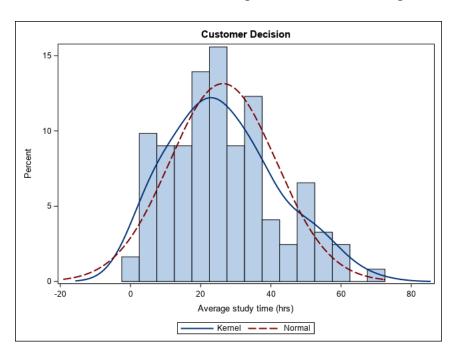
1a)

The histogram shows the average study time along with kernel density and the best fitting normal curve. Using the eyeballing approach, the hours of study distribution look similar to the normal distribution with a slight skew towards the right.



b)

We use the proc univariate to test the normality statistically. The output shows the test result for Normality. The question statement mentions that  $\alpha$  = 0.05 and here since the sample size is very small (N=122), the Shapiro test is used. The p-value is 0.0079 < 0.05, so we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the average study time does not follow the normal distribution.

## The UNIVARIATE Procedure Variable: AveTime (Average study time (hrs))

Moments							
N	122	Sum Weights	122				
Mean	26.3651016	Sum Observations	3216.54239				
Std Deviation	15.1768129	Variance	230.335649				
Skewness	0.48016013	Kurtosis	-0.307681				
Uncorrected SS	112675.08	Corrected SS	27870.6135				
Coeff Variation	57.564022	Std Error Mean	1.37404408				

	Basic	Statistical Measures	
Loc	ation	Variability	1
Mean	26.36510	Std Deviation	15.17681
Median	24.82108	Variance	230.33565
Mode		Range	68.23397
		Interquartile Range	21.45978

Tes	ts fo	r Location	: Mu0=0	
Test		Statistic	p Va	lue
Student's t	t	19.18796	Pr >  t	<.0001
Sign	M	61	Pr >=  M	<.0001
Signed Rank	S	3751.5	Pr >=  S	<.0001

Tests for Normality							
Test	St	atistic	p Val	ue			
Shapiro-Wilk	w	0.969928	Pr < W	0.0079			
Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D	0.067436	Pr > D	>0.1500			
Cramor von Misos	M Ca	0.442062	Dr > W Ca	0.0765			

Shapiro-Wilk	W	0.969928	Pr < W	0.0079
Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D	0.067436	Pr > D	>0.1500
Cramer-von Mises	W-Sq	0.113863	Pr > W-Sq	0.0765
Anderson-Darling	A-Sq	0.853444	Pr > A-Sq	0.0279

Quantiles (D	efinition 5)
Level	Quantile
100% Max	69.006831
99%	60.021982
95%	52.654466
90%	49.437782
75% Q3	36.602812
50% Median	24.821082
25% Q1	15.143034
10%	6.191171
5%	4.790607
1%	1.677311
0% Min	0.772862

Extreme Observations							
Lowe	st	Highest					
Value	Obs	Value	Obs				
0.772862	96	56.3370	80				
1.677311	37	59.7214	38				
2.847294	29	59.8352	61				
3.317500	28	60.0220	35				
3.926174	42	69.0068	41				

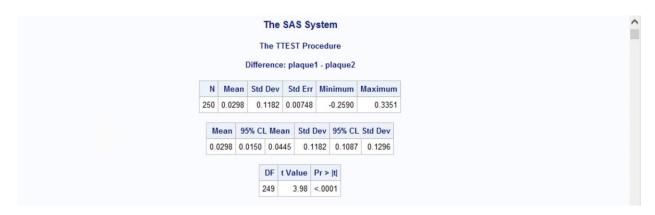
Proc corr is used to get the correlation between Units, AvgTime, and GPA.

