

Statistical study of backpain

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2 Exploring Raw data

2.1 Biomarker data

Table 1: Biomarker raw data

Biomarker	IL-8	VEGF-A	OPG	TGF-beta-1	IL-6	CXCL9	CXCL1	IL-18	CSF-1
126-0weeks	7.63	11.51	10.20	8.83	3.52	6.16	9.45	7.91	8.41
126-6weeks	7.12	11.59	10.41	8.87	3.89	6.12	9.06	7.92	8.39
127-0weeks	6.93	10.92	10.30	6.59	2.73	6.14	7.31	7.95	8.40
127-6weeks	7.16	11.58	10.39	8.61	2.60	6.35	8.61	7.94	8.51
127-12months	6.87	11.13	10.25	7.44	3.92	6.15	8.79	7.94	8.46

Table 2: NAs in Biomarker raw data

	Number.of.NA
Biomarker	4
IL-8	3
VEGF-A	4
OPG	4
TGF-beta-1	4
IL-6	4
CXCL9	4
CXCL1	4
IL-18	4
CSF-1	4

From the Biomarker data we observed the following:

Number of observations: 351

Number of columns (proteins tested): 10

0 rows contain NA values in the raw data. These rows are removed from the data, as the NAs can cause some errors in our calculation.

The Biomarker column contains both patientID and the time the test was conducted. Therefore this needs to be extracted and registered in separate columns.

2.2 Patient data

Table 3: covariates raw data

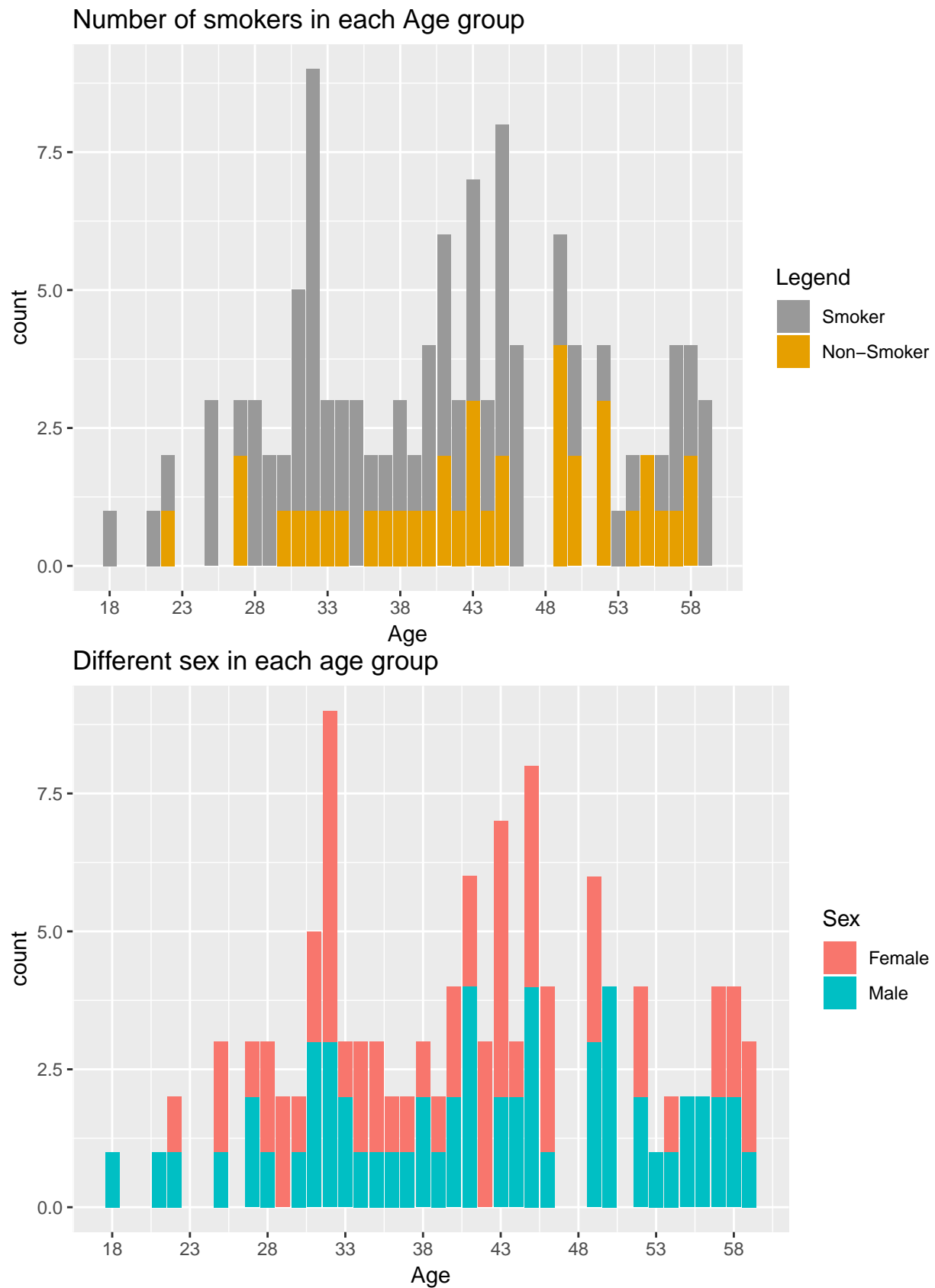
PatientID	Age	Sex (1=male, 2=female)	Smoker (1=yes, 2=no)	VAS-at-inclusion	Vas-12months
1	56	1	2	3.0	4.0
3	32	1	2	7.2	0.5
4	43	2	2	2.7	0.5
5	25	2	2	3.0	3.9
6	39	1	2	3.5	5.0

Table 4: NAs in covariates raw data

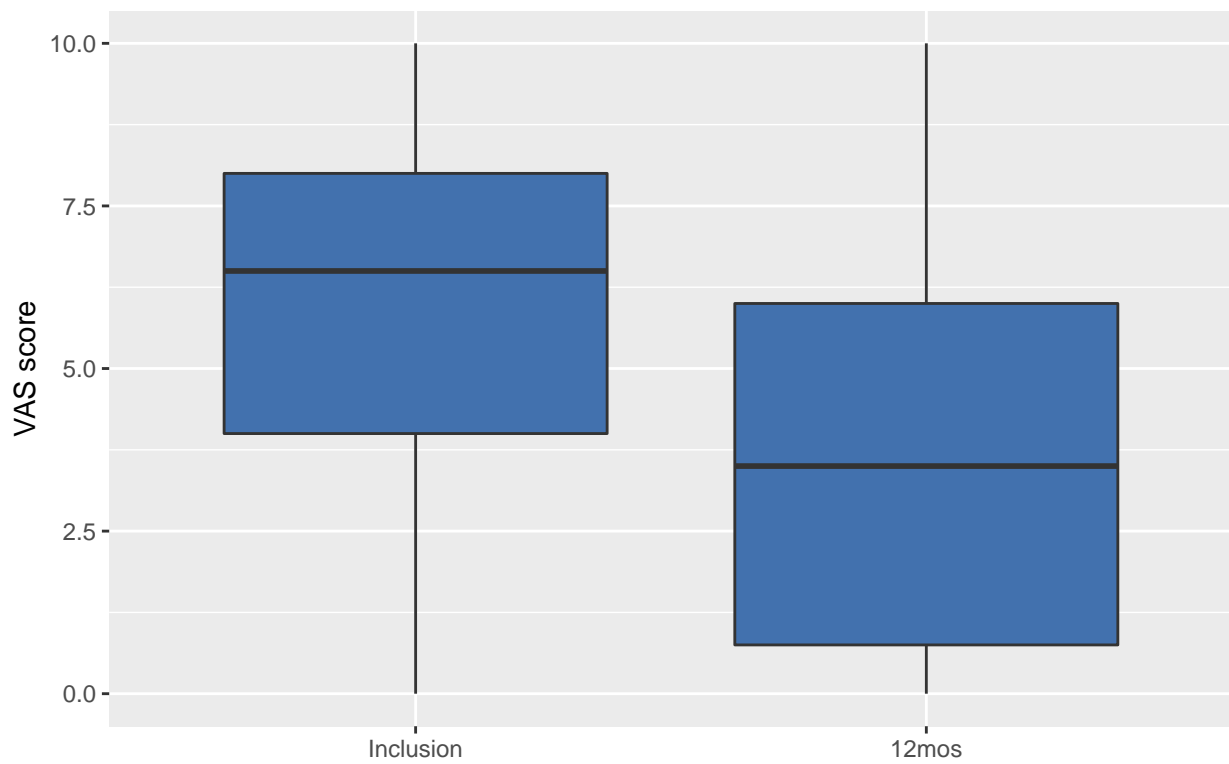
	Number.of.NA
PatientID	0
Age	0
Sex (1=male, 2=female)	0
Smoker (1=yes, 2=no)	0
VAS-at-inclusion	0
Vas-12months	2

