

DATA410 Project

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Predicting core body temperature using infrared thermography (IRT)

Introduction

In recent years, the medical field has seen a significant increase in the use of non-invasive diagnostic techniques, which are techniques that do not require the introduction of instruments into the body, to get real-time estimates of a patient's core body temperature, with infrared thermography (IRT) becoming an important tool for physiological monitoring and disease detection. This is particularly useful for clinical settings and during infectious disease epidemics. For example, in the year 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) utilized thermal scanners to detect passenger's body temperatures to determine if they were potential carriers of the COVID-19 disease. Only passengers with a core body temperature of below 37 degrees Celsius were allowed to move into the airport's check-in area.

The non-invasive nature of IRT enables its extensive utilization in various medical applications, as abnormal body temperature serves as a natural indicator of illnesses. Biomedical research has showcased the efficiency of IRT in diverse diagnostic endeavors, including the detection of breast cancer, diabetes neuropathy, peripheral vascular disorders, gynecological issues, kidney transplantation, dermatological conditions, cardiac abnormalities, neonatal physiology, fever screening, and brain imaging (Kylili et al., 2014).

IRT's capability to visualize and quantify changes in surface temperatures has led to its application in monitoring a wide range of medical conditions, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome, Ebola virus disease, or even the coronavirus disease in 2019. A crucial aspect of using IRT lies in the accurate interpretation of thermal images, particularly in correlating external thermal readings with core body temperatures.

Our project aims to close this gap by developing a predictive model that can estimate oral temperature—a common measuring technique of core body temperature—using thermal imaging data from IRTs and environmental factors such as ambient temperature, relative humidity, and the distance between the subjects and the IRTs. This model could potentially enhance the clinical use of IRT by providing non-invasive measurement methods, offering a significant advantage in both routine health assessments and the early detection of health problems, as well as the detection of carriers of infectious diseases. We hypothesize that by using environmental factors and IRTs, we can predict oral temperature.

Data Preparation

```
#load features and targets and then combine the two
X = read.csv("infrared_thermography_data_features.csv")
Y = read.csv("infrared_thermography_data_targets.csv")

attach(Y)
```

```
#combine x and y
data = cbind(aveOralM,X)
attach(data)
```

```
## The following object is masked from Y:
##
##      aveOralM
```

```
#factor categorical variables
data$Gender = factor(data$Gender, levels = c("Male", "Female"), labels = c(0, 1))
data$Age[data$Age %in% c("26-30", "21-25")] = "21-30"
data$Age = factor(data$Age, levels = c("18-20", "21-30", "31-40", "41-50", "51-60", ">60"), labels = c(
data$Ethnicity <- factor(data$Ethnicity, levels = c("White", "Black or African-American", "Asian", "Mul

#check data for missing values and to check which column is missing data
sum(is.na(data))
```

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## [1] 2
```

```
colSums(is.na(data))
```

```
##      aveOralM      Gender      Age      Ethnicity      T_atm      Humidity
##           0           0           0           0           0           0
##      Distance  T_offset1  Max1R13_1  Max1L13_1  aveAllR13_1  aveAllL13_1
##           2           0           0           0           0           0
##           T_RC1  T_RC_Dry1  T_RC_Wet1  T_RC_Max1      T_LC1      T_LC_Dry1
##           0           0           0           0           0           0
##      T_LC_Wet1  T_LC_Max1      RCC1      LCC1  canthiMax1  canthi4Max1
##           0           0           0           0           0           0
##           T_FHCC1  T_FHRC1      T_FHLC1      T_FHBC1      T_FHTC1      T_FH_Max1
##           0           0           0           0           0           0
##      T_FHC_Max1      T_Max1      T_OR1      T_OR_Max1
##           0           0           0           0
```

```
data = na.omit(data) #Removing the 2 observations we found in the distance column, easy to deal with as
summary(data)
```

```
##      aveOralM      Gender      Age      Ethnicity      T_atm      Humidity
##      Min.    :35.54  0:413    0:532    0:504      Min.    :20.20  Min.    : 9.90
##      1st Qu.:36.75  1:605    1:432    1:143      1st Qu.:23.40  1st Qu.:17.60
##      Median :36.94           2: 31    2:260      Median :24.00  Median :26.30
##      Mean   :37.03           3:  9    3: 50      Mean   :24.12  Mean   :28.75
##      3rd Qu.:37.14           4: 11    4: 57      3rd Qu.:24.70  3rd Qu.:36.20
##      Max.   :40.34           5:  3    5:  4      Max.   :29.10  Max.   :61.20
##      Distance      T_offset1      Max1R13_1      Max1L13_1
##      Min.    : 0.5400  Min.    :-0.5900  Min.    :33.90  Min.    :34.12
##      1st Qu.: 0.6000  1st Qu.: 0.7725  1st Qu.:35.25  1st Qu.:35.27
##      Median : 0.6200  Median : 0.9400  Median :35.55  Median :35.58
##      Mean   : 0.7298  Mean   : 0.9690  Mean   :35.60  Mean   :35.61
##      3rd Qu.: 0.7000  3rd Qu.: 1.1400  3rd Qu.:35.87  3rd Qu.:35.88
```

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## Max. :79.0000 Max. : 2.8750 Max. :38.41 Max. :38.04
## aveAllR13_1 aveAllL13_1 T_RC1 T_RC_Dry1
## Min. :31.77 Min. :32.90 Min. :33.98 Min. :33.83
## 1st Qu.:34.46 1st Qu.:34.66 1st Qu.:35.33 1st Qu.:35.25
## Median :34.91 Median :35.00 Median :35.60 Median :35.53
## Mean :34.89 Mean :35.01 Mean :35.66 Mean :35.59
## 3rd Qu.:35.30 3rd Qu.:35.36 3rd Qu.:35.91 3rd Qu.:35.86
## Max. :37.58 Max. :37.68 Max. :38.38 Max. :38.38
## T_RC_Wet1 T_RC_Max1 T_LC1 T_LC_Dry1
## Min. :33.93 Min. :34.00 Min. :34.10 Min. :34.10
## 1st Qu.:35.21 1st Qu.:35.36 1st Qu.:35.31 1st Qu.:35.28
## Median :35.48 Median :35.63 Median :35.60 Median :35.57
## Mean :35.55 Mean :35.69 Mean :35.64 Mean :35.61
## 3rd Qu.:35.81 3rd Qu.:35.94 3rd Qu.:35.90 3rd Qu.:35.86
## Max. :38.33 Max. :38.41 Max. :38.04 Max. :38.04
## T_LC_Wet1 T_LC_Max1 RCC1 LCC1
## Min. :33.73 Min. :34.12 Min. :33.62 Min. :33.38
## 1st Qu.:35.13 1st Qu.:35.33 1st Qu.:34.88 1st Qu.:34.86
## Median :35.42 Median :35.63 Median :35.20 Median :35.17
## Mean :35.47 Mean :35.67 Mean :35.25 Mean :35.21
## 3rd Qu.:35.76 3rd Qu.:35.92 3rd Qu.:35.56 3rd Qu.:35.50
## Max. :37.96 Max. :38.08 Max. :38.16 Max. :37.83
## canthiMax1 canthi4Max1 T_FHCC1 T_FHRC1
## Min. :34.38 Min. :34.35 Min. :31.05 Min. :31.45
## 1st Qu.:35.45 1st Qu.:35.43 1st Qu.:34.22 1st Qu.:34.18
## Median :35.71 Median :35.68 Median :34.61 Median :34.60
## Mean :35.79 Mean :35.76 Mean :34.57 Mean :34.57
## 3rd Qu.:36.03 3rd Qu.:36.00 3rd Qu.:34.97 3rd Qu.:34.97
## Max. :38.41 Max. :38.38 Max. :37.12 Max. :37.08
## T_FHLC1 T_FHBC1 T_FHTC1 T_FH_Max1
## Min. :31.66 Min. :31.28 Min. :31.15 Min. :33.41
## 1st Qu.:34.18 1st Qu.:34.10 1st Qu.:34.23 1st Qu.:35.12
## Median :34.60 Median :34.51 Median :34.62 Median :35.39
## Mean :34.57 Mean :34.49 Mean :34.58 Mean :35.42
## 3rd Qu.:34.97 3rd Qu.:34.88 3rd Qu.:35.01 3rd Qu.:35.67
## Max. :37.16 Max. :37.21 Max. :37.37 Max. :38.00
## T_FHC_Max1 T_Max1 T_OR1 T_OR_Max1
## Min. :32.44 Min. :34.89 Min. :33.80 Min. :33.84
## 1st Qu.:34.76 1st Qu.:35.77 1st Qu.:35.47 1st Qu.:35.50
## Median :35.10 Median :36.03 Median :35.79 Median :35.83
## Mean :35.09 Mean :36.08 Mean :35.81 Mean :35.84
## 3rd Qu.:35.41 3rd Qu.:36.28 3rd Qu.:36.09 3rd Qu.:36.12
## Max. :37.63 Max. :38.81 Max. :38.42 Max. :38.45

```

```
attach(data)
```

```

## The following objects are masked from data (pos = 3):
##
## Age, aveAllL13_1, aveAllR13_1, aveOralM, canthi4Max1, canthiMax1,
## Distance, Ethnicity, Gender, Humidity, LCC1, Max1L13_1, Max1R13_1,
## RCC1, T_atm, T_FH_Max1, T_FHBC1, T_FHC_Max1, T_FHCC1, T_FHLC1,
## T_FHRC1, T_FHTC1, T_LC_Dry1, T_LC_Max1, T_LC_Wet1, T_LC1, T_Max1,
## T_offset1, T_OR_Max1, T_OR1, T_RC_Dry1, T_RC_Max1, T_RC_Wet1, T_RC1
##

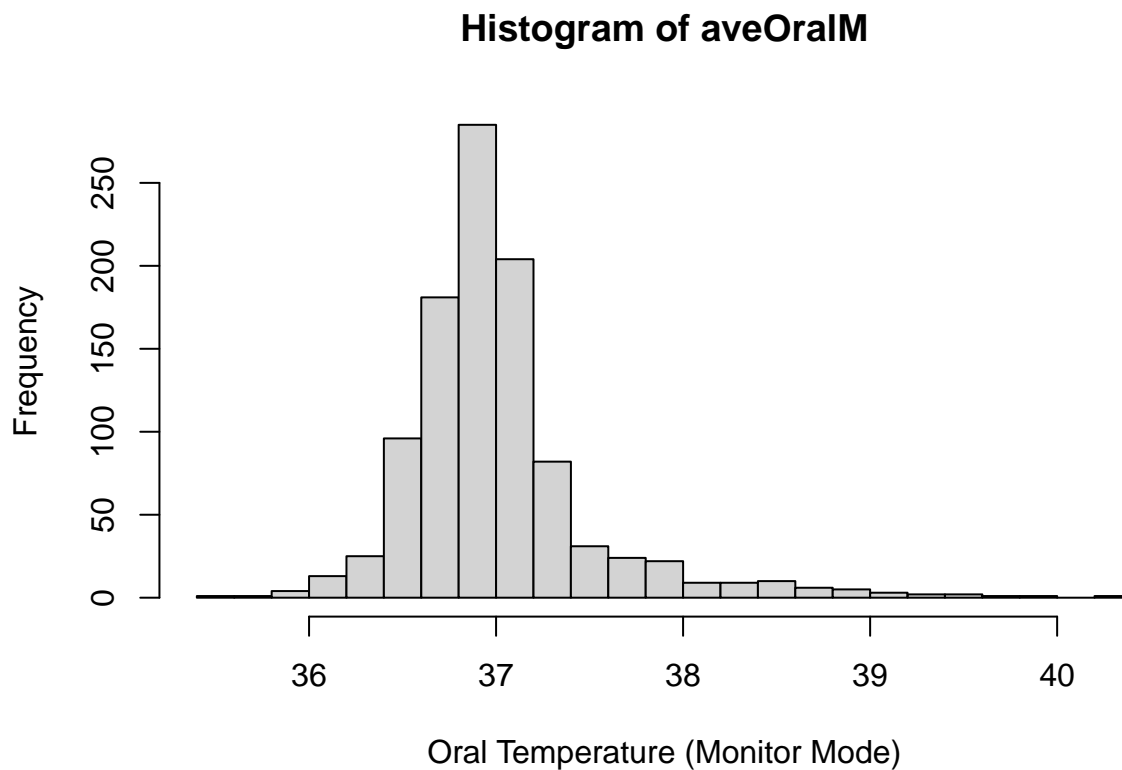
```

```
## The following object is masked from Y:
##
##     aveOralM
```

There are two missing values in the dataset, which we simply remove as the amount of missing data is minimal. The 2 missing values are in the Distance column.

