

Use of Co worker Data in Dose Reconstruction

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Reasons for Using Co worker Data

- **Worker was unmonitored and potentially exposed**
- **Worker was monitored but:**
 - **Data was lost or destroyed**
 - **Monitoring methods were not reliable**
- **Available data insufficient to complete a dose reconstruction**

Sources of Co worker Data

- Covered facility databases
- ORAU Center for Epidemiologic Research
- Comprehensive epidemiologic data resource (CEDR)
- Claimant data

General Approach to Co worker Evaluation

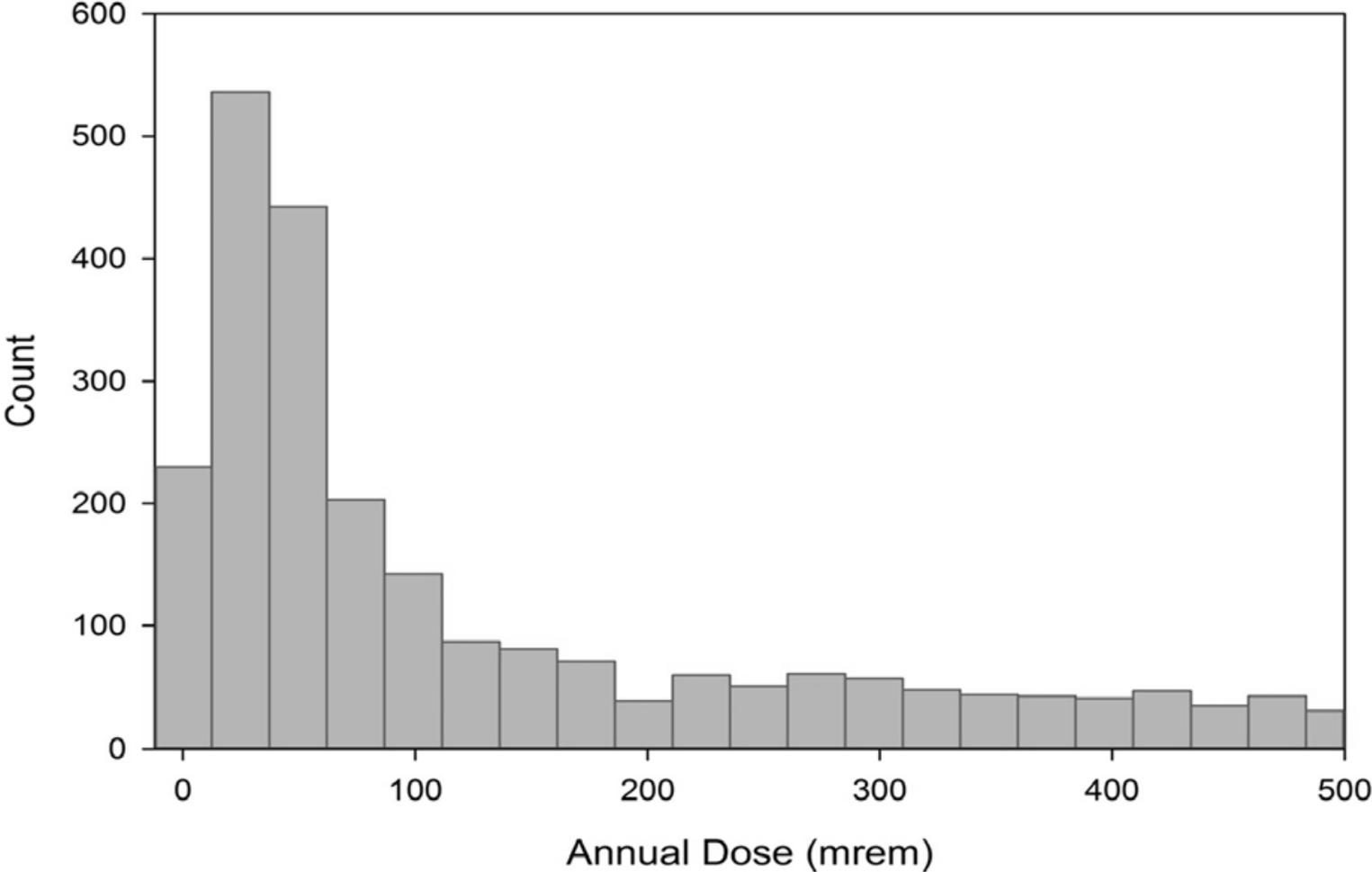
- **Evaluate available data for monitored population**
 - **Conduct data pedigree review**
 - **Determine if measurement method is reliable**
 - **Establish that the monitored population is representative of the workforce**
- **Statistical approach described in ORAUT-PROC-0095**

General Approach to Co worker Evaluation—cont.

