

Main Analysis

Group C

Data Description

The UCLA Nurse Blood Pressure Study collected information from registered nurses in the Los Angeles area between 24 and 50 years of age on blood pressure (BP) and potential factors that contribute to hypertension. This information includes family history, and whether the subject had one or two hypertensive parents, as well as a wide range of measures of the physical and emotional condition of each nurse throughout the day. Researchers sought to study the links between BP and family history, personality, mood changes, working status, and menstrual phase. The first BP measurement was taken half an hour before the subject's normal start of work, and BP was then measured approximately every 20 minutes for the rest of the day. At each BP reading, the nurses also rate their mood on several dimensions, including how stressed they feel at the moment the BP is taken. In addition, the activity of each subject during the 10 minutes before each reading was measured using an actigraph worn on the waist.

Research Question

What are the factors that are associated with higher systolic blood pressure?

Load necessary packages

```
library(here)
library(tidyverse)
library(dplyr)
library(car)
library(mice)
```

```
## Warning: package 'mice' was built under R version 4.4.3
```

```
library(lme4)
library(nlme)
library(lmerTest)
```

```
## Warning: package 'lmerTest' was built under R version 4.4.3
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

Data Inspection and Manipulation

```
# Load data
nursebp <- read.csv(here("Data/nursebp.csv"), header = TRUE)

# Check structure
str(nursebp)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 9573 obs. of 16 variables:
## $ SNUM : int 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 1002 ...
## $ SYS : int 136 114 130 120 117 143 118 117 91 102 ...
## $ DIA : int 76 63 72 68 57 64 79 79 75 65 ...
## $ HRT : int 77 83 80 86 85 84 79 82 75 76 ...
## $ MNACT5 : num NA 230 189 229 213 ...
## $ PHASE : chr "L" "L" "L" "L" ...
## $ DAY : chr "W" "W" "W" "W" ...
## $ POSTURE : chr "SIT" "STAND" "STAND" "STAND" ...
## $ STR : int 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 ...
## $ HAP : int 5 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 ...
## $ TIR : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ AGE : int 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 ...
## $ FH123 : chr "YES" "YES" "YES" "YES" ...
## $ time : int 427 450 468 489 506 527 531 549 565 569 ...
## $ timept : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ timepass: int 0 23 41 62 79 100 104 122 138 142 ...
```

```
# Summary of key variables
summary(nursebp)
```

```
##          SNUM          SYS          DIA          HRT
## Min.   :1002   Min.   : 75.0   Min.   : 40.00   Min.   : 35.00
## 1st Qu.:1091   1st Qu.:108.0   1st Qu.: 63.00   1st Qu.: 71.00
## Median :1154   Median :117.0   Median : 71.00   Median : 80.00
## Mean   :1156   Mean   :118.2   Mean   : 71.38   Mean   : 80.03
## 3rd Qu.:1231   3rd Qu.:127.0   3rd Qu.: 79.00   3rd Qu.: 88.00
## Max.   :1307   Max.   :200.0   Max.   :120.00   Max.   :144.00
##
##          MNACT5          PHASE          DAY          POSTURE
## Min.   : 0.0   Length:9573   Length:9573   Length:9573
## 1st Qu.:160.2   Class :character   Class :character   Class :character
## Median :207.0   Mode  :character   Mode  :character   Mode  :character
## Mean   :190.4
## 3rd Qu.:236.4
## Max.   :359.4
## NA's    :985
##          STR          HAP          TIR          AGE
## Min.   :1.00   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :24.00
## 1st Qu.:1.00   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:33.00
## Median :1.00   Median :3.000   Median :2.000   Median :38.00
## Mean   :1.51   Mean   :3.099   Mean   :1.954   Mean   :37.82
## 3rd Qu.:2.00   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:43.00
## Max.   :5.00   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :50.00
## NA's    :754   NA's    :755   NA's    :755
##          FH123          time          timept          timepass
```