Number of observations: 118 Number of columns (proteins tested): 6 2 patients data are incomplete. Therefore this is removed from future calculation to avoid error or misrepresentation.

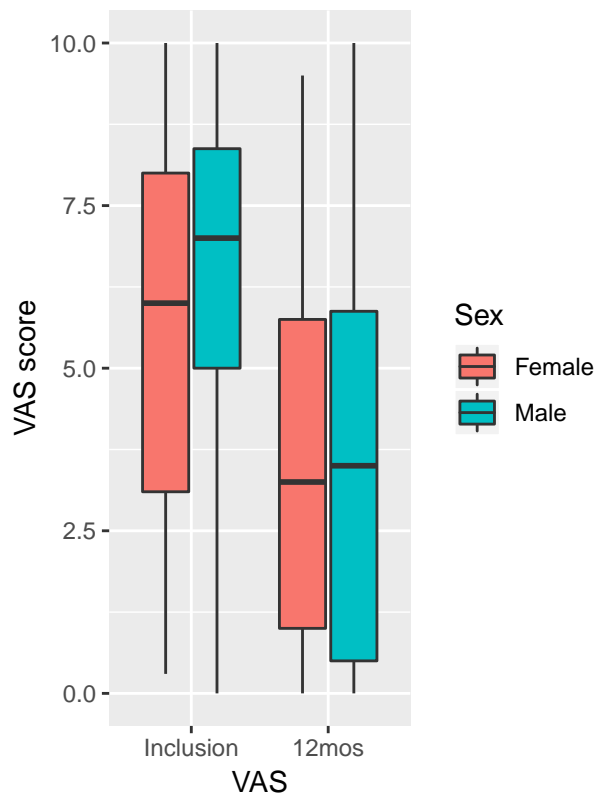
2.2.1 Patient data - simple analysis



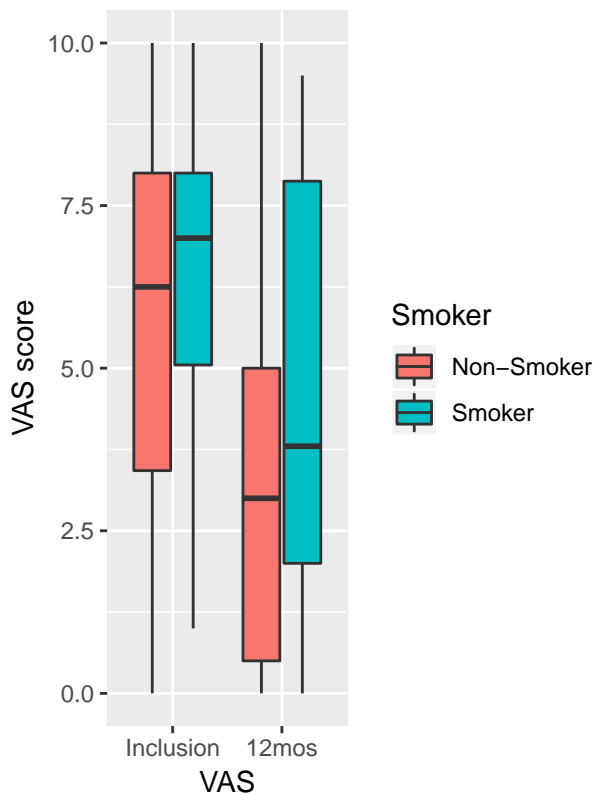
Comparing VAS at inclusion and at 12 months



