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combine_metrics	<i>Combine evaluation metrics across multiple models</i>
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## Description

Combines model performance metrics from multiple externally evaluated models into a single data frame and identifies the top-performing models according to a selected metric and ranking criterion.

## Usage

```
combine_metrics(
  models,
  metric = "MAIPE",
  top_n = 2,
  occ_eval = 2,
  rank_criteria = "min"
)
```

## Arguments

models	A list of model evaluation results. Each element must be a named list containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• model_name: Character string identifying the model.</li> <li>• metrics_list: Output object containing metrics_means, typically generated by <code>metrics_occ()</code>.</li> </ul>
metric	Character string specifying the metric used for ranking models (e.g., "MAIPE", "IF20", "IF30", "rBIAS").
top_n	Integer. Number of top-performing models to retain.
occ_eval	Numeric or character value specifying the evaluation occasion (OCC) used for ranking. Default is 2.
rank_criteria	Character string specifying the ranking rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "min": selects models with the lowest metric values (e.g., MAIPE).</li> <li>• "max": selects models with the highest metric values (e.g., IF30).</li> <li>• "abs": selects models with the smallest absolute metric values (e.g., rBIAS).</li> </ul>

## Details

All models must have been evaluated using the same external evaluation strategy (`eval_type`), otherwise the function stops with an error.

Top-performing models are identified internally according to the selected metric and ranking criterion.

## Value

A named list containing:

**cmetrics** Combined data frame containing metrics for all input models, with an additional `Model` column.

**topmodelspd** Data frame containing the top-performing models according to the selected ranking criteria.

## See Also

[metrics\\_occ\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Fake metrics
generate_fake_metrics <- function(n_occasions = 3) {
  data.frame(
    OCC = rep(1:n_occasions), # Simula varias ocasiones
    rBIAS = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = 0, sd = 10),
    rBIAS_lower = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = -5, sd = 5),
    rBIAS_upper = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = 5, sd = 5),
    MAIPE = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 10, max = 50),
    IF20 = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 20, max = 80),
    IF30 = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 30, max = 90)
  )
}

simulation1 <- list(metrics_means = generate_fake_metrics())
simulation2 <- list(metrics_means = generate_fake_metrics())
# List of models
models_list <- list(
  list(model_name = "Test_Model1", metrics_list = simulation1),
  list(model_name = "Test_Model2", metrics_list = simulation2)
)

combined_results <- combine_metrics(models_list)
print(combined_results)
```

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combine\_metric\_plot *Plot combined model performance metrics*

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### Description

Generates comparative visualizations of evaluation metrics across multiple externally evaluated models combined with `combine_metrics()`.

### Usage

```
combine_metric_plot(  
  cmetrics,  
  type = c("bias_barplot", "MAIPE_barplot", "IF20_plot", "IF30_plot")  
)
```

### Arguments

cmetrics	Named list returned by <code>combine_metrics()</code> , containing combined model performance metrics.
type	Character string specifying the plot type to generate. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "bias_barplot": bar plot of relative bias (rBIAS) with confidence intervals.</li><li>• "MAIPE_barplot": bar plot of mean absolute individual prediction error (MAIPE).</li><li>• "IF20_plot": bar plot of IF20 values with reference threshold.</li><li>• "IF30_plot": bar plot of IF30 values with reference threshold.</li></ul>

### Details

This function is intended for model comparison workflows, allowing visual inspection of predictive performance across evaluation occasions..

Metrics are displayed separately for each evaluation occasion (OCC) using faceted plots, enabling direct visual comparison between candidate models.

### Value

A ggplot2 object.

### See Also

`combine_metrics()`, `plot.EvalPPK()`

## Examples

```
# Fake metrics
generate_fake_metrics <- function(n_occasions = 3) {
  data.frame(
    OCC = rep(1:n_occasions), # Simula varias ocasiones
    rBIAS = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = 0, sd = 10),
    rBIAS_lower = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = -5, sd = 5),
    rBIAS_upper = stats::rnorm(n_occasions, mean = 5, sd = 5),
    MAIPE = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 10, max = 50),
    IF20 = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 20, max = 80),
    IF30 = stats::runif(n_occasions, min = 30, max = 90)
  )
}

simulation1 <- list(metrics_means = generate_fake_metrics())
simulation2 <- list(metrics_means = generate_fake_metrics())
# List of models
models_list <- list(
  list(model_name = "Test_Model1", metrics_list = simulation1),
  list(model_name = "Test_Model2", metrics_list = simulation2)
)
combined_results <- combine_metrics(models_list)

