

# Class15: Pertussis and the CMI-PB project

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## 1. Investigating pertussis cases by year

**Q1.** With the help of the R “addin” package [datapasta](#) assign the CDC pertussis case number data to a data frame called `cdc` and use `ggplot` to make a plot of cases numbers over time.

```
##install.packages("datapasta")  
library(ggplot2)
```

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```
cdc<-data.frame(  
  Year = c(1922L,  
            1923L, 1924L, 1925L, 1926L, 1927L, 1928L,  
            1929L, 1930L, 1931L, 1932L, 1933L, 1934L, 1935L,  
            1936L, 1937L, 1938L, 1939L, 1940L, 1941L,  
            1942L, 1943L, 1944L, 1945L, 1946L, 1947L, 1948L,  
            1949L, 1950L, 1951L, 1952L, 1953L, 1954L,  
            1955L, 1956L, 1957L, 1958L, 1959L, 1960L,  
            1961L, 1962L, 1963L, 1964L, 1965L, 1966L, 1967L,  
            1968L, 1969L, 1970L, 1971L, 1972L, 1973L,  
            1974L, 1975L, 1976L, 1977L, 1978L, 1979L, 1980L,  
            1981L, 1982L, 1983L, 1984L, 1985L, 1986L,  
            1987L, 1988L, 1989L, 1990L, 1991L, 1992L, 1993L,  
            1994L, 1995L, 1996L, 1997L, 1998L, 1999L,  
            2000L, 2001L, 2002L, 2003L, 2004L, 2005L,  
            2006L, 2007L, 2008L, 2009L, 2010L, 2011L, 2012L,  
            2013L, 2014L, 2015L, 2016L, 2017L, 2018L,  
            2019L, 2020L, 2021L, 2022L),  
  No..Reported.Pertussis.Cases = c(107473,  
                                    164191, 165418, 152003, 202210, 181411,  
                                    161799, 197371, 166914, 172559, 215343, 179135,
```

```

265269,180518,147237,214652,227319,103188,
183866,222202,191383,191890,109873,
133792,109860,156517,74715,69479,120718,
68687,45030,37129,60886,62786,31732,28295,
32148,40005,14809,11468,17749,17135,
13005,6799,7717,9718,4810,3285,4249,
3036,3287,1759,2402,1738,1010,2177,2063,
1623,1730,1248,1895,2463,2276,3589,
4195,2823,3450,4157,4570,2719,4083,6586,
4617,5137,7796,6564,7405,7298,7867,
7580,9771,11647,25827,25616,15632,10454,
13278,16858,27550,18719,48277,28639,
32971,20762,17972,18975,15609,18617,6124,
2116,3044)
)

```

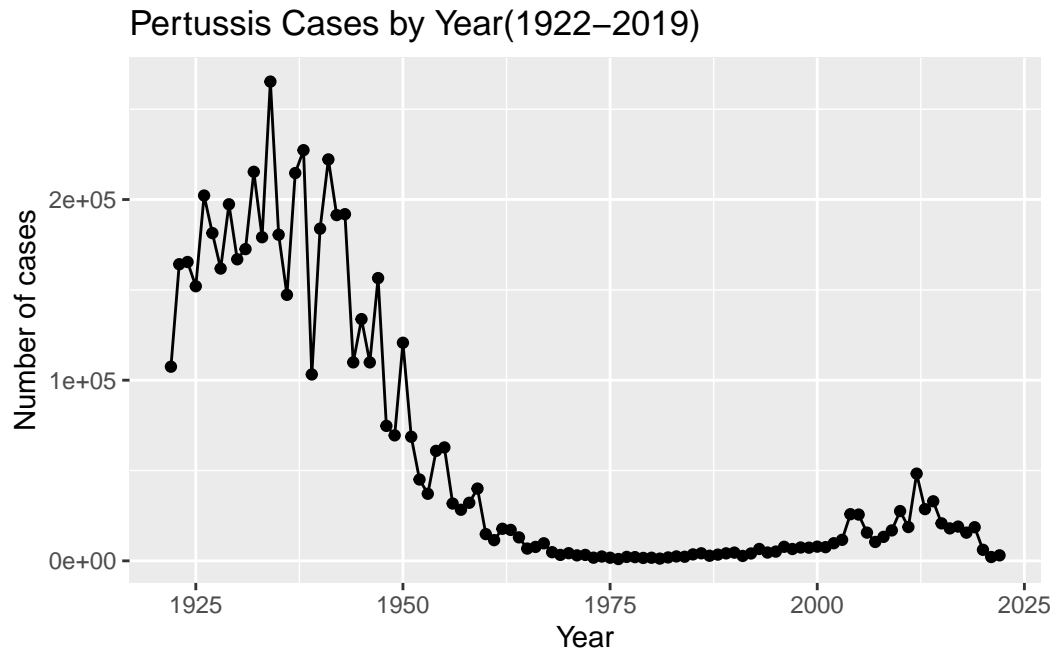
```
head(cdc)
```

	Year	No..Reported.Pertussis.Cases
1	1922	107473
2	1923	164191
3	1924	165418
4	1925	152003
5	1926	202210
6	1927	181411

```

baseplot<- ggplot(cdc) +
  aes(x = Year, y = No..Reported.Pertussis.Cases) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Pertussis Cases by Year(1922-2019)", y = "Number of cases")
baseplot

