Statistical Analysis Code

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R packages

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suppressPackageStartupMessages({
  library(readxl)
  library(fpp3)
  library(tidyverse)
  library(dplyr)
  library(survival)
  library(ranger)
  library(ggplot2)
  library(ggfortify)
  library(mice)
  library(finalfit)
  library(VIM)
  library(gtsummary)
  library(survminer)
  library(MASS)
  library(StepReg)
  library(kableExtra)
  library(tableone)
  library(brolgar)
  library(xtable)
  library(gghighlight)
  library(patchwork)
  library(tableone)
  library(xtable)
  library(GGally)
  library(eha)
  library(flexrsurv)
  library(caret)
})
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Data Set

Data pre-processing

```
# Check data structure
str(Base) # baseline covariates
str(HIV1)
str(Cytokines) #Cytokine Profile
# Convert categorical variables into factor variables
Base_modified = Base
Base_modified <- as.data.frame(unclass(Base_modified), stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
Base_modified$agedebu <-as.numeric(Base_modified$agedebu)</pre>
# Display levels and frequencies of factor variables
lapply(Base_modified[sapply(Base_modified, is.factor)], table)
# merge data set
Surv_list2<- list(HIV1, Base_modified)</pre>
Base surv analysis <- Surv list2 %>% reduce(inner join, by='PID')
# renaming the string of factor variables
Base_surv_analysis1 <- Base_surv_analysis %>%
  mutate(p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER = str_replace(
   p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER, "No Regular Partner", "No"))
Base_surv_analysis2 <-Base_surv_analysis1 %>%
  mutate(p2v22_HIGHEST_EDUCATION = str_replace_all()
   p2v22_HIGHEST_EDUCATION, c("High School Complete"="HSchool",
                               "High School Not Complete"="HSchool",
                                "Tertiary Education Complete"= "Tertiary",
                                "Tertiary Education Not Complete"="Tertiary",
                                "Primary Schooling Complete"="Primary",
                               "Primary School Not Complete"="Primary",
                                "No Schooling" = "Primary")))
Base_surv_analysis3 <- Base_surv_analysis2 %>%
  mutate(p3v8 SELF GEN INCOME = str replace all
         (p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME,
           c("No self Gen Income"="NoSelf", "Self Gen Income"="Self")))
Base_surv_analysis3$
  p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME[Base_surv_analysis3$p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME==
                         "No Self"] <- "No"
Base_surv_analysis3$
  p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME[Base_surv_analysis3$p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME==
                         "Self"] <- "Yes"
Base_surv_analysis4<-Base_surv_analysis3 %>%
  mutate(p3v9_SALARY =
           str_replace_all(p3v9_SALARY,
                           c("Salary/Wage"="Yes","No Yes"="No")))
Base_surv_analysis4$
  p3v9_SALARY[Base_surv_analysis4$p3v9_SALARY=="No Yes"] <- "No"
Base_surv_analysis5<-Base_surv_analysis4 %>%
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mutate(p3v10_HUSBAND =
           str_replace_all(p3v10_HUSBAND, c(
    "Income Husband/Stable Partner"="Yes",
    "Not Husband/Stable Partner"="No")))
Base surv analysis6<-Base surv analysis5 %>%
  mutate(p3v11_SOCIAL_GRANTS = str_replace_all(
   p3v11 SOCIAL GRANTS, c("No Social Grant"="No", "Social Grant"="Yes")))
Base surv analysis6$
  p3v11 SOCIAL GRANTS[Base surv analysis6$p3v11 SOCIAL GRANTS=="Nos"] <- "No"
Base surv analysis6$
  p3v11_SOCIAL_GRANTS[Base_surv_analysis6$p3v11_SOCIAL_GRANTS=="Yess"] <- "Yes"
Base_surv_analysis7<-Base_surv_analysis6 %>%
  mutate(p3v12_N0_INCOME =
           str_replace_all(p3v12_NO_INCOME,
                           c("Income"="No", "No Income"="Yes")))
Base_surv_analysis7$p3v12_NO_INCOME[Base_surv_analysis7$
                                      p3v12 NO INCOME=="No No"] <- "Yes"
Base_surv_analysis8<-Base_surv_analysis7 %>%
  mutate(p3v13_OTHER_INCOME_SOURCE =
           str_replace_all(p3v13_OTHER_INCOME_SOURCE,
                           c("No Other Income Source"="No",
                             "Other Income Source"="Yes")))
Base_surv_analysis9<-Base_surv_analysis8 %>%
  mutate(p3v16 AMOUNT INCOME =
           str_replace_all(p3v16_AMOUNT_INCOME,
                           c("<R1000 Per Month"="less1K",
                             "R1001-R5000 Per Month"="G1Kless5K")))