```
## Length:9573      Min.   : 300   Min.   : 1.00   Min.   : 0
## Class :character  1st Qu.: 665   1st Qu.:12.00   1st Qu.: 217
## Mode  :character  Median : 891   Median :24.00   Median : 443
##                  Mean    : 890   Mean    :24.41   Mean    : 447
##                  3rd Qu.:1118   3rd Qu.:36.00   3rd Qu.: 671
##                  Max.    :1439   Max.    :60.00   Max.    :1450
##
```

```
# Count missingness
colSums(is.na(nursebp))
```

```
##      SNUM      SYS      DIA      HRT      MNACT5      PHASE      DAY      POSTURE
##       0        0        0        0       985        0        0        0
##      STR      HAP      TIR      AGE      FH123      time     timept timepass
##     754      755      755        0        0        0        0        0
```

```
# Number of unique subjects
length(unique(nursebp$SNUM))
```

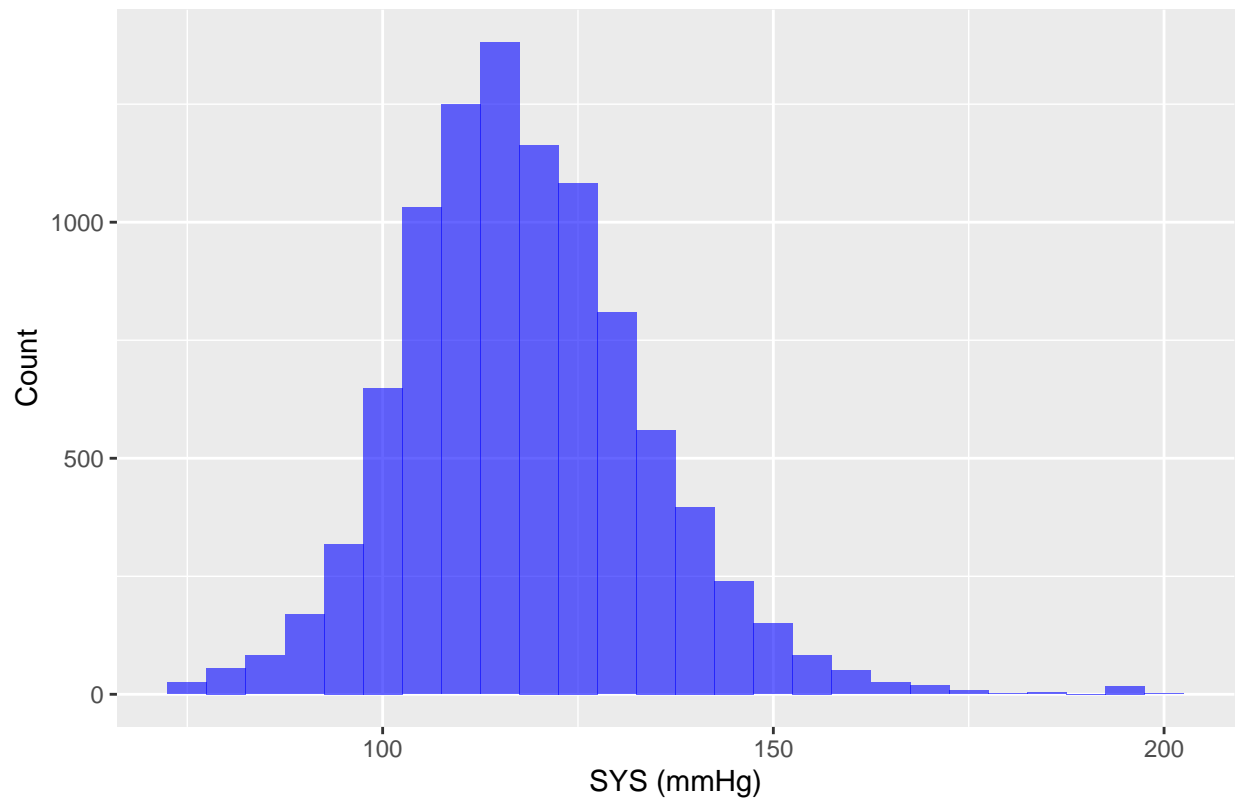
```
## [1] 203
```