Comparing VAS on sex

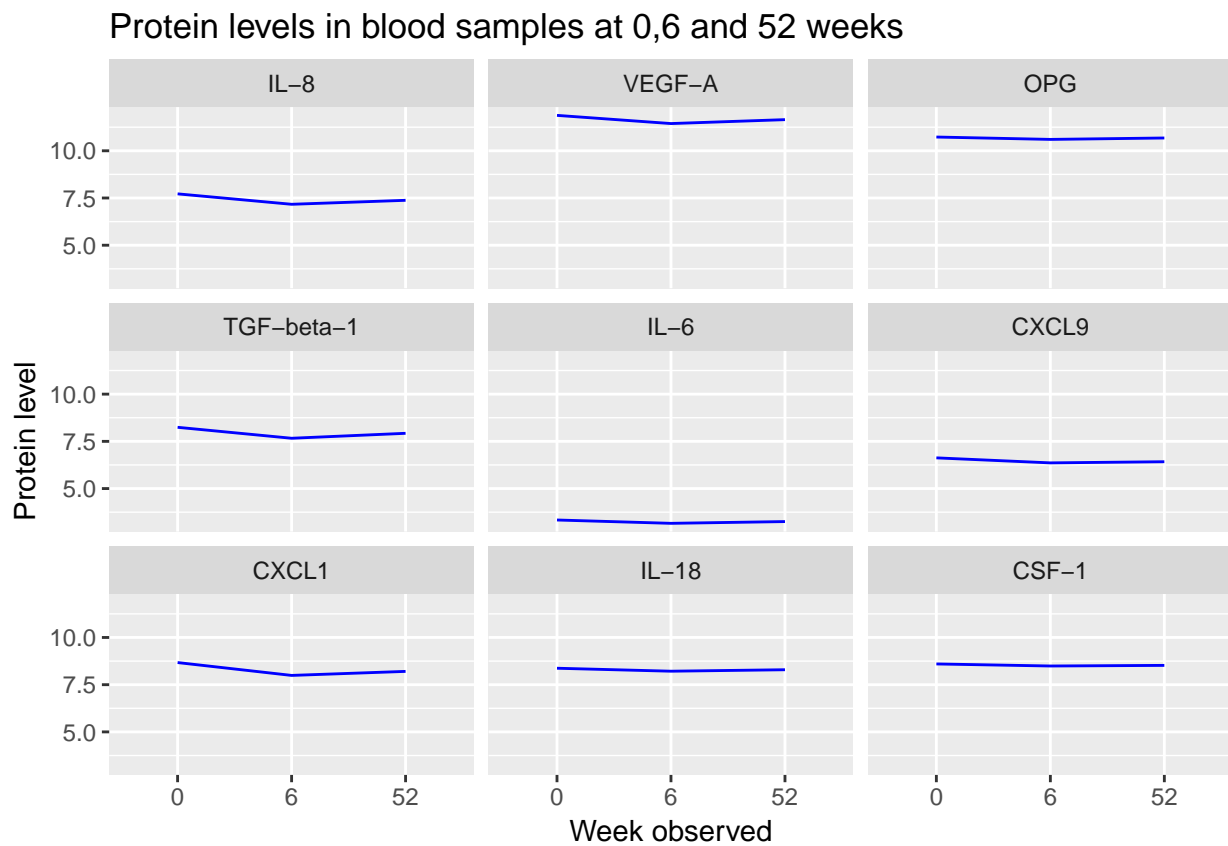


VAS Comparing VAS on smokers



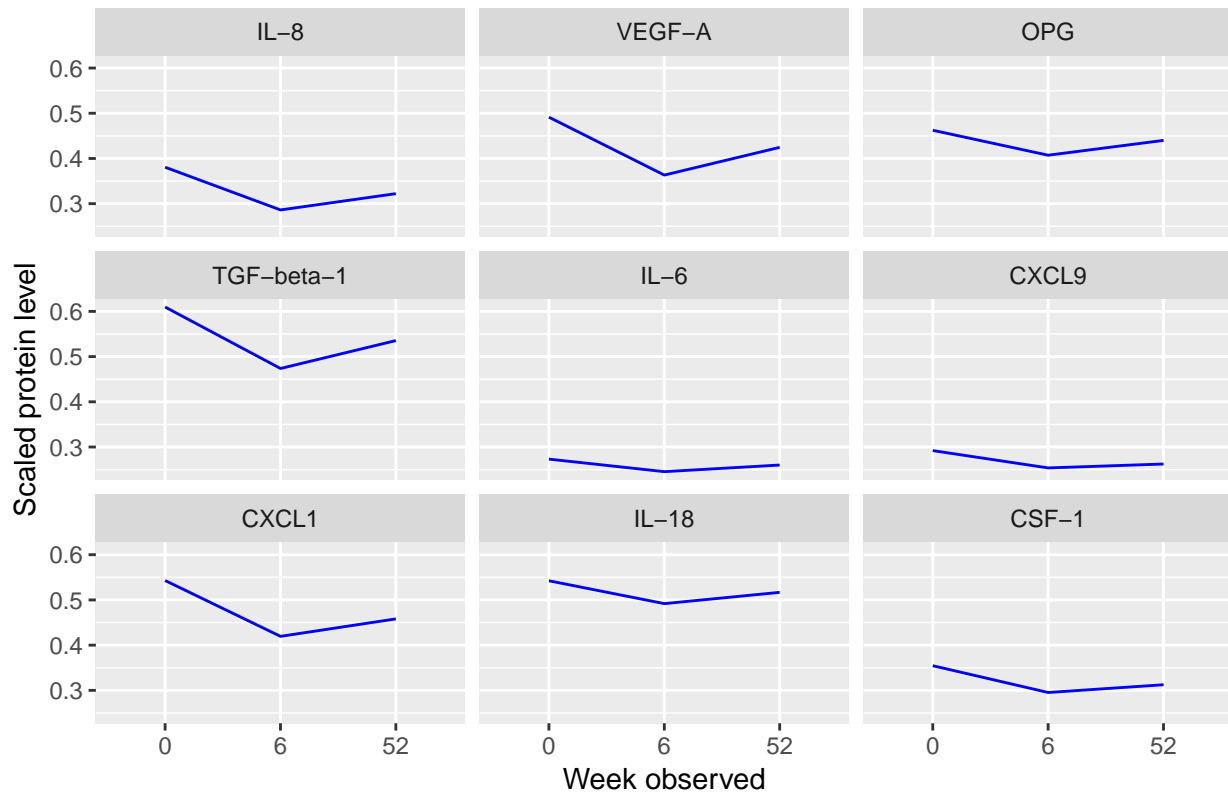
3 Cleaning/Manipulating Data

PatientID	WeeksObs	IL-8	VEGF-A	OPG	TGF-beta-1	IL-6	CXCL9	CXCL1	IL-18	CSF-1
126	0	7.63	11.51	10.20	8.83	3.52	6.16	9.45	7.91	8.41
126	6	7.12	11.59	10.41	8.87	3.89	6.12	9.06	7.92	8.39
127	0	6.93	10.92	10.30	6.59	2.73	6.14	7.31	7.95	8.40
127	6	7.16	11.58	10.39	8.61	2.60	6.35	8.61	7.94	8.51
127	52	6.87	11.13	10.25	7.44	3.92	6.15	8.79	7.94	8.46
128	0	8.62	12.51	10.56	8.51	3.71	7.34	9.90	8.72	8.72



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Scaled protein levels in blood samples at 0,6 and 52 weeks



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Reference for scaling

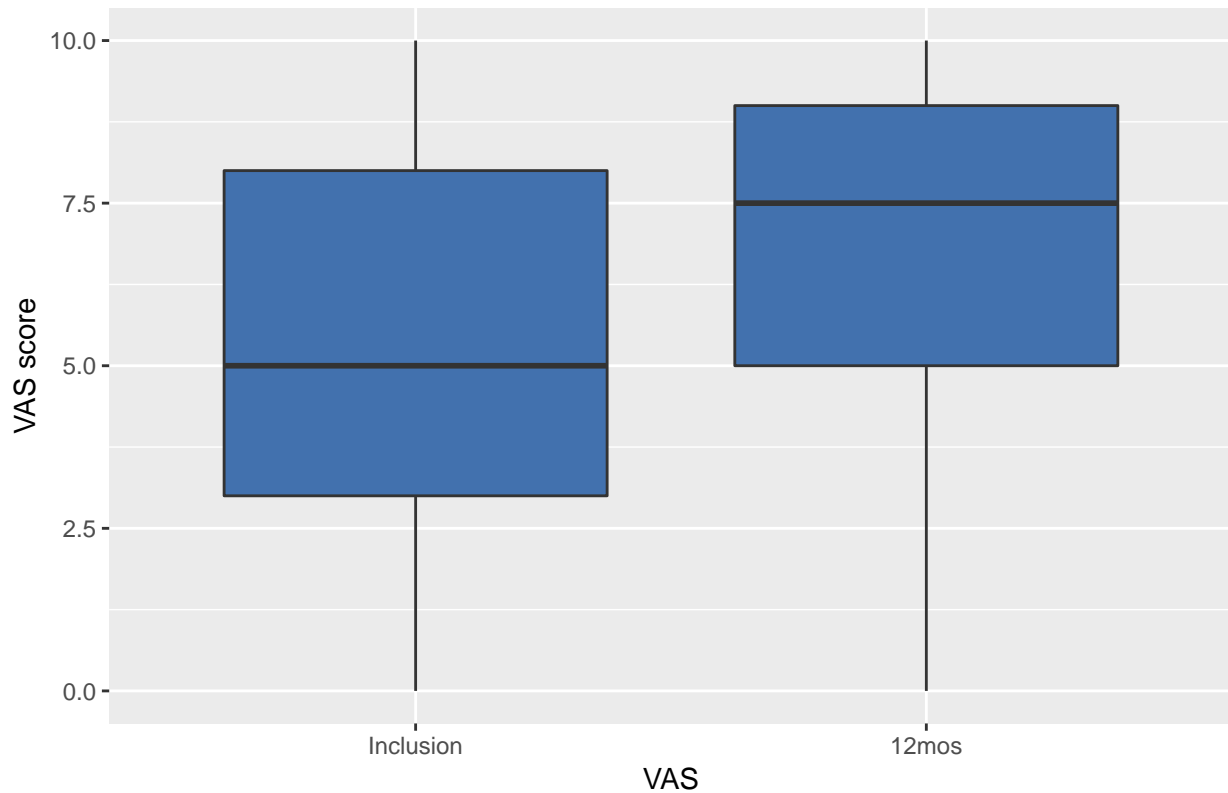
Table 6: Patients with increased VAS after 12 months