Base_surv_analysis10 <- Base_surv_analysis9 %>%
  mutate(marital = str_replace(marital, "Stable and Casual", "StabCas"))
Base_surv_analysis10$marital[Base_surv_analysis10$marital==
                               "Stable and Casual"] <- "StabCas"
Base_surv_analysis10$marital[Base_surv_analysis10$marital==
                               "Married and Casual"] <- "Married"
Base_surv_analysis11 <- Base_surv_analysis10 %>%
  mutate(p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER =
           str replace(p17v28 SEX PART HAVE OTHER,
             "Don't Know", "DontKn"))
Base_surv_analysis12 <- Base_surv_analysis11 %>%
  mutate(p18v8 SEX PART TEST POS =
           str_replace(p18v8_SEX_PART_TEST_POS, "Don't Know", "DontKn"))
Base_surv_analysis13 <- Base_surv_analysis12 %>%
  mutate(p18v13_FREQ_ALCOHOL =
           str_replace(p18v13_FREQ_ALCOHOL, "Most Times", "Mostly"))
Base_surv_analysis14 <- Base_surv_analysis13 %>%
  mutate(p18v15_FREQ_CONDOM_USE =
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str_replace(p18v15_FREQ_CONDOM_USE, "Most Times", "Mostly"))
Base_surv_analysis15 <- Base_surv_analysis14 %>%
  mutate(p18v16_FREQ_CONDOM_STABLE =
           str_replace(p18v16_FREQ_CONDOM_STABLE,"Most Times", "Mostly"))
Base_surv_analysis16 <- Base_surv_analysis15 %>%
  mutate(p18v17_FREQ_CONDOM_CASUAL =
           str_replace(p18v17_FREQ_CONDOM_CASUAL, "Most Times", "Mostly"))
Base surv analysis16 <- Base surv analysis16 %>%
  mutate(HSV2 = str replace(HSV2, "assumed negative at baseline", "Negative"))
Base_surv_analysis16 <- Base_surv_analysis16 %>%
  mutate(contra2 = str_replace(contra2, "Hyst", "Tuba"))
Base_surv_analysis16$
  p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER[Base_surv_analysis16$
                               p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER==
                                "Don't know"] <- "Dontknow"
Base_surv_analysis16$p18v8_SEX_PART_TEST_POS[Base_surv_analysis16$
                                                p18v8_SEX_PART_TEST_POS==
                                                "Don't know"] <- "Dontknow"
Base_surv_analysis16 <- as.data.frame(unclass(Base_surv_analysis16)</pre>
                                       ,stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
# Check missingness
sum(is.na(Base_surv_analysis16)) # total missing values
Base_surv_analysis16 %%summarise_all(~sum(is.na(.))) #total missing in column
# removing high missingness, fewer levels and frequencies
Base_surv_analysis16.1 <- subset(Base_surv_analysis16,</pre>
                              select = -c(p18v17_FREQ_CONDOM_CASUAL,
                                          p17v18_ANAL, contra2, p17v17_VAG,
                                          p17v19_ORAL,p17v20_VAG_ANAL,
                                          p17v21_VAG_ORAL,
                                          p17v25_ANY_NEW_PARTNERS,
                                          p18v11_RECEIVED_MONEY,
                                          p18v11 RECEIVED MONEY,
                                          p18v12_RECEIVE_MONEY_30DAYS,
                                          p18v13_FREQ_ALCOHOL,
                                          HSV2, p19v9_BURNING,
                                          p19v10_PAIN, p19v11_PAIN_DURING_SEX,
                                          p19v12 DIFF URINATING,
                                          p19v13 VAG BLEEDING,
                                          p19v15_OTHER_ULCERS, p3v12_NO_INCOME,
                                          p18v16_FREQ_CONDOM_STABLE,
                                          p18v8_SEX_PART_TEST_POS,
                                          p19v8_ITCHING,
                                          p6v8_TIMES_HAD_VAG_SEX))
Base_surv_analysis16.1<- Base_surv_analysis16.1 %>% na.omit()
# Releveling the factor variables
Base_surv_analysis16.1 <- within(Base_surv_analysis16.1,</pre>
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p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER<-
                                    relevel(p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER,
                                           ref = "Yes"))
Base surv analysis16.1 <- within(Base surv analysis16.1,
                                 p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER<-
                                    relevel(p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER,
                                           ref = "No")