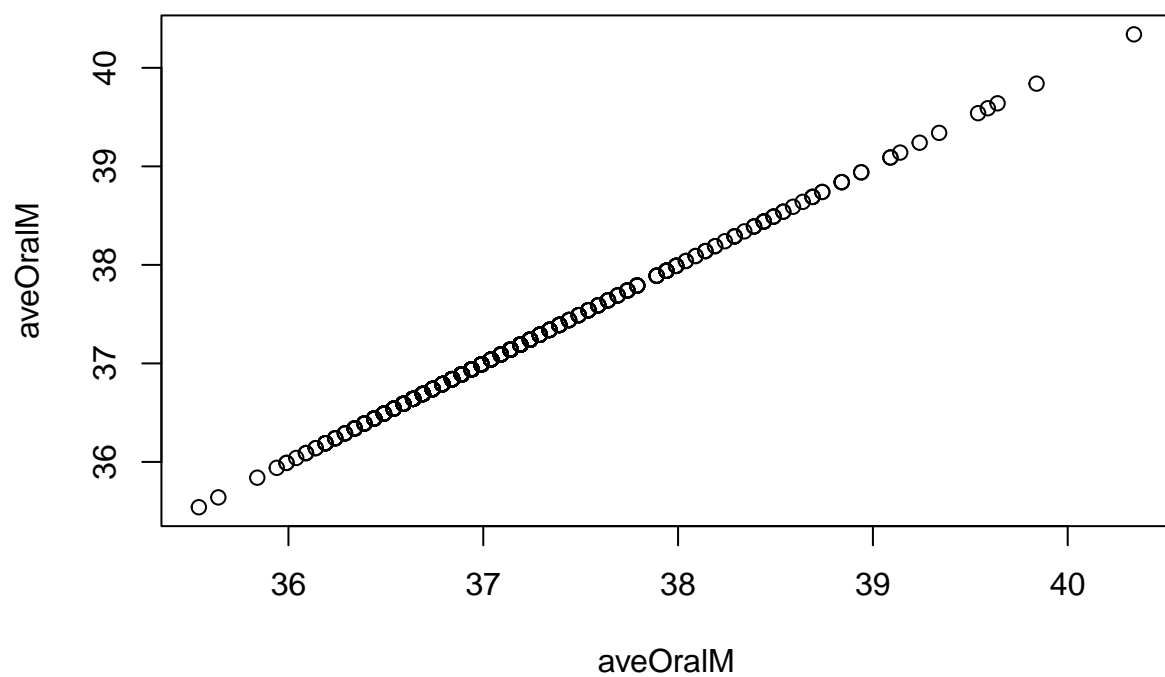
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

```
#Looking at our target variables first
# add the breaks so that we can see the data clearer, otherwise bins are too wide to be able to show an
# hist(data$aveOralF, main = "Histogram of aveOralF", xlab = "Oral Temperature (Fast Mode)", breaks = 2
hist(data$aveOralM, main = "Histogram of aveOralM", xlab = "Oral Temperature (Monitor Mode)", breaks = 1
```

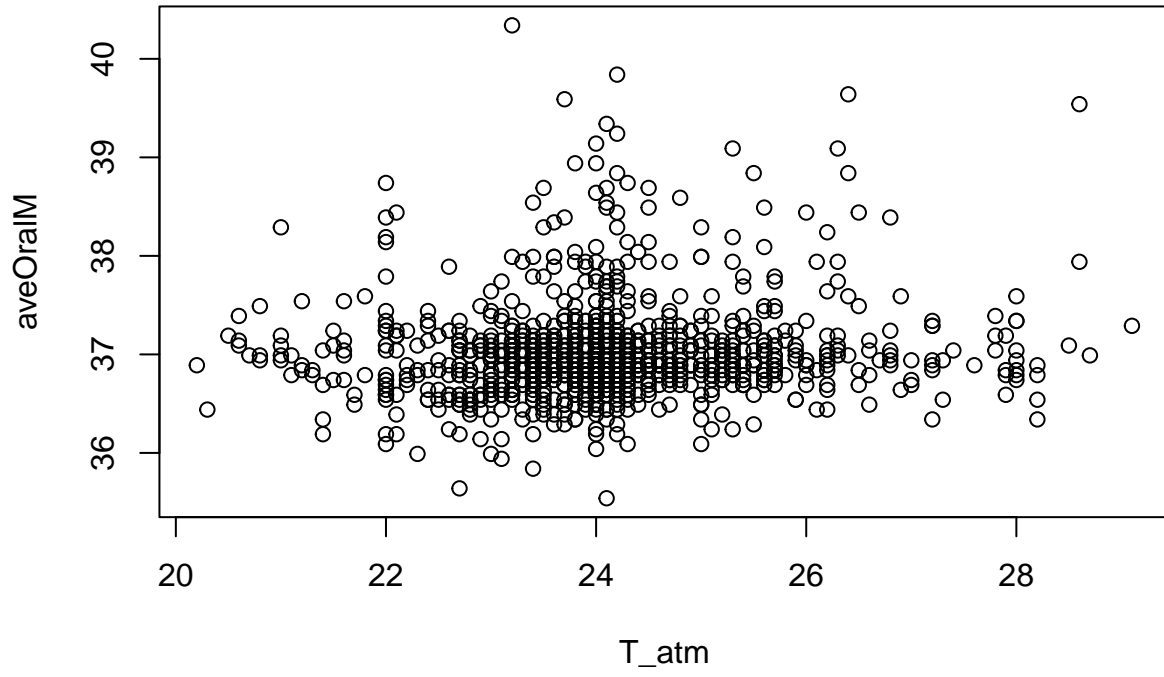


```
#Checking plot of each variable
# For numeric variables: histograms
for(i in 1:ncol(data)){
  if(is.numeric(data[[i]])){
    plot( data[[i]], aveOralM,main=paste("Plot of", names(data)[i]), xlab=names(data)[i])
  }
}
```