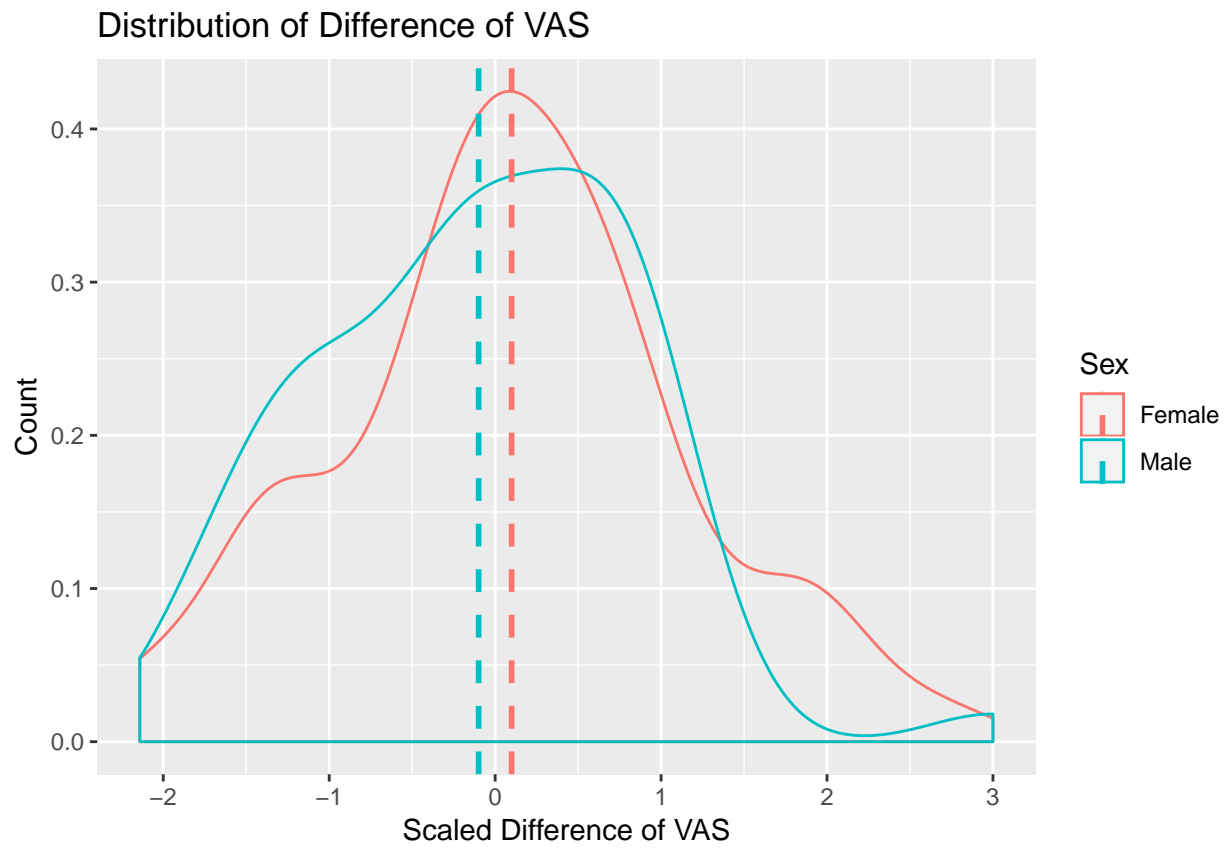
patientID	Age	Sex	Smoker	Inclusion	12mos	PainDiff
1	56	Male	Non-Smoker	3.0	4.0	1.0
5	25	Female	Non-Smoker	3.0	3.9	0.9
6	39	Male	Non-Smoker	3.5	5.0	1.5
14	41	Male	Non-Smoker	2.0	4.0	2.0
23	52	Female	Smoker	8.0	8.0	0.0
32	32	Male	Smoker	8.0	9.5	1.5
45	28	Female	Non-Smoker	8.0	9.1	1.1
55	49	Female	Smoker	5.0	9.0	4.0
60	41	Male	Non-Smoker	9.0	9.0	0.0
71	59	Female	Non-Smoker	3.0	8.0	5.0
76	57	Female	Non-Smoker	4.0	5.0	1.0
78	45	Female	Non-Smoker	5.0	5.0	0.0
81	30	Female	Smoker	2.5	9.5	7.0
83	37	Female	Non-Smoker	3.5	7.0	3.5
84	38	Male	Smoker	7.5	8.3	0.8
85	31	Male	Non-Smoker	10.0	10.0	0.0
86	32	Female	Non-Smoker	2.0	6.5	4.5
90	49	Female	Smoker	6.0	7.5	1.5
92	33	Male	Smoker	8.0	8.3	0.3
94	38	Male	Non-Smoker	5.5	6.1	0.6

patientID	Age	Sex	Smoker	Inclusion	12mos	PainDiff
95	36	Female	Non-Smoker	3.0	3.0	0.0
99	59	Male	Non-Smoker	6.5	7.0	0.5
105	45	Male	Smoker	5.0	5.0	0.0
112	29	Female	Non-Smoker	8.0	9.0	1.0
114	50	Male	Non-Smoker	0.0	0.0	0.0
118	52	Female	Smoker	3.0	3.0	0.0
127	35	Male	Non-Smoker	9.0	10.0	1.0
135	43	Female	Smoker	2.0	4.5	2.5
140	52	Male	Smoker	8.5	9.0	0.5
149	46	Female	Non-Smoker	5.0	9.0	4.0
150	57	Male	Smoker	1.0	9.0	8.0