# plot results
combine_metric_plot(combined_results, type = 'bias_barplot')
```

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 exeval\_models

*Built-in population PK/PKPD models*


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## Description

Curated population pharmacokinetic (PK) and pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (PKPD) models included in the package for external evaluation workflows.

## Usage

```
exeval_models
```

## Format

A data frame with 6 variables:

**Label** Unique model identifier used to reference the model within the package.

**Drug** Drug associated with the model.

**Author** First author of the original publication.

**Year** Publication year.

**Ref** Reference title or citation for the original model publication.

**Model\_code** Model code stored as a character string in **mrgsolve** format.

## Details

These models can be used directly in `exeval_ppk()` by supplying the corresponding `Label` as the `model` argument.

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exeval\_ppk

*External evaluation workflow for population PK, PKPD models*

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## Description

Runs the complete external evaluation workflow for population pharmacokinetic (popPK) or pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (PKPD) models, including MAP estimation, posterior model updating, simulation, and prediction error metric calculation.

Prints a formatted representation of an `EvalPPK` object, including dataset characteristics, evaluation settings, and performance metrics.

Prints a formatted representation of a summary generated from an `EvalPPK` object, including metadata, applied summary settings, global performance metrics, fit distribution, and poorly fitted individuals.

Generates a structured summary of an `EvalPPK` object, including global performance metrics, fit quality classification, and identification of poorly fitted individuals.

Generates visualization plots for external evaluation results stored in an `EvalPPK` object, including prediction error metrics, fit quality distributions, and forecasting performance summaries.

## Usage

```
exeval_ppk(
  model,
  data,
  model_name = NULL,
  drug_name = NULL,
  tool = "mapbayr",
  check_compile = TRUE,
  num_occ = NULL,
  num_ids = NULL,
  sampling = TRUE,
  occ_ref = NULL,
  evaluation_type = c("sequential_updating", "stepwise_updating",
    "sequential_reference_updating", "backward_reference_updating"),
  method = c("L-BFGS-B", "newuoa"),
  assessment = c("a_priori", "Bayesian_forecasting", "Complete"),
  verbose = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'EvalPPK'
print(x, ...)
```

```

## S3 method for class 'summary.EvalPPK'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'EvalPPK'
summary(
  object,
  occ = NULL,
  by_occ = TRUE,
  poor_threshold = 50,
  top_n = 10,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'EvalPPK'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("bias_barplot", "bias_pointrange", "MAIPE_barplot", "bias_boxplot",
    "bias_violin", "bias_dotplot", "bias_density", "IF20_plot", "IF30_plot", "IF_plot",
    "error_plot", "fit_class", "fit_histogram"),
  occ = NULL,
  signed = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

model	<p>Population PK model provided as one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a character string containing <b>mrgsolve</b> model code,</li> <li>• a compiled <code>mrgsolve::mrgmod</code> object,</li> <li>• or a model label matching an entry in the internal <code>exeval_models</code> database.</li> </ul> <p>If model code is supplied as a character string, <code>model_name</code> must also be provided.</p>
data	Data frame containing the external evaluation dataset. Must include at least ID, OCC, and CMT. See <a href="#">prepare_data()</a> for expected input formatting.
model_name	Character string. Name used when compiling the model with <code>mrgsolve::mcode()</code> . Required only when <code>model</code> is provided as character code.
drug_name	Character string used for reporting purposes only.
tool	Character string specifying the estimation backend. Currently only "mapbayr" is supported.
check_compile	Logical. If TRUE, checks model compatibility with <b>mapbayr</b> before estimation.
num_occ	Integer. Maximum number of occasions to include in the evaluation. If NULL, all available occasions are used.
num_ids	Integer. Number of subjects to include. If NULL, all unique subjects are used.
sampling	Logical. If TRUE, subjects are randomly sampled when <code>num_ids</code> is specified. Otherwise, the first subjects are used.