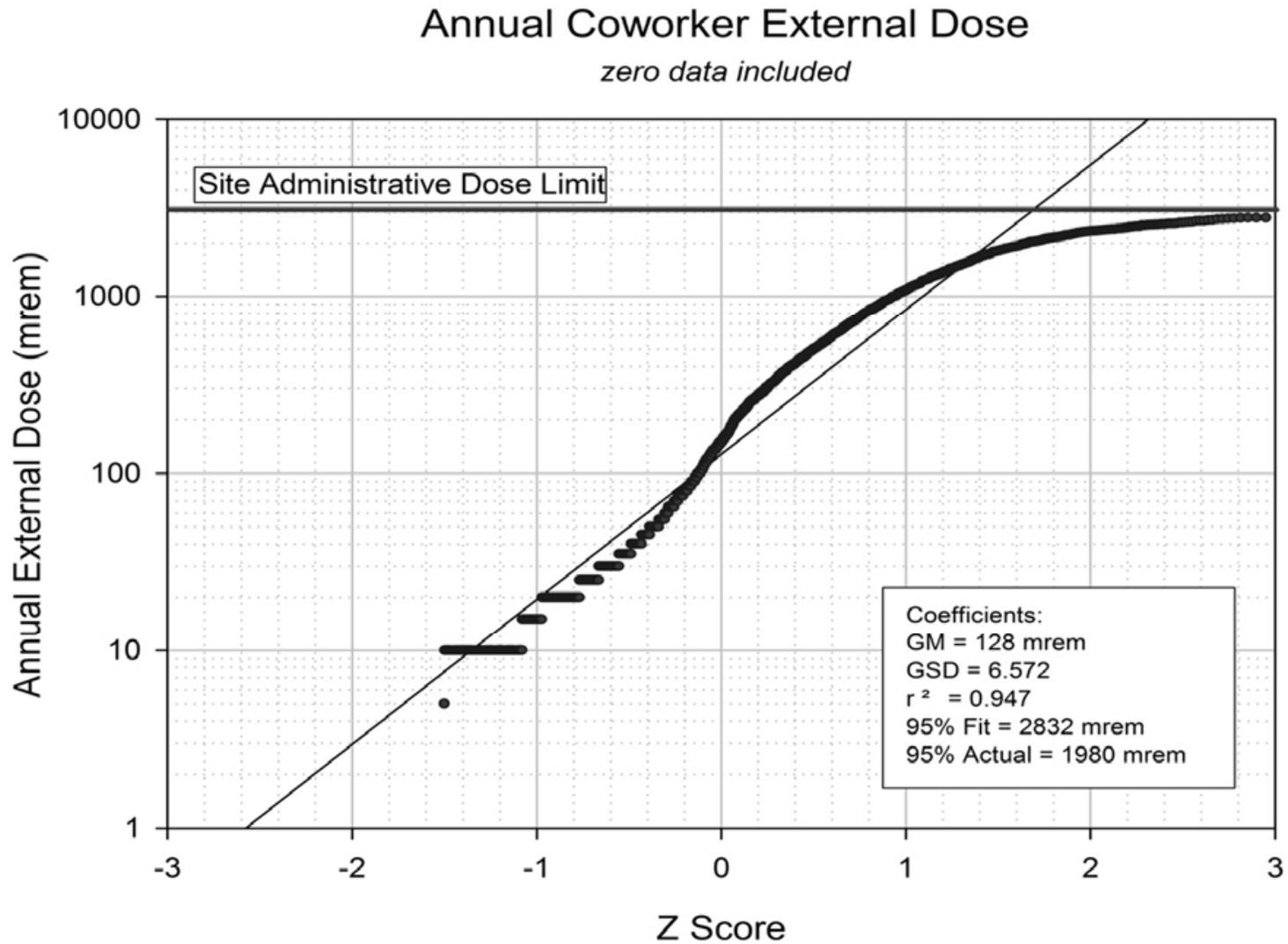
- **Review data to determine if appropriate statistical distributions can be generated**
 - Fit data to lognormal distributions
 - Group data as appropriate
 - Generate summary statistics and evaluate fit
- **External co worker models more straight forward than internal models**

