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The random walk particle tracking (RWPT) method has been used to obtain the well capture zone for both homogeneous and heterogeneous media and a sensitivity analysis is conducted to study the effect of governing parameters on the obtained capture zone. In addition, a comprehensive model has been built with a friendly User Graphical Interface (GUI) combining various groundwater transport modules which had been developed at the IHD during the last two decades. All results have been compared to original modules results to ensure that each submodule is working properly.

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Nomenclature

α_l	longitudinal dispersivity [L]
α_t	transverse dispersivity[L]
β	conservation factor using in bacterial lysing
λ	correlation length [L]
σ^2	log conductivity variance
μ	specific growth rate of bacteria [T^{-1}]
μ_{\max}	maximum specific growth rate of bacteria [T^{-1}]
θ	porosity of porous medium [1]
Δt	time step interval [T]
ba	bacteria in aqueous form
bs	bacteria sorbed on solid matrix
bDs	bacteria attached to immobile colloid particle
bDa	bacteria attached to mobile colloid particle
C	the dissolved substance concentration [ML^{-3}]
C_b	concentration of bacteria in the domain [ML^{-3}]
C_{ba}	mass concentration of bacteria in form ba [ML^{-3}]
C_{bs}	mass concentration of bacteria in form bs [ML^{-3}]
C_{bDa}	mass concentration of bacterial cells which attached to mobile colloid [ML^{-3}]
C_{bDs}	mass concentration of bacterial cells which attached to immobile colloid [ML^{-3}]