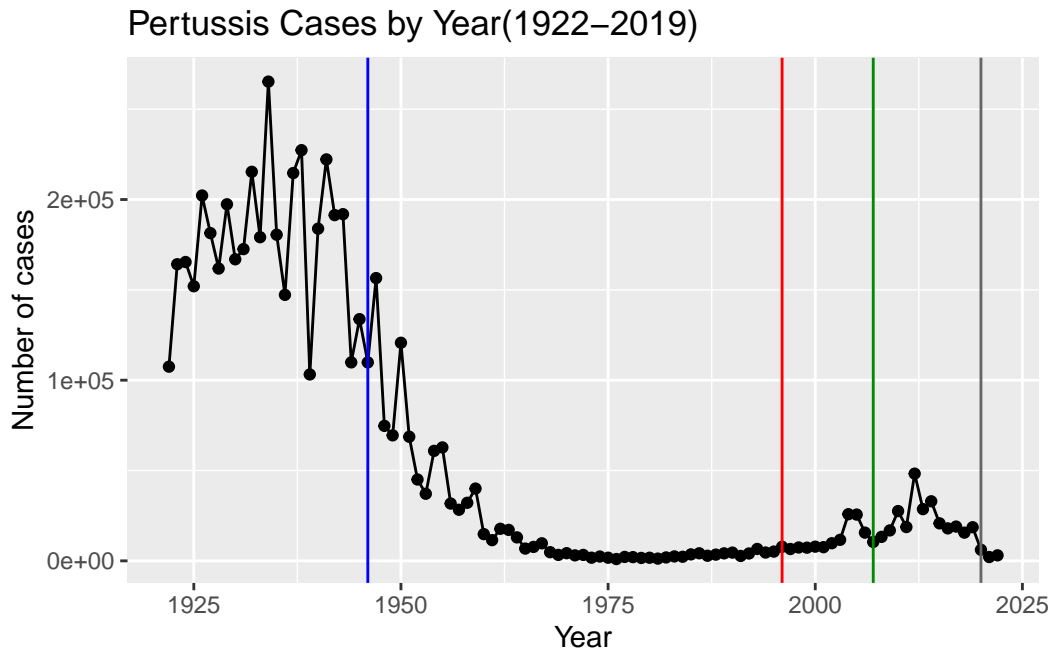
```



## 2. A tale of two vaccines (wP & aP)

**Q2.** Using the ggplot `geom_vline()` function add lines to your previous plot for the 1946 introduction of the wP vaccine and the 1996 switch to aP vaccine (see example in the hint below). What do you notice?

```
baseplot+
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1946, col = "blue") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1996, col = "red") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 2020, col = "grey40") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 2007, col = "green4")
```



**Q3.** Describe what happened after the introduction of the aP vaccine? Do you have a possible explanation for the observed trend?

The cases start to increase. No dramatic increase in the first few years but we start to see a big increase starting 2004, ~8-10 years after switching the vaccine.

There is a ~10 year lag from aP roll out to increase cases numbers. This holds true of other countries like Japan, UK, etc.

**Key Question.** Why does the aP vaccine induced immunity wane faster than that of the wP vaccine?

### 3. Exploring CMI-PB data

```
# Allows us to read, write and process JSON data
library(jsonlite)
```

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```
subject <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/subject", simplifyVector = TRUE)
head(subject, 3)
```

	subject_id	infancy_vac	biological_sex	ethnicity	race
1	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
2	2	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
3	3	wP	Female	Unknown	White

	year_of_birth	date_of_boost	dataset
1	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset
2	1968-01-01	2019-01-28	2020_dataset
3	1983-01-01	2016-10-10	2020_dataset

**Q4.** How many aP and wP infancy vaccinated subjects are in the dataset?

```
table(subject$infancy_vac)
```

```
aP wP
87 85
```

**Q5.** How many Male and Female subjects/patients are in the dataset?

```
table(subject$biological_sex)
```

```
Female    Male
   112     60
```

**Q6.** What is the breakdown of race and biological sex (e.g. number of Asian females, White males etc...)?

```
table(subject$biological_sex, subject$race)
```

	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American
Female	0	32	2
Male	1	12	3

	More Than One Race	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Female	15	1
Male	4	1

	Unknown or Not Reported	White
Female	14	48
Male	7	32

Q: Does this do a good job of representing the US populus?

No it is not representative. There are some groups that are poorly represented

```
library(lubridate)
```

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Attaching package: 'lubridate'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

date, intersect, setdiff, union

### Side-Note: Working with dates

```
today()
```

```
[1] "2024-11-25"
```

```
today() - ymd("2000-01-01")
```

Time difference of 9095 days

```
time_length( today() - ymd("2000-01-01"), "years")
```

```
[1] 24.90075
```

**Q7.** Using this approach determine (i) the average age of wP individuals, (ii) the average age of aP individuals; and (iii) are they significantly different?

```
# Use today's date to calculate age in days
subject$age <- today() - ymd(subject$year_of_birth)
```

```
library(dplyr)
```

Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.3.3

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

```
ap <- subject %>% filter(infancy_vac == "aP")
round( summary( time_length( ap$age, "years" ) ) )
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
22	26	27	27	28	34

```
# wP
wp <- subject %>% filter(infancy_vac == "wP")
round( summary( time_length( wp$age, "years" ) ) )
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
22	32	34	36	39	57

