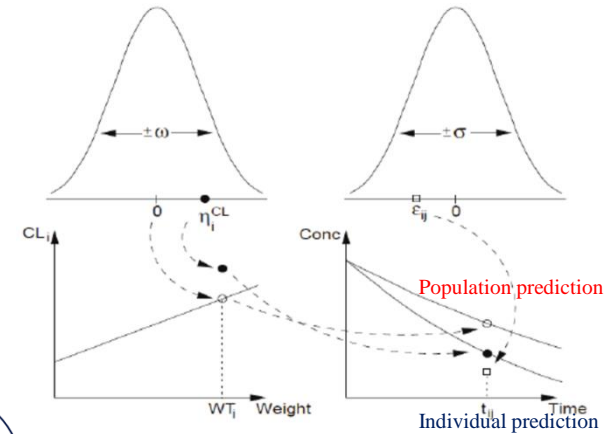
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# I. Background and Objective

# Random effect in Pop PK data

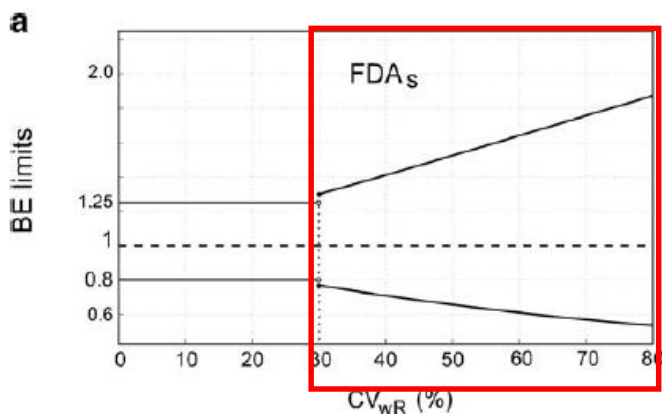
- **Unexplained differences between individuals**
  - **Inter-individual variability, Between-subject variability, eta ( $\eta$ )**
  - **Intra-individual variability, Residual variability, epsilon ( $\epsilon$ )**
  - **Inter-occasion variability**



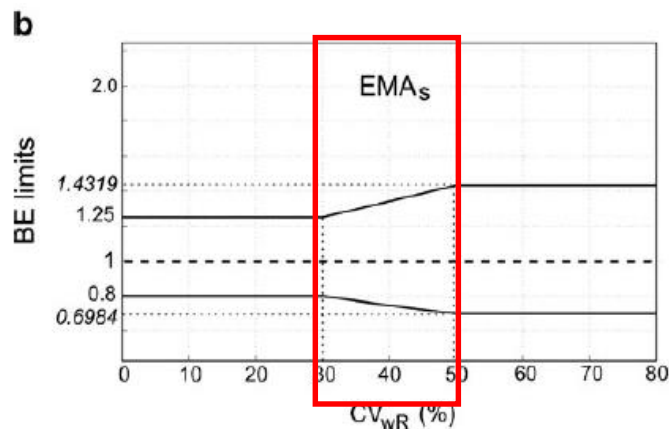
## Definition of highly variable drug(HVD)

HVDs : drug products exhibiting within-subject variability of 30% ( $CV_w$ , coefficient of variation) or greater in the pharmacokinetic measures AUC and/or  $C_{max}$

## Widening of BE limited based on reference variability \_ FDA vs EMA



$$Upper/Lower limits = \exp\left(\pm \ln(1.25) \cdot \frac{s_{wR}}{s_{u0}}\right)$$



$$Upper/Lower BE limits = \exp(\pm k \cdot s_{wR})$$

- 1. Verification how well NONMEM can estimated residual variability through simulated population pharmacokinetic dataset under various condition**
- 2. Confirmation that this population approach can be applied to the real highly variable drug case.**

## II. Method

**A. Experiment 1 (5 different levels of WV(10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%) without IIV's change(0%))**

**Generating of simulation data sets using by R**

**1000 simulation data sets**

- CL=10 L/hr, V=50 L
- AMT = 100 mg
- 12 sampling point  
= 0, 0.083, 0.167, 0.333, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 & 24 hr
- Subject No. = 6, 12, 18, 24 & 30
- WV = 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50%
- IIV = 0%

**PK Modeling execution using by NONMEM**

**I.V. PK model**

- 1 compartment I.V. modeling
- Proportional error model
- FOCE with interaction estimation