occ_ref	Integer. Reference occasion used for "sequential_reference_updating" and "backward_reference_updating" evaluation strategies.
evaluation_type	Character string specifying the evaluation strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "sequential_updating": cumulative MAP updating across occasions.</li> <li>• "stepwise_updating": independent MAP estimation per occasion.</li> <li>• "sequential_reference_updating": cumulative MAP updating up to a reference occasion.</li> <li>• "backward_reference_updating": backward updating from a reference occasion.</li> </ul>
method	Character string specifying the optimization algorithm passed to <code>mapbayr::mapbayest()</code> . Supported options are "L-BFGS-B" and "newuoa".
assessment	Character string specifying the simulation strategy. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "a_priori": simulates predictions using the population model without individual posterior information.</li> <li>• "Bayesian_forecasting": simulates predictions using individualized posterior parameter estimates obtained from MAP estimation.</li> <li>• "Complete": performs both a priori and Bayesian forecasting simulations.</li> </ul>
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, progress messages are printed during execution.
x	An object of class <code>EvalPPK</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed to or from other methods.
object	An object of class <code>EvalPPK</code> .
occ	Optional numeric occasion (OCC) to filter the plot. If NULL (default), all available occasions are included.
by_occ	Logical. If TRUE, summaries are stratified by occasion (OCC). Cannot be used together with <code>occ</code> .
poor_threshold	Numeric threshold defining poor fit based on absolute individual prediction error ( $ IPE $ ). Default is 50.
top_n	Integer. Number of poorly fitted individuals to report. Default is 10.
type	Character string specifying the type of plot to generate. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "bias_barplot": bar plot of relative bias (rBIAS) with confidence intervals.</li> <li>• "bias_pointrange": point-range plot of relative bias (rBIAS) with confidence intervals.</li> <li>• "MAIPE_barplot": bar plot of mean absolute individual prediction error (MAIPE) by occasion.</li> <li>• "bias_boxplot": boxplot of individual prediction errors (IPE) by occasion.</li> <li>• "bias_violin": violin plot of individual prediction errors (IPE) by occasion.</li> <li>• "bias_dotplot": jittered dot plot of individual prediction errors (IPE) by occasion.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "bias_density": density plot of individual prediction errors across occasions.</li> <li>• "IF20_plot": bar plot of IF20 values with reference threshold.</li> <li>• "IF30_plot": bar plot of IF30 values with reference threshold.</li> <li>• "IF_plot": combined visualization of both IF20 and IF30.</li> <li>• "error_plot": stacked bar plot showing the proportion of observations within predefined prediction error categories.</li> <li>• "fit_class": bar plot showing the distribution of fit quality categories.</li> <li>• "fit_histogram": histogram of individual prediction error values.</li> </ul>
signed	Logical. Only used when type = "fit_histogram". If TRUE, signed individual prediction errors are plotted. If FALSE (default), absolute individual prediction errors are used.

## Details

This function serves as the main high-level interface for the **exeval** workflow.

This function executes the complete external evaluation workflow:

1. MAP estimation via `run_MAP_estimations()`
2. posterior model updating via `update_map_models()`
3. PK simulations via `run_pk_simulations()`
4. prediction error metric calculation via `metrics_occ()`

The returned object is an EvalPPK object containing all intermediate results and summary metadata. Summary outputs can be generated across all occasions, for a specific occasion, or stratified by occasion.

This method provides visualization tools for assessing predictive performance of external model evaluations, including bias, precision, forecasting success, and fit quality classification.

## Value

An object of class EvalPPK containing:

- metrics** Prediction error metrics returned by `metrics_occ()`.
- estimates** MAP estimation results returned by `run_MAP_estimations()`.
- updates** Posterior individualized models returned by `update_map_models()`.
- simulations** Simulation outputs returned by `run_pk_simulations()`.

Additional workflow metadata are stored as object attributes.

An object of class `summary.EvalPPK` containing:

- metadata** Evaluation metadata inherited from the original EvalPPK object.
- global\_metrics** Summary performance metrics across all observations or stratified by occasion.
- fit\_distribution** Distribution of fit quality categories based on absolute prediction error.
- poor\_fit\_ids** Table of individuals exceeding the selected poor-fit threshold.