```
nursebp <- nursebp %>%
  mutate(
    DAY = as.factor(DAY),
    FH123 = as.factor(FH123),
    PHASE = as.factor(PHASE),
    POSTURE = as.factor(POSTURE),
    SNUM = as.factor(SNUM),
    STR = as.factor(STR),
    HAP = as.factor(HAP)
  )
```

Exploratory Analysis

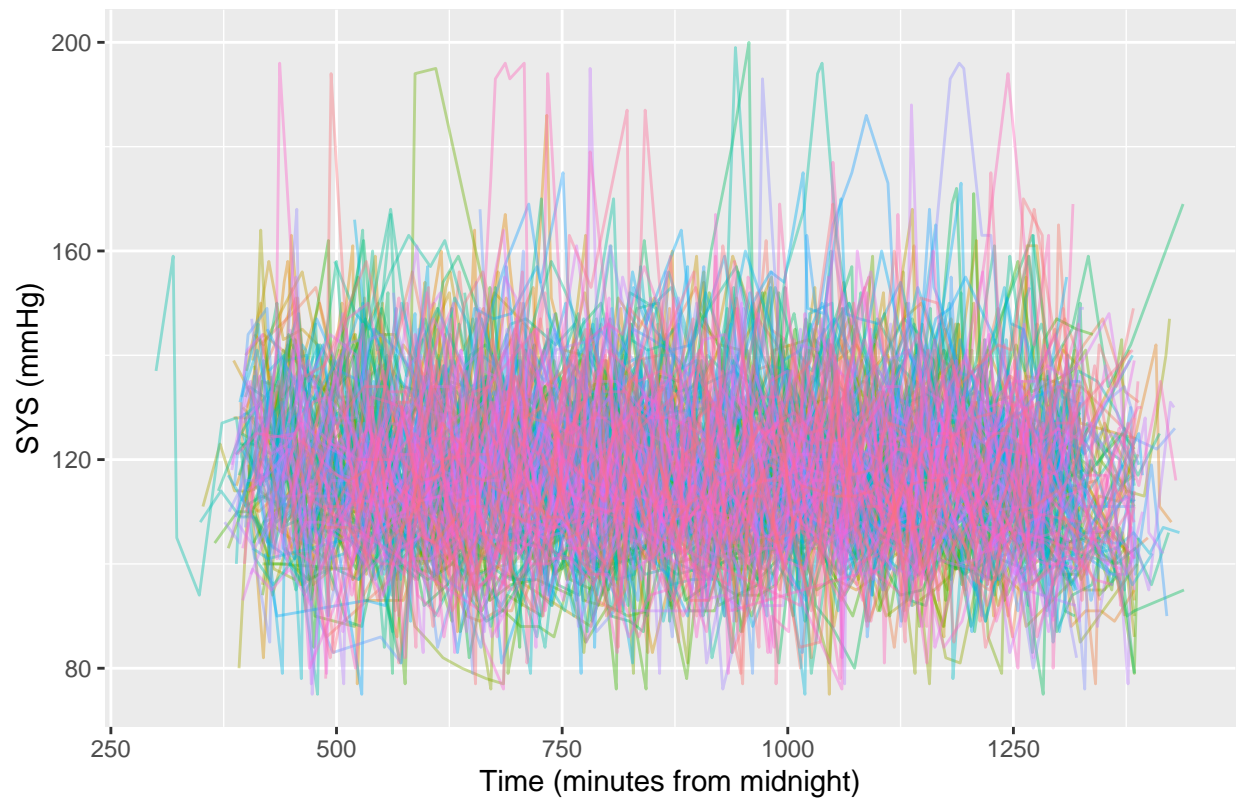
```