**Comparison RV with WV**

**Comparison two values**

- WV established in R code
- RV estimated by NONMEM
- Success data for approximation of RV to WV



## B. Experiment 2 (5 different levels of WV(10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%) with IIV's change(10→50%)

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## R scaled approach

G/P	P1	P2	P3
A (N=12)	R	R	T
B (N=10)	R	T	R
C (N=11)	T	R	R

R : Murex<sup>®</sup> 50 mg, Cho Dang Pharm Co., Ltd

T : Eperex<sup>®</sup> 50 mg, Korea United Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd

**Result : Geometric mean ratio, 90% confidential intervals and within subject variability for AUC<sub>t</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> using the EMA method**

Parameters	GMR	90% CI	SwR	CVwR(%)	BE limit
AUC <sub>t</sub>	0.9836	0.8275 ~ 1.1692	0.332	33.17	0.8 ~ 1.25
C <sub>max</sub>	0.9402	0.7587 ~ 1.1652	0.474	50.21	0.6984 ~ 1.4319

## Work flow

Random sampling of PK dataset  
(N =6, 12, 18, 24, 30)

**Random sampling from reference drug's  
PK data**

Estimation PK parameter  
& Sigma( $\sigma$ ) value

**PK modeling : 1 compartment, oral absorption,  
first-order elimination**

Visual prediction check

**Model diagnostic**

# III. Results

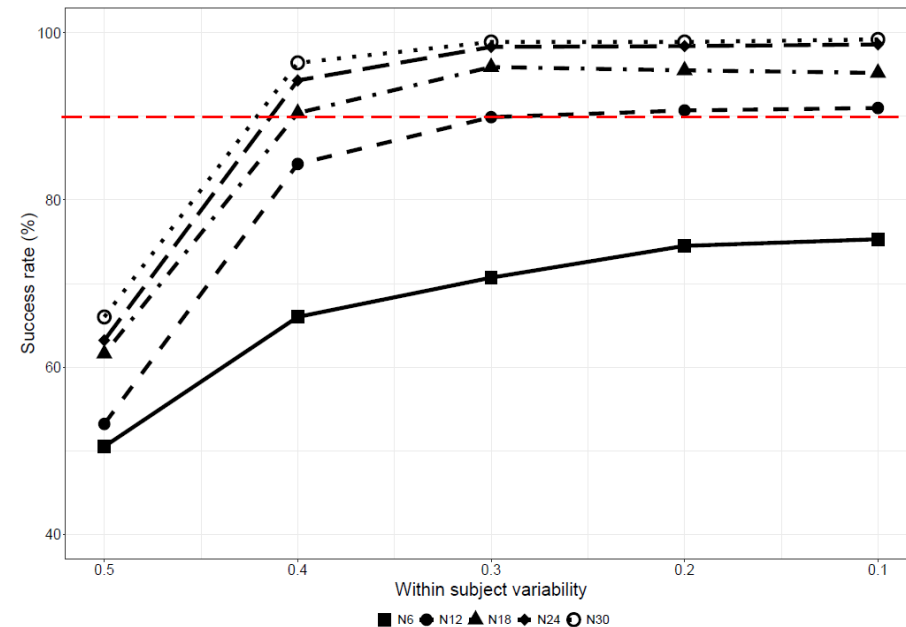
# Result for Experiment 1

(5 different levels of WV(10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%) without IIV's change(0%))

Setting WV(%)	Success rate(%)* for each subject number				
	N=6	N=12	N=18	N=24	N=30
10	75	91	95	99	99
20	75	91	96	98	99
30	71	90	96	98	99
40	66	84	90	94	96
50	51	53	62	63	66