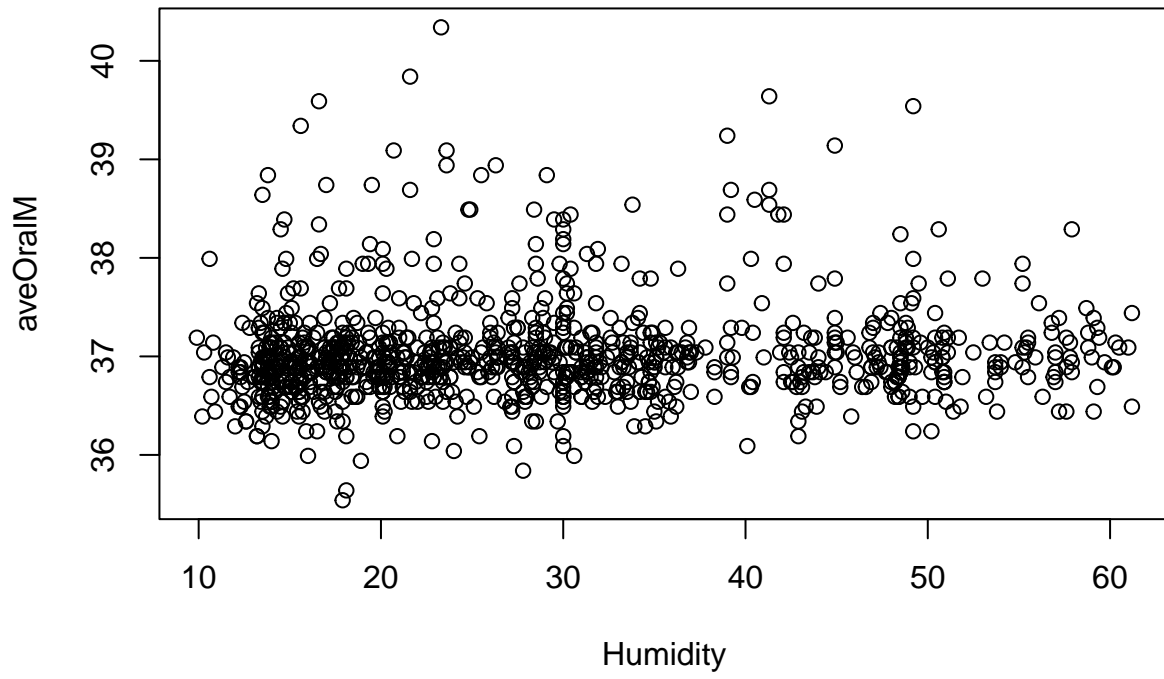
Plot of aveOralM



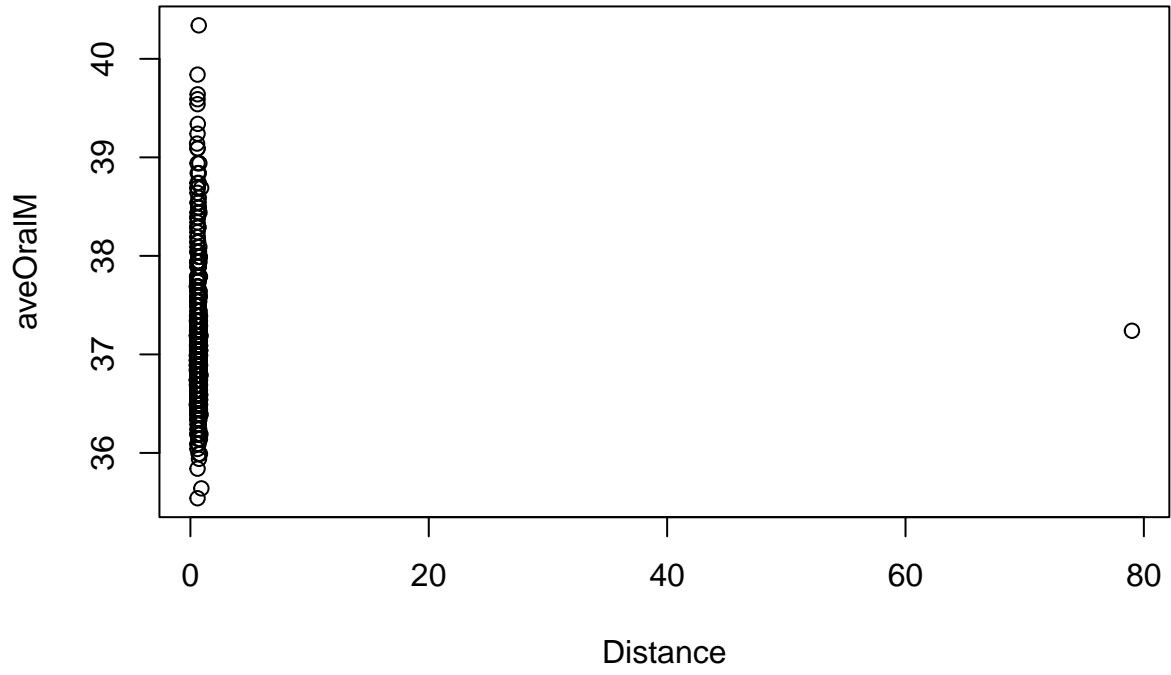
Plot of T_atm



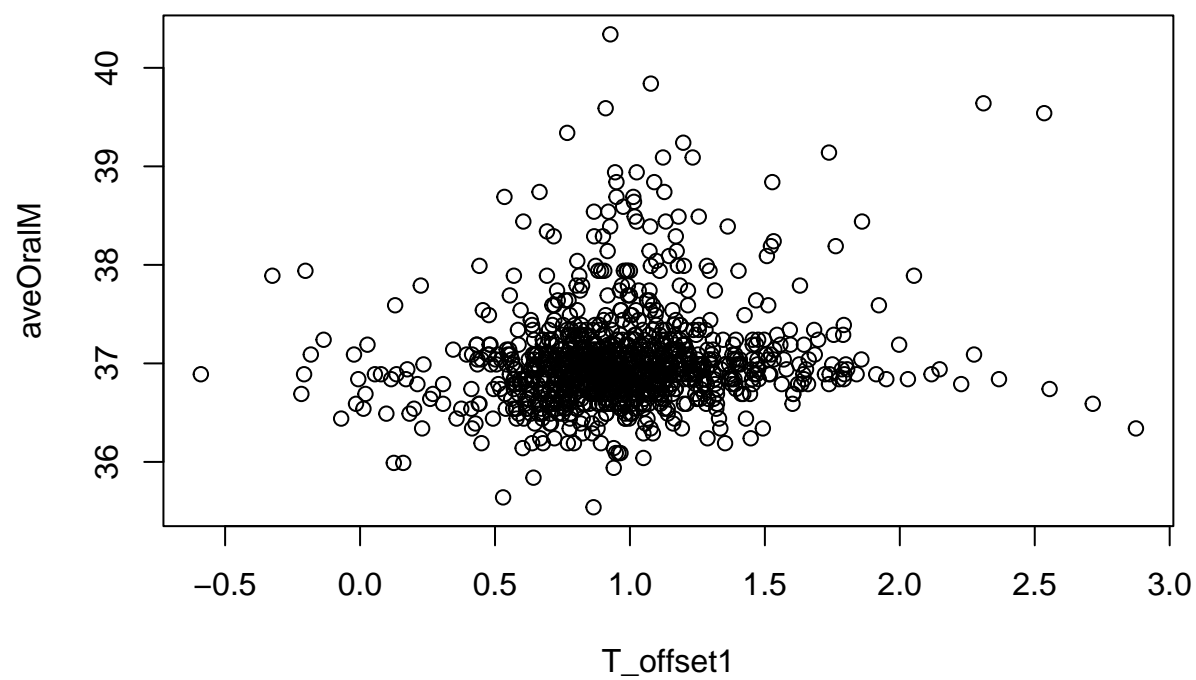
Plot of Humidity



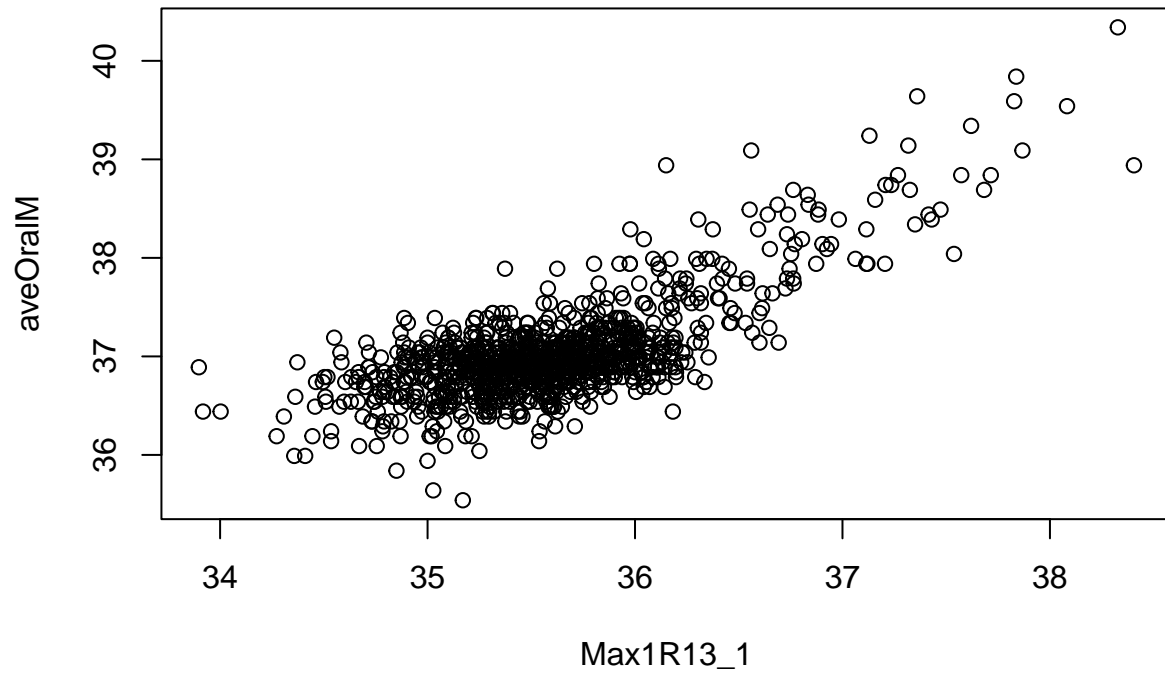
Plot of Distance



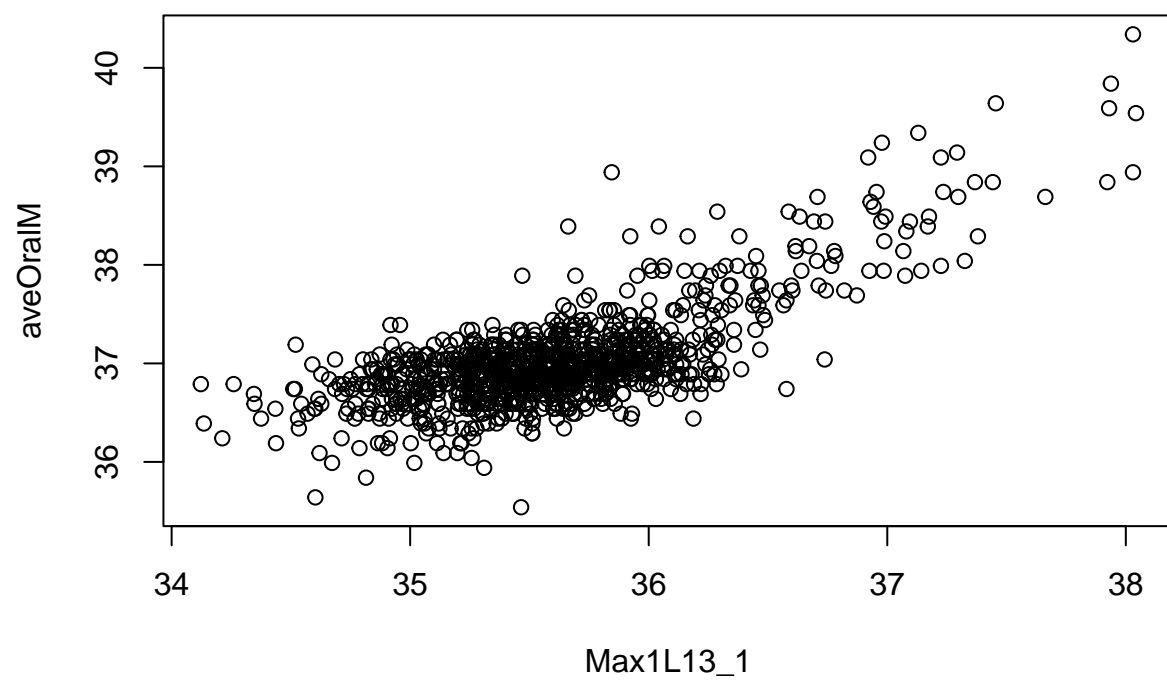
Plot of T_offset1



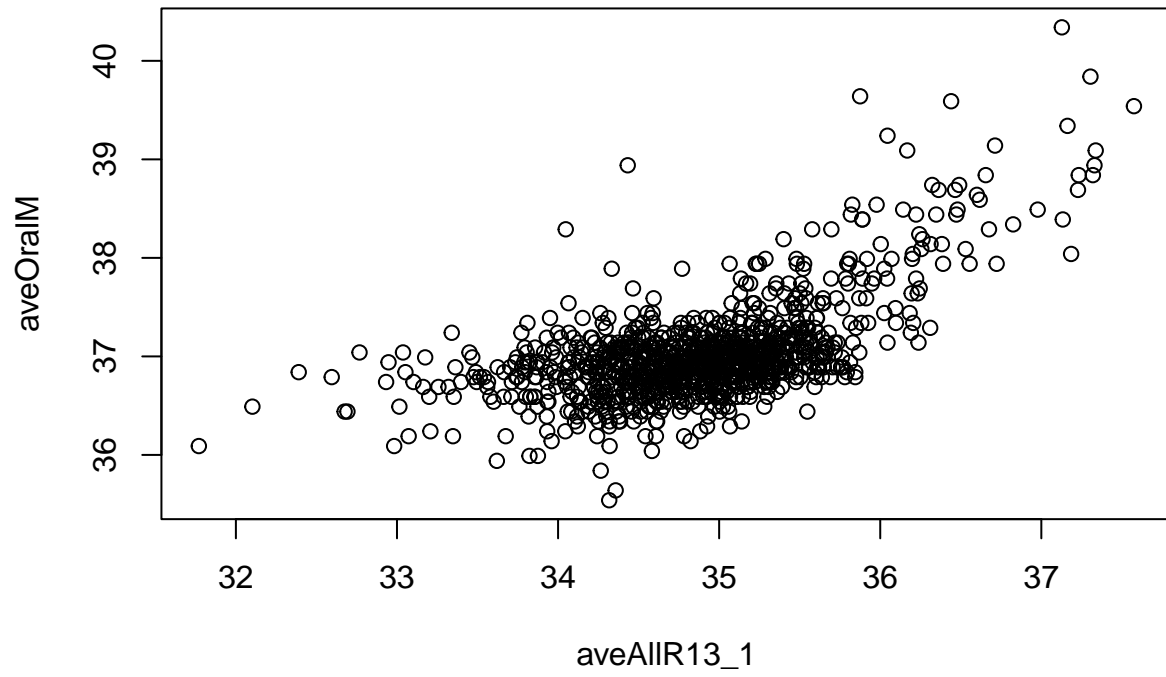
Plot of Max1R13_1



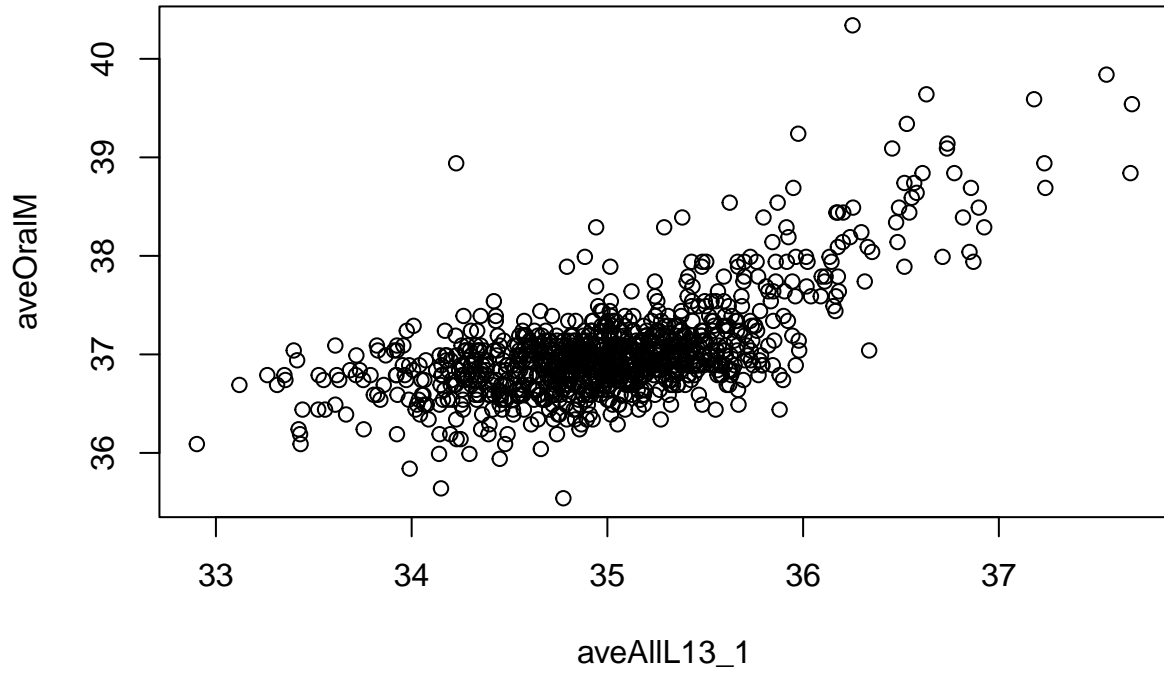