A ggplot2 object, except for "IF\_plot", which returns a combined plot object generated with **ggpubr**.

**See Also**

[run\\_MAP\\_estimations\(\)](#), [update\\_map\\_models\(\)](#), [run\\_pk\\_simulations\(\)](#), [metrics\\_occ\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("tacrolimus_pk1_kidney", package = "exeval")
data("model_tacHAN2011", package = "exeval")

dd <- tacrolimus_pk1_kidney |> subset(ID < 6)

res <- exeval_ppk(model="TAC_Han2011",
                 data = dd,
                 evaluation_type= "sequential_updating",
                 assessment='Bayesian_forecasting' )

print(res) # Print the results
```

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metrics\_occ

*Compute external evaluation performance metrics*

---

**Description**

Computes predictive performance metrics from simulation outputs generated during external model evaluation.

**Usage**

```
metrics_occ(
  simulations,
  assessment = c("a_priori", "Bayesian_forecasting", "Complete"),
  tool = "mapbayr",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

simulations	Named list returned by <a href="#">run_pk_simulations()</a> containing simulation outputs and treatment/event data.
assessment	Character string specifying the prediction strategy used to generate the simulations. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"a_priori": evaluates predictions generated from the population model.</li> <li>"Bayesian_forecasting": evaluates predictions generated from individualized posterior models.</li> <li>"Complete": evaluates both a priori and Bayesian forecasting predictions.</li> </ul>
tool	Character string specifying the simulation backend. Currently only "mapbayr" is supported
...	Additional arguments (currently unused).

## Details

This function compares simulated predictions with observed concentrations and calculates individual- and occasion-level prediction error metrics.

Individual predictions are matched with observed concentrations using subject identifier (ID), occasion (OCC), and observation time (TIME).

The following metrics are calculated:

- IPE: individual prediction error (%)
- APE: absolute prediction error (%)
- rRMSE: relative root mean squared error (%)
- rBIAS: relative bias (%)
- MAIPE: mean absolute individual prediction error (%)
- IF20: percentage of predictions within 20\
- IF30: percentage of predictions within 30\

Individual observations are additionally classified into fit quality categories (Excellent, Acceptable, Poor, Very Poor) based on absolute prediction error.

## Value

A named list containing:

**metrics** Data frame containing individual prediction errors and fit classifications for each subject, occasion, and observation time.

**metrics\_means** Data frame containing summary performance metrics aggregated by occasion.

## See Also

[run\\_pk\\_simulations\(\)](#), [plot.EvalPPK\(\)](#), [summary.EvalPPK\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
data("exeval_models", package = "exeval")
data("tacrolimus_pk1_kidney", package = "exeval")

dd <- tacrolimus_pk1_kidney |> subset(ID < 6)

fit <- run_MAP_estimations(
  model = exeval_models$Model_code[[2]],
  model_name = "TAC_Zuo2013",
  data = dd,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)

post <- update_map_models(
  map_results = fit,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)
```

```
sim <- run_pk_simulations(  
  individual_model = post,  
  map_results = fit,  
  assessment = "Complete"  
)  
  
mm <- metrics_occ(  
  simulations = sim,  
  assessment = "Complete"  
)
```

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prepare\_data

*Prepare input data for exeval*

---

### Description

Renames user-defined dataset columns to the standardized naming convention used internally by **exeval**.

### Usage

```
prepare_data(  
  data,  
  name_id = NULL,  
  name_time = NULL,  
  name_occ = NULL,  
  name_date = NULL,  
  name_cmt = NULL,  
  name_dv = NULL,  
  name_mdv = NULL,  
  name_amt = NULL,  
  name_evid = NULL,  
  name_ss = NULL,  
  name_dur = NULL,  
  name_lag = NULL,  
  name_rate = NULL,  
  name_ii = NULL,  
  name_addl = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

data	A data frame containing the input dataset.
name_id	Character. Name of the column containing subject IDs.
name_time	Character string. Name of the sampling or event time column.

name_occ	Optional character. Name of the occasion column.
name_date	Optional character. Name of the date column.
name_cmt	Optional character. Name of the compartment column.
name_dv	Optional character string. Name of the dependent variable (observed concentration/response) column.
name_mdv	Optional character string. Name of the missing dependent variable indicator column.
name_amt	Optional character. Name of the dose amount column.
name_evid	Optional character. Name of the event ID column.
name_ss	Optional character string. Name of the steady-state indicator column.
name_dur	Optional character string. Name of the infusion duration column.
name_lag	Optional character string. Name of the lag time column.
name_rate	Optional character string. Name of the infusion rate column.
name_ii	Optional character string. Name of the interdose interval column.
name_addl	Optional character string. Name of the additional doses column.

