

# Package ‘tcplfit2’

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<i>acgnlsobj</i>	<i>AC GNLS Objective Function</i>
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**Description**

GNLS objective function set to y for gnls solver.

**Usage**

`acgnlsobj(x, y, tp, ga, p, la, q)`

**Arguments**

x	Concentration.
y	Desired activity level.
tp	Top.
ga	Gain AC50.
p	Gain power.
la	Loss AC50.
q	Loss power.

**Value**

Difference between GNLS model response at x and y.

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<i>acy</i>	<i>Activity Concentration y</i>
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**Description**

Returns concentration at which model equals y.

**Usage**

```
acy(
  y,
  modpars,
  type = "hill",
  returntop = FALSE,
  returntoploc = FALSE,
  getloss = FALSE,
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Activity value at which the concentration is desired. y should be less than the model's top, if there is one, and greater than zero.
modpars	List of named model parameters. Model parameters can include: "a", "b", "ga", "la", "p", "q", "tp". ga and la should NOT be in log units.
type	Model type; must be one of: "exp1", "exp2", "exp3", "exp4", "gnls", "hill", "poly1", "poly2", "pow".
returntop	When TRUE, returns actual top value for gnls. Has no effect for other models.
returntoploc	When TRUE, returns concentration of top for gnls. Has no effect for other models. If top location can't be found, NA is returned.
getloss	When TRUE, returns value on loss side of curve for gnls. Has no effect for other models.
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, constraints are set to allow for the polynomial 2 model fit to be bi-phasic (i.e. non-monotonic).
verbose	When TRUE, shows warnings.

**Details**

Mathematically inverts model functions of the given type, except for gnls, which is numerically inverted. gnls returns NA when  $y > tp$ . Other options return the actual top (as opposed to theoretical tp) and top location for gnls model. gnls model defaults to giving concentration on gain side. Only one of getloss, returntop, and returntoploc should be TRUE at a time. If top location solution fails for gnls, top is set to tp. Returns NA if gnls numerical solver fails. Returns NA if model was not successfully fit.

**Value**

Outputs concentration at activity y, or gnls top or top concentration, when applicable.

**Examples**

```
acy(1, list(ga = 10, tp = 2, p = 3), type = "hill")
acy(1, list(ga = .1, tp = 2, p = 3, q = 3, la = 10), type = "gnls")
acy(1, list(ga = .1, tp = 2, p = 3, q = 3, la = 10), type = "gnls", getloss = TRUE)
```

```
acy(1, list(ga = .1, tp = 2, p = 3, q = 3, la = 10), type = "gnls", returntop = TRUE)
acy(1, list(ga = .1, tp = 2, p = 3, q = 3, la = 10), type = "gnls", returntoploc = TRUE)
```

bmdbounds

*BMD Bounds***Description**

Uses maximum likelihood method to tune the upper and lower bounds on the BMD (BMDU, BMDL)

**Usage**

```
bmdbounds(
  fit_method,
  bmr,
  pars,
  conc,
  resp,
  onesidedp = 0.05,
  bmd = NULL,
  which.bound = "lower",
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE,
  x_v
)
```

**Arguments**

fit_method	Fit method: "exp2", "exp3", "exp4", "exp5", "hill", "gnls", "poly1", "poly2", or "pow".
bmr	Benchmark response.
pars	Named vector of model parameters: a,b,tp,ga,p,la,q,er output by httrfit, and in that order.
conc	Vector of concentrations (NOT in log units).
resp	Vector of responses corresponding to given concentrations.
onesidedp	The one-sided p-value. Default of .05 corresponds to 5 percentile BMDL, 95 percentile BMDU, and 90 percent CI.
bmd	Can optionally input the bmd when already known to avoid unnecessary calculation.
which.bound	Returns BMDU if which.bound = "upper"; returns BMDL if which.bound = "lower".
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, constraints are set to allow for the polynomial 2 model fit to be bi-phasic (i.e. non-monotonic).
x_v	The vertex of the quadratic/parabolic fit. Only in use when estimating the BMDL and BMDU values for the "poly2" model when poly2.biphasic = TRUE. No default is set.

## Details

Takes in concentration response fit details and outputs a bmdu or bmdl, as desired. If bmd is not finite, returns NA. If the objective function doesn't change sign or the root finding otherwise fails, it returns NA. These failures are not uncommon since some curves just don't reach the desired confidence level.

## Value

Returns either the BMDU or BMDL.

## Examples

```
conc = c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp = c(.1, -.1, 0, 1.1, 1.9, 2, 2.1, 1.9)
pars = c(tp = 1.973356, ga = 0.9401224, p = 3.589397, er = -2.698579)
bmdbounds(fit_method = "hill", bmr = .5, pars, conc, resp)
bmdbounds(fit_method = "hill", bmr = .5, pars, conc, resp, which.bound = "upper")
```

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bmdobj

*BMD Objective Function*


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## Description

Utility function for bmdbounds

## Usage

```
bmdobj(
  bmd,
  fname,
  bmr,
  conc,
  resp,
  ps,
  mll,
  onesp,
  partype = 2,
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE,
  x_v
)
```

## Arguments

bmd	Benchmark dose.
fname	Function name: "exp2", "exp3", "exp4", "exp5", "hillfn", "gnls", "poly1", "poly2", or "pow".
bmr	Benchmark response.

conc	Vector of concentrations NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
ps	Named list of parameters.
mll	Maximum log-likelihood of winning model.
onesp	One-sided p-value.
partype	Number for parameter type. Type 1 is y-scaling: a or tp. Type 2 is x-scaling: b or ga, when available, a otherwise. Type 3 is power scaling: p when available, then b or ga, then a if no others. Since bmd is linked to the x-scale, type 2 should always be used. Other types can also be vulnerable to underflow/overflow.
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, constraints are set to allow for the polynomial 2 model fit to be bi-phasic (i.e. non-monotonic).
x_v	The vertex of the quadratic/parabolic fit. Only in use when estimating the BMDL and BMDU values for the "poly2" model when poly2.biphasic = TRUE. No default is set.

**Value**

Objective function value to find the zero of.

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cnst

*Constant Model*


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**Description**

$$f(x) = 0$$

**Usage**