Example External Co worker Distribution

External Dose Distribution
with zero data



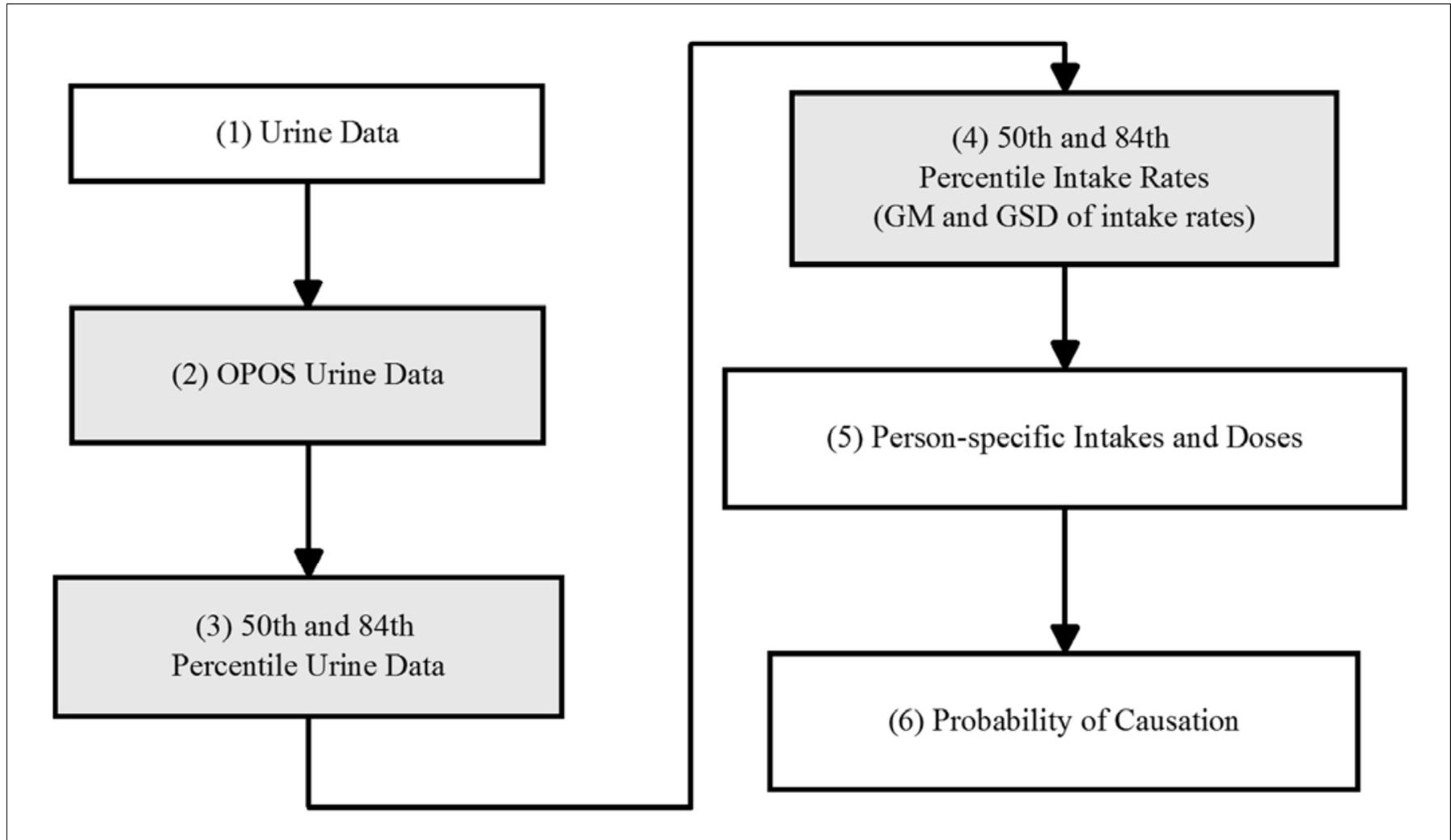
Example External Co-worker Data Plot



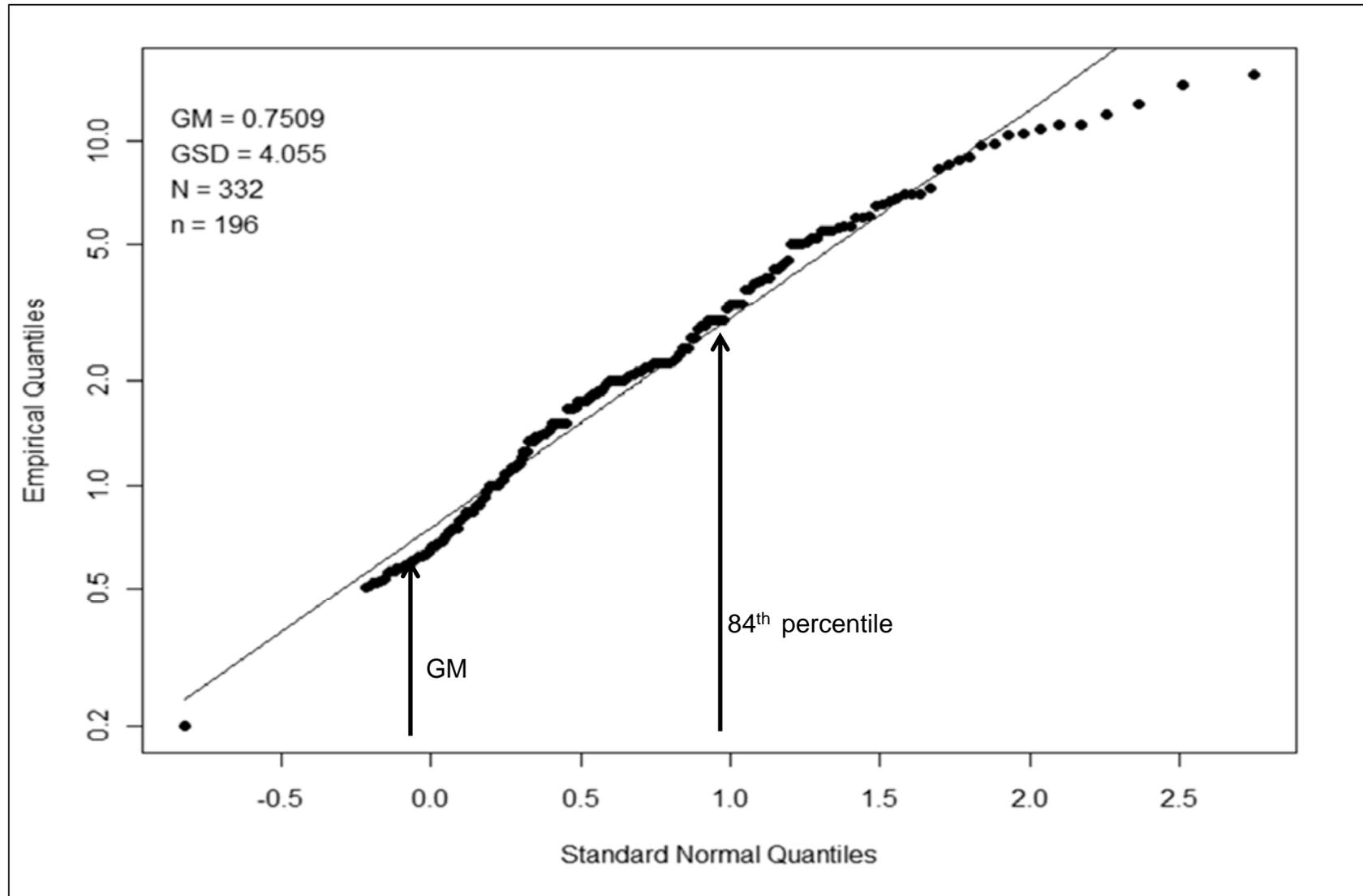
Complications of Internal Co-worker Modeling

- **Often multiple bioassay results per monitoring period**
 - Possible correlation of data
- **Raw data must be converted to intake and dose**
- **Exposure pattern must be presumed**
 - Accute, Chronic, mixed?