### Details

This helper function allows external datasets with arbitrary column names to be reformatted for compatibility with the external evaluation workflow.

At minimum, ID and TIME mappings must be provided.

Additional columns can be optionally mapped depending on the analysis workflow and model requirements.

### Value

A data frame with standardized column names compatible with **exeval**.

### See Also

[exeval\\_ppk\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
df <- data.frame(  
  patient = c(1, 1, 2),  
  time = c(0, 12, 24),  
  conc = c(NA, 8.4, 6.1),  
  visit = c(1, 1, 2)  
)
```

```
df_std <- prepare_data(  
  data = df,  
  name_id = "patient",  
  name_time = "time",  
  name_dv = "conc",
```

```

    name_occ = "visit"
  )

  head(df_std)

```

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run\_MAP\_estimations     *Run MAP Bayesian Estimation for External Model Evaluation*

---

## Description

Performs Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Bayesian estimation using **mapbayr** for external evaluation of pharmacokinetic models across multiple dosing occasions.

## Usage

```

run_MAP_estimations(
  model,
  model_name = NULL,
  tool = "mapbayr",
  check_compile = TRUE,
  data,
  num_occ = NULL,
  num_ids = NULL,
  sampling = TRUE,
  occ_ref = NULL,
  evaluation_type = c("sequential_updating", "stepwise_updating",
    "sequential_reference_updating", "backward_reference_updating"),
  method = c("L-BFGS-B", "newuoa")
)

```

## Arguments

model	Population PK model, provided either as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A character string containing the pharmacokinetic model code written in mrgsolve format.</li> <li>• A pre-compiled mrgmod object (S3 class from mrgsolve).</li> </ul> If a character string is provided, model_name must also be specified.
model_name	Character string. Name used when compiling the model with mrgsolve::mcode(). Required only when model is provided as character model code.
tool	Character string. Estimation engine to use. Currently only "mapbayr" is supported.
check_compile	Logical. If TRUE, validates model compatibility with <b>mapbayr</b> before estimation.
data	Data frame containing external evaluation data. Must include at least ID, OCC, and CMT. See <a href="#">prepare_data()</a> for expected formatting and preprocessing.

num_occ	Integer. Maximum number of occasions to include in the analysis. If NULL, all available occasions in the data are used.
num_ids	Integer. Number of subjects to include. If NULL, all unique subjects are used.
sampling	Logical. If TRUE, subjects are randomly sampled when num_ids is specified. Otherwise, the first num_ids subjects are selected.
occ_ref	Integer. Reference occasion used for reference-based evaluation strategies. Required when evaluation_type is "sequential_reference_updating" or "backward_reference_updating" where MAP estimation is performed relative to this occasion.
evaluation_type	Character string specifying the evaluation strategy. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"sequential_updating": performs MAP estimation using all observations accumulated up to each occasion.</li> <li>"stepwise_updating": performs MAP estimation using observations from each occasion independently.</li> <li>"sequential_reference_updating": performs MAP estimation using cumulative observations up to the reference occasion defined by occ_ref.</li> <li>"backward_reference_updating": performs MAP estimation by sequentially moving backward from the reference occasion defined by occ_ref.</li> </ul>
method	Character string specifying the optimization algorithm passed to mapbayr::mapbayest() for MAP estimation. Supported options are "L-BFGS-B" and "newuoa".

## Details

The population model can be provided either as:

- a compiled mrgsolve::mrgmod object, or
- a character string containing **mrgsolve** model code.

When model code is supplied as a character string, the model is compiled internally using mrgsolve::mcode(). In this case, a model name must be provided via model\_name.

The evaluation strategy defines which observations are used to inform each MAP estimation:

- "sequential\_updating": cumulative observations up to each occasion (e.g., OCC1, OCC1+2, OCC1+2+3).
- "stepwise\_updating": observations from each occasion treated independently.
- "sequential\_reference\_updating": cumulative observations up to the reference occasion occ\_ref.
- "backward\_reference\_updating": sequential backward updating from occ\_ref.

## Value

A named list containing:

**data\_by\_occ** List of input datasets partitioned according to the selected evaluation strategy, where each element contains the observations used for a specific MAP estimation.

**treatments\_by\_occ** List of treatment/event datasets grouped by occasion and subject, used for posterior predictive simulations.

- apriori\_treatments** List of treatment/event datasets used for a priori predictive simulations.
- map\_estimations** List of MAP estimation objects returned by `mapbayr::mapbayest()` for each evaluation subset.
- eval\_type** Character string indicating the selected evaluation strategy.
- pop\_model** Compiled population model (`mrgmod`) used for estimation.

### See Also

[mapbayr::mapbayest\(\)](#), [mrgsolve::mcode\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
data("exeval_models", package = "exeval")
data("tacrolimus_pk1_kidney", package = "exeval")

dd <- tacrolimus_pk1_kidney |> subset(ID < 6)

fit <- run_MAP_estimations(
  model = exeval_models$Model_code[[2]],
  model_name = "TAC_Zuo2013",
  data = dd,
  evaluation_type = "sequential Updating"
)
```