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = SYS)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5, fill = "blue", alpha = 0.6) +
  labs(title = "Distribution of Systolic Blood Pressure",
       x = "SYS (mmHg)", y = "Count")
```

Distribution of Systolic Blood Pressure

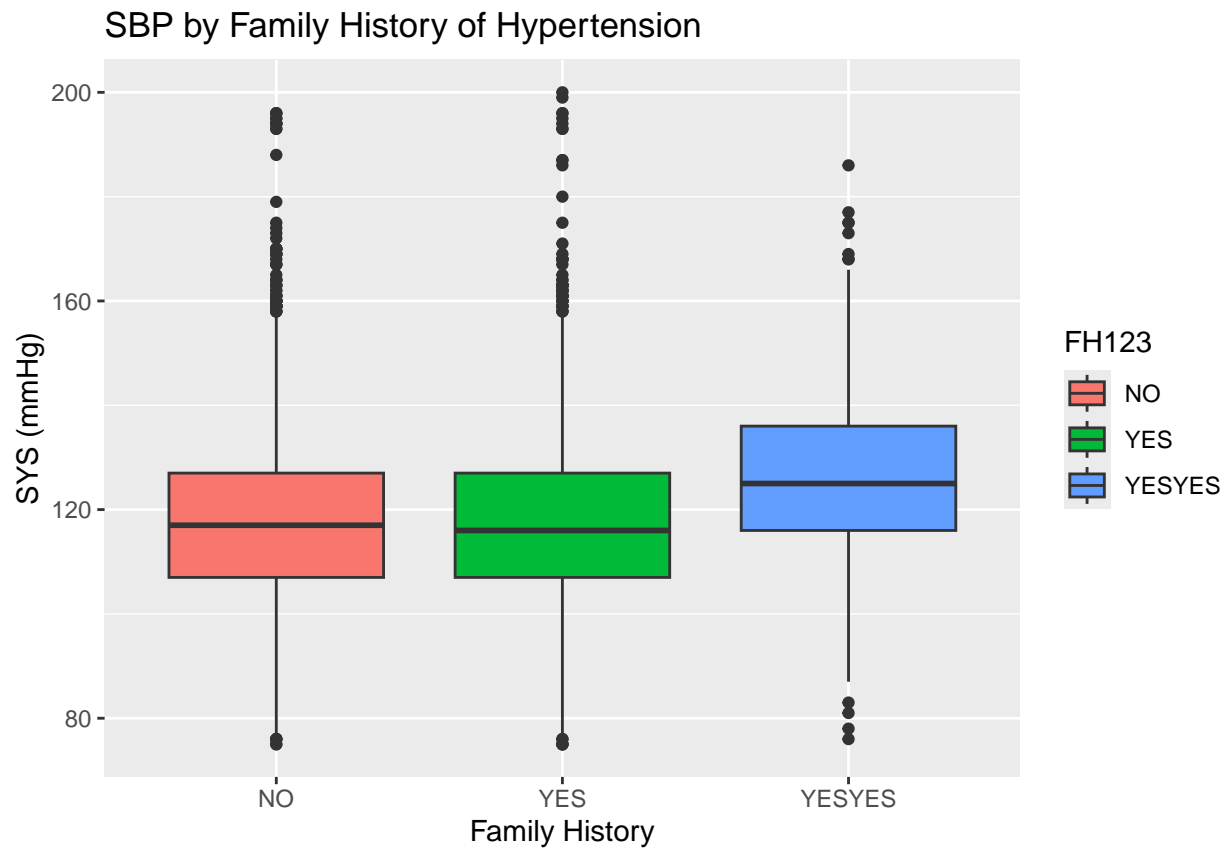