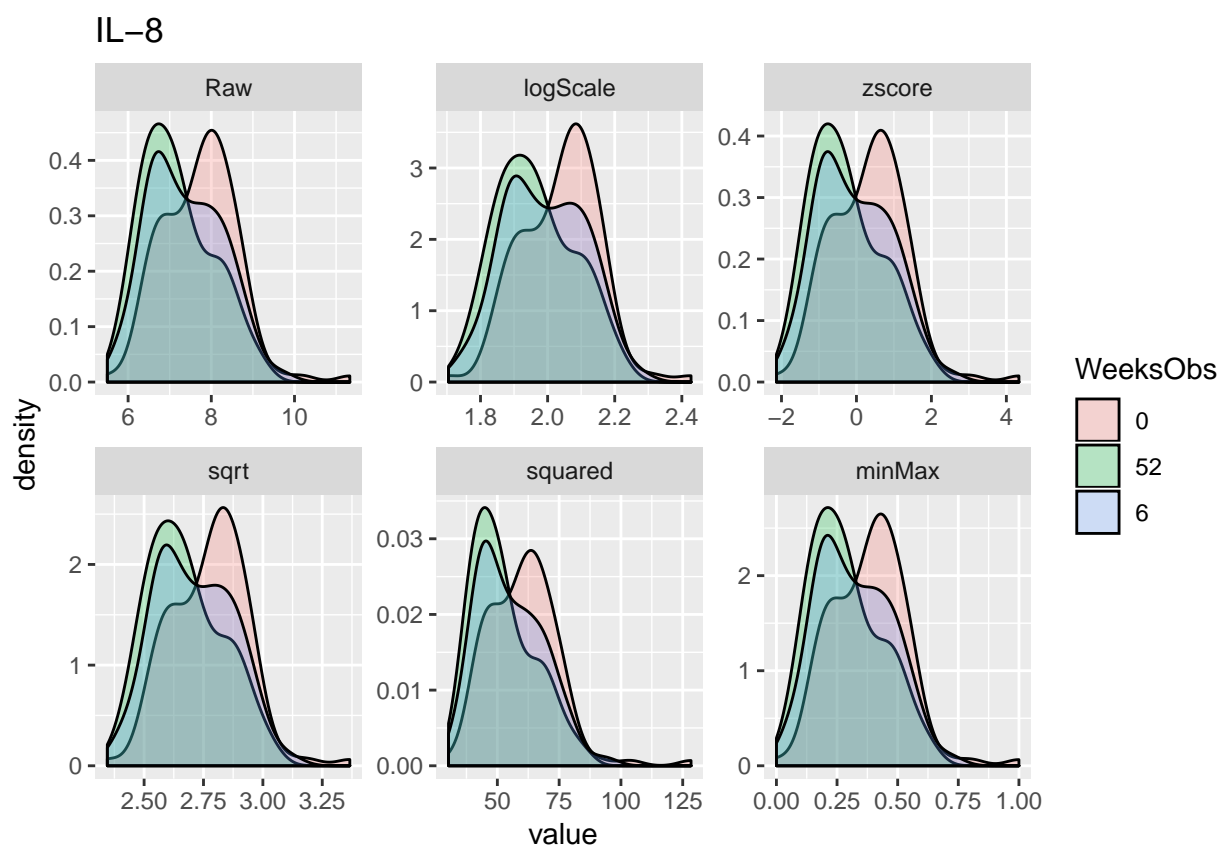
31 patients reported to have higher VAS compared to inclusion. 16 female patients and 15 male patients informed drugs were not helpful 12 Smokers and 19 non smokers