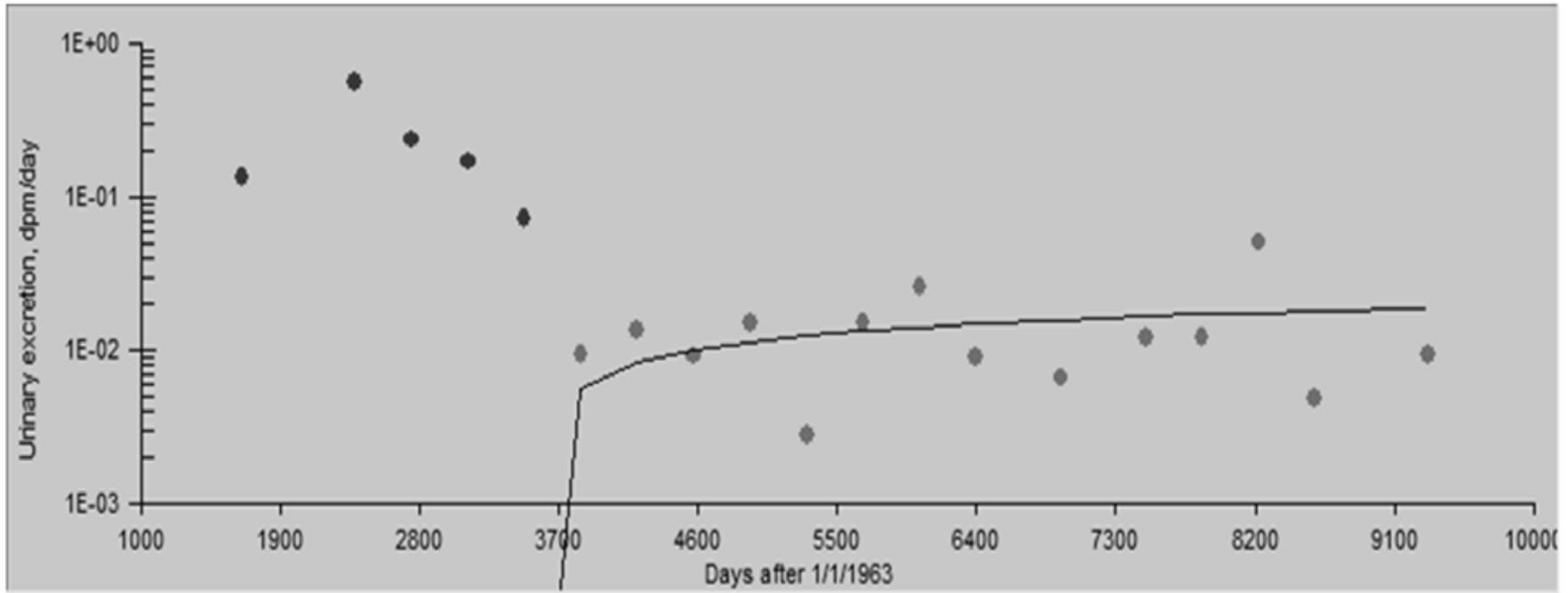
Summary of Internal Co-worker Model Calculations



Example Bioassay Distribution for a Single Year



Example Fit of Bioassay Data to Chronic Intake Scenario Over Multiple Years



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Regression of median excretion rate on chronic Intake Retention Function

Co-worker Application

- Based on potential for exposure an unmonitored worker would receive either:
 - The full intake distribution (i.e., the 50th percentile and the Geometric Standard Deviation (GSD) as input parameters or;
 - The 95th percentile of the distribution input as a constant
- Each situation is evaluated on a site and case-specific basis
- Approach to evaluation of data stratification described in ORAUT-RPRT-0053
 - Introduces concept of one person one sample (OPOS)

One Person One Sample

- **Minimizes issues related to correlated data**
- **Uses the Maximum Possible Mean (MPM) approach**
 - **Using MPM, censored data are taken to be a positive measurement, i.e., $<0.05 \text{ dpm} = 0.05 \text{ dpm}$**

Example A: 10, 3, 5, 6
Mean = $24/4 = 6$ (report as 6)

Example B: 10, <3 , <5 , 6
Maximum Mean = $24/4 = 6$ (report as 6)