```
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = time, y = SYS, group = SNUM, color = SNUM)) +  
  geom_line(alpha = 0.4) +  
  labs(title = "Individual SBP Trajectory Over Time",  
        x = "Time (minutes from midnight)", y = "SYS (mmHg)") +  
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

Individual SBP Trajectory Over Time



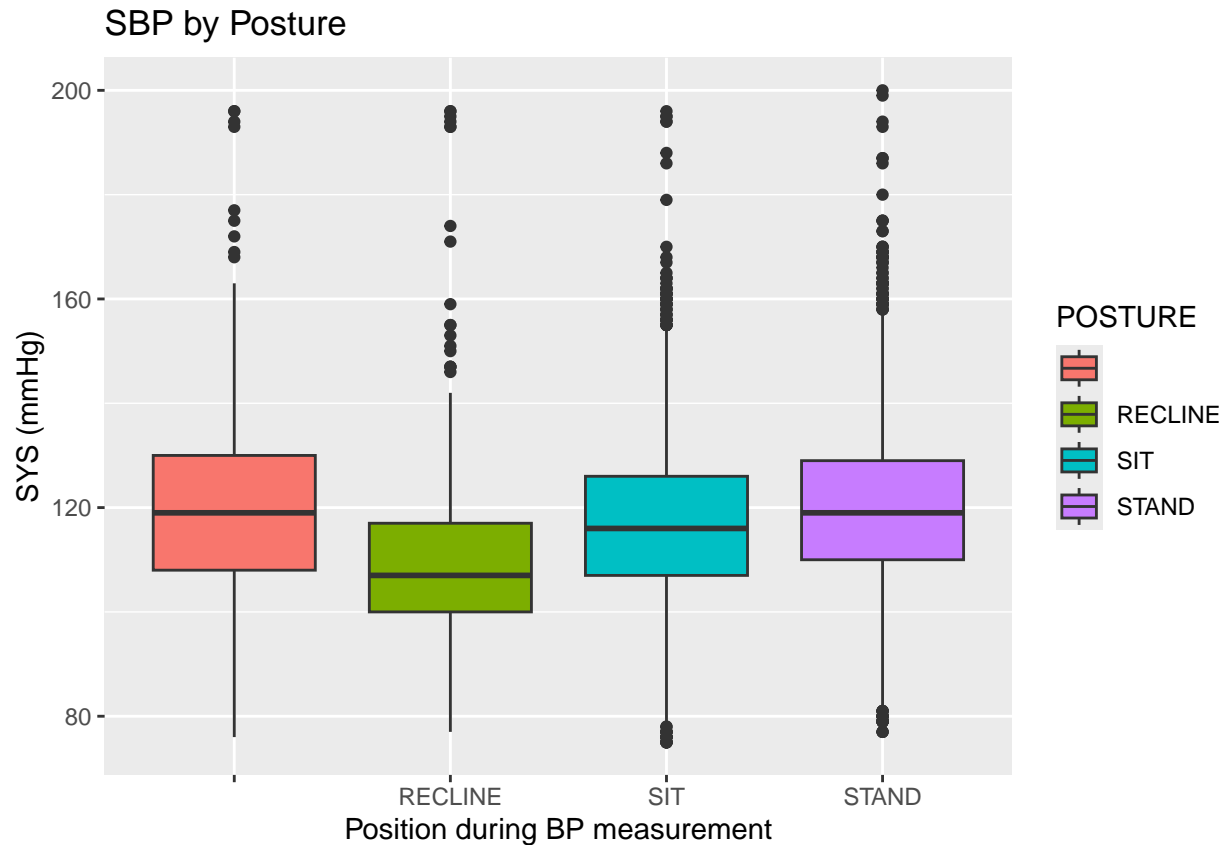
```
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = FH123, y = SYS, fill = FH123)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(title = "SBP by Family History of Hypertension",  
        x = "Family History", y = "SYS (mmHg)")
```



```
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = PHASE, y = SYS, fill = PHASE)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "SBP by Menstrual Phase",
        x = "Menstrual Phase", y = "SYS (mmHg)")
```



```
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = POSTURE, y = SYS, fill = POSTURE)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(title = "SBP by Posture",  
        x = "Position during BP measurement", y = "SYS (mmHg)")
```