**Q8.** Determine the age of all individuals at time of boost?

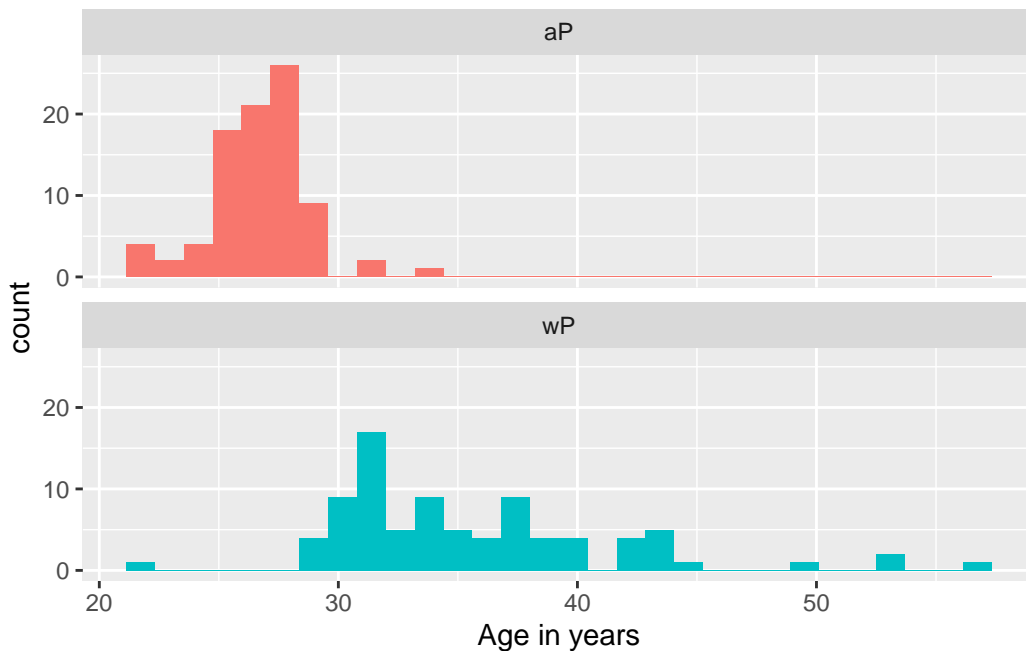
```
int <- ymd(subject$date_of_boost) - ymd(subject$year_of_birth)
age_at_boost <- time_length(int, "year")
head(age_at_boost)
```

```
[1] 30.69678 51.07461 33.77413 28.65982 25.65914 28.77481
```

**Q9.** With the help of a faceted boxplot or histogram (see below), do you think these two groups are significantly different?

```
ggplot(subject) +
  aes(time_length(age, "year"),
       fill=as.factor(infancy_vac)) +
  geom_histogram(show.legend=FALSE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(infancy_vac), nrow=2) +
  xlab("Age in years")
```

`stat\_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



```
# Complete the API URLs...
specimen <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/specimen", simplifyVector = TRUE)
titer <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/plasma_ab_titer", simplifyVector = TRUE)
head(titer)
```

	specimen_id	isotype	is_antigen_specific	antigen	MFI	MFI_normalised
1	1	IgE	FALSE	Total	1110.21154	2.493425
2	1	IgE	FALSE	Total	2708.91616	2.493425
3	1	IgG	TRUE	PT	68.56614	3.736992
4	1	IgG	TRUE	PRN	332.12718	2.602350
5	1	IgG	TRUE	FHA	1887.12263	34.050956
6	1	IgE	TRUE	ACT	0.10000	1.000000



```

      unit lower_limit_of_detection
1 UG/ML          2.096133
2 IU/ML          29.170000
3 IU/ML           0.530000
4 IU/ML           6.205949
5 IU/ML           4.679535
6 IU/ML           2.816431

```

**Q9.** Complete the code to join `specimen` and `subject` tables to make a new merged data frame containing all specimen records along with their associated subject details:

```
meta <- inner_join(specimen, subject)
```

Joining with ``by = join_by(subject_id)``

```
dim(meta)
```

```
[1] 1503  14
```

```
head(meta)
```

```

specimen_id subject_id actual_day_relative_to_boost
1           1           1                        -3
2           2           1                         1
3           3           1                         3
4           4           1                         7
5           5           1                        11
6           6           1                        32
planned_day_relative_to_boost specimen_type visit infancy_vac biological_sex
1                             0         Blood      1         wP         Female
2                             1         Blood      2         wP         Female
3                             3         Blood      3         wP         Female
4                             7         Blood      4         wP         Female
5                            14         Blood      5         wP         Female
6                            30         Blood      6         wP         Female
      ethnicity race year_of_birth date_of_boost      dataset
1 Not Hispanic or Latino White   1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset
2 Not Hispanic or Latino White   1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset
3 Not Hispanic or Latino White   1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset
4 Not Hispanic or Latino White   1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset

```

```

5 Not Hispanic or Latino White 1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset
6 Not Hispanic or Latino White 1986-01-01 2016-09-12 2020_dataset
  age
1 14208 days
2 14208 days
3 14208 days
4 14208 days
5 14208 days
6 14208 days

```

**Q10.** Now using the same procedure join `meta` with `titer` data so we can further analyze this data in terms of time of visit aP/wP, male/female etc.

```
abdata <- inner_join(titer, meta)
```

```
Joining with `by = join_by(specimen_id)`
```

```
dim(abdata)
```

```
[1] 52576    21
```