Base_surv_analysis16.1 <- within(Base_surv_analysis16.1,</pre>
                                 p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER<-
                                   relevel(p2v18_REG_PARTNER_LIVE_TOGETHER,
                                           ref = "Yes"))
# checking the total ID for Cytokine data set
n_distinct(Cytokines$PID)
# adjusting the visit codes to follow up months
Cytokines1 = mutate(Cytokines,
                    DFSEQ = case_when(DFSEQ == 1010~1, DFSEQ == 1020~2,
                                      DFSEQ == 1021^2.1, DFSEQ==1030^3,
                                      DFSEQ == 1031~3.1, DFSEQ == 1040~4,
                                      DFSEQ == 1050^{5}, DFSEQ == 1060^{6},
                                      DFSEQ == 1070~7, DFSEQ == 1080~8,
                                      DFSEQ== 1090~9, DFSEQ == 1100~10,
                                      DFSEQ == 1110~11, DFSEQ == 1120~12,
                                      DFSEQ== 1130~13, DFSEQ == 1140~14,
                                      DFSEQ == 1141~14.1, DFSEQ==1150~15,
                                      DFSEQ == 1160~16, DFSEQ==1170~17,
                                      DFSEQ == 1180~18, DFSEQ==1190~19,
                                      DFSEQ == 1200~20, DFSEQ==1210~21,
                                      DFSEQ == 1220~22, DFSEQ==1230~23,
                                      DFSEQ == 1240~24, DFSEQ==1250~25,
                                      DFSEQ == 1260^26, DFSEQ==1270^27,
                                      DFSEQ == 1280~28, DFSEQ==1290~29,
                                      DFSEQ == 5999~30, DFSEQ==6000~31)
Cytokines1 <- Cytokines1 %>% rename("Follow_up_Month" = "DFSEQ")
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Exploratory analysis: Graphs and tables

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# Figure 2
# Proportion and patterns for missing values in Baseline covariates
Base_surv_analysis16_A <-subset(Base_surv_analysis16, select = -c(p18v17_FREQ_CONDOM_CASUAL))</pre>
aggr plot <- aggr(Base surv analysis16 A, col=c('navyblue','yellow'),</pre>
                  numbers=TRUE, sortVars=TRUE,
                  labels=names(Base_surv_analysis16_A), cex.axis= 0.4,
                  gap=2.5, cex.numbers = 0.7, cex.lab = 1, prop = TRUE,
                  ylab=c("Proportion of missing data",
                          "Pattern of missing data"))
# table one
factorVars <- c(names(Filter(is.factor, Base_surv_analysis16.1))) #categorical variables
vars <- dput(names(Base_surv_analysis16.1))</pre>
tableOne <- CreateTableOne(vars = vars, strata =</pre>
                              c("HIV", "Treat"),
                            data = Base_surv_analysis16.1,
                            factorVars = factorVars) # stratified by trt
tableOne
tableOne $CatTable
tableOne$ContTable
tabAsStringMatrix <- print(tableOne, printToggle = FALSE, noSpaces = TRUE)
xtable(tabAsStringMatrix) # read to latex
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Kaplan-Meier Analysis

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# Survival table
km fitt <- survfit(Surv(months, HIV) ~ 1, data=HIV1)</pre>
km_table <-summary(km_fitt, times = c(1:30))</pre>
km_table1 <- cbind(km_table$time, km_table$n.risk, km_table$n.event,</pre>
                    km_table$n.censor, km_table$surv, km_table$std.err,
                    km_table$lower, km_table$upper)
km table1 %>%as.data.frame() %>%
  kbl(caption = "Example1", format = "latex", digits = 4) #Importing to latex
#overall survival plot
km1 <-autoplot(km_fitt)+labs(x="Months", y="Survival probabilty")+theme_bw()
# Figure 3
# By treatment survival plot
km_fitt_trt <- survfit(Surv(months, HIV) ~ Treat, data=HIV1)</pre>
km2<- autoplot(km_fitt_trt)+</pre>
  labs(x="Months", y="Survival probability",
       colour = "Treat", fill = "Treat")+theme_bw() +
  annotate("text", x = 7, y = 0.8,
                    label = "Chisq = 5.7, n df = 1, p = 0.02", size = 3)
km_plot <- km1+km2</pre>
ggsave("Figure3.pdf", plot = km_plot, width = 8, height = 5,
       units = "in", dpi = 600, device = "pdf")
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# log rank for kaplan meiyer when compairing two groups
surv_diff <- survdiff(Surv(months, HIV) ~ Treat, data=HIV1)
surv_diff</pre>
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Stepwise Cox PH Analysis

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# the Cox formulae
form1 = Surv(months, HIV) ~ .