Correlation among variables

DIA should be correlated with SYS, and it is with moderate correlation. The other variables seem no o

```
nursebp %>%
  select(AGE, SYS, DIA, HRT, time) %>%
  cor(use = "complete.obs")
```

```
##          AGE          SYS          DIA          HRT          time
## AGE    1.00000000  0.03479532  0.11380282 -0.04977327 -0.01273649
## SYS    0.03479532  1.00000000  0.53557471  0.18468989 -0.04091748
## DIA    0.11380282  0.53557471  1.00000000  0.20380942 -0.08098117
## HRT   -0.04977327  0.18468989  0.20380942  1.00000000 -0.03003795
## time  -0.01273649 -0.04091748 -0.08098117 -0.03003795  1.00000000
```

Modelling

Missingness examination

```
nursebp$STR_missing <- ifelse(is.na(nursebp$STR), 1, 0)
table(nursebp$AGE, nursebp$STR_missing)
```

```
##
##      0      1
## 24  42      1
```



```
## 25 152 1
## 26 355 8
## 27 268 7
## 28 219 14
## 29 391 52
## 30 157 19
## 31 183 60
## 32 346 25
## 33 260 26
## 34 262 12
## 35 560 34
## 36 355 42
## 37 457 18
## 38 480 41
## 39 750 97
## 40 386 17
## 41 411 12
## 42 269 25
## 43 423 48
## 44 320 20
## 45 457 41
## 46 402 28
## 47 557 14
## 48 148 6
## 49 166 24
## 50 43 62
```

```
# Density plot of age by missingness indicator
ggplot(nursebp, aes(x = AGE, fill = factor(STR_missing))) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  labs(x = "Age",
       y = "Density",
       fill = "STR Missing (1 = Yes, 0 = No)",
       title = "Age Distribution by STR Missingness")
```

Age Distribution by STR Missingness



still need to decide whether impute the data

```
fixed_model <- lm(SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time + I(time^2))
vif(fixed_model)
```

##		GVIF	Df	GVIF^(1/(2*Df))
##	AGE	1.092867	1	1.045403
##	DIA	1.121460	1	1.058990
##	FH123	1.108143	2	1.026004
##	HAP	1.247107	4	1.027988
##	HRT	1.216603	1	1.102997
##	MNACT5	1.317044	1	1.147625
##	STR	1.292430	4	1.032585
##	TIR	1.264703	1	1.124590
##	DAY	1.095818	1	1.046813
##	PHASE	1.039525	1	1.019571
##	POSTURE	1.465908	3	1.065821
##	time	54.908396	1	7.410020
##	I(time^2)	56.284715	1	7.502314

high multicollinearity among time and time^2, could consider centering

1. Random intercept, Include all variables

```

# Center and scale time
nursebp$time_c <- scale(nursebp$time, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
nursebp$time_c2 <-(nursebp$time_c)^2
# Linear mixed model: random intercept model
model0 <- lmer(SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time_c +
summary(model0)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY +
## PHASE + POSTURE + time_c + time_c2 + (1 | SNUM)
## Data: nursebp
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 61252.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -4.7682 -0.5618 -0.0535  0.4820  7.9503
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
##   SNUM      (Intercept)          38.16     6.178
##   Residual                        129.08    11.361
## Number of obs: 7896, groups: SNUM, 182
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   7.316e+01  4.219e+00  7.305e+02  17.340  <2e-16 ***
## AGE           -4.093e-02  7.416e-02  1.723e+02  -0.552   0.5817
## DIA            4.998e-01  1.193e-02  7.866e+03  41.904  <2e-16 ***
## FH123YES       -2.394e-01  1.021e+00  1.715e+02  -0.234   0.8150
## FH123YESYES    4.435e+00  1.930e+00  1.721e+02   2.298   0.0228 *
## HAP2            1.089e-01  6.242e-01  7.671e+03   0.174   0.8615
## HAP3           -4.653e-02  6.305e-01  7.058e+03  -0.074   0.9412
## HAP4           -2.722e-01  6.970e-01  6.560e+03  -0.391   0.6961
## HAP5           -9.751e-01  8.524e-01  5.474e+03  -1.144   0.2527
## HRT              4.084e-02  1.426e-02  7.236e+03   2.864   0.0042 **
## MNACT5          3.192e-02  2.433e-03  7.860e+03  13.123  <2e-16 ***
## STR2            2.188e-01  3.551e-01  7.868e+03   0.616   0.5378
## STR3           -5.028e-01  5.722e-01  7.869e+03  -0.879   0.3796
## STR4            1.173e+00  9.629e-01  7.849e+03   1.218   0.2232
## STR5            7.068e-01  1.671e+00  7.821e+03   0.423   0.6724
## TIR            -1.097e-01  1.715e-01  7.594e+03  -0.640   0.5224
## DAYW            1.183e+00  9.656e-01  1.738e+02   1.225   0.2222
## PHASEL          3.437e-01  9.647e-01  1.713e+02   0.356   0.7220
## POSTURERECLINE 3.339e-01  2.737e+00  7.758e+03   0.122   0.9029
## POSTURESIT      8.421e-01  2.679e+00  7.754e+03   0.314   0.7532
## POSTURESTAND    7.930e-01  2.678e+00  7.755e+03   0.296   0.7672
## time_c         1.816e-01  1.468e-01  7.828e+03   1.237   0.2160
## time_c2         1.200e-01  1.477e-01  7.774e+03   0.812   0.4167
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##