```
cnst(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps	Vector of parameters (ignored)
x	Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
cnst(1,1)
```

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concRespCore                      *Concentration Response Core*

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### Description

Core of concentration response curve fitting for pvalue based cutoff. This function calls `tcplfit2_core` to get curve fits, and then `tcplhit2_core` to perform the hitcalling. Prior to model fitting, this function includes two data preparation steps (1) centering responses when `bmed` is not 0 or NULL and (2) removal of replicates with missing response values.

### Usage

```
concRespCore(
  row,
  fitmodels = c("cnst", "hill", "gnls", "poly1", "poly2", "pow", "exp2", "exp3", "exp4",
    "exp5"),
  conthits = TRUE,
  aicc = FALSE,
  force.fit = FALSE,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  do.plot = FALSE,
  return.details = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4",
  bmr_scale = 1.349,
  bmd_low_bnd = NULL,
  bmd_up_bnd = NULL,
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE,
  AUC = FALSE,
  use.abs.auc = FALSE,
  use.log.auc = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>row</code>	<p>A named list that must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>conc</code> - list of concentrations (not in log units)</li> <li>• <code>resp</code> - list of corresponding responses</li> <li>• <code>bmed</code> - median of noise estimate.</li> <li>• <code>cutoff</code> - noise cutoff</li> <li>• <code>onesd</code> - 1 standard deviation of the noise (for <code>bmd</code> calculation)</li> </ul> <p>Other elements (usually identifiers, like <code>casrn</code>) of <code>row</code> will be attached to the final output.</p>
<code>fitmodels</code>	Vector of model names to use.
<code>conthits</code>	<code>conthits = TRUE</code> uses continuous hitcalls, otherwise they're discrete.



aicc	aicc = TRUE uses corrected AIC to choose winning method; otherwise regular AIC.
force.fit	If TRUE force the fitting to proceed even if there are no points outside of the bounds (default FALSE)
bidirectional	If TRUE allow fitting to happen in both directions (default TRUE)
verbose	If TRUE, write extra output from tcplfit2_core (default FALSE)
do.plot	If TRUE, create a plot in the tcplfit2_core function (default FALSE)
return.details	If TRUE, return the hitcalling details and the summary, if FALSE (default), just return the summary
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution
bmr_scale	- bmr scaling factor (for bmd calculation) default = 1.349
bmd_low_bnd	Multiplier for bmd lower bound. A value of .1 would require the bmd to be no lower than 1/10th of the lowest concentration tested.
bmd_up_bnd	Multiplier for the bmd upper bound. A value of 10 would require the bmd to be no lower than 10 times the highest concentration tested.
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, allows for biphasic polynomial 2 model fits (i.e. both monotonic and non-monotonic). (Defaults to TRUE.)
AUC	If TRUE, generate and return Area under the curve (AUC) for the winning model after hit-calling. Defaults to FALSE.
use.abs.auc	Logical argument, if TRUE, returns the absolute value of the AUC. Defaults to FALSE.
use.log.auc	Logical argument, defaults to FALSE. By default, estimates AUC with concentrations in normal unit. If set to TRUE, will use concentration in log10-scale for estimating AUC.

### Value

A list of two elements. The first (summary) is the output from tcplhit2\_core. The second, params is the output from tcplfit2\_core a dataframe of one row containing

### Examples

```

conc <- list(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp <- list(0, .2, .1, .4, .7, .9, .6, 1.2)
row <- list(conc = conc,
           resp = resp,
           bmed = 0,
           cutoff = 1,
           onesd = .5,
           name = "some chemical",
           assay = "some assay")
concRespCore(row, conthits = TRUE)
concRespCore(row, aicc = TRUE)

```

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concRespPlot                      *Concentration Response Plot*

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### Description

Plots a concentration response curve for one sample/endpoint combination. This is a generic function and it is expected that users will make their own versions

### Usage

```
concRespPlot(row, ymin = -120, ymax = 120, draw.error.arrows = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

row	<p>Named list containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conc - conc string separated by l's</li> <li>• resp - response string separated by l's</li> <li>• method - scoring method determines plot bounds</li> <li>• name - chemical name for plot title</li> <li>• cutoff - noise cutoff</li> <li>• bmr - baseline median response; level at which bmd is calculated</li> <li>• er - fitted error term for plotting error bars</li> <li>• a, tp, b, ga, p, la, q - other model parameters for fit curve</li> <li>• fit_method - curve fit method</li> <li>• bmd, bmdl, bmdu - bmd, bmd lower bound, and bmd upper bound</li> <li>• ac50, acc - curve value at 50% of top, curve value at cutoff</li> <li>• top - curve top</li> <li>• name - name of the chemical</li> <li>• assay - name of the assay, signature, or other endpoint</li> <li>• other identifiers</li> </ul> <p>Other elements are ignored.</p>
ymin	Minimum value of response for the plot
ymax	Maximum value of response for the plot
draw.error.arrows	If TRUE, draw lines representing the uncertainty in the response estimate, instead of the actual response points

### Details

row is one row of data from concRespCore

### Value

No output.

## Examples