# Stepwise Cox regression
Base_surv_analysis16.2 <- subset(Base_surv_analysis16.1,</pre>
                              select = -c(PID)
Base_results <- stepwiseCox(formula=form1,</pre>
                           data = Base_surv_analysis16.2,
                           selection = "bidirection",
                           select = "AIC",
                           sle = 0.15,
                           sls = 0.15,
                           method = "efron")
# Using the selected variables from the stepwise regression
vec base <- as.vector(rownames(Base results$`Coefficients of the Selected Variables`))</pre>
vec_base[vec_base=="Treat2"] <- "Treat"</pre>
vec_base[vec_base=="p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE2"] <- "p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE"
vec_base[vec_base=="p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME2"] <- "p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME"</pre>
vec base[vec base=="p3v9 SALARY2"] <- "p3v9 SALARY"</pre>
vec base[vec base==
           "p17v28 SEX PART HAVE OTHER2"] <- "p17v28 SEX PART HAVE OTHER"
vec_base[vec_base==
           "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER3"] <- "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER"
fm1_base <-as.formula(paste("Surv(months, HIV) ~",</pre>
                             paste(vec_base, collapse = "+")))
# Model 1 results
cox1_base<- coxph(fm1_base, data = Base_surv_analysis16.2)</pre>
test.ph_base <- cox.zph(cox1_base) # testing for cox ph assumption
test.ph.table_base <- as.data.frame(test.ph_base$table)</pre>
test.ph.table.sig_base <- test.ph.table_base[!(test.ph.table_base$p<0.05),]
# Exporting to latex
combine_base <- as.data.frame(cbind(</pre>
  summary(cox1_base)$coefficient, summary(cox1_base)$conf.int))
names(combine_base) <- c("coef", "HR", "SE", "Z",</pre>
                          "p_value", "SEE", "SEEE", "lower", "upper")
combine_base1 <- subset( combine_base, select= c(HR, SE, lower, upper, p_value))</pre>
combine_base1 %>% kbl(caption = "Example1", format = "latex", digits = 4)
# Extract AIC value from model 1
extractAIC(cox1_base)
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# Calculating mean of the Cytokine profile
Cyt_mean <- Cytokines %>% subset(select = -c(DFSEQ))%>% na.omit() %>%
  group_by(PID) %>%
  summarise all("mean")
# stepwise Cox regression
Surv_list3<- list(Base_surv_analysis16.1, Cyt_mean)</pre>
Base_surv_analysis18<- Surv_list3 %>% reduce(inner_join, by='PID')
Base surv analysis18.1 <- subset(Base surv analysis18,
                              select = -c(PID)
Mean_base_Cyt_results <- stepwiseCox(formula=form1,</pre>
                           data = Base_surv_analysis18.1,
                           selection = "bidirection",
                           select = "AIC",
                           sle = 0.15.