```

```
## Correlation matrix not shown by default, as p = 23 > 12.
## Use print(x, correlation=TRUE) or
##      vcov(x)          if you need it
```

```
#####DO NOT RUN THIS YET, FOR MULTICOLLINEARITY ONLY#####
# Correlation matrix
#cor_matrix <- cor(nursebp[, c("HAP", "STR", "TIR")], use = "complete.obs")
#print(cor_matrix)
# VIF calculation
#library(car)
#vif(model0)
```

2. Random Intercept and slope model

```
# Linear mixed model: random intercept and slope
modell1 <- lmer(SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time_c,
summary(modell1)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY +
##          PHASE + POSTURE + time_c + time_c2 + (1 + time_c | SNUM)
##      Data: nursebp
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 61193.8
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -4.8960 -0.5496 -0.0611  0.4761  7.4605
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups      Name              Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##      SNUM       (Intercept)    38.783     6.228
##              time_c           3.197     1.788    0.25
## Residual                126.042    11.227
## Number of obs: 7896, groups:  SNUM, 182
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   7.286e+01  4.207e+00  7.421e+02  17.319 < 2e-16 ***
## AGE           -3.058e-02  7.368e-02  1.736e+02  -0.415  0.67858
## DIA            4.920e-01  1.195e-02  7.853e+03  41.193 < 2e-16 ***
## FH123YES      -7.288e-01  1.015e+00  1.729e+02  -0.718  0.47385
## FH123YESYES    4.548e+00  1.921e+00  1.747e+02   2.367  0.01902 *
## HAP2           2.627e-01  6.284e-01  7.536e+03   0.418  0.67593
## HAP3           9.260e-02  6.420e-01  6.410e+03   0.144  0.88532
## HAP4          -7.669e-02  7.097e-01  5.931e+03  -0.108  0.91395
## HAP5          -4.921e-01  8.742e-01  4.744e+03  -0.563  0.57353
## HRT            3.979e-02  1.445e-02  6.825e+03   2.753  0.00593 **
## MNACT5         3.157e-02  2.442e-03  7.839e+03  12.927 < 2e-16 ***
## STR2           2.174e-01  3.585e-01  7.683e+03   0.606  0.54423
## STR3          -5.426e-01  5.787e-01  7.514e+03  -0.938  0.34849
## STR4           1.224e+00  9.699e-01  7.751e+03   1.262  0.20684
```

```
## STR5          5.907e-01  1.681e+00  7.765e+03  0.351  0.72533
## TIR           -5.932e-02  1.852e-01  3.478e+03 -0.320  0.74880
## DAYW          1.166e+00  9.597e-01  1.753e+02  1.215  0.22590
## PHASEL        6.657e-01  9.591e-01  1.729e+02  0.694  0.48859
## POSTURERECLINE 5.743e-01  2.731e+00  7.755e+03  0.210  0.83348
## POSTURESIT     1.158e+00  2.670e+00  7.743e+03  0.434  0.66456
## POSTURESTAND   1.186e+00  2.669e+00  7.744e+03  0.444  0.65671
## time_c        1.920e-01  2.001e-01  2.079e+02  0.960  0.33837
## time_c2       1.369e-01  1.519e-01  6.566e+03  0.902  0.36734
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
## Correlation matrix not shown by default, as p = 23 > 12.
## Use print(x, correlation=TRUE) or
##     vcov(x)           if you need it
```