**Q11.** How many specimens (i.e. entries in `abdata`) do we have for each `isotype`?

```
table(abdata$isotype)
```

```

  IgE  IgG  IgG1  IgG2  IgG3  IgG4
6698 5389 10117 10124 10124 10124

```

**Q12.** What are the different `$dataset` values in `abdata` and what do you notice about the number of rows for the most “recent” dataset?

```
table(abdata$visit)
```

```

  1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9   10   11   12
8280 8280 8420 6565 6565 6210 5810 815  735  686  105  105

```

#### 4. Examine IgG Ab titer levels

```
igg <- abdata %>% filter(isotype == "IgG")
head(igg)
```

	specimen_id	isotype	is_antigen_specific	antigen	MFI	MFI_normalised
1	1	IgG	TRUE	PT	68.56614	3.736992
2	1	IgG	TRUE	PRN	332.12718	2.602350
3	1	IgG	TRUE	FHA	1887.12263	34.050956
4	19	IgG	TRUE	PT	20.11607	1.096366
5	19	IgG	TRUE	PRN	976.67419	7.652635
6	19	IgG	TRUE	FHA	60.76626	1.096457

	unit	lower_limit_of_detection	subject_id	actual_day_relative_to_boost
1	IU/ML	0.530000	1	-3
2	IU/ML	6.205949	1	-3
3	IU/ML	4.679535	1	-3
4	IU/ML	0.530000	3	-3
5	IU/ML	6.205949	3	-3
6	IU/ML	4.679535	3	-3

	planned_day_relative_to_boost	specimen_type	visit	infancy_vac	biological_sex
1	0	Blood	1	wP	Female
2	0	Blood	1	wP	Female
3	0	Blood	1	wP	Female
4	0	Blood	1	wP	Female
5	0	Blood	1	wP	Female
6	0	Blood	1	wP	Female

	ethnicity	race	year_of_birth	date_of_boost	dataset
1	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset
2	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset
3	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset
4	Unknown	White	1983-01-01	2016-10-10	2020_dataset
5	Unknown	White	1983-01-01	2016-10-10	2020_dataset
6	Unknown	White	1983-01-01	2016-10-10	2020_dataset

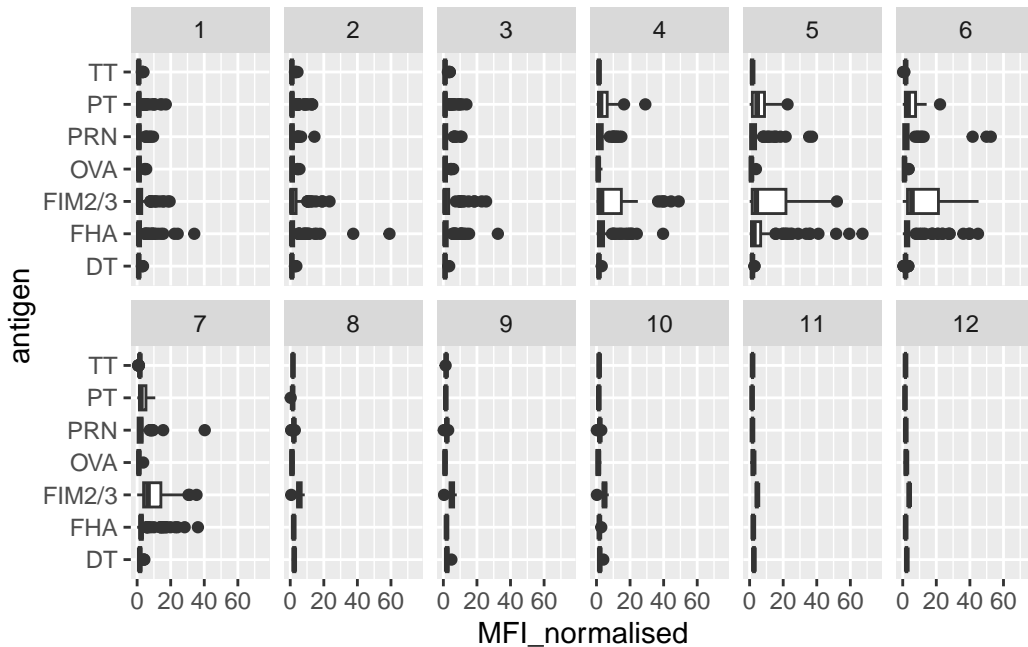
  

	age
1	14208 days
2	14208 days
3	14208 days
4	15304 days
5	15304 days
6	15304 days

**Q13.** Complete the following code to make a summary boxplot of Ab titer levels (MFI) for all antigens:

```
ggplot(igg) +
  aes(x = MFI_normalised, y = antigen) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  xlim(0, 75) +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit), nrow = 2)
```

Warning: Removed 5 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range (``stat_boxplot()``).