Comparing VAS of patients with increased VAS at 12 months

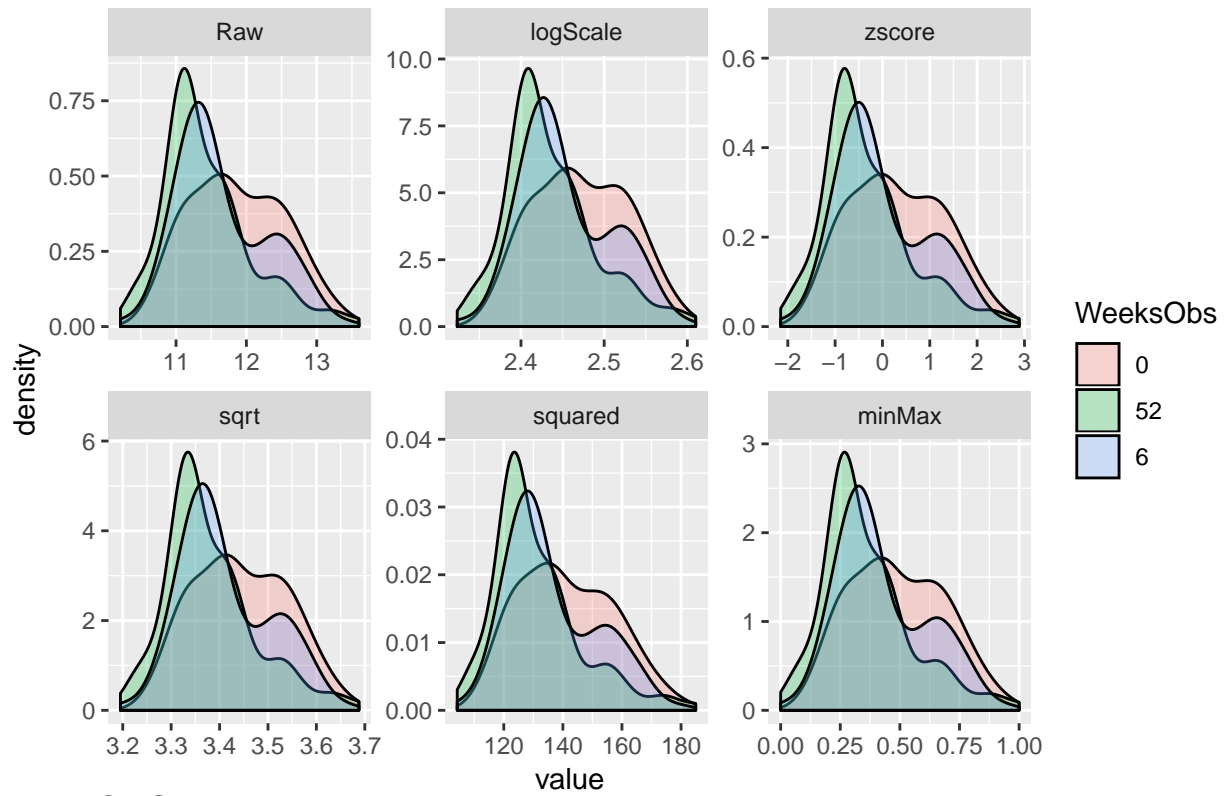




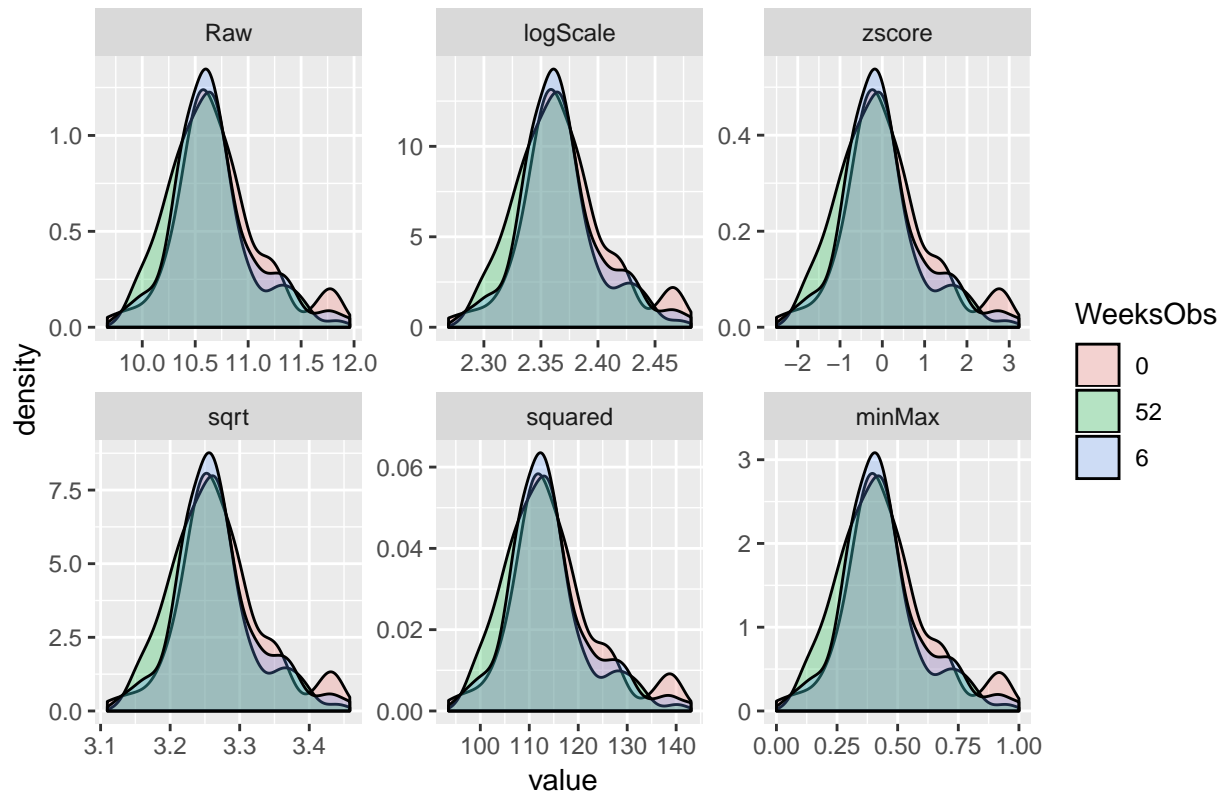
Transform Biomarkers

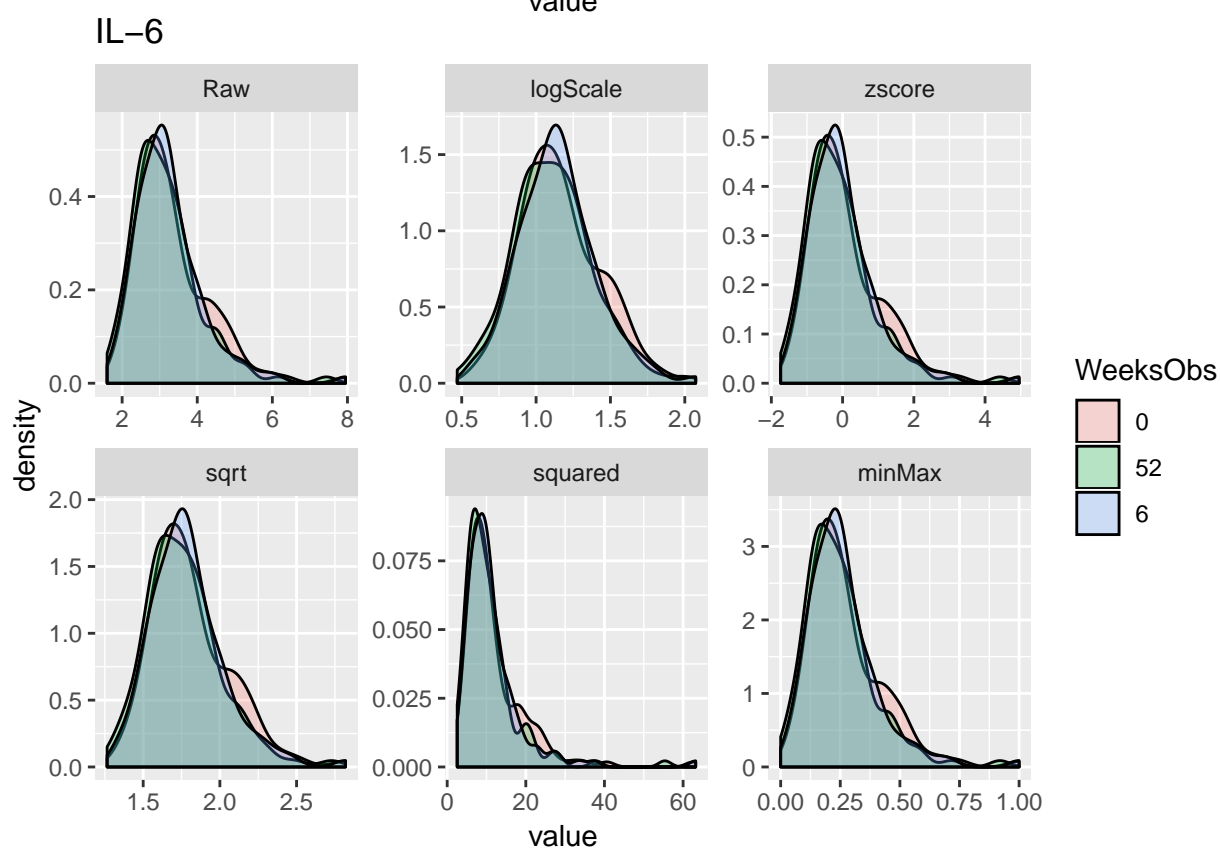
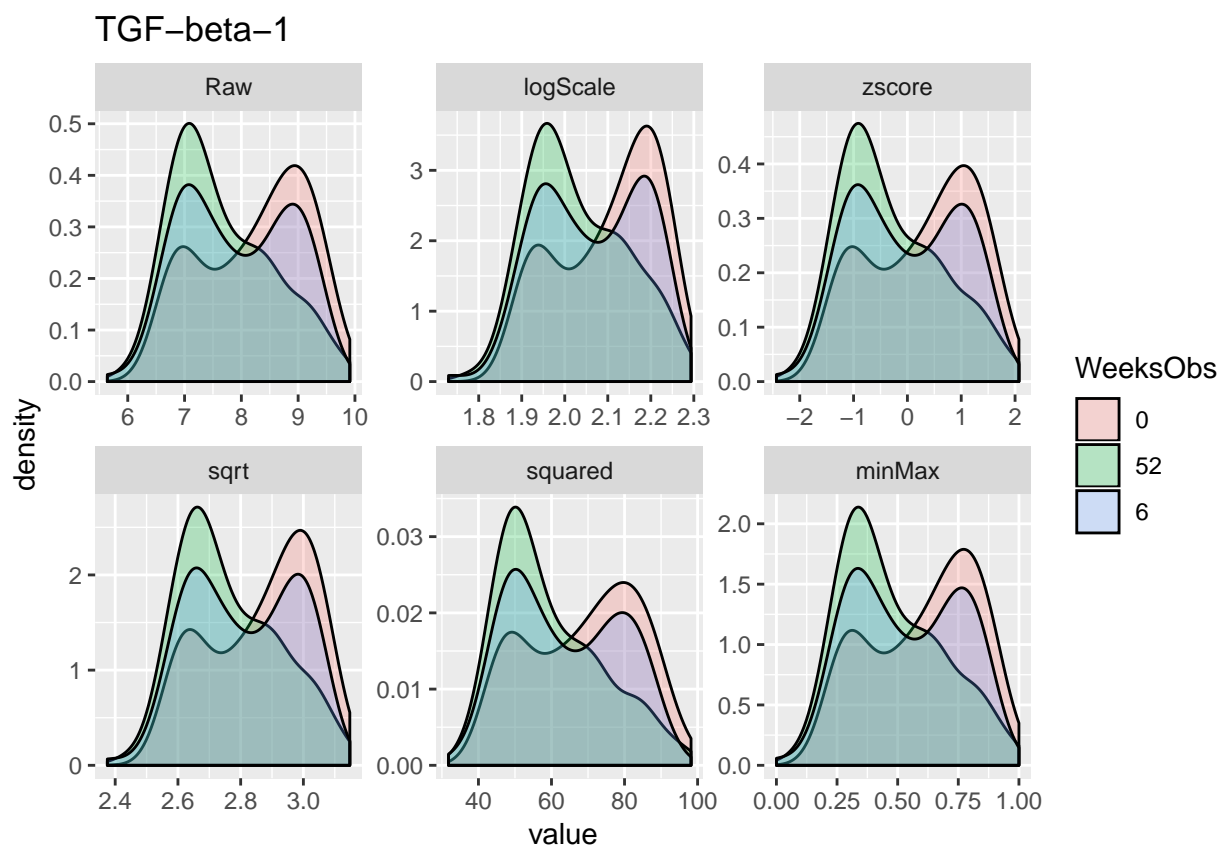