```
conc <- list(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp <- list(0, .2, .1, .4, .7, .9, .6, 1.2)
row <- list(conc = conc,
            resp = resp,
            bmed = 0,
            cutoff = 0.25,
            onesd = 0.125,
            name = "some chemical",
            assay = "some assay")
res <- concRespCore(row, conthits = TRUE)
concRespPlot(res, ymin=-2.5, ymax=2., 5)
```

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concRespPlot2

*Concentration Response Plot - ggplot2*

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## Description

This function takes output from ‘concRespCore’ or ‘tcplhit2\_core’ to generate a basic plot of the observed concentration-response data and the best fit curve (winning model). A ‘ggplot’ object, which users may customize with additional ‘ggplot’ layers, is returned.

## Usage

```
concRespPlot2(row, log_conc = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

row	Output from ‘concRespCore’ or ‘tcplhit2_core’, containing information about the best fit curve (winning model).
log_conc	Logical argument. If ‘TRUE’, convert the concentrations (x-axis) into log-10 scale. Defaults to ‘FALSE’.

## Value

A ‘ggplot’ object of the observed concentration-response data overlaid with the best fit curve (winning model).

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exp2

*Exponential 2 Model*

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**Description**

$$f(x) = a * (e^{(x/b)} - 1)$$

**Usage**

exp2(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: a,b,er  
x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

exp2(c(1,2), 1)

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exp3

*Exponential 3 Model*

---

**Description**

$$f(x) = a * (e^{(x/b)^p} - 1)$$

**Usage**

exp3(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: a,b,p,er  
x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

exp3(c(1,2,2),1)

exp4

*Exponential 4 Model*

**Description**

$$f(x) = tp * (1 - 2^{(-x/ga)})$$

**Usage**

exp4(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: tp,ga,er  
 x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

exp4(c(1,2),1)

exp5

*Exponential 5 Model*

**Description**

$$f(x) = tp * (1 - 2^{-(x/ga)^p})$$

**Usage**

exp5(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: tp,ga,p,er  
 x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
exp5(c(1,2,3),1)
```

---

 fitcnst

*Constant Model Fit*


---

**Description**

Function that fits a constant line  $f(x) = 0$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitcnst(conc, resp, nofit = FALSE, errfun = "dt4", ...)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.
...	Space for parameters so fitcnst can be called similar to other fitting functions (currently unused)

**Details**

success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, and er are set to NA in case of nofit or failure. pars always equals "er".

**Value**

List of five elements: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), rme (root mean square error), er (error parameter), pars (parameter names).

**Examples**

```
fitcnst(c(.1,1,10,100), c(1,2,0,-1))
fitcnst(c(.1,1,10,100), c(1,2,0,-1), nofit = TRUE)
```

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fitexp2	<i>Exponential 2 Model Fit</i>
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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = a * (e^{(x/b)} - 1)$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitexp2(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Zero background and increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "a" (y scale), "b" (x scale), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitexp2(c(.1,1,10,100), c(0,.1,1,10))
```

fitexp3

*Exponential 3 Model Fit***Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = a * (e^{(x/b)^p} - 1)$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitexp3(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  dmin = 0.3,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
dmin	Minimum allowed value of p.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Zero background and increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "a" (y scale), "b" (x scale), "p" (power), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).



**Examples**

```
fitexp3(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,0,.1, .2, .4, 1, 4, 50))
```

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fitexp4

*Exponential 4 Model Fit*


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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = tp * (1 - 2^{(-x/ga)})$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitexp4(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Zero background and increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "tp" (top), "ga" (AC50), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitexp4(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,0,.1, .2, .5, 1, 1.5, 2))
```

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```
fitexp5
```

```
Exponential 5 Model Fit
```

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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = tp * (1 - 2^{-(x/ga)^p})$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitexp5(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  dmin = 0.3,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
dmin	Minimum allowed value of p.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Zero background and increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "tp" (top), "ga" (AC50), "p" (power), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitexp5(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,0,.1,.2,.5,1,1.5,2))
```

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fitgnls	Gain-Loss Model Fit
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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = \frac{tp}{[(1+(ga/x)^p)(1+(x/la)^q)]}$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitgnls(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  minwidth = 1.5,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
minwidth	Minimum allowed distance between gain ac50 and loss ac50 (in log10 units).
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Concentrations are converted internally to log10 units and optimized with  $f(x) = \frac{tp}{[(1+10^{(p*(ga-x))})(1+10^{(q*(x-la))}]}$ , then ga, la, ga\_sd, and la\_sd are converted back to regular units before returning. Zero background and increasing initial absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "tp" (top), "ga" (gain AC50), "p" (gain power), "la" (loss AC50), "q" (loss power) and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitgnls(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,.3,1, 2, 2.1, 1.5, .8, .2))
```

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 fithill

*Hill Model Fit*


---

**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = \frac{tp}{[(1+(ga/x)^p)]}$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fithill(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Concentrations are converted internally to log10 units and optimized with  $f(x) = \frac{tp}{(1+10^{(p*(ga-x))})}$ , then ga and ga\_sd are converted back to regular units before returning. Zero background and increasing initial absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "tp" (top), "ga" (gain AC50), "p" (gain power), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fithill(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,0,.1, .2, .5, 1, 1.5, 2))
```

---

fitpoly1

*Polynomial 1 (Linear) Model Fit*


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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = a * x$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitpoly1(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Zero background and increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "a" (y scale) and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitpoly1(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,.01,.1, .1, .2, .5, 2, 5))
```