Tabulated summary for results of first experiment

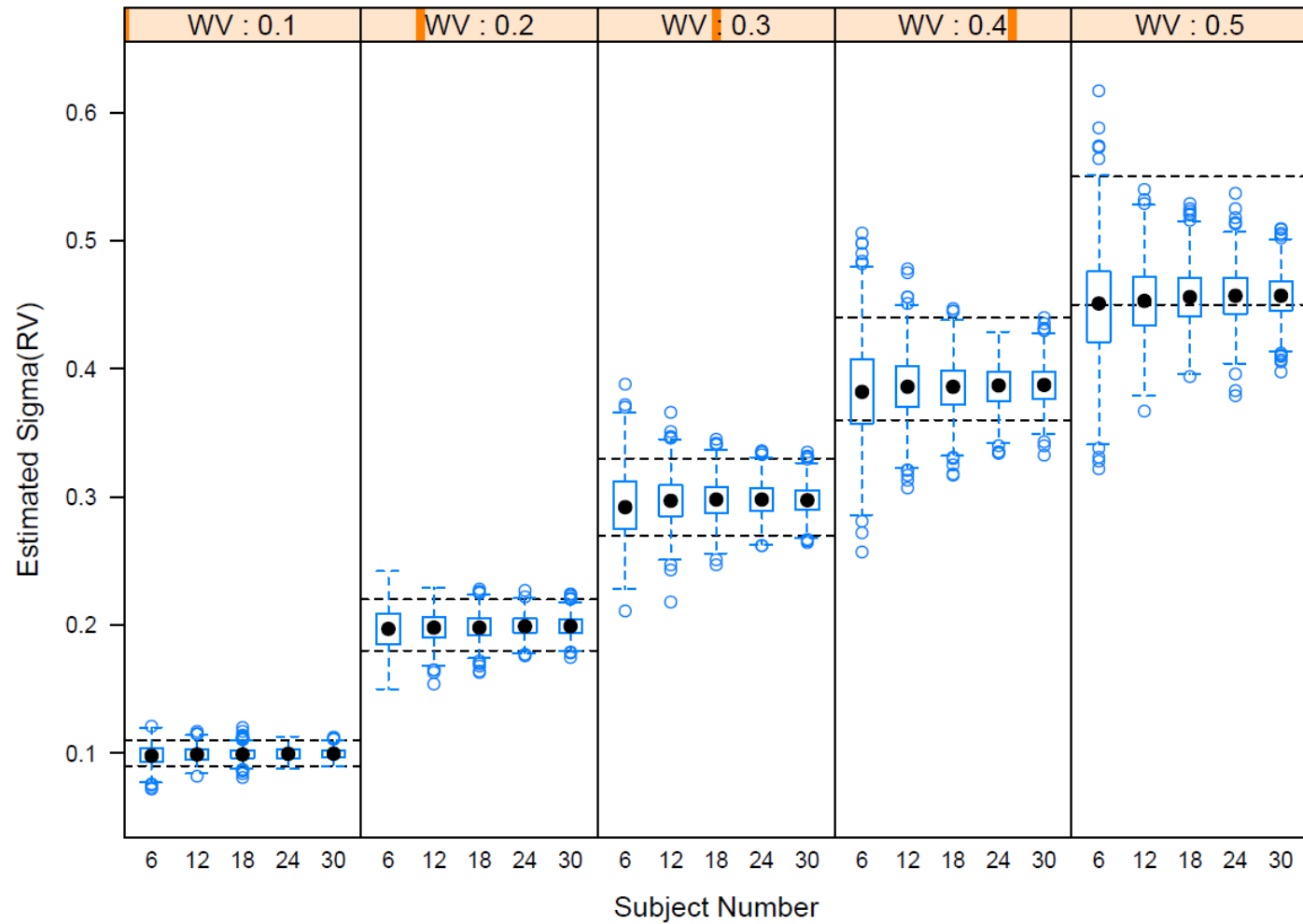
\*Success rate at which estimated sigma values are included in True value(Setting WV values)  $\pm 10\%$



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## Within Subject Variability