                           sls = 0.15,
                           method = "efron")
# Using the selected variables from the stepwise regression
vec_mean_base <- as.vector(rownames(Mean_base_Cyt_results$</pre>
                                        `Coefficients of the Selected Variables`))
vec mean base[vec mean base=="Treat2"] <- "Treat"</pre>
vec mean base[vec mean base==
                 "p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE2"] <- "p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE"
vec_mean_base[vec_mean_base=="p3v9_SALARY2"] <- "p3v9_SALARY"</pre>
vec_mean_base[vec_mean_base==
                 "p18v15 FREQ CONDOM USE2"] <- "p18v15 FREQ CONDOM USE"
vec_mean_base[vec_mean_base==
                 "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER2"] <- "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER"
vec_mean_base[vec_mean_base==
                 "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER3"] <- "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER"
vec_mean_base[vec_mean_base=="p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME2"] <- "p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME"</pre>
fm2 <-as.formula(paste("Surv(months, HIV) ~",</pre>
                        paste(vec_mean_base, collapse = "+")))
# Model 2 results
cox2_mean.cyt<- coxph(fm2, data = Base_surv_analysis18.1)</pre>
# testing for Cox PH assumption
test.ph2 <- cox.zph(cox2 mean.cyt)
test.ph.table_2 <- as.data.frame(test.ph2$table)</pre>
test.ph.table.sig_2 <- test.ph.table_2[!(test.ph.table_2$p<0.05),]
# Exporting to latex
combine2.1 <- as.data.frame(cbind(</pre>
  summary(cox2_mean.cyt)$coefficient, summary(cox2_mean.cyt)$conf.int))
names(combine2.1) <- c("coef", "HR", "SE", "Z",</pre>
                        "p_value", "SEE", "SEEE", "lower", "upper")
combine2.3 <- subset( combine2.1, select= c(HR, SE, lower, upper, p_value))</pre>
combine2.3 %>% kbl(caption = "Example1", format = "latex", digits = 4)
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#Extracting AIC value for Model 2
extractAIC(cox2_mean.cyt)
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# Calculating the difference for Cytokine Profile
cyt data <- data.frame(matrix(nrow = 0, ncol = 50))</pre>
colnames(cyt_data) <- c(names(Cytokines1))</pre>
for (r in unique(Cytokines1$PID)) {
  temp <- Cytokines1 %>% filter(Cytokines1$PID %in% r)
  if(dim(temp)[1] > 1){
  tempnew <- temp[dim(temp)[1],] - temp[1,]</pre>
  #print(dim(temp)[1])
  }else{
 tempnew <- temp
  cyt_data[r, ] <- tempnew</pre>
}
cyt data2 <- cyt data[which(rowMeans(!is.na(cyt data)) > 0.5), ]
Cytokines_diff<- cyt_data2 %>% subset(select=-c(PID, Follow_up_Month)) %>%
 tibble::rownames_to_column("PID")
Cytokines_diff$PID<-as.numeric(Cytokines_diff$PID)</pre>
Surv_list2<-list(HIV1, Cytokines_diff)</pre>
Surv_data_complete2<-Surv_list2 %>% reduce(inner_join, by='PID')
# Stepwise Cox regression
Surv_list6<- list(Base_surv_analysis16.1, Cytokines_diff)</pre>
Base_surv_analysis21<- Surv_list6 %>% reduce(inner_join, by='PID')
Base surv analysis21.1 <- subset(Base surv analysis21,
                              select = -c(PID)
Diff_Cyt_base_results <- stepwiseCox(formula=form1,</pre>
                           data = Base_surv_analysis21.1,
                           selection = "bidirection",
                           select = "AIC",
                           sle = 0.15,
                           sls = 0.15,
                           method = "efron")
# Using the selected variables from the stepwise regression
vec_diff_base <- as.vector(rownames(Diff_Cyt_base_results$</pre>
                                        `Coefficients of the Selected Variables`))
vec_diff_base[vec_diff_base=="Treat2"] <- "Treat"</pre>
vec_diff_base[vec_diff_base==
                 "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER2"] <- "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER"
vec_diff_base[vec_diff_base==
                "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER3"] <- "p17v28_SEX_PART_HAVE_OTHER"
vec diff base[vec diff base=="p3v10 HUSBAND2"] <- "p3v10 HUSBAND"
vec_diff_base[vec_diff_base=="p3v9_SALARY2"] <- "p3v9_SALARY"</pre>
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vec_diff_base[vec_diff_base=="p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME2"] <- "p3v8_SELF_GEN_INCOME"