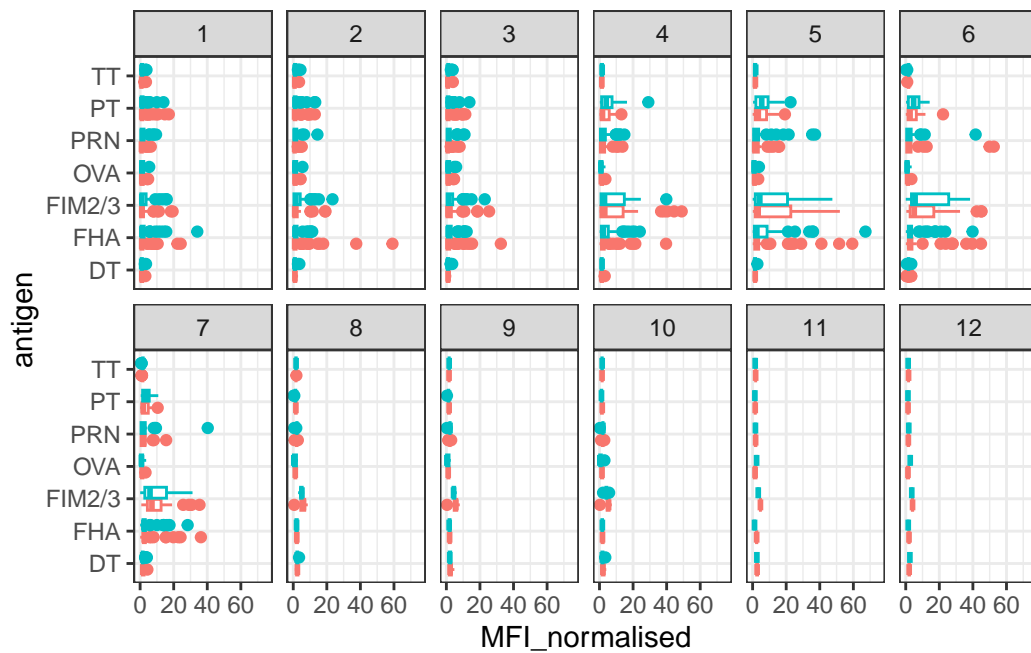


**Q14.** What antigens show differences in the level of IgG antibody titers recognizing them over time? Why these and not others?

PT, PRN, FIM2/3 and FHA

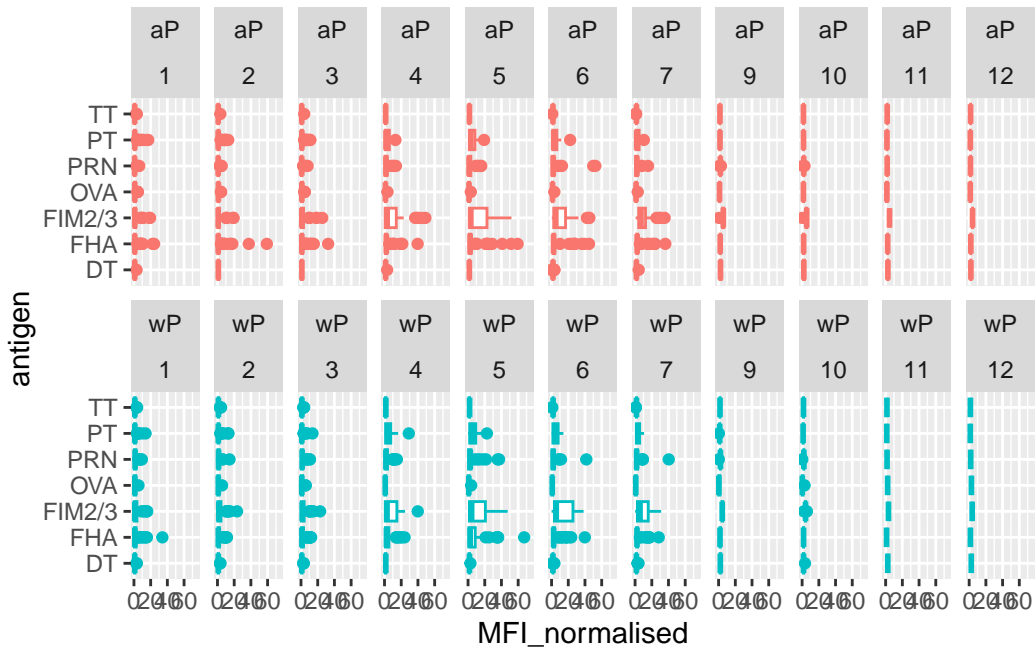
```
ggplot(igg) +
  aes(MFI_normalised, antigen, col=infancy_vac ) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit), nrow=2) +
  xlim(0,75) +
  theme_bw()
```

Warning: Removed 5 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range (``stat_boxplot()``).