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```
fitpoly2
```

*Polynomial 2 (Quadratic) Model Fit*

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**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = b1 * x + b2 * x^2$  (biphasic), or  $f(x) = a * (\frac{x}{b} + \frac{x^2}{b^2})$  (monotonic only), and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitpoly2(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  biphasic = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only. (Only in use for monotonic poly2 fitting.)
biphasic	If biphasic = TRUE, allows for biphasic polynomial 2 model fits (i.e. both monotonic and non-monotonic curves). (Note, if FALSE fits $f(x) = a * (\frac{x}{b} + \frac{x^2}{b^2})$ .)
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

(Biphasic Poly2 Model) Zero background is assumed and responses may be biphasic (non-monotonic). Parameters are "b1" (shift along x-axis), "b2" (rate of change, direction, and the shift along y-axis), and error term "er". (Monotonic Poly2 Model) Zero background and monotonically increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "a" (y scale), "b" (x scale), and error term "er". (Biphasic or Monotonic Poly2 Fit) success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

**Value**

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

**Examples**

```
fitpoly2(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,.01,.1, .1, .2, .5, 2, 8))
```

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 fitpow

*Power Model Fit*


---

**Description**

Function that fits to  $f(x) = a * x^p$  and returns generic model outputs.

**Usage**

```
fitpow(
  conc,
  resp,
  bidirectional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nofit = FALSE,
  nmin = 0.3,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentration values NOT in log units.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
bidirectional	If TRUE, model can be positive or negative; if FALSE, it will be positive only.
verbose	If TRUE, gives optimization and hessian inversion details.
nofit	If nofit = TRUE, returns formatted output filled with missing values.

nmin	Minimum allowed value of p.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

### Details

Zero background and monotonically increasing absolute response are assumed. Parameters are "a" (y scale), "p" (power), and error term "er". success = 1 for a successful fit, 0 if optimization failed, and NA if nofit = TRUE. cov = 1 for a successful hessian inversion, 0 if it fails, and NA if nofit = TRUE. aic, rme, modl, parameters, and parameter sds are set to NA in case of nofit or failure.

### Value

Named list containing: success, aic (Akaike Information Criteria), cov (success of covariance calculation), rme (root mean square error), modl (vector of model values at given concentrations), parameters values, parameter sd (standard deviation) estimates, pars (vector of parameter names), sds (vector of parameter sd names).

### Examples

```
fitpow(c(.03,.1,.3,1,3,10,30,100), c(0,.01,.1, .1, .2, .5, 2, 8))
```

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get_AUC	<i>Calculate Area Under the Curve (AUC)</i>
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### Description

Function that calculates the area under the curve (AUC) for dose-response curves.

### Usage

```
get_AUC(fit_method, lower, upper, ps, return.abs = FALSE, use.log = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

fit_method	Name of the model to calculate the area under the curve (AUC) for.
lower	Lower concentration bound, usually is the lowest concentration in the data.
upper	Upper concentration bound, usually is the highest concentration in the data.
ps	Numeric vector (or list) of model parameters for the specified model in 'fit_method'.
return.abs	Logical argument, if TRUE, returns the absolute value of the AUC. Defaults to FALSE.
use.log	Logical argument, defaults to FALSE. By default, the function estimates AUC with concentrations in normal unit. If set to TRUE, will use concentration in log10-scale for estimating AUC.



**Details**

This function takes in a model name and the respective set of model parameters, and returns the area under the curve (AUC) between the specified lower and upper concentration bounds. The AUC can be used to compute an efficacy/potency metric for "active" dose-response curves. For decreasing curves, the AUC returned will be negative. However, users have the option to return a positive AUC in these cases. Model parameters should be entered as a numeric list or vector. Models optimized on the log10-scale (hill and gain-loss), the lower and upper concentration bounds, parameters "ga" (gain AC50) and "la" (loss AC50) will be converted to log10-scale.

**Value**

AUC value (numeric)

**Examples**

```
conc <- c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
fit_method <- "gnls"
modpars <- list(tp = 1.023, ga = 2.453, p = 1.592,
               la = 4288.993, q = 5.770, er = -3.295)
get_AUC("exp2", min(conc), max(conc), ps = modpars)
```

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 gnls

*Gain-Loss Model*


---

**Description**

$$f(x) = \frac{tp}{[(1+(ga/x)^p)(1+(x/la)^q)]}$$

**Usage**

```
gnls(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: tp,ga,p,la,q,er  
 x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
gnls(c(1,2,1,2,2),1)
```

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gnlsderivobj	<i>GNLS Derivative Objective Function</i>
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**Description**

Derivative of the gnls function set to zero for top location solver.

**Usage**

```
gnlsderivobj(x, tp, ga, p, la, q)
```

**Arguments**

x	Concentration.
tp	Top.
ga	Gain AC50.
p	Gain power.
la	Loss AC50.
q	Loss power.

**Value**

Value of gnls derivative at x.

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hillfn	<i>Hill Model</i>
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**Description**

$$f(x) = \frac{tp}{[1+(ga/x)^p]}$$

**Usage**

```
hillfn(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps	Vector of parameters: tp,ga,p,er
x	Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
hillfn(c(1,2,3),1)
```

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 hitcont

*Continuous Hitcalls*


---

**Description**

Wrapper that computes continuous hitcalls for a provided concRespCore input row.

**Usage**