# Result for Experiment 2

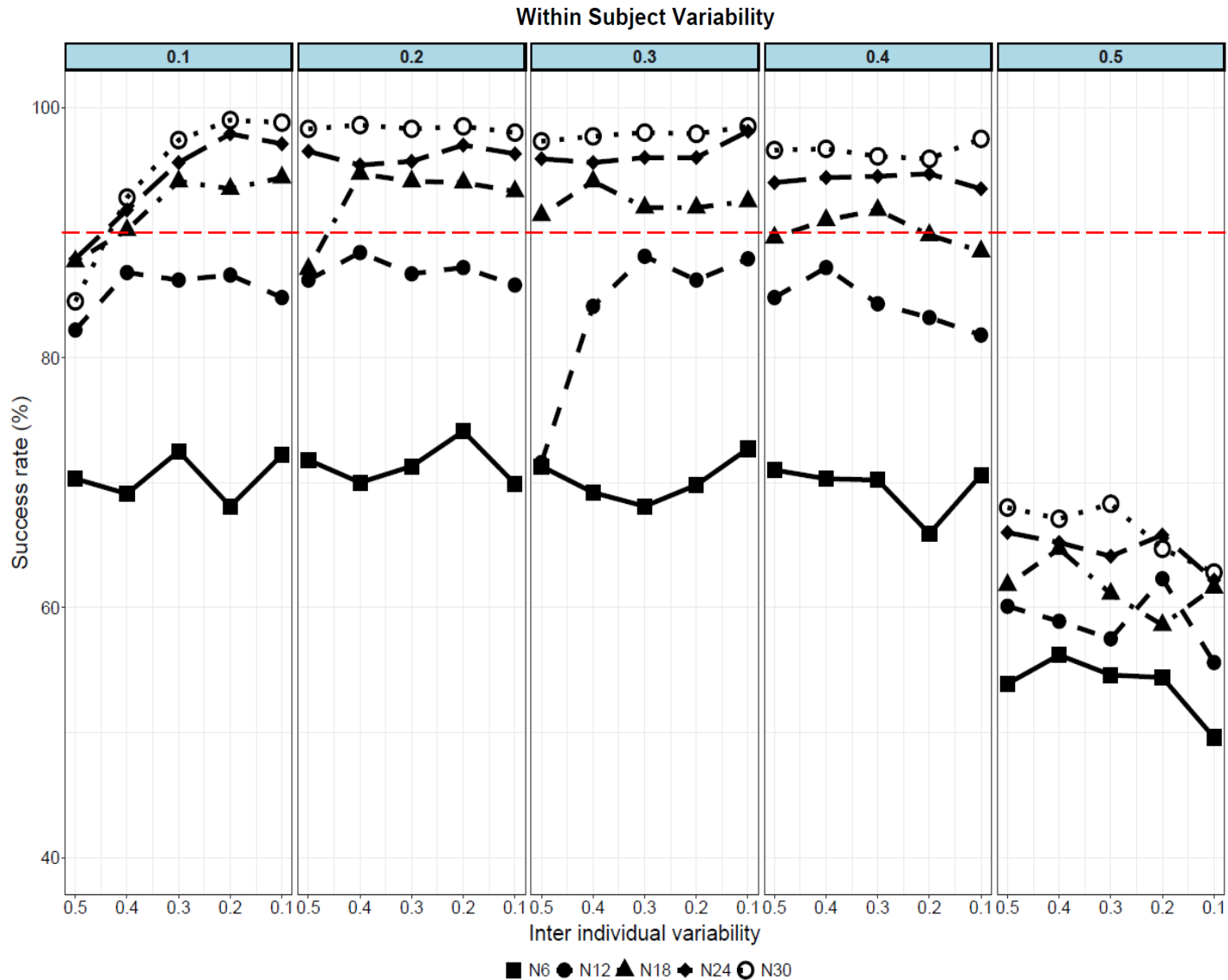
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Setting Condition		Success rate(%)* for each subject number				
WV(%)	IIV(%)	N=6	N=12	N=18	N=24	N=30
10	10	72	85	94	97	99
	20	68	87	94	98	99
	30	73	86	94	96	97
	40	69	87	90	92	93
	50	70	82	88	88	85
20	10	70	86	93	96	98
	20	74	87	94	97	99
	30	71	87	94	96	98
	40	70	88	95	95	99
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	50	71	72	91	96	97
40	10	71	82	89	94	98
	20	66	83	90	95	96
	30	70	84	92	94	96
	40	70	87	91	94	97
	50	71	85	90	94	97
50	10	50	56	62	62	63
	20	54	62	59	66	65
	30	55	58	61	64	68
	40	56	59	65	65	67
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\*Success rate at which to estimated sigma values are included in True value(Setting WV values)  $\pm$  10%