Plot of Max1L13_1



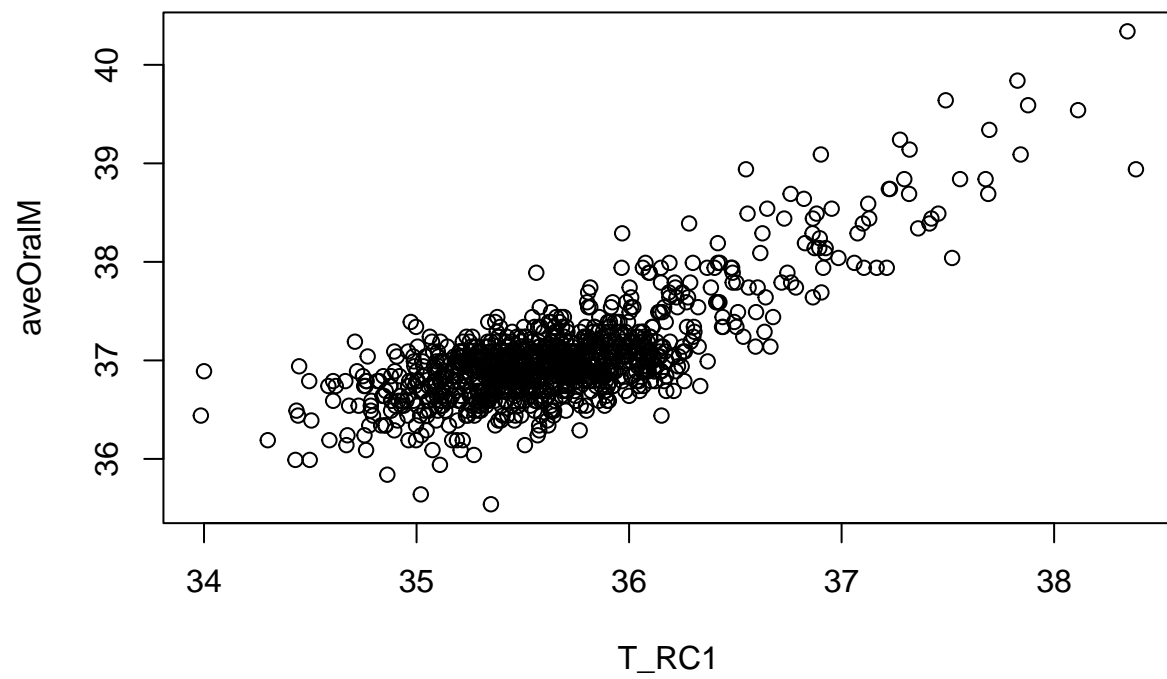
Plot of aveAllR13_1



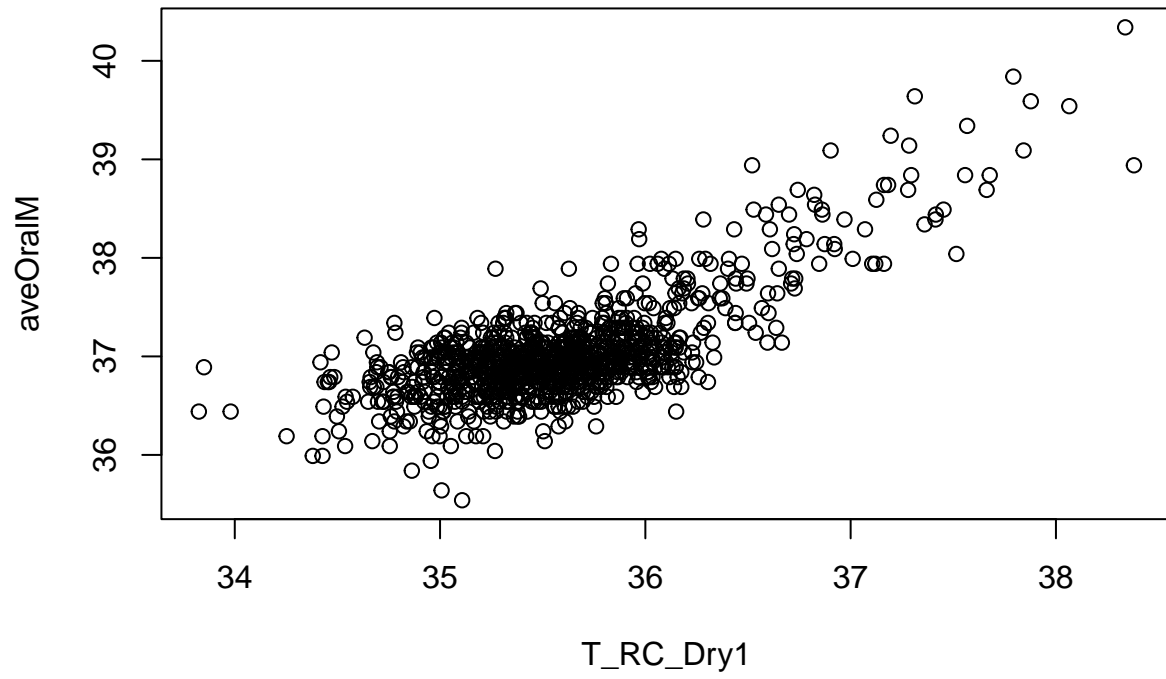
Plot of aveAIL13_1



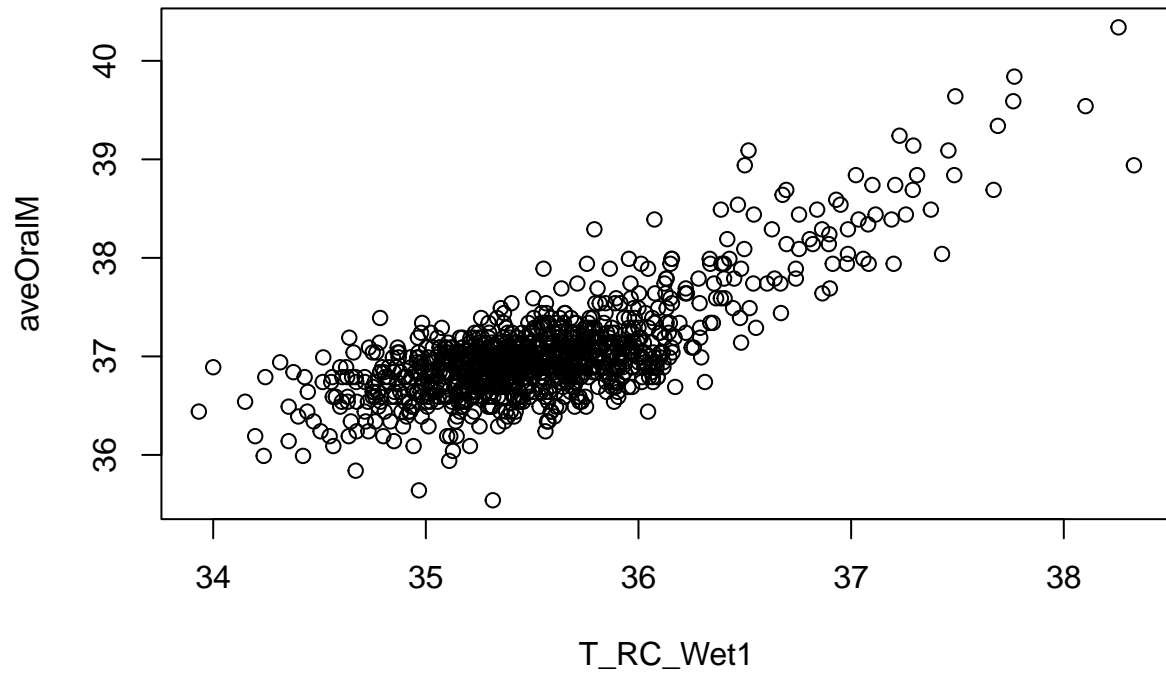
Plot of T_RC1



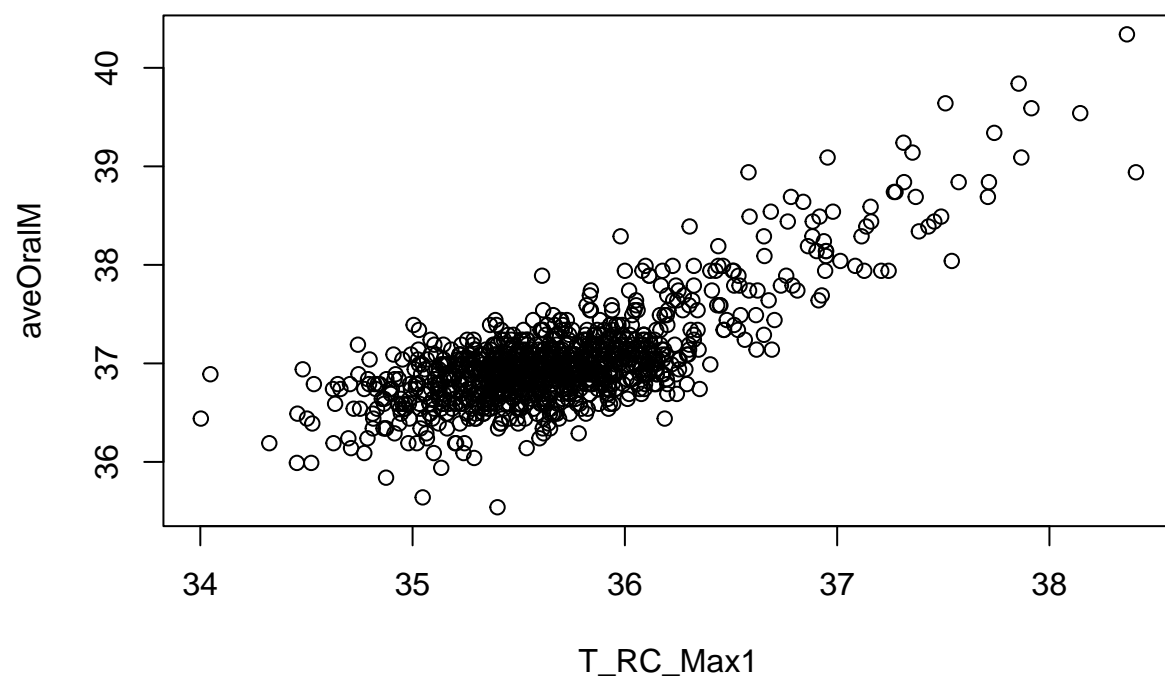
Plot of T_RC_Dry1



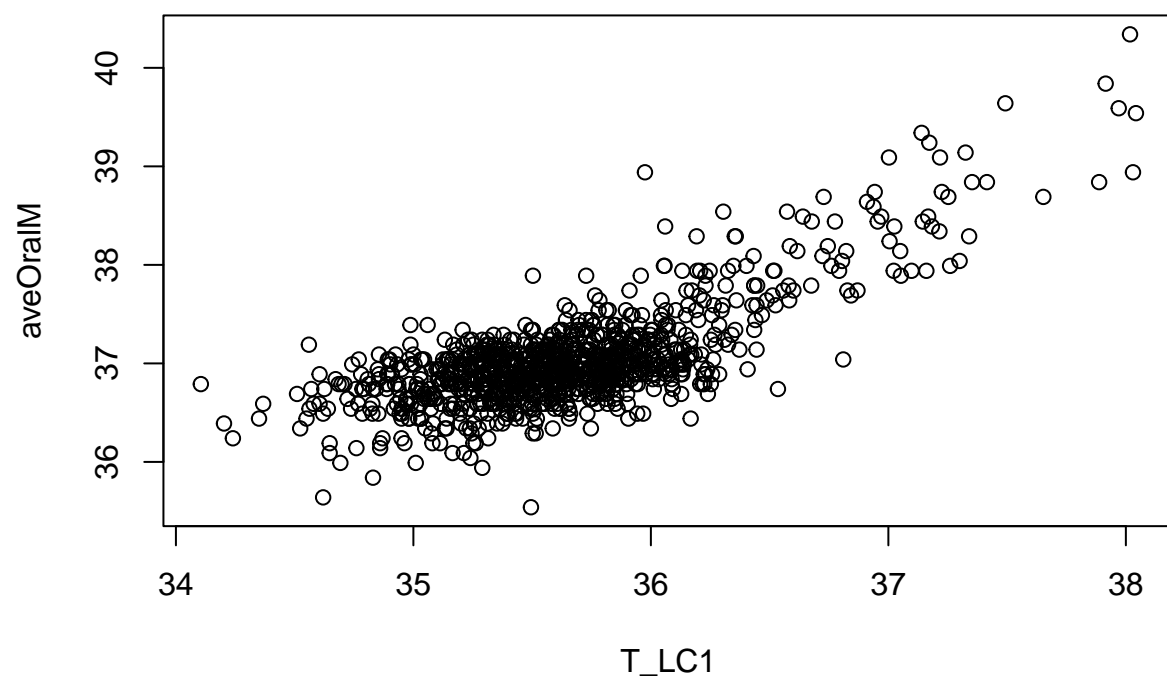
Plot of T_RC_Wet1



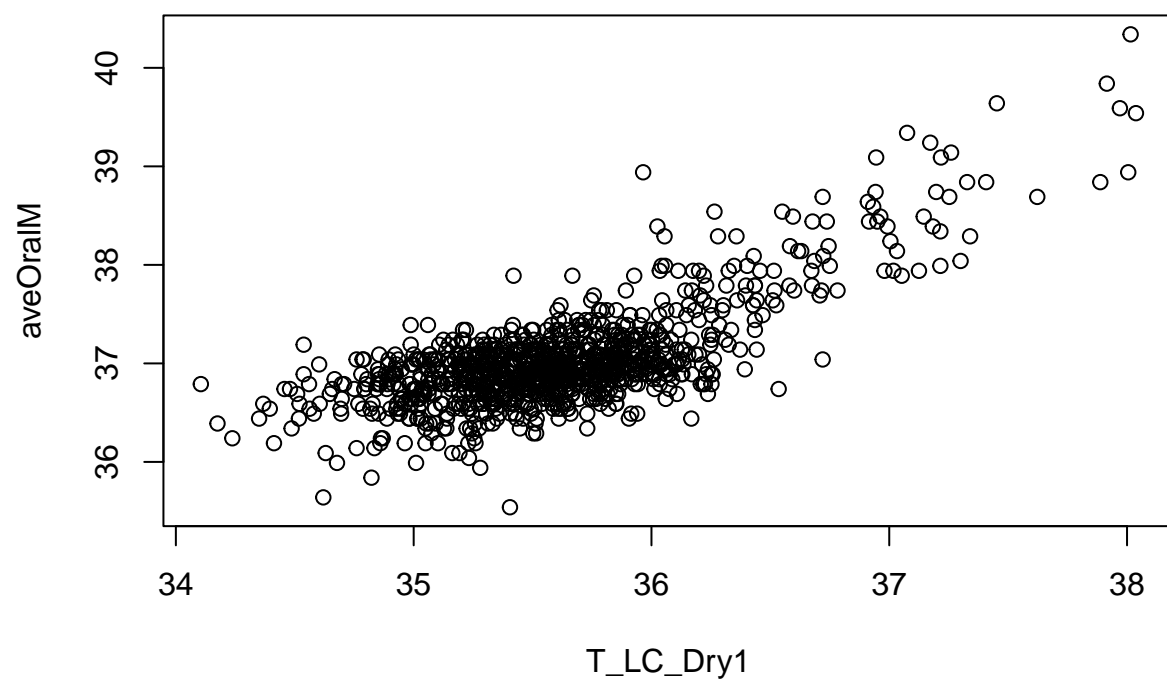
Plot of T_RC_Max1



