

SOFTWARE SURVEY SECTION

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Software package BP-011-S86

RSTRIP

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Brief description: RSTRIP is an integrated program for polyexponential curve stripping and parameter optimization, a central application in pharmacokinetic analysis and radiologic health. RSTRIP employs new algorithms that yield fast execution times on microcomputers, and turnaround times similar to those of mainframe software for this type of problem. These algorithms employ several advanced features including an improved weighting scheme, maintenance of an internal data structure for storage of intermediate results (avoiding recalculation of common functions during recursive stripping), restriction of partitioning to those combinations of points most likely to include the optimum partitioning, and an improved technique for least squares refinement. General features include the ability to store and retrieve plots and data sets from disk media, and display file directories and subdirectories within a movable window. RSTRIP output includes a comprehensive summary of statistics related to the analysis, and graphic output is available using a built-in interactive graphics system that allows the scientist to produce publication quality plots. The user can annotate plots with captions, arrows, or curve labels or blow up certain portions of the image, then send the plot to a digital plotter or dot matrix printer for hardcopy output; laser printer capability is currently being developed. The graphics system uses a vector based representation which results in plot resolution limited only by the output device.

Potential users: Scientists, clinicians, technicians.

Fields of interest: Pharmacokinetics, radiologic health.

- § This application program in the area of pharmacokinetics has been developed for IBM PC and compatibles in Pascal to run under MS-DOS. It is available on 5-1/4", dual-sided, double-density floppy diskette. Required memory is 320K.
- § Distributed by MicroMath, Inc.
- § The minimum hardware configuration required is one disk drive, dot matrix printer or plotter. No user training is required. There is extensive external documentation (menu driven). Source code not available.
- § The package is fully operational. It has been in use at several sites for approximately 4 years (Apple version). The contributor is available for user inquiries.

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SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION FORMTitle of software package: _____

_____It is: ☐ Application program ☐ Utility ☐ Other _____

Specific area _____ (e.g. Thermodynamics, Inventory Control)

Software developed for [name of computer(s)] _____

in [language(s)] _____

to run under [operating system] _____

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Minimum hardware configuration required: _____

Required memory: _____ User training required: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDocumentation: ☐ None ☐ Minimal ☐ Self-documenting
☐ Extensive external documentationSource code available: ☐ Yes ☐ NoLevel of development: ☐ Design complete ☐ Coding complete
☐ Fully operational ☐ Collaboration would be welcomedIs software being used currently? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how long? _____ If yes, how many sites? _____Contributor is available for user inquiries: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Description of what software does [200 words]:

Potential users: _____

Fields of interest: _____

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