```
hitcont(indf, xs = NULL, ys = NULL, newcutoff)
```

**Arguments**

indf	Dataframe similar to concRespCore output. Must contain "conc" and "resp" columns if xs and ys are not provided. Must contain "top", "ac50", "er", "fit_method", "caikwt", and "ml" columns as well as columns for each model parameter.
xs	List of concentration vectors that can be provided for speed.
ys	List of response vectors that can be provided for speed.
newcutoff	Vector of new cutoff values to use. Length should be equal to rows in indf.

**Details**

indf parameter columns should be NA when not required by fit method. "conc" and "resp" entries should be a single string with values separated by |. Details on indf columns can be found in concRespCore.

**Value**

Vector of hitcalls between 0 and 1 with length equal to indf row number.

**Examples**

```
conc <- list(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp <- list(0, .2, .1, .4, .7, .9, .6, 1.2)
row <- list(
  conc = conc,
  resp = resp,
  bmed = 0,
  cutoff = 1,
  onesd = .5,
  name = "some chemical",
  assay = "some assay"
)
res <- concRespCore(row, conthits = TRUE)
```

```
hitcont(res, newcutoff = 0.2)
```

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hitcontinner

*Continuous Hitcalls Inner*

---

### Description

Calculates continuous hitcall using 3 statistical metrics.

### Usage

```
hitcontinner(
  conc,
  resp,
  top,
  cutoff,
  er,
  ps,
  fit_method,
  caikwt,
  mll,
  errfun = "dt4"
)
```

### Arguments

conc	Vector of concentrations.
resp	Vector of responses.
top	Model top.
cutoff	Desired cutoff.
er	Model error parameter.
ps	Vector of used model parameters in order: a, tp, b, ga, p, la, q, er.
fit_method	Name of winning fit method (should never be constant).
caikwt	Akaike weight of constant model relative to winning model.
mll	Maximum log-likelihood of winning model.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

### Details

This function is called either directly from concRespCore or via hitcont. Details of how to compute function input are in concRespCore.

**Value**

Continuous hitcall between 0 and 1.

**Examples**

```

conc = c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp = c(0, .1, 0, .2, .6, .9, 1.1, 1)
top = 1.023239
er = -3.295307
ps = c(1.033239, 2.453014, 1.592714, er = -3.295307) #tp,ga,p,er
fit_method = "hill"
caikwt = 1.446966e-08
mll = 12.71495
hitcontinner(conc,resp,top,cutoff = 0.8, er,ps,fit_method, caikwt, mll)
hitcontinner(conc,resp,top,cutoff = 1, er,ps,fit_method, caikwt, mll)
hitcontinner(conc,resp,top,cutoff = 1.2, er,ps,fit_method, caikwt, mll)

```

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hitlogic

*Hit Logic (Discrete)*


---

**Description**

Wrapper that computes discrete hitcalls for a provided concRespCore dataframe.

**Usage**

```
hitlogic(indf, newbmad = NULL, xs = NULL, ys = NULL, newcutoff = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

indf	Dataframe similar to concRespCore input Must contain "conc" and "resp" columns if xs and ys are not provided. Must contain "cutoff" and "bmad_factor" columns if newbmad is not NULL. Must contain "top" and "ac50" columns. "conc" and "resp" entries should be a single string with values separated by  .
newbmad	(Deprecated) New number of bmads to use for the cutoff.
xs	List of concentration vectors that can be provided for speed.
ys	List of response vectors that can be provided for speed.
newcutoff	Vector of new cutoff values to use. Length should be equal to rows in indf.

**Value**

Vector of hitcalls with length equal to number of rows in indf.

**Examples**

```

conc = rep(".03|.1|.3|1|3|10|30|100",2)
resp = rep("0|0|.1|.1|.5|.5|1|1",2)
indf = data.frame(top = c(1,1), ac50 = c(3,4), conc = conc, resp = resp,
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
hitlogic(indf, newcutoff = c(.8,1.2))

```

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hitloginner

*Hit Logic Inner (Discrete)*


---

**Description**

Contains hit logic, called directly during CR fitting or later through "hitlogic".

**Usage**

```
hitloginner(conc = NULL, resp, top, cutoff, ac50 = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentrations (No longer necessary).
resp	Vector of responses.
top	Model top.
cutoff	Desired cutoff.
ac50	Model AC50 (No longer necessary).

**Details**

The purpose of this function is to keep the actual hit rules in one location so it can be called during CR fitting, and then again after the fact for a variety of cutoffs. Curves fit with constant winning should have top = NA, generating a miss.

**Value**

Outputs 1 for hit, 0 for miss.

**Examples**

```

hitloginner(resp = 1:8, top = 7, cutoff = 5) #hit
hitloginner(resp = 1:8, top = 7, cutoff = 7.5) #miss: top too low
hitloginner(resp = 1:8, top = 9, cutoff = 8.5) #miss: no response > cutoff
hitloginner(resp = 1:8, top = NA, cutoff = 5) #miss: no top (constant)

```

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loggnls	<i>Log Gain-Loss Model</i>
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**Description**

$$f(x) = \frac{tp}{[(1+10^{(p*(ga-x))})(1+10^{(q*(x-la))})]}$$

**Usage**

```
loggnls(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps	Vector of parameters: tp,ga,p,la,q,er (ga and la are in log10-scale)
x	Vector of concentrations (log10 units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
loggnls(c(1,2,1,2,2),1)
```

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loghill	<i>Log Hill Model</i>
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**Description**

$$f(x) = \frac{tp}{(1+10^{(p*(ga-x))})}$$

**Usage**

```
loghill(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps	Vector of parameters: tp,ga,p,er (ga is in log10-scale)
x	Vector of concentrations (log10 units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses.