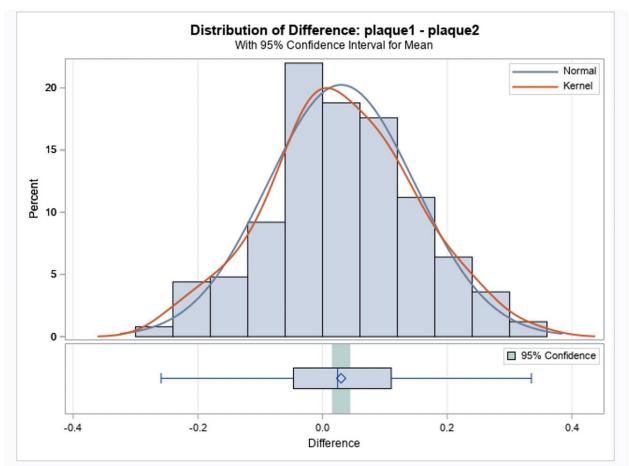
H0: Correlation coefficient = 0 H1: Correlation coefficient ≠ 0

				The COR	R Proced	ure		
				Section	of course=	=01		
			3 Va	riables:	Units AveT	ime GPA		
				Simple	e Statistic	S		
Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Sun	Minimu	ım Maxim	ium Lab	el
Units	58	13.79310	3.15538	800.0000	9.000	00 19.00	000 Num	ber of units enrolled
AveTime	58	29.68670	14.46548	1722	0.772	86 69.00	683 Aver	age study time (hrs)
GPA	58	3.30138	0.39409	191.48000	2.420	00 3.94	000 GPA	
				Correlatio		ients, N = : Rho=0	58	
					Units	AveTime	GPA	
		Units Numb	er of units	enrolled	1.00000	0.42598 0.0009		
		AveTi Avera	ime ige study t	ime (hrs)	0.42598 0.0009	1.00000	-0.34324 0.0083	
		GPA GPA			-0.15327 0.2507	-0.34324 0.0083	1.00000	

- The units enrolled and GPA has a weak negative relationship with r = -0.153 and correlation that is not statistically significant is with a p-value (0.2507) greater than alpha (0.05).
- The units enrolled and average study time has a moderate positive relationship with r= 0.476. and correlation that is statistically significant is with a p-value (0.0009) less than alpha (0.05)
- The GPA and average study time have a weak negative relationship with r= -0.343. and correlation that is statistically significant is with a p-value (0.0083) less than alpha (0.05)
- If students are enrolled in more units, they would spend more time for study. The
  output also shows that spending too much time may also lead to a decrease in their
  GPA. The reason for the decrease in GPA may also be due to a lack of time for each class
  because of too many courses.

Obs	SID	plaque1	plaque2	treat
126	126	0.7683	0.8089	1
127	127	0.8118	0.7580	1
128	128	0.8060	0.7981	1
129	129	0.8543	0.8570	1
130	130	0.6351	0.7407	1
131	131	0.7110	0.7235	1
132	132	0.8930	0.6294	1
133	133	0.6799	0.6769	1
134	134	0.9116	0.7369	1
135	135	0.8569	0.7063	1
136	136	0.7901	0.9245	1
137	137	0.7243	0.7551	1
138	138	0.8148	0.8010	1
139	139	0.8397	0.7527	1
140	140	0.6937	0.6699	1
141	141	0.7270	0.9575	1



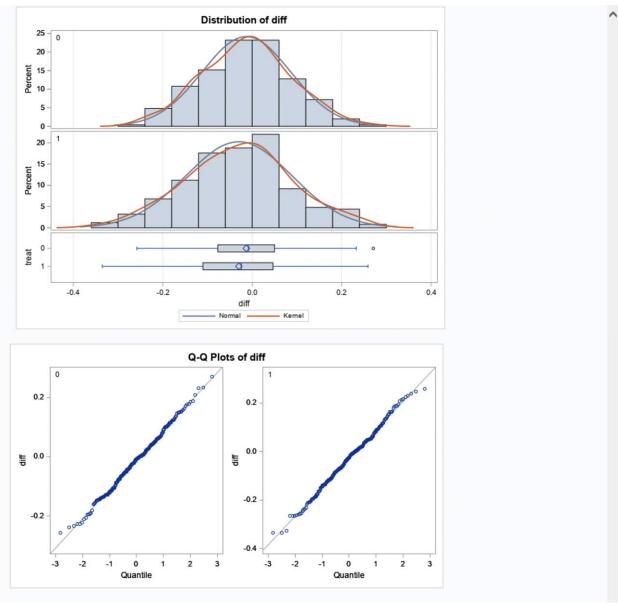


After performing paired t-test on 250 observations containing plaque1 and plaque2, we came up with the following hypothesis:

H0: plaque1 - plaque2 = 0 H1: plaque1 - plaque2 ≠ 0 The test static shows that the plaque level plummeted by 0.0298 and p-value being 0.001, there is strong evidence against the null hypothesis. Hence, we can conclude that there is a statistical difference in the plaque level before and after the treatment.

b)





To conduct this test, we perform a difference-in-difference study on the plaque level of the two groups.

From the t-test data, we can see that there is a drop in the plaque level in both groups. However, the drop is higher in the group who went through the treatment (0.0298) compared to the control group (0.0130).

Hence, our hypothesis is as follows: H0: diffplacebo –difftreatment >= 0 H1: diffplacebo –difftreatment < 0

Next, we perform ttest for equal variance to validate our hypothesis:

H0: variance if both the groups are equal H1: variance if both the groups are different

The equality of variance test between placebo and treatment groups yields a p-value of 0.0053. There is statistically good evidence to reject the hypothesis which implies that both groups have different variances.

Our hypothesis is as follows:

H0: diffplacebo –difftreatment >= 0 H1: diffplacebo –difftreatment < 0

We perform satterthwaite unequal test. one tail value of p-value = 0.0855/2 = 0.04275. This shows that there is good evidence against the null hypothesis. Hence, with a 95% confidence we can conclude that there is a difference in plaque level before and after treatment.

c)

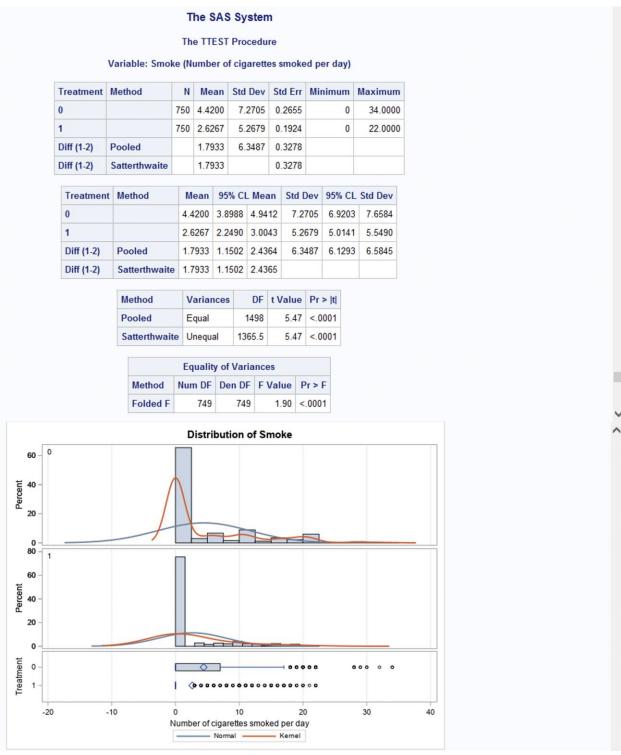
Tests used in part b are more reliable over the test used in part a. Dataset used in part b allowed us to consider that external factors that could affect the plaque level with the aid of placebo group. Whereas dataset in part a doesn't consider these external factors making tests used in part b more reliable in the real world.

d)

T-test for smoking:

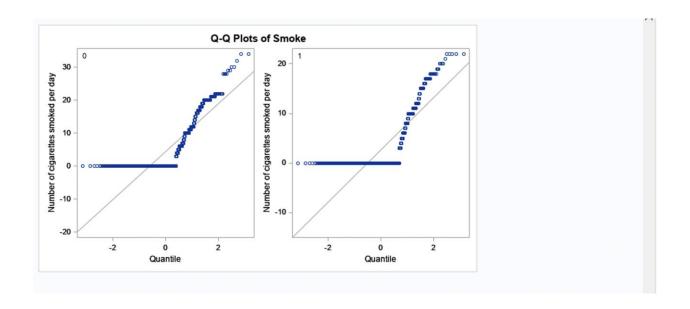
we perform t-test to validate if the average number cigarettes smoked by both placebo and treatment group is equal or not.