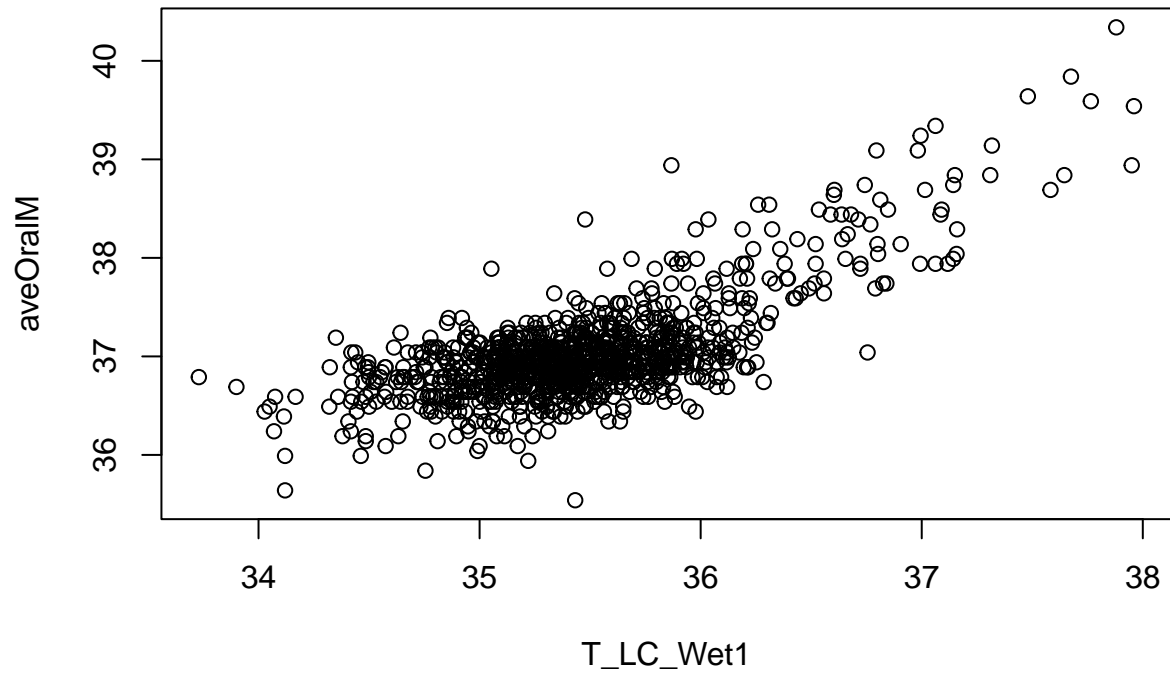
Plot of T_LC1



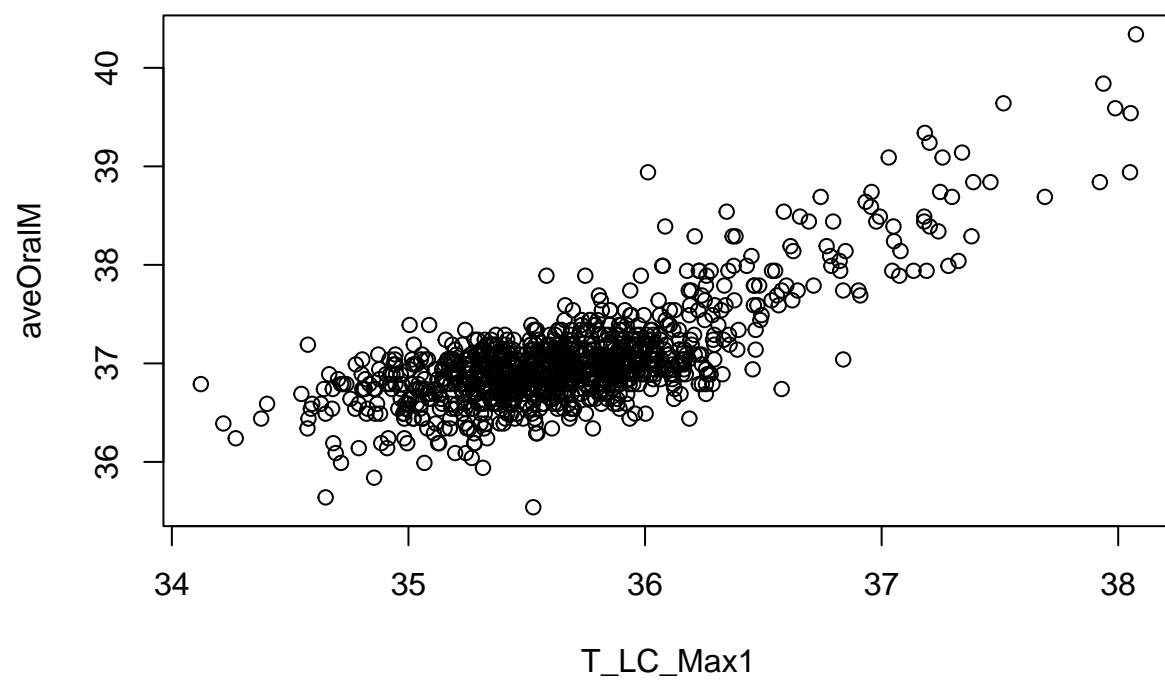
Plot of T_LC_Dry1



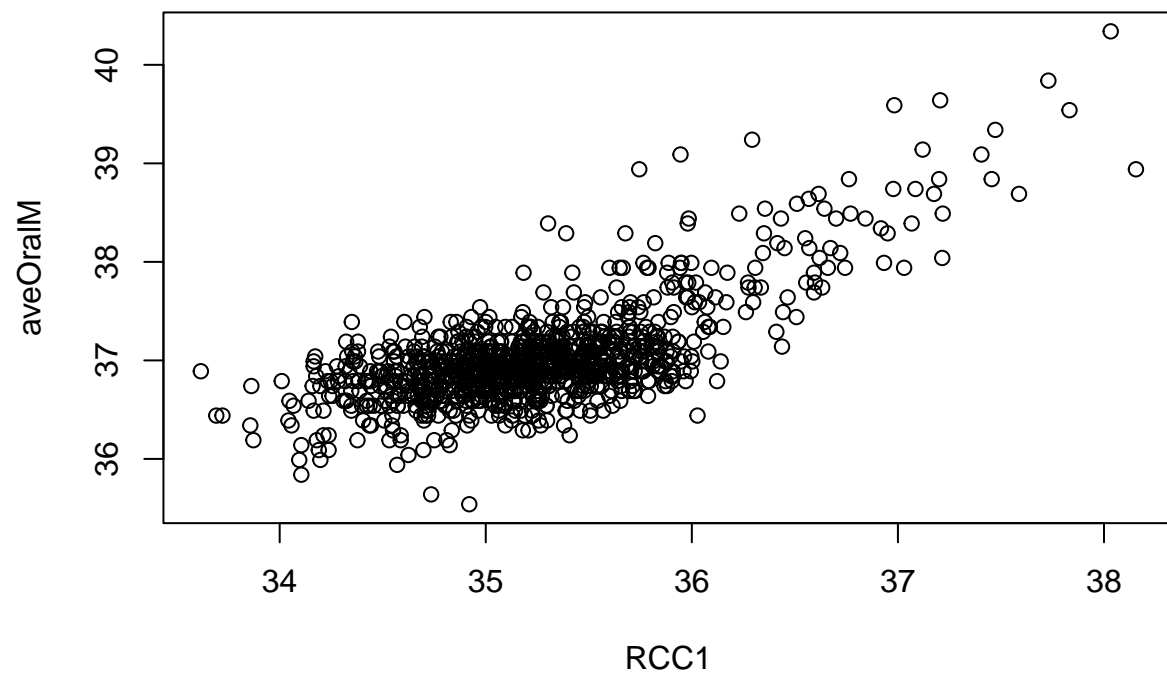
Plot of T_LC_Wet1



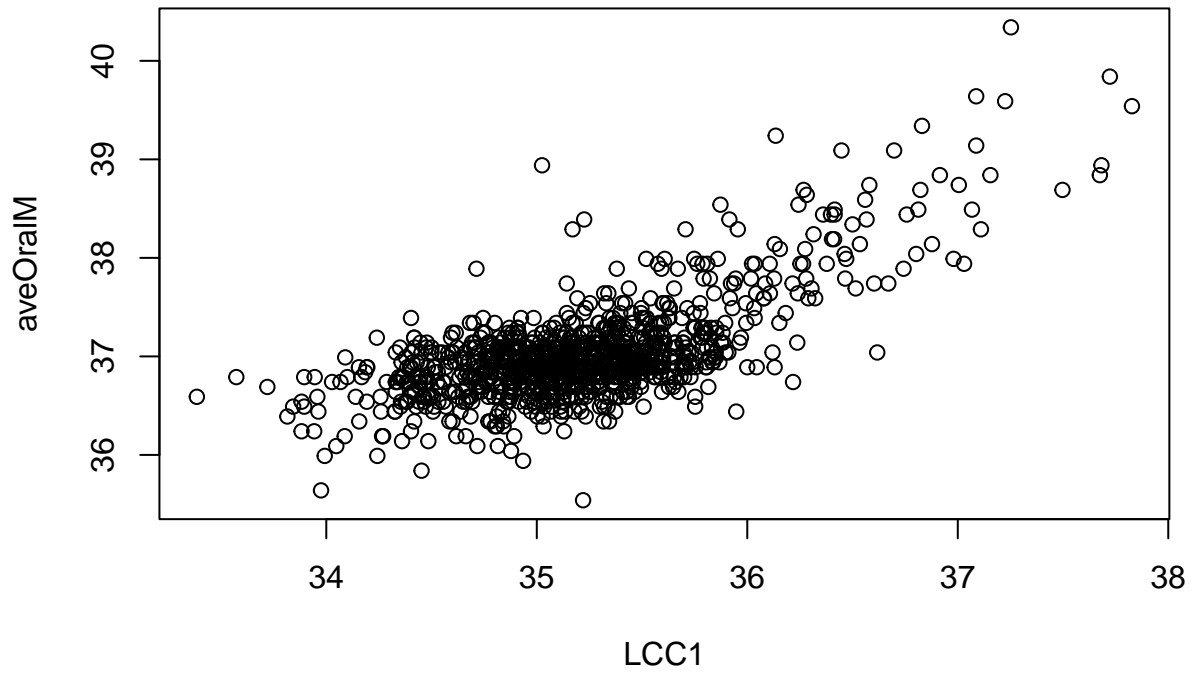
Plot of T_LC_Max1



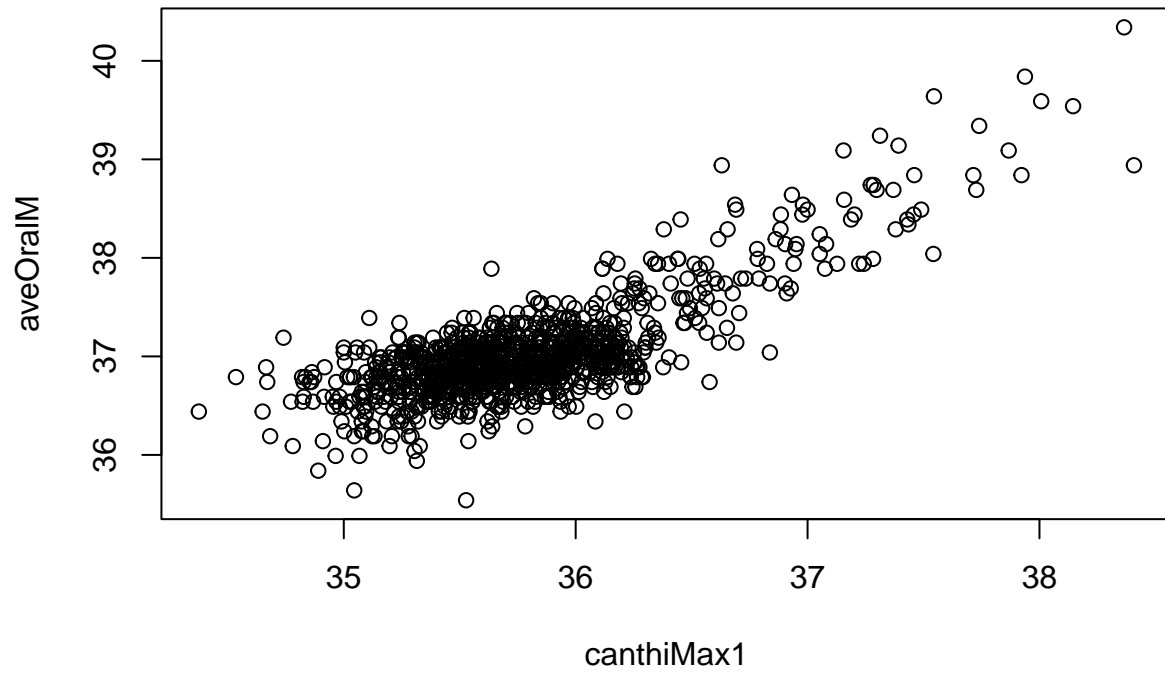
Plot of RCC1



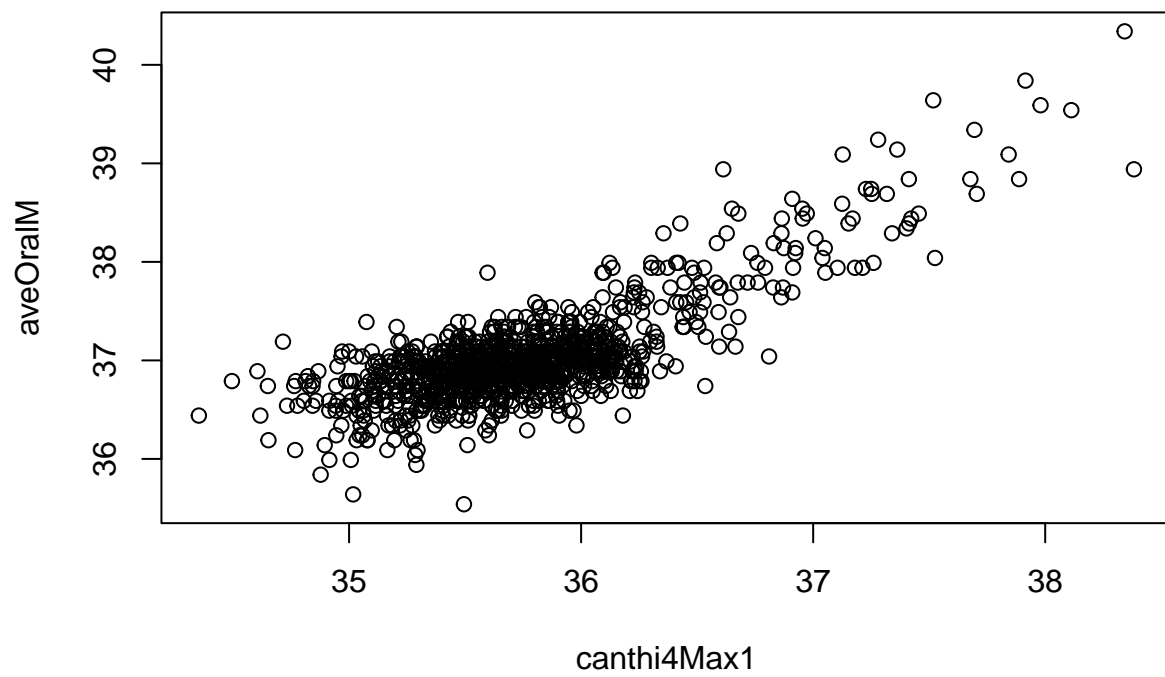
Plot of LCC1



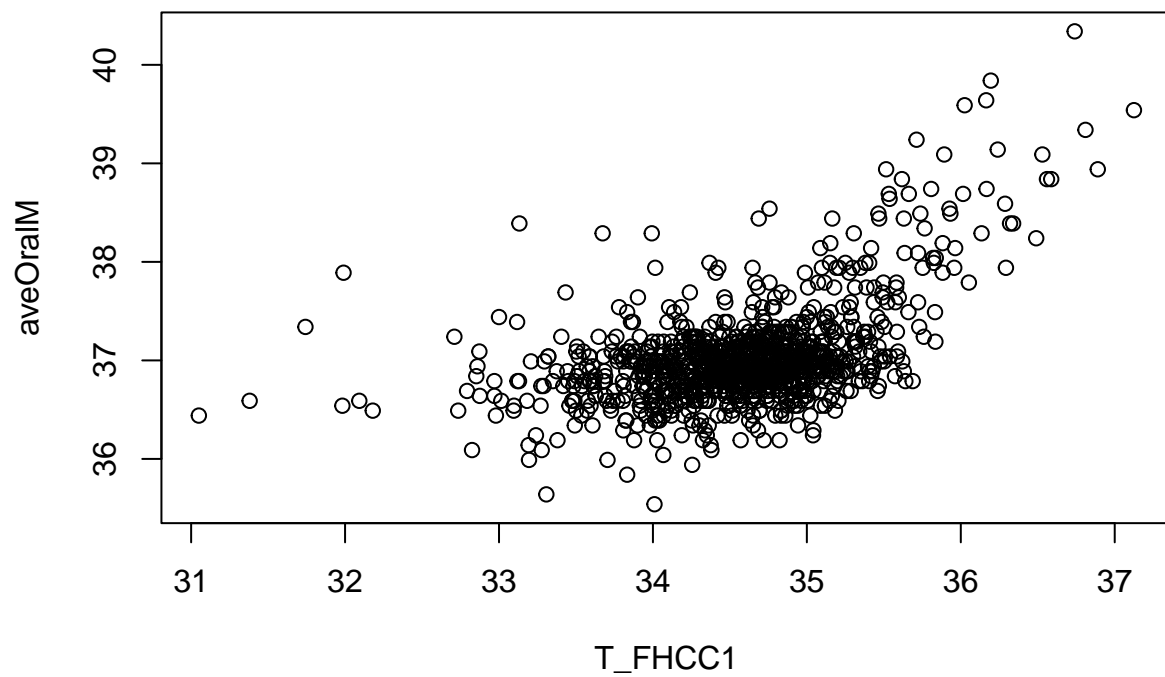