3. Remove DIA

```
model3 <- lmer(SYS ~ AGE + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time_c + time_c2, data=nursebp)
summary(model3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: SYS ~ AGE + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE +
##          POSTURE + time_c + time_c2 + (1 + time_c | SNUM)
## Data: nursebp
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 62712.9
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.3190 -0.5430 -0.0366  0.5131  6.5224
##
## Random effects:
##  Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##  SNUM      (Intercept)    61.035     7.812
##           time_c          5.799     2.408  0.21
## Residual                    151.320  12.301
## Number of obs: 7896, groups: SNUM, 182
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   9.948e+01  4.873e+00  5.776e+02  20.415 < 2e-16 ***
## AGE           6.988e-02  9.170e-02  1.750e+02   0.762  0.44707
## FH123YES      -7.872e-01  1.265e+00  1.748e+02  -0.622  0.53445
## FH123YESYES    7.108e+00  2.391e+00  1.758e+02   2.973  0.00336 **
## HAP2          1.582e-01  6.951e-01  7.744e+03   0.228  0.82002
## HAP3          9.745e-02  7.145e-01  7.027e+03   0.136  0.89152
## HAP4          2.447e-01  7.912e-01  6.659e+03   0.309  0.75715
## HAP5         -3.271e-01  9.795e-01  5.675e+03  -0.334  0.73845
## HRT           9.898e-02  1.597e-02  7.309e+03   6.199  6e-10 ***
```

```
## MNACT5      3.279e-02  2.688e-03  7.839e+03  12.195 < 2e-16 ***
## STR2        5.121e-01  3.958e-01  7.802e+03   1.294  0.19570
## STR3       -2.934e-01  6.395e-01  7.695e+03  -0.459  0.64642
## STR4        2.044e+00  1.069e+00  7.803e+03   1.912  0.05588 .
## STR5        3.004e+00  1.850e+00  7.789e+03   1.623  0.10454
## TIR        -3.188e-01  2.081e-01  4.362e+03  -1.532  0.12559
## DAYW        2.703e+00  1.194e+00  1.762e+02   2.264  0.02479 *
## PHASEL      4.117e-01  1.195e+00  1.748e+02   0.345  0.73078
## POSTURERECLINE -3.629e+00  2.999e+00  7.733e+03  -1.210  0.22624
## POSTURESIT    1.332e-01  2.932e+00  7.718e+03   0.045  0.96376
## POSTURESTAND   5.115e-01  2.931e+00  7.719e+03   0.174  0.86149
## time_c       6.301e-02  2.436e-01  2.093e+02   0.259  0.79615
## time_c2      3.536e-01  1.680e-01  6.992e+03   2.105  0.03536 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
## Correlation matrix not shown by default, as p = 22 > 12.
## Use print(x, correlation=TRUE) or
##      vcov(x)          if you need it
```

```
anova(model0, model3)
```

```
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
```

```
## Data: nursebp
## Models:
## model0: SYS ~ AGE + DIA + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time_c +
## model3: SYS ~ AGE + FH123 + HAP + HRT + MNACT5 + STR + TIR + DAY + PHASE + POSTURE + time_c + time_c
##      npar    AIC    BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
## model0    25 61288 61463 -30619    61238
## model3    26 62765 62946 -31356    62713      0  1          1
```

```
# Based on likelihood ratio test, we should not remove DIA
# Just a test for model comparison
```