Example C: <10 , <3 , <5 , <6
Maximum Mean = $24/4 = 6$ (report as <6)

Data Stratification

- **Monitored population is really a conglomerate of a number of subgroups**
- **Single distribution can be applied to unmonitored workers if:**
 - **Highest exposed workers were monitored or**
 - **Representative sampling of the exposed workers was conducted**
- **If stratification suspected, can be statistically evaluated**
 - **Monte Carlo Permutation Test**
 - **Peto-Prentice Test**
 - **Must consider the effect of multiple comparisons**

Monte Carlo Permutation Test

- ***Assumptions:***
 - Data can be described by a lognormal distribution
 - Data is not heavily censored

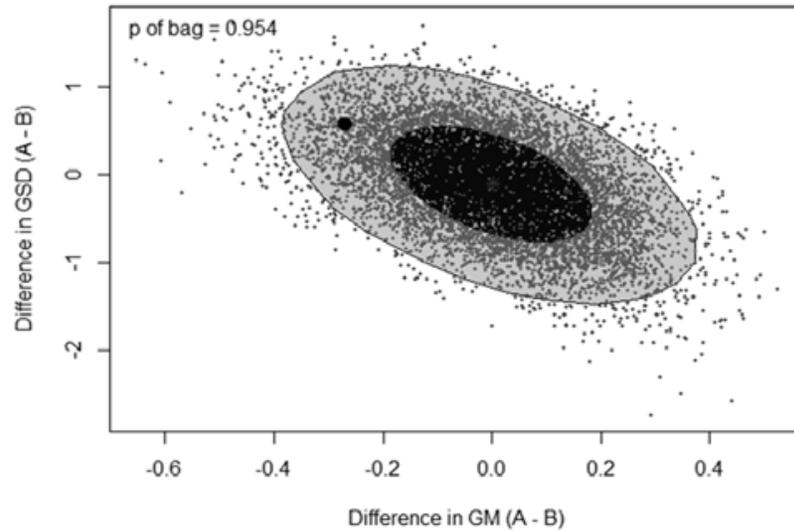
- **Stratify data using an *a priori* criterion**
 - Construction workers vs. non-Construction workers
 - Area 100 workers vs. Area 200 workers

- **For each strata calculate the Geometric mean (GM) and Geometric Standard Deviation (GSD)**

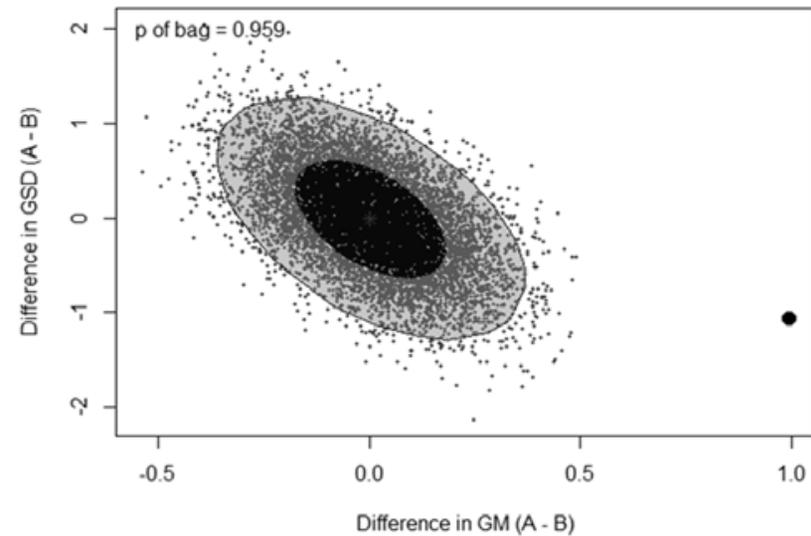
Monte Carlo Permutation Test—cont.

- **Calculate the difference in the GM and GSD between strata**
 - These differences comprise one data point with (x,y) coordinates
- **Random Sample**
 - Combine all data and randomly pull samples without replacement equal to the size of one strata
 - Calculate GM and GSD of each random strata
 - Calculate and plot the difference in GM and GSD
 - Repeat 10,000 times

Monte Carlo Permutation Test—cont.



Not significantly different



Significantly different

Monte Carlo Permutation Test—cont.