Plot of canthiMax1



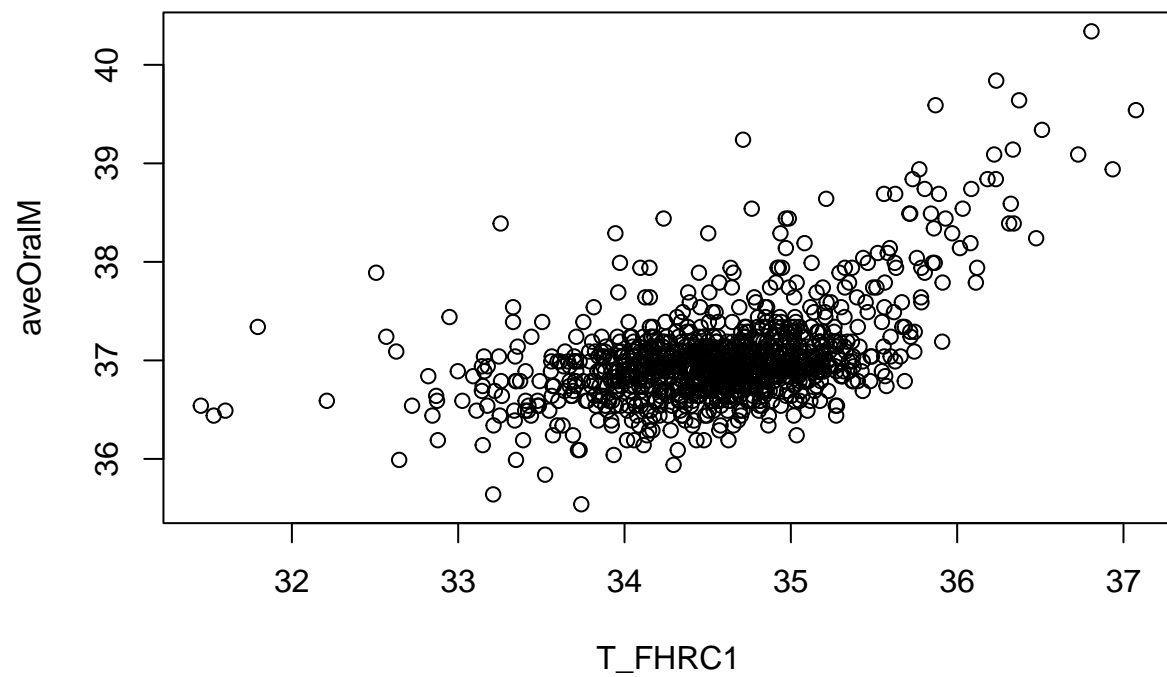
Plot of canthi4Max1



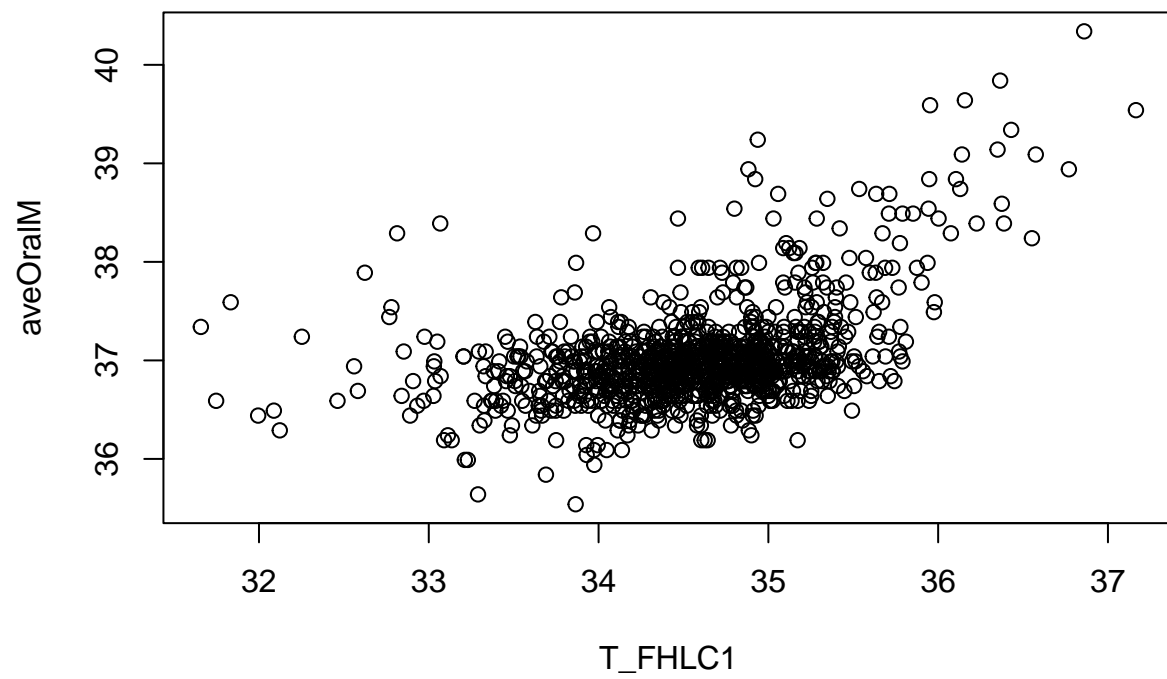
Plot of T_FHCC1



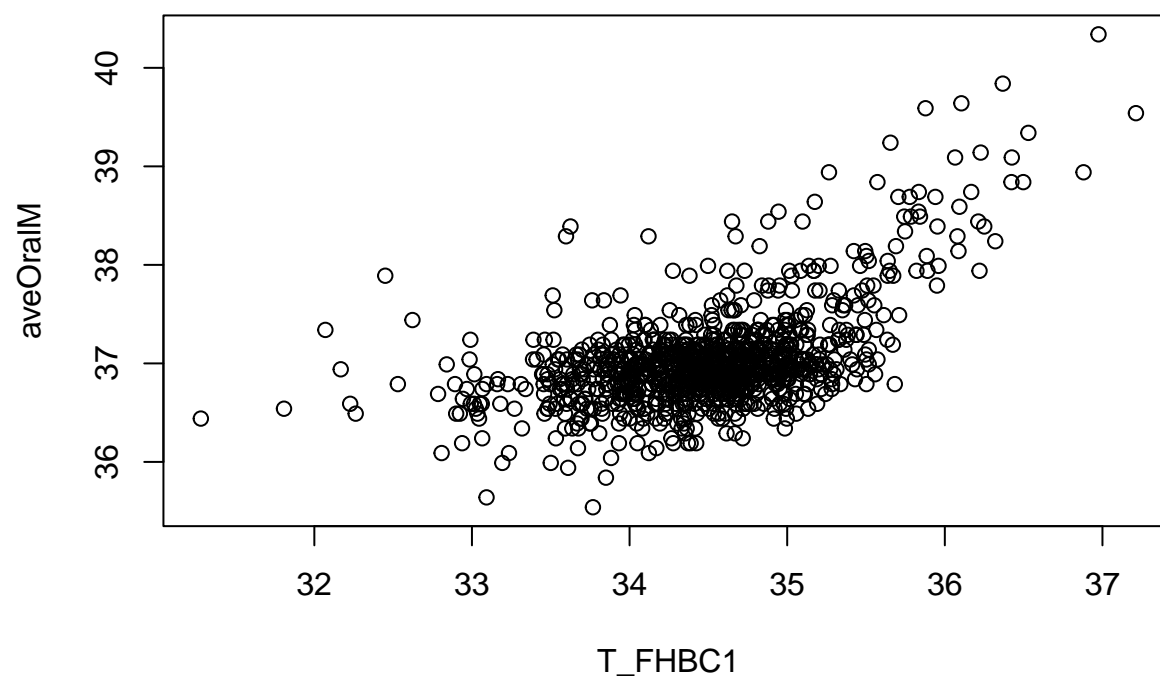
Plot of T_FHRC1



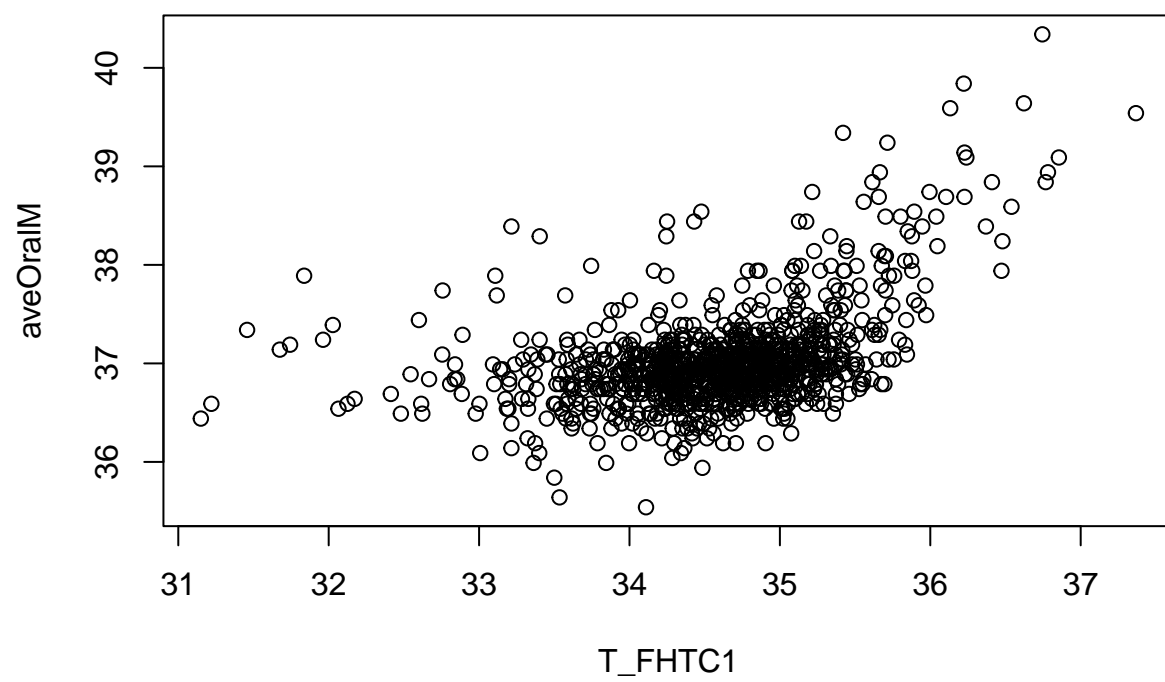
Plot of T_FHLC1



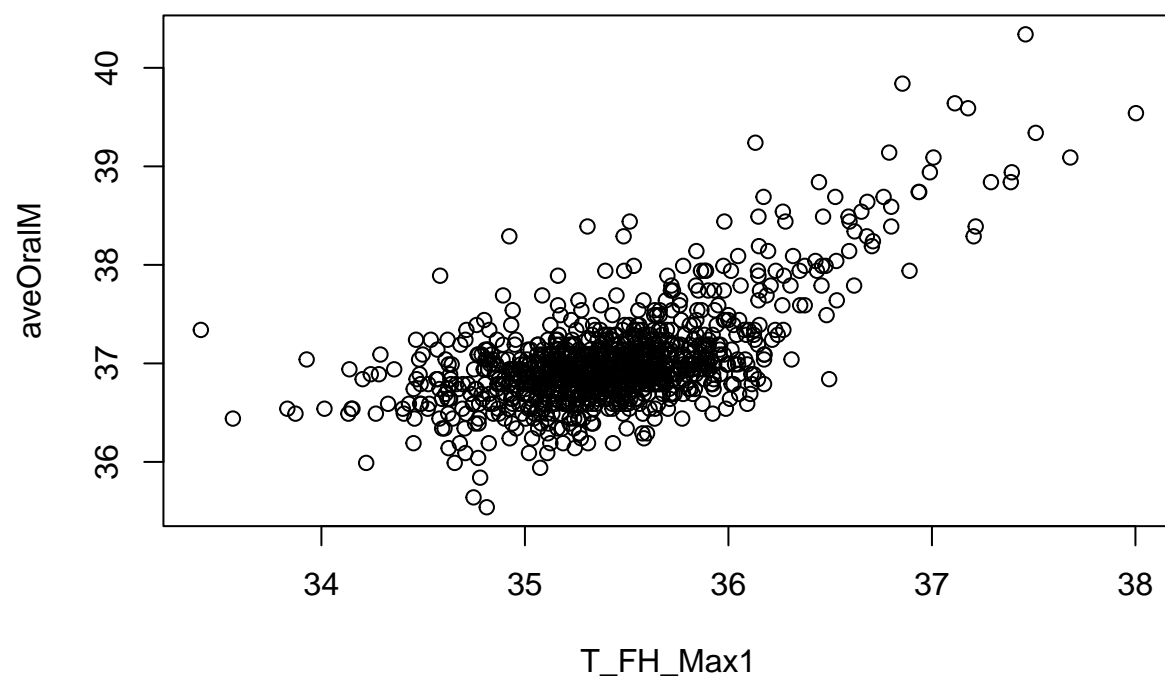
Plot of T_FHBC1



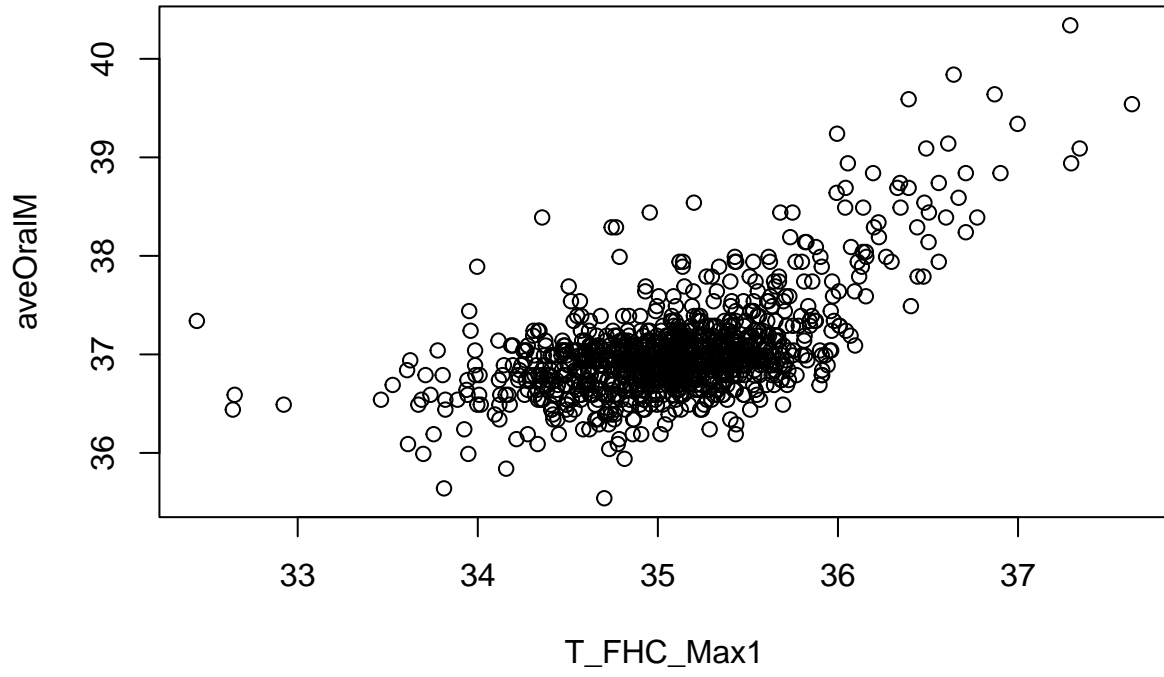
Plot of T_FHTC1



