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# Appendices

## Curriculum vitae

Yuchen Guo (1997, Shaanxi, China) began her academic journey in 2015, enrolling in a Bachelor of Science program in Pharmaceutical Science and a Bachelor of Economics program at Peking University, China. In 2019, she completed dual Bachelor's degrees in Science and Economics. Following her undergraduate studies, Yuchen pursued a Master of Science in Pharmacometrics at Peking University under the supervision of Prof. Tianyan Zhou. During her Master's, she focused on anticancer drug development, integrating experimental PK/PD studies with population PK and translational PK/PD modeling. She earned her Master's degree in 2021. In December 2021, Yuchen relocated to the Netherlands to begin her Ph.D. at the Leiden Academic Centre for Drug Research (LACDR), under the guidance of Prof. Coen van Hasselt, Dr. Laura Zwep, and Dr. Tingjie Guo. Her doctoral research focused on generalizing virtual patient populations using copulas and optimizing antibiotic dosing through PK/PD modeling. Yuchen presented her PhD work at multiple symposia and conferences, including an oral presentation at the ACOP (2025), and received awards such as the best poster prize at the LACDR Symposium (2022, 2025) and the best oral presentation award at the Channel Network Conference (2023). She also received travel grants from the Douwe D. Breimer Research Fund (2025), the Leiden University Fund (2025), and Erasmus+ (2024). Since May 2026, Yuchen is a scientist working in the PKPD & PBPK department at Novo Nordisk in Denmark.

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