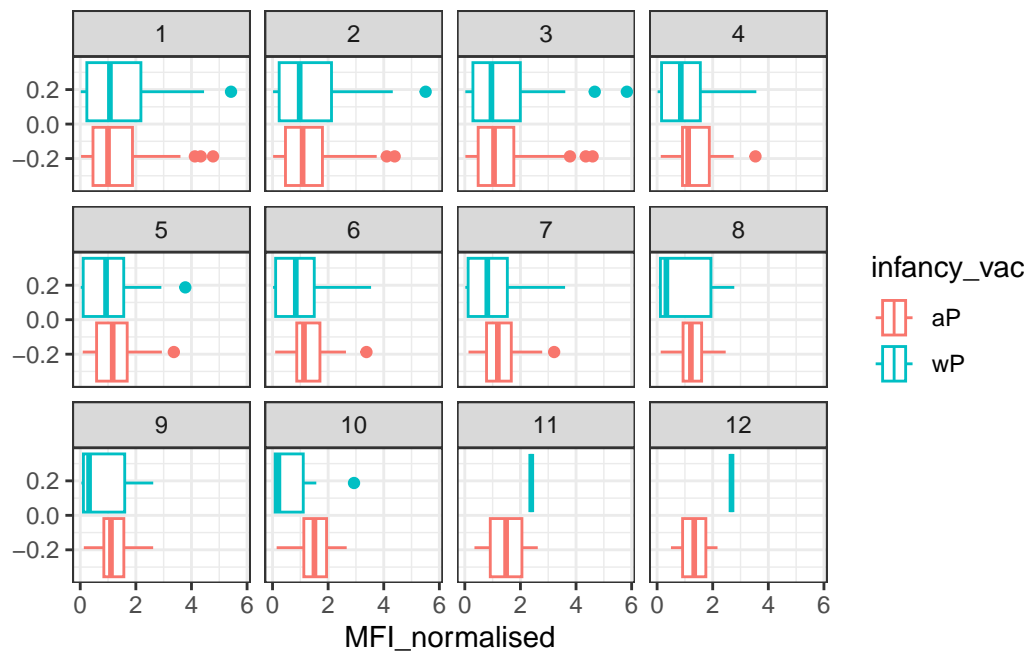
```
igg %>% filter(visit != 8) %>%
ggplot() +
  aes(MFI_normalised, antigen, col=infancy_vac ) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE) +
  xlim(0,75) +
  facet_wrap(vars(infancy_vac, visit), nrow=2)
```

Warning: Removed 5 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range (`stat\_boxplot()`).

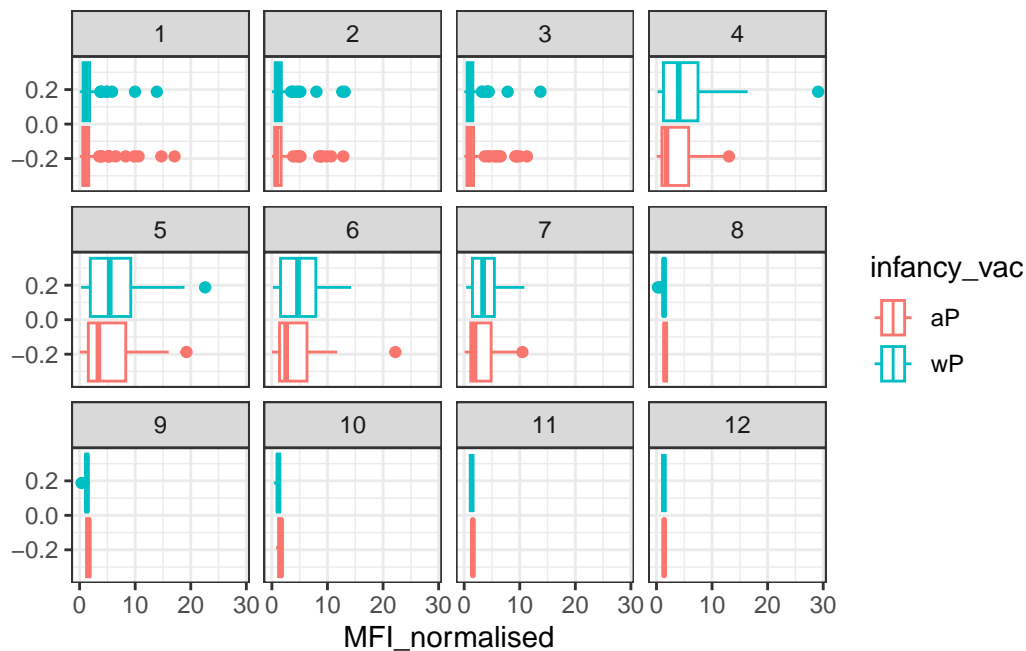


**Q15.** Filter to pull out only two specific antigens for analysis and create a boxplot for each. You can choose any you like. Below I picked a “control” antigen (“**OVA**”, that is not in our vaccines) and a clear antigen of interest (“**PT**”, Pertussis Toxin, one of the key virulence factors produced by the bacterium *B. pertussis*).

```
filter(igg, antigen=="OVA") %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(MFI_normalised, col=infancy_vac) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = TRUE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit)) +
  theme_bw()
```



```
filter(igg, antigen=="PT") %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(MFI_normalised, col=infancy_vac) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = TRUE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit)) +
  theme_bw()
```



**Q16.** What do you notice about these two antigens time courses and the PT data in particular?

PT seems to have a rise since day 4 and drops back to a very low level on week 8.

**Q17.** Do you see any clear difference in aP vs. wP responses?

Yes in OVA but not in PT. The wP in OVA data seems to have a smaller median compare to the aP(if consider <day10)