H0: cig\_smokedplacebo – cig\_smokedtreatment = 0 H1: cig\_smokedplacebo – cig\_smokedtreatment ≠ 0



The above data concludes that average number of cigarettes smoked per day by the treatment group (2.6267) is less than the cigarettes smoked per day by the placebo group(4.42).

The equality of variance test gives a p-value less than 0.0001. Hence, there is statistical evidence to reject the hypothesis that both groups have equal variances.



## T-test for alcohol:

we perform t-test to validate if the average number of alcoholic drinks consumed per day by both placebo and treatment group is equal.

 $H0: drinks\_countplacebo-drinks\_counttreatment = 0$ 

H1: drinks\_countplacebo – drinks\_counttreatment ≠ 0

The SAS System

The TTEST Procedure

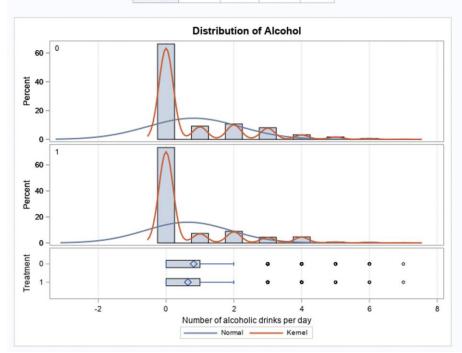
## Variable: Alcohol (Number of alcoholic drinks per day)

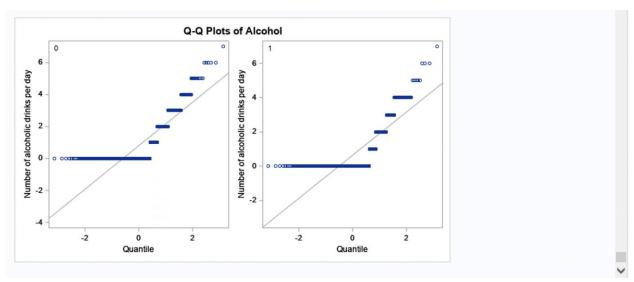
Treatment	Method	N	Mean	Std Dev	Std Err	Minimum	Maximum
0		750	0.8133	1.3573	0.0496	0	7.0000
1		750	0.6440	1.2530	0.0458	0	7.0000
Diff (1-2)	Pooled		0.1693	1.3062	0.0675		
Diff (1-2)	Satterthwaite		0.1693		0.0675		

Treatment	Method	Mean	95% CI	Mean	Std Dev	95% CL	Std Dev
0		0.8133	0.7160	0.9106	1.3573	1.2919	1.4297
1		0.6440	0.5542	0.7338	1.2530	1.1926	1.3199
Diff (1-2)	Pooled	0.1693	0.0370	0.3016	1.3062	1.2611	1.3547
Diff (1-2)	Satterthwaite	0.1693	0.0370	0.3016			

Method	Variances	DF	t Value	Pr >  t  0.0122	
Pooled	Equal	1498	2.51		
Satterthwaite	Unequal	1488.5	2.51	0.0122	

Equality of Variances				
Method	Num DF	Den DF	F Value	Pr > F
Folded F	749	749	1.17	0.0288





The above data concludes that average number of alcoholic drinks consumed per day by the treatment group (0.6440) is less than the average number of alcoholic drinks consumed per day by the placebo group (0.8133).

The equality of variance test gives a p-value less 0.0288. Hence, there is statistical evidence to reject the hypothesis that both groups have equal variances.

We can conclude that the treatment group is much healthier compared to placebo group. So, the randomization among the groups is not done perfectly.