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run\_pk\_simulations      *Run PK simulations for external model evaluation*

---

### Description

Simulates concentration-time profiles for external model evaluation using population predictions (a priori), individualized posterior predictions (Bayesian forecasting), or both, depending on the selected simulation strategy.

### Usage

```
run_pk_simulations(
  individual_model,
  map_results,
  assessment = c("a_priori", "Bayesian_forecasting", "Complete"),
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>individual_model</code>	Named list returned by <code>update_map_models()</code> containing individualized posterior models used for Bayesian forecasting. Required when assessment includes Bayesian forecasting.
<code>map_results</code>	Named list returned by <code>run_MAP_estimations()</code> containing treatment/event datasets, evaluation metadata, and the population model required for simulation.
<code>assessment</code>	Character string specifying the simulation strategy. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "a_priori": simulates concentration-time profiles using the population model only.</li><li>• "Bayesian_forecasting": simulates concentration-time profiles using individualized posterior models.</li><li>• "Complete": performs both a priori and Bayesian forecasting simulations.</li></ul>
<code>seed</code>	Optional integer used to set the random number generator seed for reproducible a priori simulations. If NULL (default), the current random number generator state is used.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. If TRUE, progress messages are printed during execution. If FALSE, simulation errors are returned as warnings..

## Details

This function performs pharmacokinetic simulations at the observation times available in the external evaluation dataset.

Depending on the selected assessment, simulations are performed using:

- the population model for a priori predictions,
- individualized posterior models for Bayesian forecasting,
- or both approaches for complete external evaluation.

This function represents the final simulation step in the external evaluation workflow following `run_MAP_estimations()` and, when posterior predictions are required, `update_map_models()`.

Reproducibility of stochastic a priori simulations can be controlled using the `seed` argument.

## Value

A named list containing:

**simulation\_results** List of simulated concentration-time profiles for each individual and evaluation occasion.

**ttoocc** Treatment/event datasets grouped by occasion and used as simulation inputs.

**eval\_type** Character string indicating the evaluation strategy inherited from `run_MAP_estimations()`.

**events\_tto** Event datasets used for each simulation.

**assessment** Character string indicating the selected simulation strategy.

**See Also**

[run\\_MAP\\_estimations\(\)](#), [update\\_map\\_models\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("exeval_models", package = "exeval")
data("tacrolimus_pk1_kidney", package = "exeval")

dd <- tacrolimus_pk1_kidney |> subset(ID < 6)

fit <- run_MAP_estimations(
  model = exeval_models$Model_code[[2]],
  model_name = "TAC_Zuo2013",
  data = dd,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)

post <- update_map_models(
  map_results = fit,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)

sim <- run_pk_simulations(
  individual_model = post,
  map_results = fit,
  assessment = "Complete",
  seed = 123
)
```

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tacrolimus\_pk1\_kidney *Tacrolimus pharmacokinetic data in kidney transplant patients*

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**Description**

Pharmacokinetic and clinical data from adult kidney transplant recipients treated with tacrolimus, used for population pharmacokinetic model development, external evaluation, and methodological package examples.