fm4 <-as.formula(paste("Surv(months, HIV) ~",</pre>
                        paste(vec_diff_base, collapse = "+")))
# Model 3 results
cox2_diff.cyt<- coxph(fm4, data = Base_surv_analysis21.1)</pre>
# testing for Cox PH assumptions
test.ph4 <- cox.zph(cox2_diff.cyt) # testing for cox ph assumption</pre>
test.ph.table_4 <- as.data.frame(test.ph4$table)</pre>
test.ph.table.sig_4 <- test.ph.table_4[!(test.ph.table_4$p<0.05),]
# Exporting to Latex
combine4.1 <- as.data.frame(cbind(</pre>
  summary(cox2_diff.cyt)$coefficient, summary(cox2_diff.cyt)$conf.int))
names(combine4.1) <- c("coef", "HR", "SE", "Z",</pre>
                        "p_value", "SEE", "SEEE", "lower", "upper")
combine4.3 <- subset( combine4.1, select= c(HR, SE, lower, upper, p_value))</pre>
combine4.3 %>% kbl(caption = "Example1", format = "latex", digits = 4)
# Extracting AIC value for Model 3
extractAIC(cox2_diff.cyt)
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# reformatting data into count process using tmerge function
df_time_ind <-</pre>
  tmerge(data1=HIV1,
         data2=HIV1,
         id=PID,
         event=event(months, HIV))
df_final <-
tmerge(data1=df_time_ind,
       data2=Cytokines1,
       id=PID,
       BASIC_FGF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, BASIC_FGF),
       EOTAXIN=tdc(Follow_up_Month, EOTAXIN),
       G_CSF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, G_CSF),
       GM_CSF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, GM_CSF),
       IFN_G=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IFN_G),
       IL_10=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_10),
       IL_12P70=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_12P70),
       IL_13=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_13),
       IL_15=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_15),
       IL_17A=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_17A),
       IL_1B=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_1B),
       IL_1RA=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_1RA),
       IL_2=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_2),
       IL_4=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_4),
       IL_5=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_5),
       IL 6=tdc(Follow up Month, IL 6),
       IL_7=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_7),
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IL_8=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_8),
       IL_9=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_9),
       IL_10=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_10),
       MCP_1=tdc(Follow_up_Month, MCP_1),
       MIP_1A=tdc(Follow_up_Month, MIP_1A),
       MIP_1B=tdc(Follow_up_Month, MIP_1B),
       PDGF_BB=tdc(Follow_up_Month, PDGF_BB),
       RANTES=tdc(Follow up Month, RANTES),
       TNF_A=tdc(Follow_up_Month, TNF_A),
       VEGF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, VEGF),
       CTACK=tdc(Follow_up_Month, CTACK),
       GRO_A=tdc(Follow_up_Month, GRO_A),
       HGF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, HGF),
       IFN_A2=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IFN_A2),
       IL_12P40=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_12P40),
       IL_16=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_16),
       IL_18=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_18),
       IFN_A2=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IFN_A2),
       IL_2RA=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_2RA),
       IL_3=tdc(Follow_up_Month, IL_3),
       LIF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, LIF),
       M_CSF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, M_CSF),
       MCP_3=tdc(Follow_up_Month, MCP_3),
       MIF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, MIF),
       MIG=tdc(Follow up Month, MIG),
       SCF=tdc(Follow up Month, SCF),
       SCGF_B=tdc(Follow_up_Month, SCGF_B),
       SDF_1A=tdc(Follow_up_Month, SDF_1A),
       TNF_B=tdc(Follow_up_Month, TNF_B),
       TRAIL=tdc(Follow_up_Month, TRAIL),
       B_NGF=tdc(Follow_up_Month, B_NGF)
df_final<- df_final %>% na.omit()
# Time dependent Cox formulae
form3 = Surv(tstart, tstop, event) ~ .