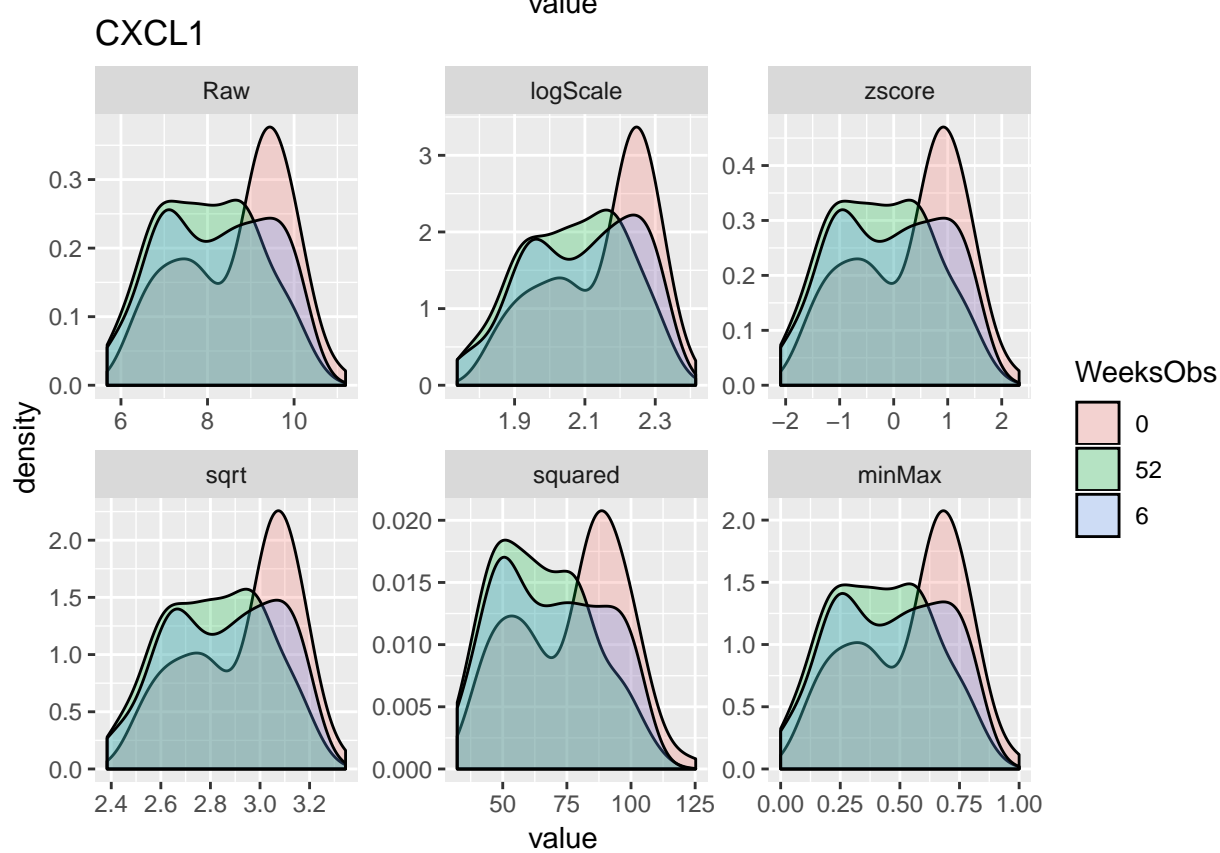
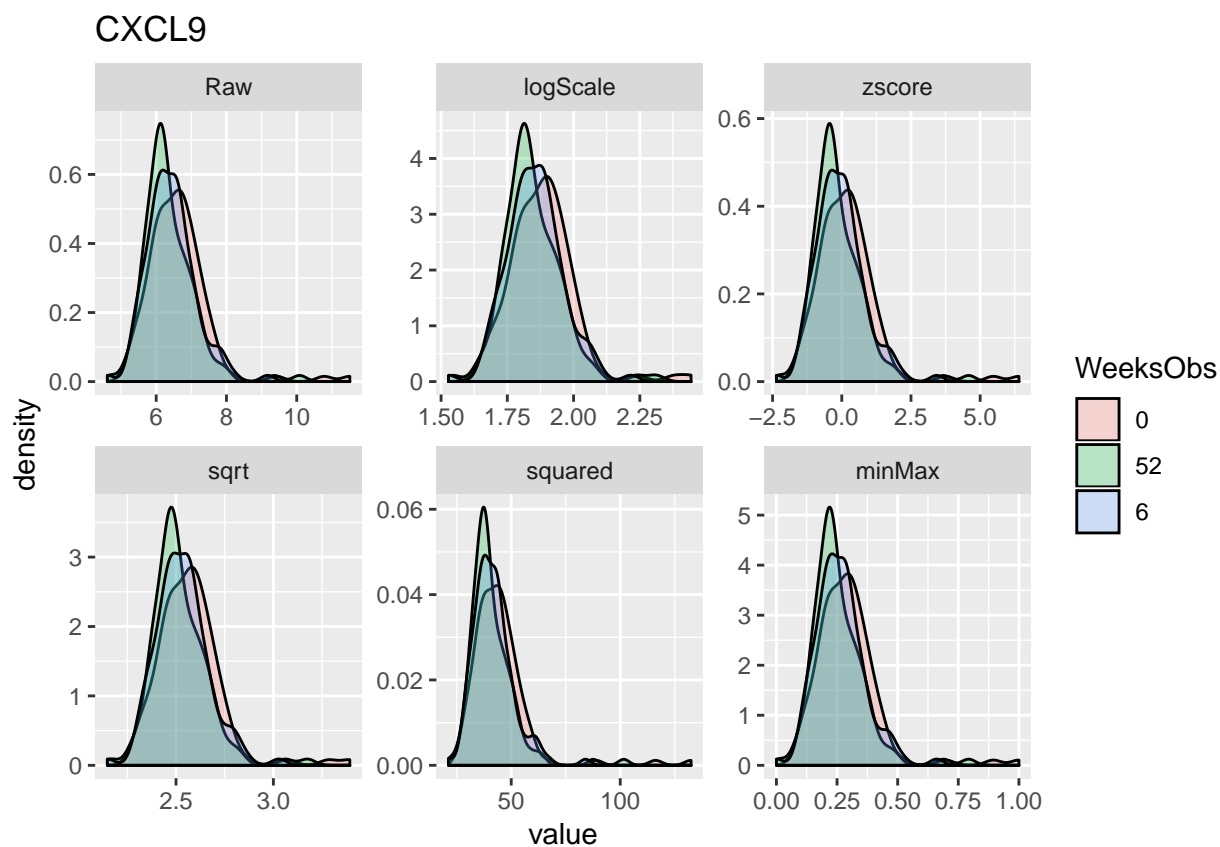
VEGF-A