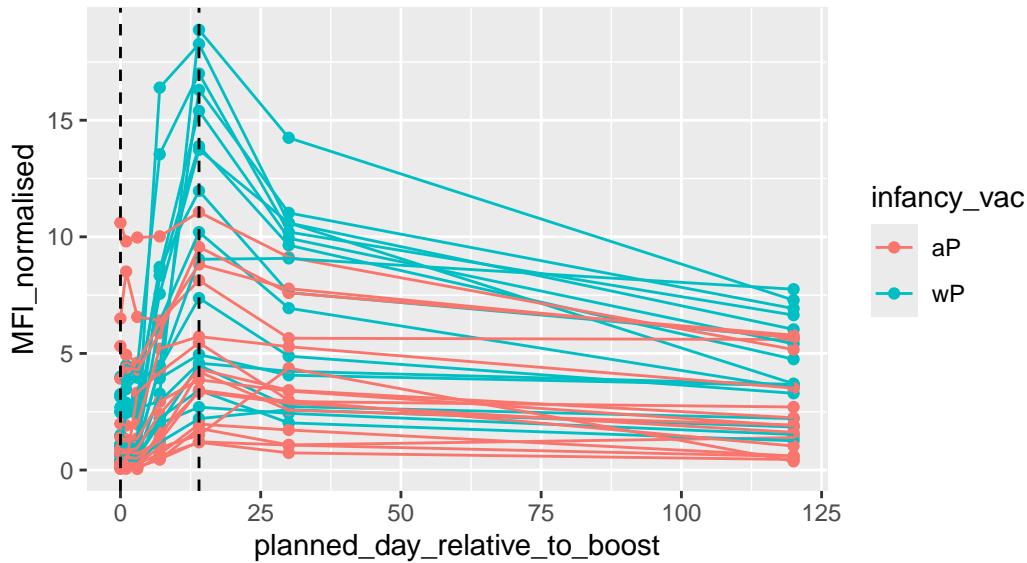
```
abdata.21 <- abdata %>% filter(dataset == "2021_dataset")

abdata.21 %>%
  filter(isotype == "IgG", antigen == "PT") %>%
  ggplot() +
    aes(x=planned_day_relative_to_boost,
         y=MFI_normalised,
         col=infancy_vac,
         group=subject_id) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_line() +
    geom_vline(xintercept=0, linetype="dashed") +
    geom_vline(xintercept=14, linetype="dashed") +
    labs(title="2021 dataset IgG PT",
         subtitle = "Dashed lines indicate day 0 (pre-boost) and 14 (apparent peak levels)")
```



## 2021 dataset IgG PT

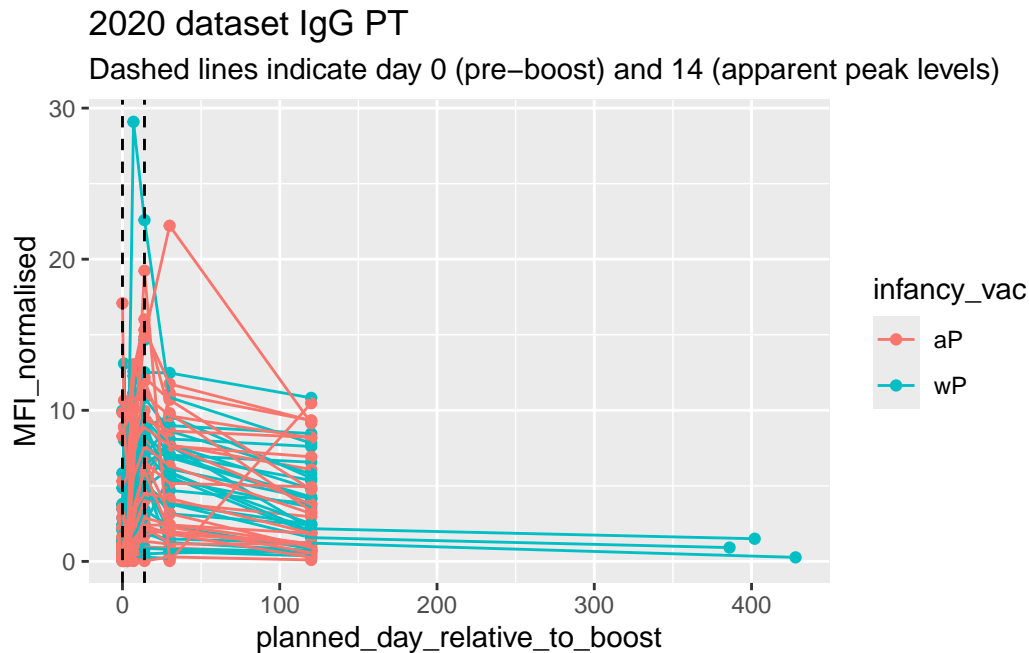
Dashed lines indicate day 0 (pre-boost) and 14 (apparent peak levels)



Q18. Does this trend look similar for the 2020 dataset?

```
abdata.20 <- abdata %>% filter(dataset == "2020_dataset")

abdata.20 %>%
  filter(isotype == "IgG", antigen == "PT") %>%
  ggplot() +
    aes(x=planned_day_relative_to_boost,
        y=MFI_normalised,
        col=infancy_vac,
        group=subject_id) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_line() +
    geom_vline(xintercept=0, linetype="dashed") +
    geom_vline(xintercept=14, linetype="dashed") +
    labs(title="2020 dataset IgG PT",
         subtitle = "Dashed lines indicate day 0 (pre-boost) and 14 (apparent peak levels)")
```



Not really. The 2020 dataset has an earlier peak of wP and a later peak of aP appearing, but for 2021 the aP and wP both have a peak at 14 days. Plus, the increase of MFI is more dramatic in 2020.