# Result for Experiment 2 \_ Cont'd

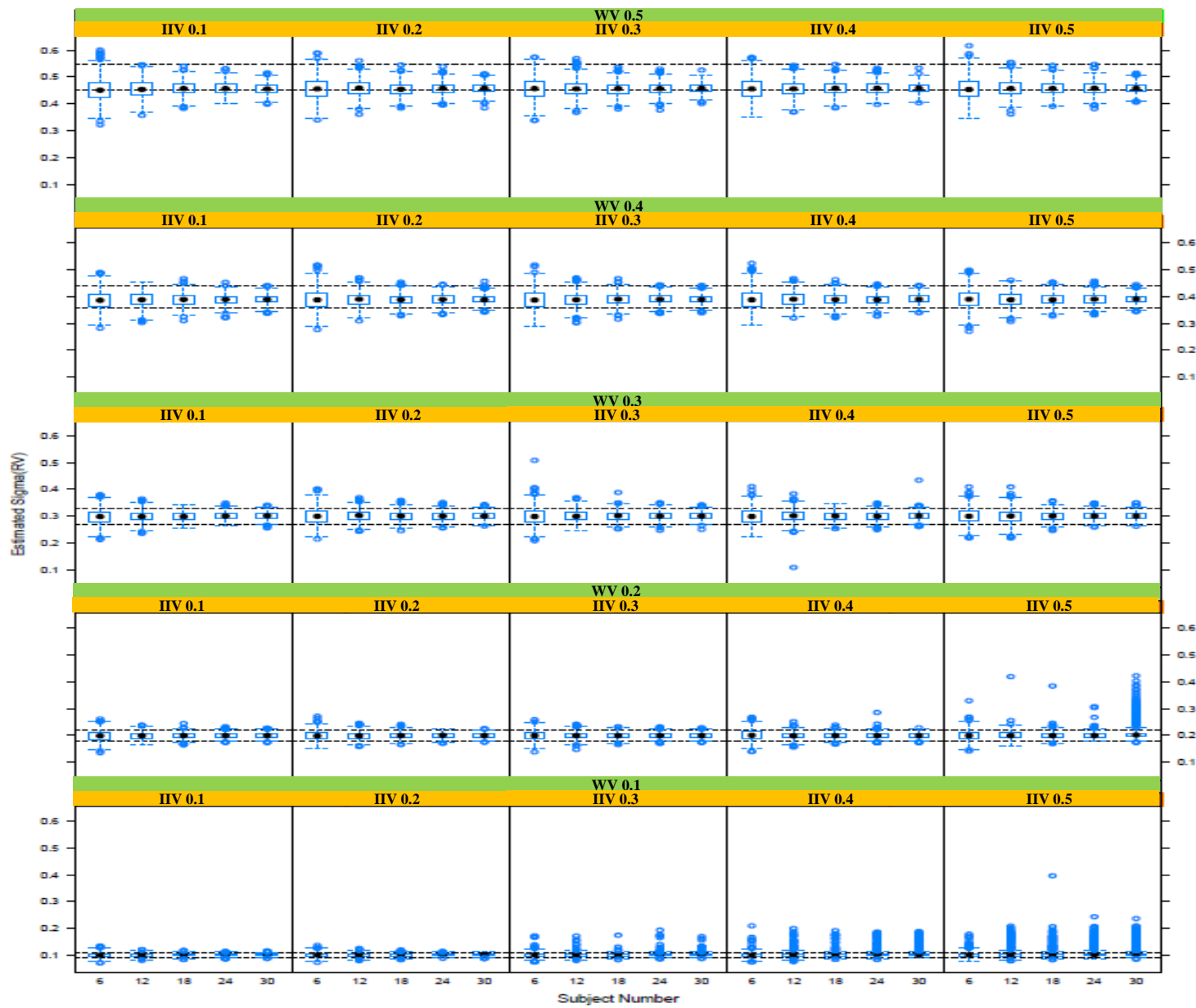
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# Result for real case application

## The result for real application

Subject No.	6	12	18	24	30
Sigma, $\sigma$ (%)	44.9	47.7	44.5	43.8	47.2

## Cf. Result from original reference

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# IV. Summary and Conclusion

- **When the IIV was no change(0%)**
  - **WV 10~30%** : 90% or more prediction success rate with **12 or more** subjects
  - **WV 40%** : 90% or more prediction success rate with **18 or more** subjects
  - **WV 50%** : **Underestimation** at 6~30 subjects
- **When the IIV was change(10~50%)**
  - **WV 10~40%** : 90% or more prediction success rate with **18 or more** subjects
  - **WV 50%** : **Underestimation** at 6~30 subjects
- **Real HVD case(eperisone)**
  - **Our Pop. approach** result : **44 ~47%** for RV at which **6~30** subject number  
cf. BE result : 33.17% as a  $CV_{wR}$  for AUC and 50.21% as  $CV_{wR}$  for Cmax

**In conclusion, we have confirmed that our methodology is relatively accurate in well-estimating within subject variability from population PK data. Also, we have confirmed that it can be used as a tool to judge the highly variable drug.**

**Thank you**