**Usage**

```
tacrolimus_pk1_kidney
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 739 rows and 30 variables:

**ID** Patient identifier

**OCC** Number of the occasion  
**DD** Tacrolimus daily dose (mg)  
**AMT** Dose amount (mg)  
**TIME** Sequential time (hours)  
**POD** Post-operative days  
**DV** Observed tacrolimus concentration (ng/mL)  
**EVID** Event identifier  
**CMT** Compartment identifier  
**MDV** Missing dependent variable flag  
**II** Dosing interval (hours)  
**SS** Steady-state indicator  
**Creatine** Creatinine (mg/dL)  
**SCR** Serum creatinine ( $\mu\text{mol}/L$ )  
**eGFR** Estimated glomerular filtration rate (mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)  
**ClCrea** Creatinine clearance (Cockcroft-Gault, mL/min)  
**AGE** Age (years)  
**SEX** Sex  
**WT** Body weight (kg)  
**HCT** Hematocrit  
**CYP3A5** CYP3A5 polymorphism  
**EXPRESSION** CYP3A5 expresser status  
**PDN\_DOSE** Prednisone dose (mg)  
**PDNXWT** Prednisone dose normalized by body weight (mg/kg)  
**Height** Height (cm)  
**Height..m.** Height (m)  
**BSA** Body surface area (m<sup>2</sup>)  
**BMIcalc** Body mass index (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)  
**LBW** Lean body weight (kg)  
**DMELITU** Diabetes mellitus indicator

### Details

This dataset corresponds to a Uruguayan kidney transplant cohort.

### Source

De-identified clinical dataset adapted for methodological research and package examples.

### References

Umpierrez M, et al. (2025). *Accelerating Tacrolimus Model-Informed Precision Dosing in Kidney Transplant Recipients: Model Evaluation and Refinement Strategies*.

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update_map_models	<i>Update MAP estimation objects with posterior individual parameters</i>
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## Description

Converts MAP estimation results obtained with `run_MAP_estimations()` into individualized posterior models using **mapbayr**. Depending on the selected evaluation strategy, posterior information is propagated across occasions to support posterior predictive simulations.

## Usage

```
update_map_models(  
  map_results,  
  evaluation_type = c("sequential_updating", "stepwise_updating",  
    "sequential_reference_updating", "backward_reference_updating")  
)
```

## Arguments

`map_results` Named list returned by `run_MAP_estimations()`. Must contain at least the elements `map_estimations` and `eval_type`.

`evaluation_type` Character string specifying the evaluation strategy. Must match the strategy used when generating `map_results`. Available options are:

- "sequential\_updating"
- "stepwise\_updating"
- "sequential\_reference\_updating"
- "backward\_reference\_updating"

## Details

This function applies `mapbayr::use_posterior()` to each MAP estimation object and returns a list of updated individual models that can be used for posterior predictive simulations.

The evaluation strategy must match the one originally used in `run_MAP_estimations()`.

This function applies `mapbayr::use_posterior()` to each MAP estimation object contained in `map_results`, generating individualized posterior models for subsequent simulation.

Posterior information is propagated across occasions according to the selected `evaluation_type`, which must match the strategy originally used in `run_MAP_estimations()`.

Posterior model objects are dynamically named following the pattern `a.posteriori_occX_Y`, where X and Y indicate the occasions linked by the posterior update.

The resulting objects are intended for use with `run_pk_simulations()`.

**Value**

A named list containing:

**ind\_model** List of posterior individualized model objects created using `mapbayr::use_posterior()`.

**eval\_type** Character string indicating the evaluation strategy used.

**Examples**

```
data("exeval_models", package = "exeval")
data("tacrolimus_pk1_kidney", package = "exeval")

dd <- tacrolimus_pk1_kidney |> subset(ID < 6)

fit <- run_MAP_estimations(
  model = exeval_models$Model_code[[2]],
  model_name = "TAC_Zuo2013",
  data = dd,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)

post <- update_map_models(
  map_results = fit,
  evaluation_type = "sequential_updating"
)
```

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