**Examples**

```
loghill(c(1,2,3),1)
```

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mc0

*Sample multi-concentration data set from invitrodb*

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**Description**

A data set containing 1831 chemicals worth of data for the ACEA\_AR assay, Data from the assay component ACEA\_AR\_agonist\_80hr was analyzed in the positive analysis fitting direction relative to DMSO as the neutral control and baseline of activity. The data can be accessed further through invitrodb and tcpl see <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/exploring-toxcast-data#Download>.

**Usage**

```
mc0
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.table` (inherits from `data.frame`) with 53608 rows and 13 columns.

**Details**

This data is extracted from the released version of the ToxCast database, invitrodb, at level 0 (mc0) and contains the concentration-response information.

A data frame with 53608 rows and 13 variables:

- m0id - Level 0 id
- spid - Sample id
- acid - Unique assay component id; unique numeric id for each assay component
- apid - Assay plate id
- rowi - Row index (location on assay plate)
- coli - Column index (location on assay plate)
- wllt - Well type
- wllq - well quality
- conc - concentration
- rval - raw value
- srcf - Source file name
- clowder\_uid - clowder unique id for source files
- git\_hash - hash key for pre-processing scripts

**Source**

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mc3

*Sample concentration-response data set from invitrodb*

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### Description

A data set containing 100 chemicals worth of data for the Tox21 assay TOX21\_ERa\_BLA\_Agonist\_ratio, which measures response to estrogen receptor agonists. The data can be accessed further through the Comptox Chemicals Dashboard (<https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard>).

### Usage

mc3

### Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 32175 rows and 7 columns.

### Details

This data is extracted from the released version of the ToxCast database, `invitrodb`, at level 3 (`mc3`) and contains the concentration-response information.

A data frame with 32175 rows and 7 variables:

- `dtxsid` - DSSTox generic substance ID
- `casrn` - Chemical Abstracts Registry Number (CASRN)
- `name` - chemical name
- `spid` - sample ID - there can be multiple samples per chemical
- `logc` -  $\log_{10}$ (concentration), micromolar (uM)
- `resp` - response in %
- `assay` - name of the assay / assay component endpoint name

### Source

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nestselect	<i>Nest Select</i>
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**Description**

Chooses between nested models.

**Usage**

```
nestselect(aics, mod1, mod2, dfdiff, pval = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

aics	Named vector of model aics (can include extra models).
mod1	Name of model 1, the model with fewer degrees of freedom.
mod2	Name of model 2, the model with more degrees of freedom.
dfdiff	Absolute difference in number of degrees of freedom (i.e. the difference in parameters).
pval	P-value for nested model test.

**Value**

Named aic vector with losing model removed.

**Examples**

```
aics = c(-5,-6,-3)
names(aics) = c("poly1", "poly2", "hill")
nestselect(aics, "poly1", "poly2", 1)
```

```
aics = c(-5,-7,-3)
names(aics) = c("poly1", "poly2", "hill")
nestselect(aics, "poly1", "poly2", 1)
```

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plot_allcurves	<i>Plot All Curves Fit with tcplfit2_core - ggplot2</i>
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**Description**

This function takes output from ‘tcplfit2\_core’ and generates a basic plot of the observed concentration-response data with all resulting curve fits. A ‘ggplot’ object, which users may customize with additional ‘ggplot’ layers, is returned.

**Usage**

```
plot_allcurves(modelfits, conc, resp, log_conc = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

modelfits	Output from 'tcplfit2_core', contains resulting fits for all models used to evaluate the observed concentration-response data.
conc	Vector of concentrations (NOT in log units).
resp	Vector of responses.
log_conc	Logical argument. If 'TRUE', convert the concentrations (x-axis) into log-10 scale. Defaults to 'FALSE'.

**Value**

A 'ggplot' object of the observed concentration-response data and all resulting curve fits from 'tcplfit2\_core'. (Note: The constant model is not included, and only the successful fits will be displayed.)

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poly1

*Polynomial 1 Model*

---

**Description**

$$f(x) = a * x$$

**Usage**

```
poly1(ps, x)
```

**Arguments**

ps	Vector of parameters: a,er
x	Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
poly1(1,1)
```

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poly2

*Polynomial 2 Model*

---

**Description**

$$f(x) = a * \left( \frac{x}{b} + \frac{x^2}{b^2} \right)$$

**Usage**

poly2(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: a,b,er  
x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

poly2(c(1,2),1)

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poly2bmds

*Polynomial 2 Model (BMDS)*

---

**Description**

$$f(x) = b1 * x + b2 * x^2$$

**Usage**

poly2bmds(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: b1,b2,er  
x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

```
poly2bnds(c(1,2),1)
```

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post_hit_AUC	<i>Calculate Area Under the Curve After Hit-calling</i>
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**Description**

Function that calculates the area under the curve (AUC) after hit-calling.