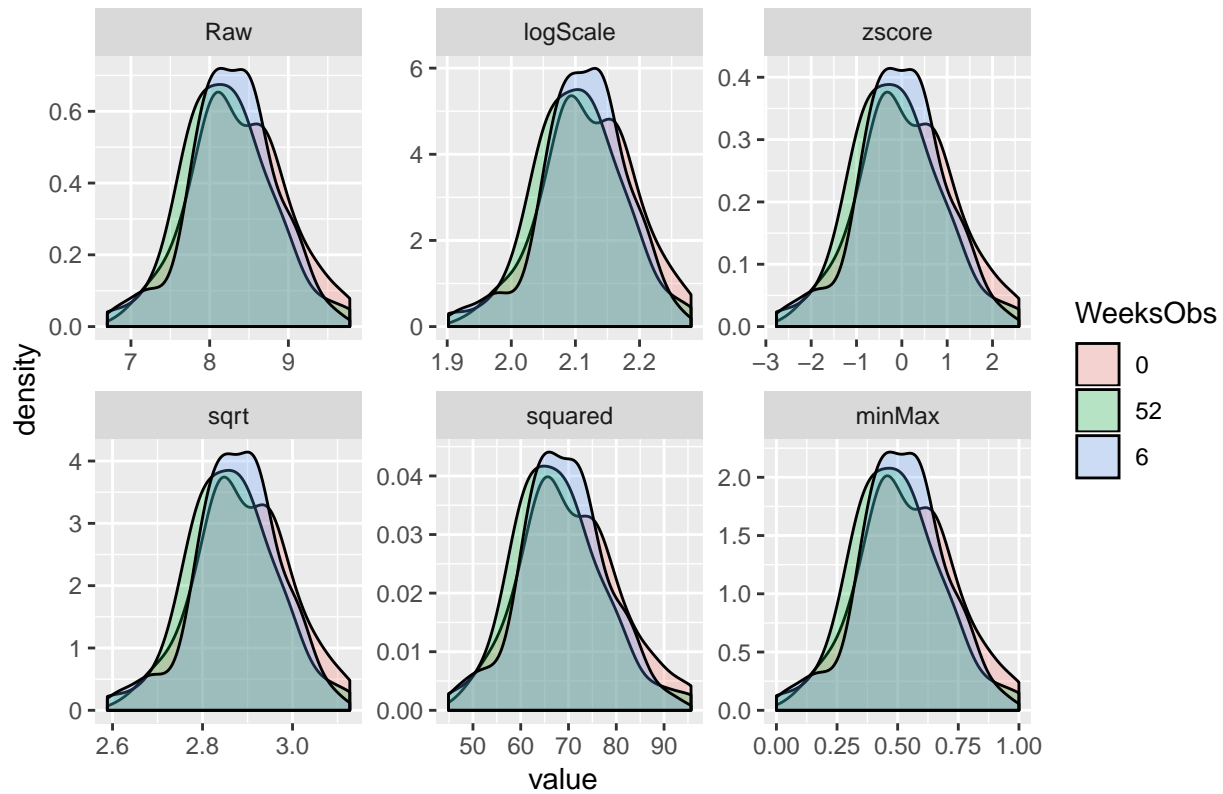
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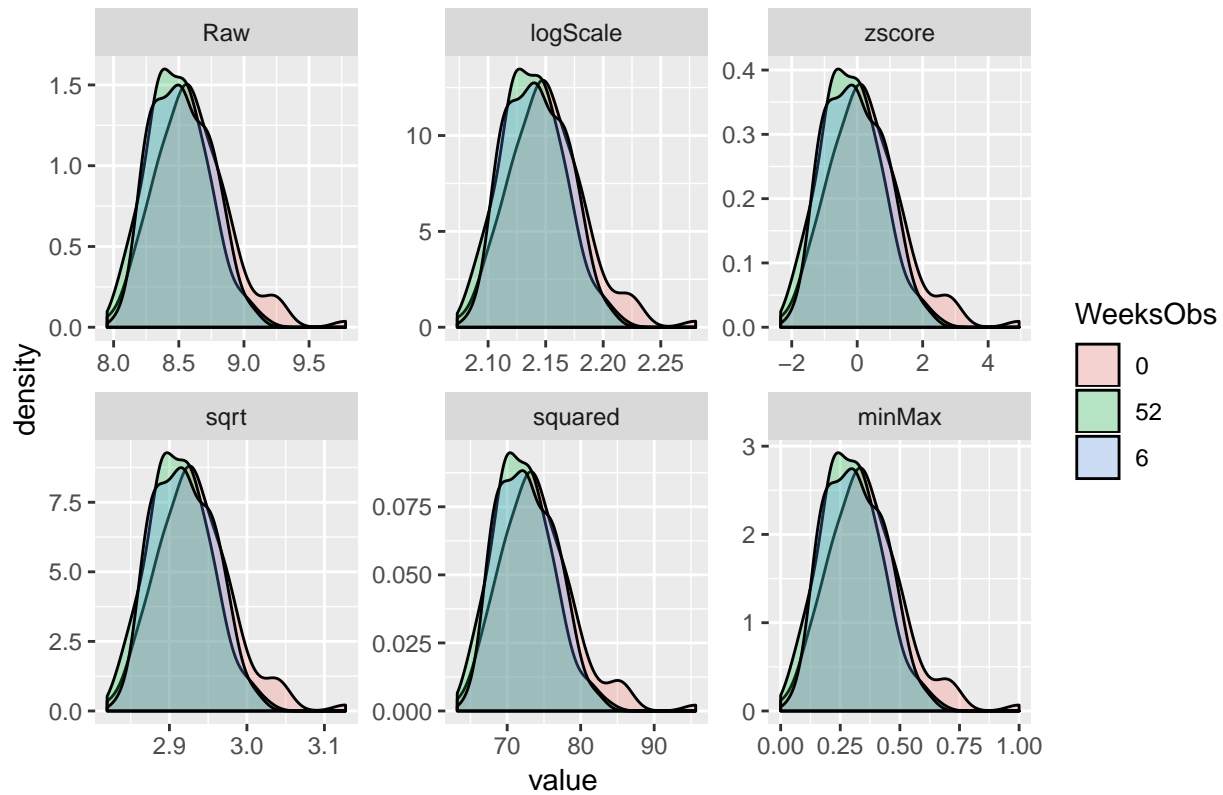




IL-18



CSF-1



Based on all of these graphs, zscore transformation seems to be the most suitable transformation which

provides us Normal distribution.