Statisitics for data from Fig 2h Caillaud *et al* PLoS Biology

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## Pre-processing

Marie-Cecille Caillaud (MCC) sent me an Excel file of all the haemocytometry measurements she made - file raw/MCC-Dan corrected.xslx. The file annotates figures from the same biological replicates as colours which I can't parse programmatically. I therefore added columns to the sheet stating the replicate number. I also stacked the data and removed spaces in column headers and saved the file as raw/MCC-Dan corrected Reps added.xlsx and exported the sheet with the data to a csv file fig\_2h\_data\_manual.csv which I can operate on programmatically and will use as my input.

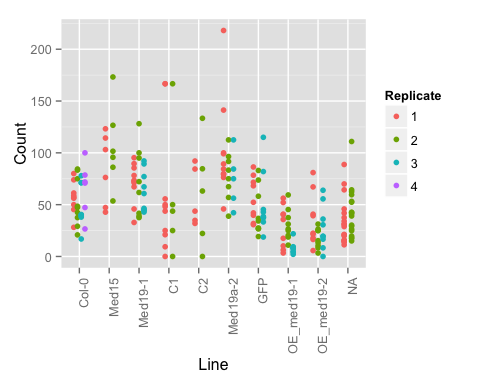
### Use some Python to get the data file into better shape

header = []  
results = []  
with open('raw/fig\_2h\_data\_manual.csv', 'r') as file:  
 for l in file:  
 l = l.rstrip('\r\n')  
 a = l.split(',')  
 if l.startswith("Rep"):  
 header = a  
 else:  
 for i in range(0,len(header),2):  
 rep,line,count = a[i],header[i+1],a[i+1]  
 if rep and line and count: ## if we have no empty values  
 results.append([rep,line,count])  
  
with open('data/reshaped\_data.csv','w') as outfile:  
 outfile.write("Replicate,Line,Count\n")  
 for r in results:  
 outfile.write(",".join(r) + "\n")

### Load data, reorder as per Figure 2H and do a straightforward plot

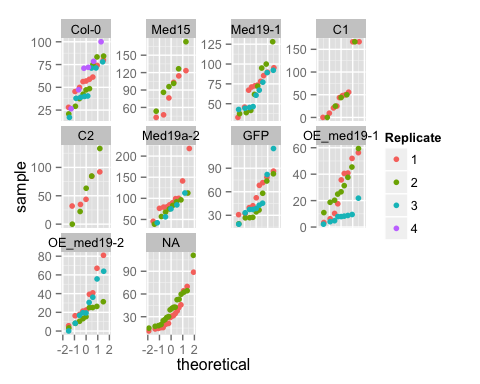
library(ggplot2)  
data <- read.csv('data/reshaped\_data.csv', header=TRUE)  
data$Replicate <- as.factor(data$Replicate)  
data$Line <- factor(data$Line, c("Col-0","Med15", "Med19-1","C1","C2","Med19a-2","GFP", "OE\_med19-1","OE\_med19-2","med25","Med21"))  
basic <- ggplot(data, aes(Line,Count))  
scatter <- basic + geom\_jitter(aes(colour=Replicate),position = position\_dodge(width=0.5)) + theme(axis.text.x = element\_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))  
scatter

## ymax not defined: adjusting position using y instead



The data look ok, a few outliers in Med19a-2 and C1 that could affect summary statistics. Let's do some qqplots and see how  
they lie.

#qnorm is default distribution - we are testing for a normal distribution  
ggplot(data, aes(sample=Count)) + geom\_jitter(stat="qq", aes(colour=Replicate) ) + facet\_wrap( ~ Line, scales = "free\_y")



Those outliers could mess up summary statistics, they're off the curve, we have no good reason to ditch them though. I suppose they mean that occasionally the method used (spore counting) throws up some very extreme numbers. Overall these plots are ok, the variation seems normally distributed on the whole.

Let's have a look at summary statistics:

library(plyr)  
summary <- ddply(data,"Line",summarise, mean=mean(Count),median=median(Count),diff=abs(mean(Count) - median(Count)), std\_dev=sd(Count), std\_err=sd(Count)/sqrt(length(Count)))  
summary