**Usage**

```
post_hit_AUC(hit_results, return.abs = FALSE, use.log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

hit_results	output from 'tcplhit2_core'.
return.abs	Logical argument, if TRUE, returns the absolute value of the AUC. Defaults to FALSE.
use.log	Logical argument, defaults to FALSE. By default, the function estimates AUC with concentrations in normal unit. If set to TRUE, will use concentration in log10-scale for estimating AUC.

**Details**

This function calculates the area under the curve (AUC) for the winning model selected during hit-calling. Wrapper function for 'get\_AUC'. Designed to take the one-row output from 'tcplhit2\_core', parse the model details, and pass these values to 'get\_AUC' to estimate the AUC for the winning model.

**Value**

AUC value of the winning model (numeric)

**See Also**

get\_AUC

**Examples**

```
conc <- c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp <- c(0, .2, .1, .4, .7, .9, .6, 1.2)
params <- tcplfit2_core(conc, resp, .8)
output <- tcplhit2_core(params, conc, resp, 0.8, 0.5)
post_hit_AUC(output)
```

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pow

*Power Model*

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**Description**

$$f(x) = a * x^p$$

**Usage**

pow(ps, x)

**Arguments**

ps                    Vector of parameters: a,p,er  
x                     Vector of concentrations (regular units)

**Value**

Vector of model responses

**Examples**

pow(c(1,2),1)

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signatures

*Sample concentration-response data set from HTTR*

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**Description**

A data set containing 6 of the active transcriptional signatures after perturbation of MCF7 cells with Clomiphene citrate (1:1).

**Usage**

signatures

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 6 rows and 8 columns.

## Details

A data frame with 6 rows and 8 variables:

- sample\_id - experimental sample ID
- dtxsid - DSSTox generic substance ID
- name - chemical name
- signature - transcriptional signature name
- cutoff - the 95% confidence interval from the baseline response (2 lowest concentrations)
- onsd - one standard deviation of the baseline response
- conc - experimental concentrations, micromolar (uM)
- resp - transcriptional signature response for each experimental concentrations, ssGSEA score

## Source

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## References

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tcplfit2\_core

*Concentration-response curve fitting*

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## Description

Concentration response curve fitting using the methods from BMDEExpress

## Usage

```
tcplfit2_core(  
  conc,  
  resp,  
  cutoff,  
  force.fit = FALSE,  
  bidirectional = TRUE,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  do.plot = FALSE,  
  fitmodels = c("cnst", "hill", "gnls", "poly1", "poly2", "pow", "exp2", "exp3", "exp4",  
    "exp5"),  
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE,  
  errfun = "dt4",  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

conc	Vector of concentrations (NOT in log units).
resp	Vector of responses.
cutoff	Desired cutoff. If no absolute responses > cutoff and force.fit = FALSE, will only fit constant model.
force.fit	If force.fit = TRUE, will fit all models regardless of cutoff.
bidirectional	If bidirectional = FALSE, will only give positive fits.
verbose	If verbose = TRUE, will print optimization details and aics.
do.plot	If do.plot = TRUE, will generate a plot comparing model curves.
fitmodels	Vector of model names to try fitting. Missing models still return a skeleton output filled with NAs.
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, allows for biphasic polynomial 2 model fits (i.e. both monotonic and non-monotonic). (Defaults to TRUE.)
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.
...	Other fitting parameters (deprecated).

**Details**

All models are equal to 0 at 0 concentration (zero background). To add more models in the future, write a fit\_\_\_\_\_ function, and add the model name to the fitmodels and modelnames vectors.

**Value**

List of N(models) elements, one for each of the models run (up to 10), followed by a element "modelnames", which is a vector of model names so other functions can easily cycle through the output, and then the last element "errfun", which indicates what distribution was used for error. For a full list, see the documentation for the individual fitting method functions. For each model there is a sublist with elements including:

- success - was the model successfully fit
- aic - the AIC value
- cov - success of the the covariance matrix calculation
- rme - root mean error of the data around the curve
- modl - vector of model values at the given concentrations
- tp - the top of the curve fit
- ga - the AC50 or Hill paramters
- er - the error term
- ... other paramters specific to the model (see the documentation for the specific models)
- tp\_sd, ga\_sd, p\_sd, etc., the values of the standard deviations of the paramters for the models
- er\_sd - standard deviation of the error term
- pars - the names of the parameters
- sds - the names of the standard deviations of the paramters



**Examples**

```

conc <- c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp <- c(0, .1, 0, .2, .6, .9, 1.1, 1)
output <- tcplfit2_core(conc, resp, .8,
  fitmodels = c("cnst", "hill"), verbose = TRUE,
  do.plot = TRUE
)

```

tcplhit2\_core

*Hitcalling Function***Description**

Core of hitcalling function. This method chooses the winning model from tcplfit2\_core, extracts the top and ac50, computes the hitcall, and calculates bmd/bmdl/bmdu among other statistics. Nested model selection is used to choose between poly1/poly2, then the model with the lowest AIC (or AICc) is declared the winner. Continuous hitcalls requires tcplfit2\_core to be run with force.fit = TRUE and "cnst" never to be chosen as the winner.