## 5. Obtaining CMI-PB RNASeq data

```
url <- "https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/v2/rnaseq?versioned_ensembl_gene_id=eq.ENSOG00000211896.7"

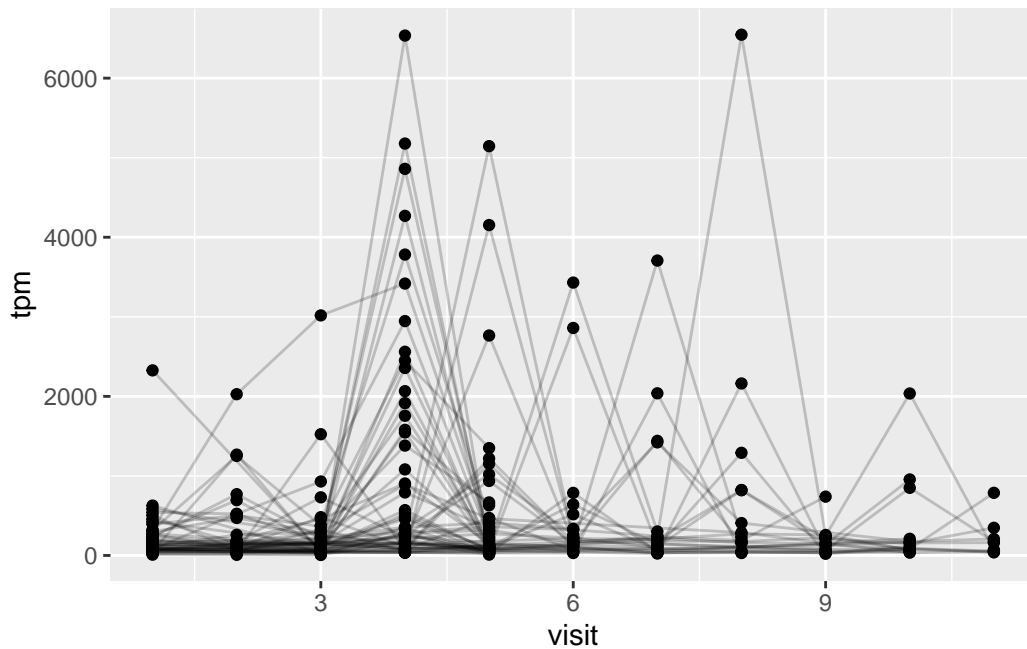
rna <- read_json(url, simplifyVector = TRUE)

#meta <- inner_join(specimen, subject)
ssrna <- inner_join(rna, meta)
```

Joining with ``by = join_by(specimen_id)``

**Q19.** Make a plot of the time course of gene expression for IGHG1 gene (i.e. a plot of `visit` vs. `tpm`).

```
ggplot(ssrna) +
  aes(x=visit, y= tpm, group=subject_id) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(alpha=0.2)
```



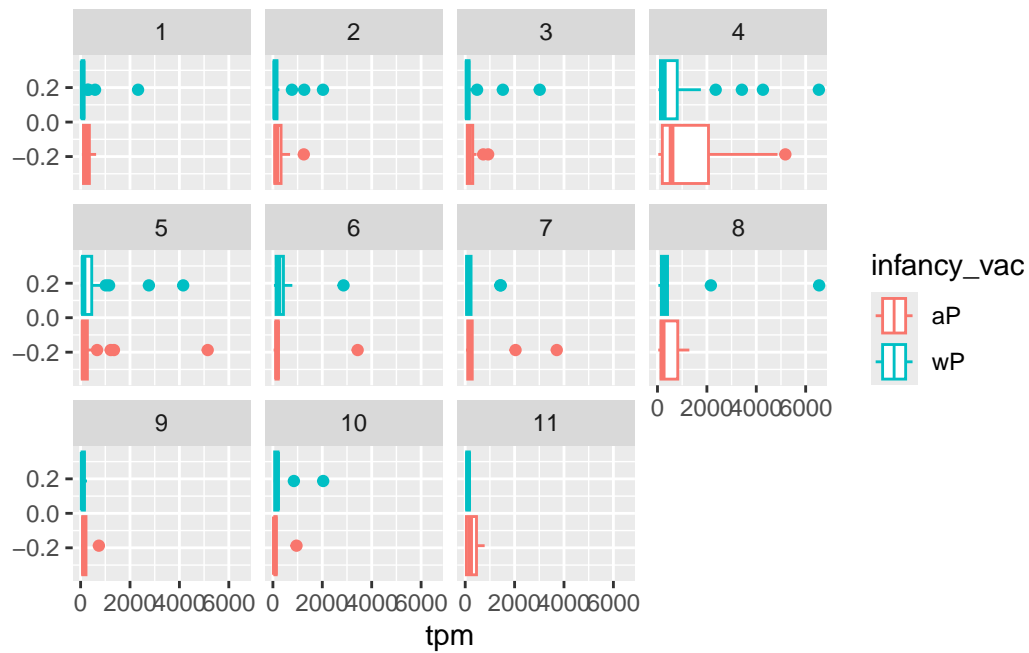
**Q20.:** What do you notice about the expression of this gene (i.e. when is it at it's maximum level)?

The expression of tpm raises to peak at visit 4, except a different one that raises to the peak twice, one in visit 4 and the other in visit 8. The general trend is to decrease after visit

**Q21.** Does this pattern in time match the trend of antibody titer data? If not, why not?

This aligns with the antibody titer data in q15. As the maximum antibody was produced in ~week 5, the gene expression have to increase prior to that to encode antibody proteins. Therefore, it is reasonable that the gene expression was first raised, and then leading to a increase in antibodies.

```
ggplot(ssrna) +
  aes(tpm, col=infancy_vac) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit))
```



```
ssrna %>%
  filter(visit==4) %>%
  ggplot() +
    aes(tpm, col=infancy_vac) + geom_density() +
    geom_rug()
```