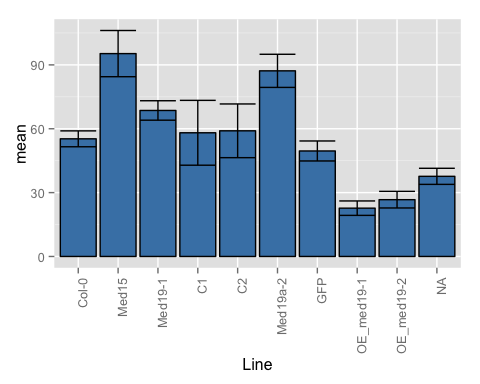
## Line mean median diff std\_dev std\_err  
## 1 Col-0 55.26875 53.125 2.143750 21.11359 3.732392  
## 2 Med15 95.30083 98.630 3.329167 37.59931 10.853987  
## 3 Med19-1 68.58889 71.140 2.551111 23.73107 4.567046  
## 4 C1 58.10267 43.750 14.352667 58.98184 15.229045  
## 5 C2 59.03000 53.455 5.575000 39.89419 12.615651  
## 6 Med19a-2 87.20130 83.330 3.871304 37.32340 7.782467  
## 7 GFP 49.56074 39.770 9.790741 24.40441 4.696630  
## 8 OE\_med19-1 22.69333 18.750 3.943333 17.61271 3.389568  
## 9 OE\_med19-2 26.68185 21.430 5.251852 20.25470 3.898019  
## 10 <NA> 37.64722 31.115 6.532222 22.67504 3.779174

The summary stats seem fine overall, similar SD and SE and not much drift of the median from the mean, the concern again is Med19a-2 and C1 with the high standard deviation and mean dragged up by that couple of points.

## Does a bar chart imply a higher effect than we see generally?

Let's make a bar graph with error bars on that first scatter to see how using a standard bar chart might be misleading our thinking.

ggplot(summary, aes(x=Line, y=mean)) + geom\_bar(position=position\_dodge(), stat="identity", fill="steelblue",colour="black") + geom\_errorbar(aes(ymin=mean-std\_err, ymax=mean+std\_err)) + theme(axis.text.x = element\_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))



The barchart is definitely suggesting a higher overall effect than we see from the individual replicates in the scatter plot for Med19a-2 and C1 My conclusion here is that although the mean is calculated correctly, it's just that the mean is a slightly misleading number to boil our data down to in this case. Also that very slight increase in standard error isn't giving us a clue as to that messy single outlier. Taken together the mean and SE plotted like this convince of us a bigger effect in general so the plot style isn't helpful.

## Significance Tests

I need to boil down the data to the biological replicates.

library(reshape)

##   
## Attaching package: 'reshape'  
##   
## The following objects are masked from 'package:plyr':  
##   
## rename, round\_any

bioreps <- cast(data, Line~Replicate, mean)

## Using Count as value column. Use the value argument to cast to override this choice

bioreps <- melt(bioreps)  
bioreps

## Line value Replicate  
## X1 Col-0 56.742222 1  
## X1.1 Med15 84.476667 1  
## X1.2 Med19-1 71.135000 1  
## X1.3 C1 58.612000 1  
## X1.4 C2 57.394000 1  
## X1.5 Med19a-2 101.320000 1  
## X1.6 GFP 55.681111 1  
## X1.7 OE\_med19-1 29.183333 1  
## X1.8 OE\_med19-2 34.675556 1  
## X2 Col-0 52.041111 2  
## X2.1 Med15 106.125000 2  
## X2.2 Med19-1 71.896250 2  
## X2.3 C1 57.084000 2  
## X2.4 C2 60.666000 2  
## X2.5 Med19a-2 77.763750 2  
## X2.6 GFP 42.908889 2  
## X2.7 OE\_med19-1 30.555556 2  
## X2.8 OE\_med19-2 17.592222 2  
## X3 Col-0 49.311250 3  
## X3.1 Med15 NaN 3  
## X3.2 Med19-1 62.820000 3  
## X3.3 C1 NaN 3  
## X3.4 C2 NaN 3  
## X3.5 Med19a-2 74.064000 3  
## X3.6 GFP 50.092222 3  
## X3.7 OE\_med19-1 8.341111 3  
## X3.8 OE\_med19-2 27.777778 3  
## X4 Col-0 65.843333 4  
## X4.1 Med15 NaN 4  
## X4.2 Med19-1 NaN 4  
## X4.3 C1 NaN 4  
## X4.4 C2 NaN 4  
## X4.5 Med19a-2 NaN 4  
## X4.6 GFP NaN 4  
## X4.7 OE\_med19-1 NaN 4  
## X4.8 OE\_med19-2 NaN 4

I'll do an ANOVA and Tukey's HSD for multiple comparisons.