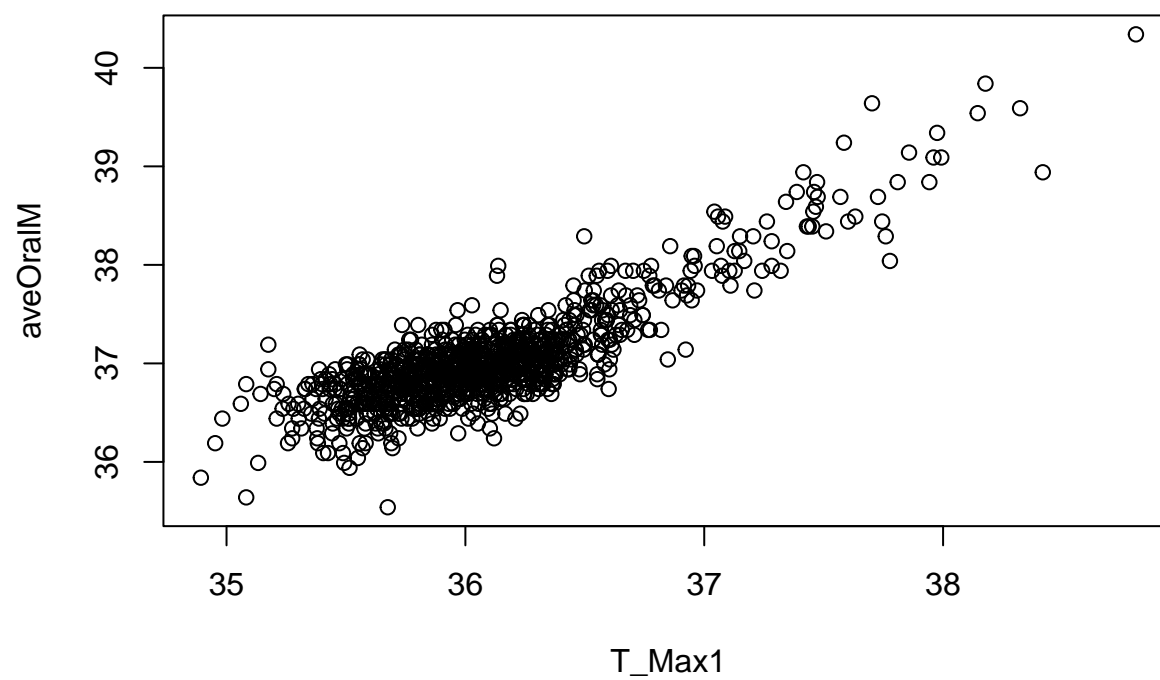
Plot of T_FH_Max1



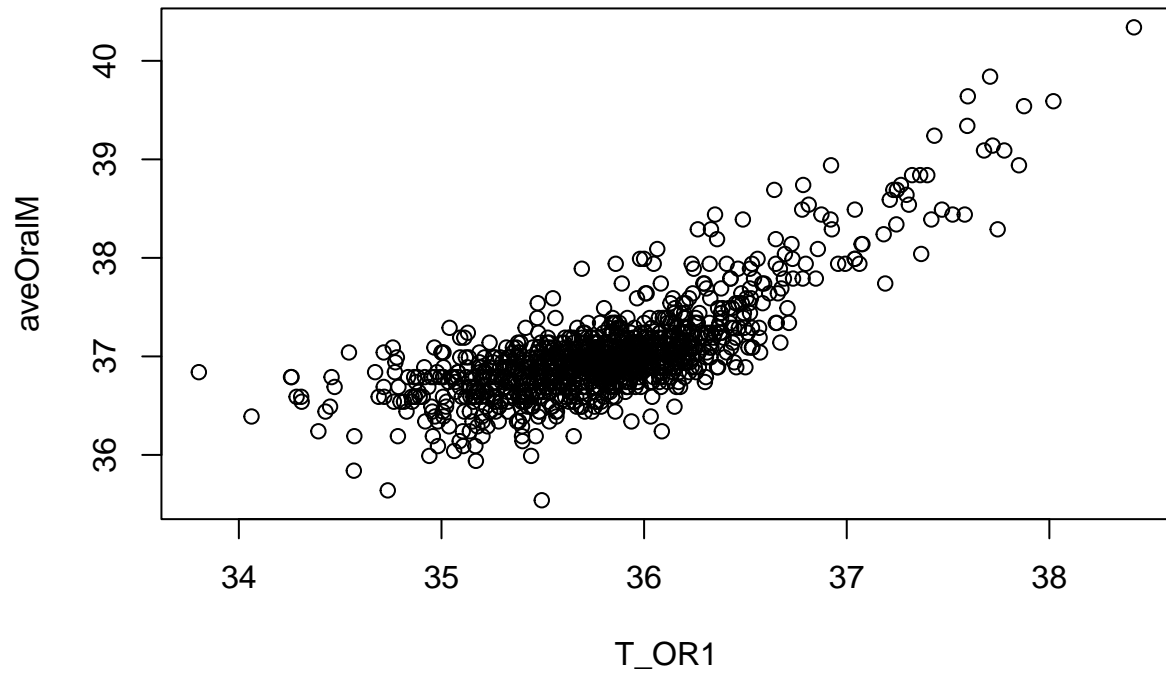
Plot of T_FHC_Max1



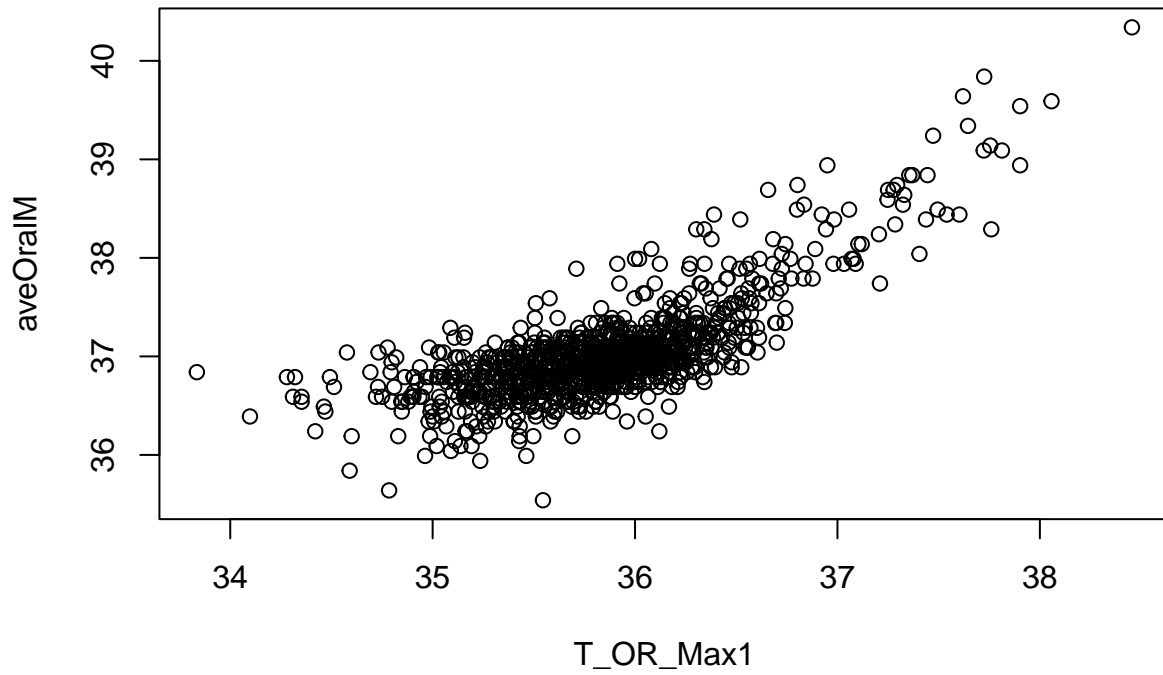
Plot of T_Max1



Plot of T_OR1



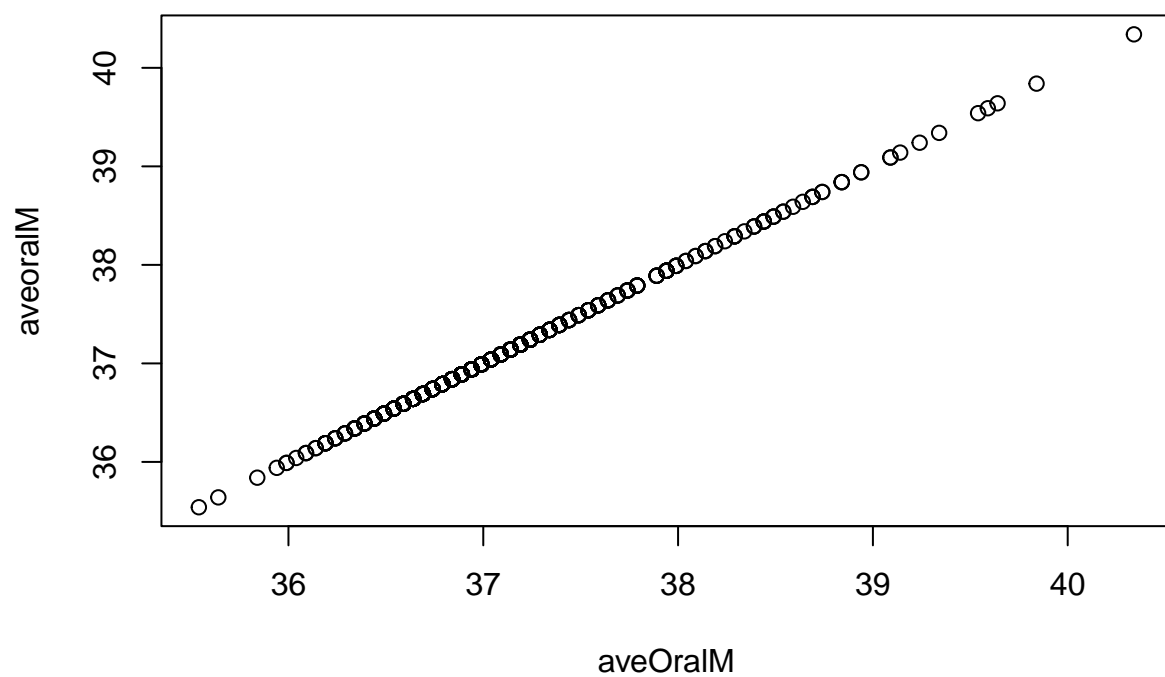
Plot of T_OR_Max1



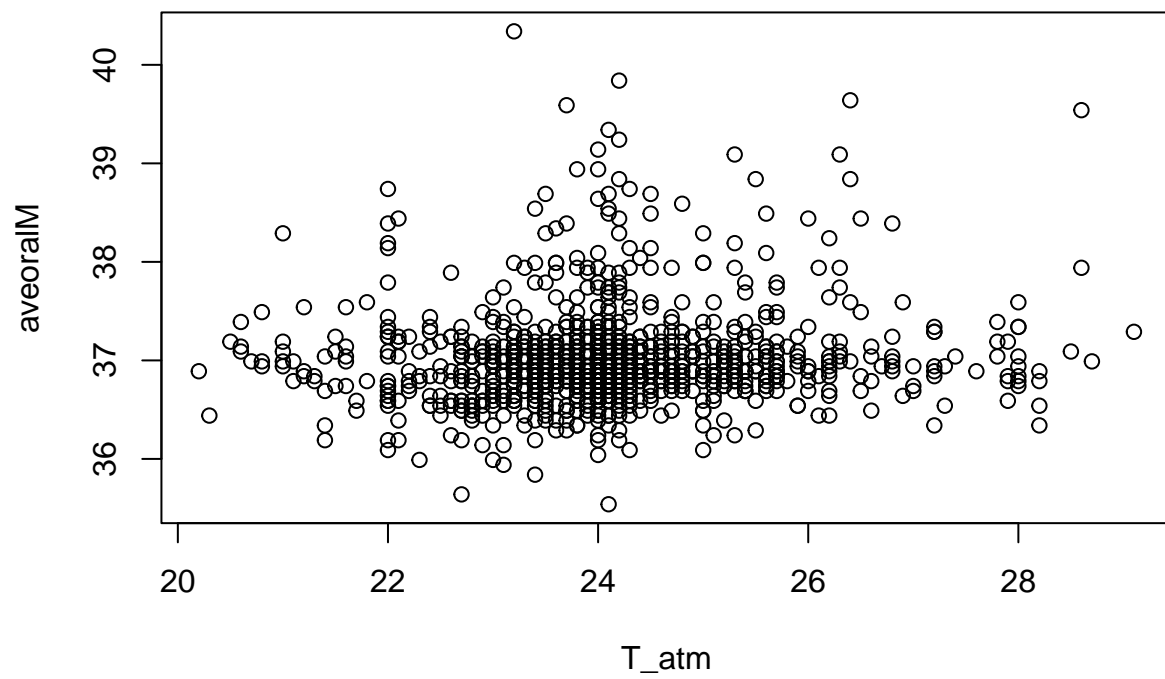
```
data <- subset(data, Distance <= 60)

# For numeric variables: histograms
i = 0
for(i in 1:ncol(data)){