# stepwise Cox regression
Base_surv_analysis16.1.1 <-subset(Base_surv_analysis16.1,</pre>
                                   select = -c(Treat, Site, months, HIV))
Surv_list9.1<- list(Base_surv_analysis16.1.1, df_final)</pre>
Base_surv_analysis23_2<- Surv_list9.1 %>% reduce(inner_join, by='PID') %>%
  na.omit()
Base_surv_analysis23.2 <- subset(Base_surv_analysis23_2,</pre>
                              select = -c(PID, months, HIV))
Time_Cyt_base_results.2 <- stepwiseCox(formula=form3,</pre>
                          data = Base_surv_analysis23.2,
                           selection = "bidirection",
                           select = "AIC",
                           sle = 0.15,
                           sls = 0.15,
                           method = "efron")
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# Using the selected Variables from the stepwise regression
vec_time_base1 <- as.vector(rownames(</pre>
  Time Cyt base results.2$ Coefficients of the Selected Variables ))
vec time base1[vec time base1==
                  "p3v13 OTHER INCOME SOURCE2"] <- "p3v13 OTHER INCOME SOURCE"
vec_time_base1[vec_time_base1==
                  "p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE2"] <- "p19v14_ABNORMAL_DISCHARGE"
vec_time_base1[vec_time_base1=="p3v9_SALARY2"] <- "p3v9_SALARY"</pre>
vec time base1[vec time base1=="Site2"] <- "Site"</pre>
fm6.1 <-as.formula(paste("Surv(tstart, tstop, event) ~",</pre>
                          paste(vec_time_base1, collapse = "+")))
# Model 4 results
cox2_time.cyt1<- coxph(fm6.1, data = Base_surv_analysis23.2)</pre>
# Testing for Cox PH assumption
test.ph6.1 <- cox.zph(cox2_time.cyt1) # testing for cox ph assumption</pre>
test.ph.table_6.1 <- as.data.frame(test.ph6.1$table)</pre>
test.ph.table.sig_6.1 <- test.ph.table_6.1[!(test.ph.table_6.1$p>0.05),]
# Exporting to Latex
combine6.1.1 <- as.data.frame(cbind(</pre>
  summary(cox2_time.cyt1)$coefficient, summary(cox2_time.cyt1)$conf.int))
names(combine6.1.1) <- c("coef", "HR", "SE", "Z",</pre>
                          "p_value", "SEE", "SEEE", "lower", "upper")
combine6.3.1 <- subset( combine6.1.1, select= c(HR, SE, lower, upper, p_value))</pre>
combine6.3.1 %>% kbl(caption = "Example1", format = "latex", digits = 4)
# Extract AIC value for Model 4
extractAIC(cox2_time.cyt1)
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Model graphs

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## Figure 4
mm1 <- survfit(Surv(months, HIV) ~ 1, data = Base_surv_analysis16.2) %>%
  ggsurv(mm1, surv.col = "black", cens.col = "blue")+
  labs( x="Time (Months)", y="Survival probability", title = "Model 1")+
  theme_bw()
mm2 <- survfit(Surv(months, HIV) ~ 1, data = Base_surv_analysis18.1) %>%
  ggsurv(mm2, surv.col = "black", cens.col = "blue")+
  labs( x="Time (Months)", y="Survival probability", title = "Model 2")+
  theme_bw()
mm3 <- survfit(Surv(months, HIV) ~ 1, data = Base_surv_analysis21.1)%>%
  ggsurv(mm3, surv.col = "black", cens.col = "blue")+
  labs( x="Time (Months)", y="Survival probability", title = "Model 3")+
  theme bw()
mm4 <- survfit(Surv(tstart, tstop, event) ~ 1, data = Base_surv_analysis23.2)%>%
  ggsurv(mm4, surv.col = "black", cens.col = "blue")+
  labs( x="Time (Months)", y="Survival probability", title = "Model 4")+
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theme_bw()
mm_plots \leftarrow mm1+mm2+mm3+mm4
ggsave("Figure4.pdf", plot = mm_plots, width = 6, height = 4,
       units = "in", dpi = 600, device = "pdf")
## Figure 5
# Model 4 variables trend graph
M4_trend <-aareg(fm6.1, data = Base_surv_analysis23.2)
M4_trend_plot <- autoplot(M4_trend) + theme_bw()+ theme(legend.position="none")
ggsave("Figure5.pdf", plot = M4_trend_plot, width = 11.5, height = 8.5,
      units = "in", dpi = 600, device = "pdf")
## Figure 6
all_model_cyt<- c("SCF", "IL_12P70", "IL_16", "B_NGF", "SCGF_B", "TNF_A", "IL_17A", "CTACK", "IL_10", "
fm_m4 <-as.formula(paste("Surv(tstart, tstop, event) ~",</pre>
                       paste(all_model_cyt, collapse = "+")))
All_trend_cytokines <- aareg(fm_m4, data = Base_surv_analysis23.2)
All_trend_cyt_plot <- autoplot(All_trend_cytokines) + theme_bw()+
 theme(legend.position="none")
ggsave("Figure6.pdf", plot = All_trend_cyt_plot, width = 11.5, height = 8.5,
       units = "in", dpi = 600, device = "pdf")
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