### ANOVA and Tukey's HSD on all pairwise - though really only interested in VS Col-0 the control  
fit <- aov(lm(value ~ Line,data=bioreps))  
TukeyHSD(fit)

## Tukey multiple comparisons of means  
## 95% family-wise confidence level  
##   
## Fit: aov(formula = lm(value ~ Line, data = bioreps))  
##   
## $Line  
## diff lwr upr p adj  
## Med15-Col-0 39.316354 10.229357 68.4033509 0.0045353  
## Med19-1-Col-0 12.632604 -13.019716 38.2849241 0.7096161  
## C1-Col-0 1.863521 -27.223476 30.9505175 0.9999996  
## C2-Col-0 3.045521 -26.041476 32.1325175 0.9999813  
## Med19a-2-Col-0 28.398104 2.745784 54.0504241 0.0243390  
## GFP-Col-0 -6.423738 -32.076058 19.2285815 0.9903778  
## OE\_med19-1-Col-0 -33.291146 -58.943466 -7.6388259 0.0065687  
## OE\_med19-2-Col-0 -29.302627 -54.954947 -3.6503074 0.0191326  
## Med19-1-Med15 -26.683750 -57.344137 3.9766366 0.1150995  
## C1-Med15 -37.452833 -71.039604 -3.8660626 0.0230374  
## C2-Med15 -36.270833 -69.857604 -2.6840626 0.0292616  
## Med19a-2-Med15 -10.918250 -41.578637 19.7421366 0.9273692  
## GFP-Med15 -45.740093 -76.400479 -15.0797060 0.0017453  
## OE\_med19-1-Med15 -72.607500 -103.267887 -41.9471134 0.0000079  
## OE\_med19-2-Med15 -68.618981 -99.279368 -37.9585948 0.0000164  
## C1-Med19-1 -10.769083 -41.429470 19.8913033 0.9322777  
## C2-Med19-1 -9.587083 -40.247470 21.0733033 0.9636822  
## Med19a-2-Med19-1 15.765500 -11.657983 43.1889835 0.5371185  
## GFP-Med19-1 -19.056343 -46.479826 8.3671409 0.3125190  
## OE\_med19-1-Med19-1 -45.923750 -73.347233 -18.5002665 0.0005174  
## OE\_med19-2-Med19-1 -41.935231 -69.358715 -14.5117480 0.0013572  
## C2-C1 1.182000 -32.404771 34.7687708 1.0000000  
## Med19a-2-C1 26.534583 -4.125803 57.1949700 0.1186121  
## GFP-C1 -8.287259 -38.947646 22.3731274 0.9845255  
## OE\_med19-1-C1 -35.154667 -65.815053 -4.4942800 0.0185798  
## OE\_med19-2-C1 -31.166148 -61.826535 -0.5057615 0.0448115  
## Med19a-2-C2 25.352583 -5.307803 56.0129700 0.1499194  
## GFP-C2 -9.469259 -40.129646 21.1911274 0.9661187  
## OE\_med19-1-C2 -36.336667 -66.997053 -5.6762800 0.0142627  
## OE\_med19-2-C2 -32.348148 -63.008535 -1.6877615 0.0346130  
## GFP-Med19a-2 -34.821843 -62.245326 -7.3983591 0.0079653  
## OE\_med19-1-Med19a-2 -61.689250 -89.112733 -34.2657665 0.0000154  
## OE\_med19-2-Med19a-2 -57.700731 -85.124215 -30.2772480 0.0000357  
## OE\_med19-1-GFP -26.867407 -54.290891 0.5560761 0.0571574  
## OE\_med19-2-GFP -22.878889 -50.302372 4.5445946 0.1434128  
## OE\_med19-2-OE\_med19-1 3.988519 -23.434965 31.4120020 0.9997776

A long table, but it's showing the overexpressers OE\_med19-1 and OE\_med19-2 are different from the Col-0 control, as is the one with the noted high outliers Med19a-2 and also Med15.

## P-Hacking

Let's see how removing those high (>=150) outliers affects the *p*-values, see if any signficance we have is coming from one or two atypical data.

under\_150 <- data[data$value < 150, ]  
bioreps\_under150 <- cast(data, Line~Replicate, mean)

## Using Count as value column. Use the value argument to cast to override this choice

bioreps\_under150 <- melt(bioreps\_under150)  
fit <- aov(lm(value ~ Line,data=bioreps\_under150))  
TukeyHSD(fit)