**Usage**

```

tcplhit2_core(
  params,
  conc,
  resp,
  cutoff,
  onesd,
  bmr_scale = 1.349,
  bmed = 0,
  conthits = TRUE,
  aicc = FALSE,
  identifiers = NULL,
  bmd_low_bnd = NULL,
  bmd_up_bnd = NULL,
  poly2.biphasic = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

params	The output from tcplfit2_core
conc	list of concentrations (not in log units)
resp	list of corresponding responses
cutoff	noise cutoff
onesd	1 standard deviation of the noise (for bmd calculation)
bmr_scale	bmr scaling factor. Default = 1.349

bmed	median of noise estimate. Default 0
conthits	conthits = TRUE uses continuous hitcalls, otherwise they're discrete. Default TRUE
aicc	aicc = TRUE uses corrected AIC to choose winning method; otherwise regular AIC. Default FALSE
identifiers	A one-row data frame containing identifiers of the concentration-response profile, such as the chemical name or other identifiers, and any assay identifiers. The column names identify the type of value. This can be NULL. The values will be included in the output summary data frame
bmd_low_bnd	Multiplier for bmd lower bound, must be between 0 and 1 (excluding 0). A value of 0.1 would require the bmd is no lower than a of 1/10th of the lowest tested concentration (i.e. lower threshold). If the bmd is less than the threshold, the bmd and its confidence interval will be censored and shifted right.
bmd_up_bnd	Multiplier for the bmd upper bound, must be greater than or equal to 1. A value of 10 would require the bmd is no larger than 10 times the highest tested concentration (i.e. upper threshold). If the bmd is greater than the threshold, the bmd and its confidence interval will be censored and shifted left.
poly2.biphasic	If poly2.biphasic = TRUE, allows for biphasic polynomial 2 model fits (i.e. both monotonic and non-monotonic). (Defaults to TRUE.)

### Value

A list of with the detailed results from all of the different model fits. The elements of summary are:

- any elements of the identifiers input
- n\_gt\_cutoff - number of data points above the cutoff
- cutoff - noise cutoff
- fit\_method - curve fit method
- top\_over\_cutoff - top divided by cutoff
- rmse - RMSE of the data points around the best model curve
- a - fitting parameter methods: exp2, exp3, poly1, poly2, pow
- b - fitting parameter methods: exp2, exp3, ploy2
- p - fitting parameter methods: exp3, exp5, gnls, hill, pow
- q - fitting parameter methods: gnls,
- tp - top of the curve
- ga - ac50 for the rising curve in a gnls model or the Hill model
- la - ac50 for the falling curve in a gnls model
- er - fitted error term for plotting error bars
- bmr - benchmark response; level at which bmd is calculated = onesd\*bmr\_scale default bmr\_scale is 1.349
- bmd - benchmark dose, curve value at bmr
- bmdl - lower limit on the bmd

- bmd - upper limit on the bmd
- caikwt - one factor used in calculating the continuous hitcall. It is calculated from the formula  $= \exp(-aic(cnst)/2) / (\exp(-aic(cnst)/2) + \exp(-aic(\text{fit\_method})/2))$  and measures how much lower the selected method AIC is than that for the constant model
- mll - another factor used in calculating the continuous hitcall  $= \text{length}(\text{modpars}) - aic(\text{fit\_method})/2$
- hitcall - the final hitcall, a value ranging from 0 to 1
- top - curve top
- ac50 - curve value at 50% of top, curve value at cutoff
- lc50 - curve value at 50% of top corresponding to the loss side of the gain-loss curve
- ac5 - curve value at 5% of top
- ac10 - curve value at 10% of top
- ac20 - curve value at 20% of top
- acc - curve value at cutoff
- ac1sd - curve value at 1 standard deviation
- conc - conc string separated by |'s
- resp - response string separated by |'s

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 tcp1Obj

*Concentration Response Objective Function*


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### Description

Log-likelihood to be maximized during CR fitting.

### Usage

```
tcp1Obj(p, conc, resp, fname, errfun = "dt4", err = NULL)
```

### Arguments

p	Vector of parameters, must be in order: a, tp, b, ga, p, la, q, er. Does not require names.
conc	Vector of concentrations in log10 units for loghill/loggnls, in regular units otherwise.
resp	Vector of corresponding responses.
fname	Name of model function.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.
err	An optional estimation of error for the given fit.

**Details**

This function is a generalized version of the log-likelihood estimation functions used in the ToxCast Pipeline (TCPL). Hill model uses fname "loghill" and gnls uses fname "loggnls". Other model functions have the same fname as their model name; i.e. exp2 uses "exp2", etc. errfun = "dnorm" may be better suited to gsva pathway scores than "dt4". Setting err could be used to fix error based on the null data noise distribution instead of fitting the error when maximizing log-likelihood.

**Value**

Log-likelihood.

**Examples**

```
conc = c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)
resp = c(0, 0, .1, .2, .5, 1, 1.5, 2)
p = c(tp = 2, ga = 3, p = 4, er = .5)
tcplobj(p, conc, resp, "exp5")

lconc = log10(conc)
tcplobj(p, lconc, resp, "loghill")
```

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topllikelihood

*Top Likelihood*


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**Description**

Probability of top being above cutoff.

**Usage**

```
topllikelihood(fname, cutoff, conc, resp, ps, top, mll, errfun = "dt4")
```

**Arguments**

fname	Model function name (equal to model name except hill which uses "hillfn")
cutoff	Desired cutoff.
conc	Vector of concentrations.
resp	Vector of responses.
ps	Vector of parameters, must be in order: a, tp, b, ga, p, la, q, er
top	Model top.
mll	Winning model maximum log-likelihood.
errfun	Which error distribution to assume for each point, defaults to "dt4". "dt4" is the original 4 degrees of freedom t-distribution. Another supported distribution is "dnorm", the normal distribution.

**Details**

Should only be called by hitcontinner. Uses profile likelihood, similar to bmdbounds. Here, the y-scale type parameter is substituted in such a way that the top equals the cutoff. Then the log-likelihood is compared to the maximum log-likelihood using chisq function to retrieve probability.

**Value**

Probability of top being above cutoff.

**Examples**

```
fname = "hillfn"  
conc = c(.03, .1, .3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100)  
resp = c(0, .1, 0, .2, .6, .9, 1.1, 1)  
ps = c(1.033239, 2.453014, 1.592714, er = -3.295307)  
top = 1.023239  
mll = 12.71495  
toplikelihood(fname, cutoff = .8, conc, resp, ps, top, mll)  
toplikelihood(fname, cutoff = 1, conc, resp, ps, top, mll)  
toplikelihood(fname, cutoff = 1.2, conc, resp, ps, top, mll)
```

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