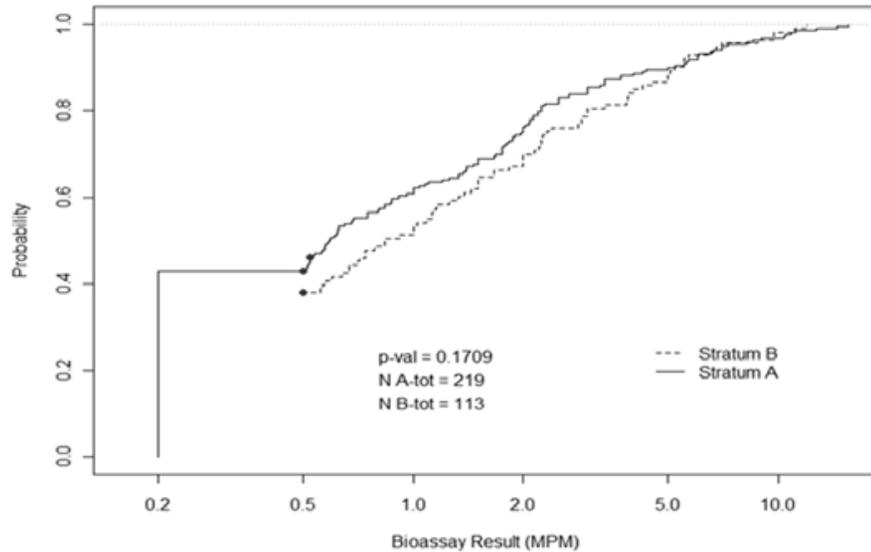
- **Benefits**
 - Can easily compare whether different size strata are significantly different
- **Limitations**
 - Requires some *a priori* decision on distribution
 - Doesn't work if data set is heavily censored
 - Too many random pulls of zero
 - Peto-Prentice Test is more appropriate

Peto-Prentice Test

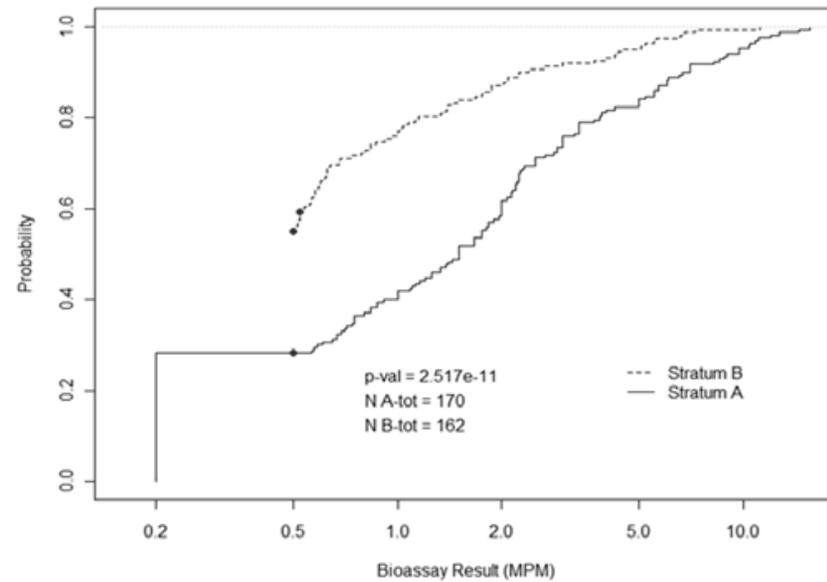
- **Advantages**
 - **Non-parametric – i.e. no *a priori* distribution assumption**
 - **Can handle censored data sets**
 - **Can compare whether different size strata are significantly different (p-value)**

- **For cases where both the Monte Carlo and Peto-Prentice are applicable, they typically lead to the same conclusion**

Peto-Prentice Test—cont.



Not significantly different



Significantly different

Summary

- **Co-worker models can be used to reconstruct doses to unmonitored workers if:**
 - Highest exposed workers were monitored or;
 - Representative sampling of the exposed workers was conducted
- **Data must be carefully reviewed for applicability**
 - Data quality and representativeness
 - Potential for stratification
- **One person one sample approach is useful in normalizing data**
- **Stratification can be evaluated using standard statistical tests**