## Tukey multiple comparisons of means  
## 95% family-wise confidence level  
##   
## Fit: aov(formula = lm(value ~ Line, data = bioreps\_under150))  
##   
## $Line  
## diff lwr upr p adj  
## Med15-Col-0 39.316354 10.229357 68.4033509 0.0045353  
## Med19-1-Col-0 12.632604 -13.019716 38.2849241 0.7096161  
## C1-Col-0 1.863521 -27.223476 30.9505175 0.9999996  
## C2-Col-0 3.045521 -26.041476 32.1325175 0.9999813  
## Med19a-2-Col-0 28.398104 2.745784 54.0504241 0.0243390  
## GFP-Col-0 -6.423738 -32.076058 19.2285815 0.9903778  
## OE\_med19-1-Col-0 -33.291146 -58.943466 -7.6388259 0.0065687  
## OE\_med19-2-Col-0 -29.302627 -54.954947 -3.6503074 0.0191326  
## Med19-1-Med15 -26.683750 -57.344137 3.9766366 0.1150995  
## C1-Med15 -37.452833 -71.039604 -3.8660626 0.0230374  
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## GFP-Med15 -45.740093 -76.400479 -15.0797060 0.0017453  
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## OE\_med19-2-Med15 -68.618981 -99.279368 -37.9585948 0.0000164  
## C1-Med19-1 -10.769083 -41.429470 19.8913033 0.9322777  
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## Med19a-2-Med19-1 15.765500 -11.657983 43.1889835 0.5371185  
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## OE\_med19-1-C1 -35.154667 -65.815053 -4.4942800 0.0185798  
## OE\_med19-2-C1 -31.166148 -61.826535 -0.5057615 0.0448115  
## Med19a-2-C2 25.352583 -5.307803 56.0129700 0.1499194  
## GFP-C2 -9.469259 -40.129646 21.1911274 0.9661187  
## OE\_med19-1-C2 -36.336667 -66.997053 -5.6762800 0.0142627  
## OE\_med19-2-C2 -32.348148 -63.008535 -1.6877615 0.0346130  
## GFP-Med19a-2 -34.821843 -62.245326 -7.3983591 0.0079653  
## OE\_med19-1-Med19a-2 -61.689250 -89.112733 -34.2657665 0.0000154  
## OE\_med19-2-Med19a-2 -57.700731 -85.124215 -30.2772480 0.0000357  
## OE\_med19-1-GFP -26.867407 -54.290891 0.5560761 0.0571574  
## OE\_med19-2-GFP -22.878889 -50.302372 4.5445946 0.1434128  
## OE\_med19-2-OE\_med19-1 3.988519 -23.434965 31.4120020 0.9997776

Looks good! The same Lines come up as significant - the outliers aren't messing with the overall significance result.

### More P-Hacking - ditching data originally in Figure 2H!

According to MCC and JJ then the lines of interest are really the med19-1, Med19a-2, OE\_med19-1 and OE\_med19-2. Let's do the same tests for the restricted set and see if it substantially affects the result.

of\_interest <- bioreps\_under150[bioreps\_under150$Line %in% c("Col-0", "Med19-1", "Med19a-2", "OE\_med19-1", "OE\_med19-2"), ]  
fit <- aov(lm(value ~ Line,data=of\_interest))  
TukeyHSD(fit)

## Tukey multiple comparisons of means  
## 95% family-wise confidence level  
##   
## Fit: aov(formula = lm(value ~ Line, data = of\_interest))  
##   
## $Line  
## diff lwr upr p adj  
## Med19-1-Col-0 12.632604 -12.105257 37.370466 0.4979780  
## Med19a-2-Col-0 28.398104 3.660243 53.135966 0.0228532  
## OE\_med19-1-Col-0 -33.291146 -58.029007 -8.553284 0.0081105  
## OE\_med19-2-Col-0 -29.302627 -54.040489 -4.564766 0.0188384  
## Med19a-2-Med19-1 15.765500 -10.680386 42.211386 0.3584632  
## OE\_med19-1-Med19-1 -45.923750 -72.369636 -19.477864 0.0011733  
## OE\_med19-2-Med19-1 -41.935231 -68.381118 -15.489345 0.0024215  
## OE\_med19-1-Med19a-2 -61.689250 -88.135136 -35.243364 0.0000889  
## OE\_med19-2-Med19a-2 -57.700731 -84.146618 -31.254845 0.0001638  
## OE\_med19-2-OE\_med19-1 3.988519 -22.457368 30.434405 0.9869299

The result is not substantially different from before, the same lines show up as significantly different, that is Med19a-2, OE\_med19-1, OE\_med19-2 and Med15 are signifcantly different from the Col-0 control. Med19-1 is not.

## Conclusion

The Med19-2 and Med15 lines get significantly more spores than the Col-0 wild-type and the two over-expressors of Med19 show significantly fewer spores than Col-0. There is no evidence for difference from the wild-type and other lines.