  if(is.numeric(data[[i]])){
    plot( data[[i]], data$aveOralM,main=paste("Plot of", names(data)[i]), xlab=names(data)[i], ylab = "aveOralM")
  }
}
```

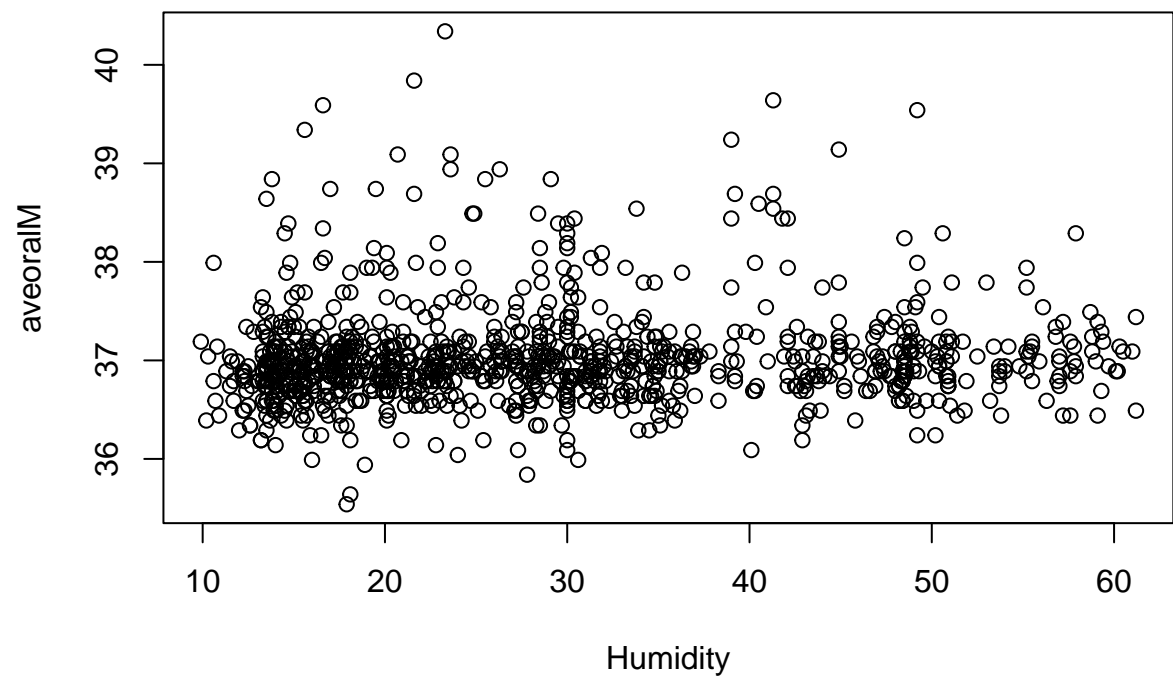
Plot of aveOralM



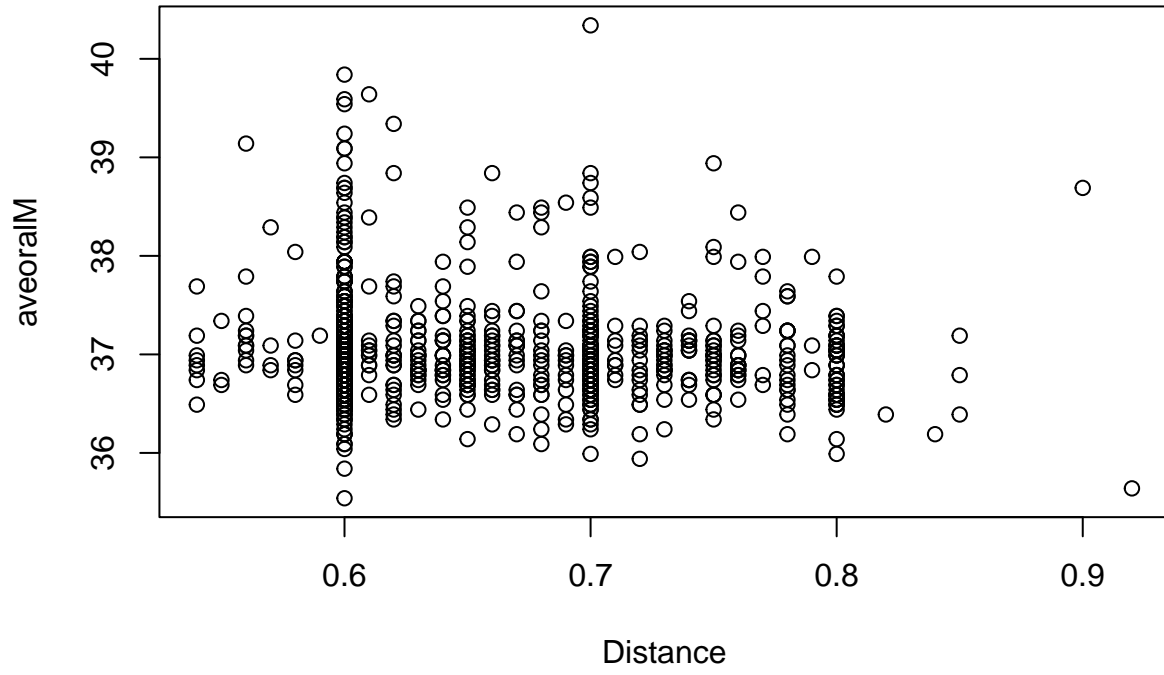
Plot of T_atm



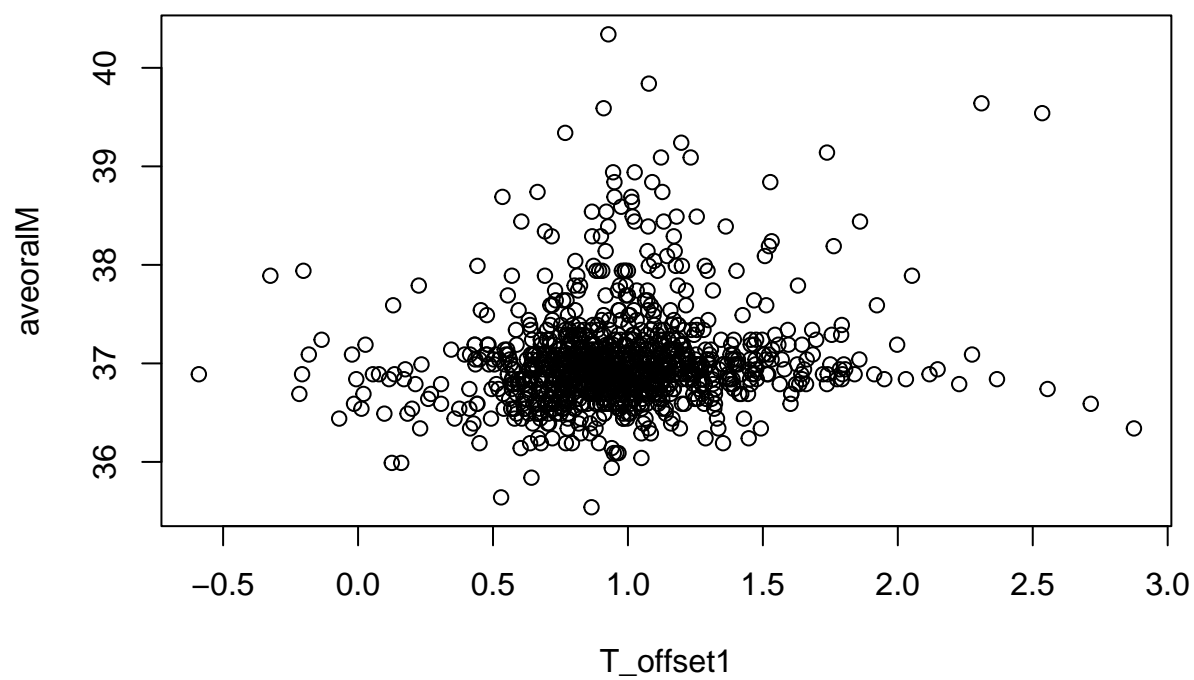
Plot of Humidity



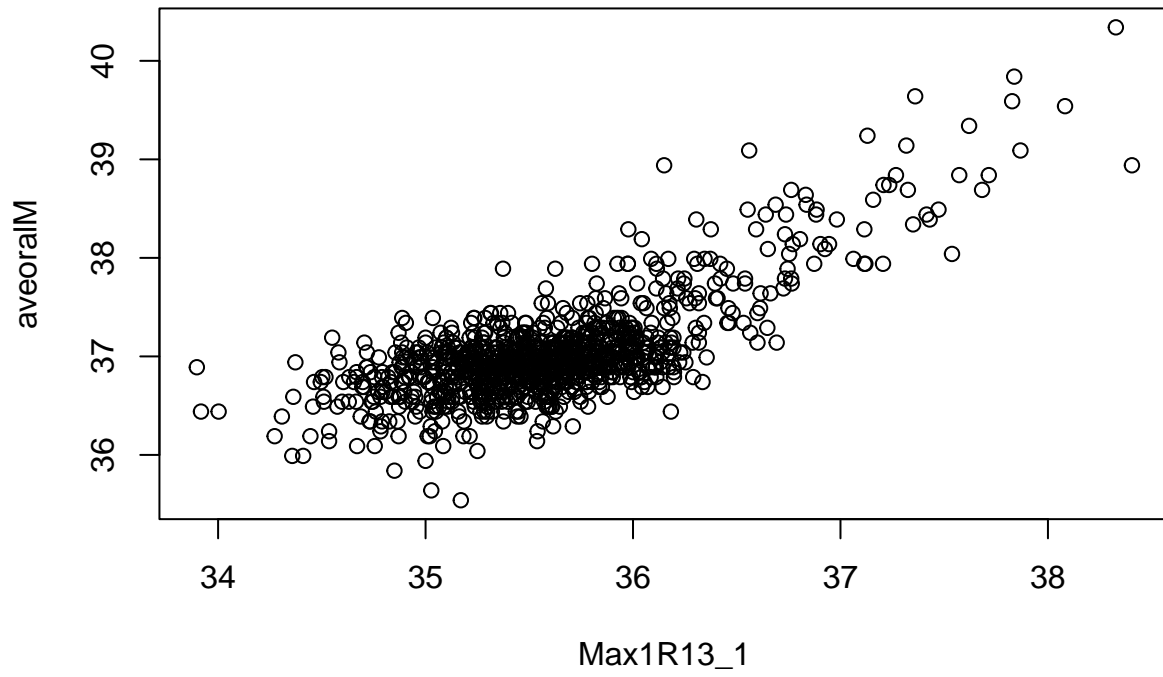
Plot of Distance



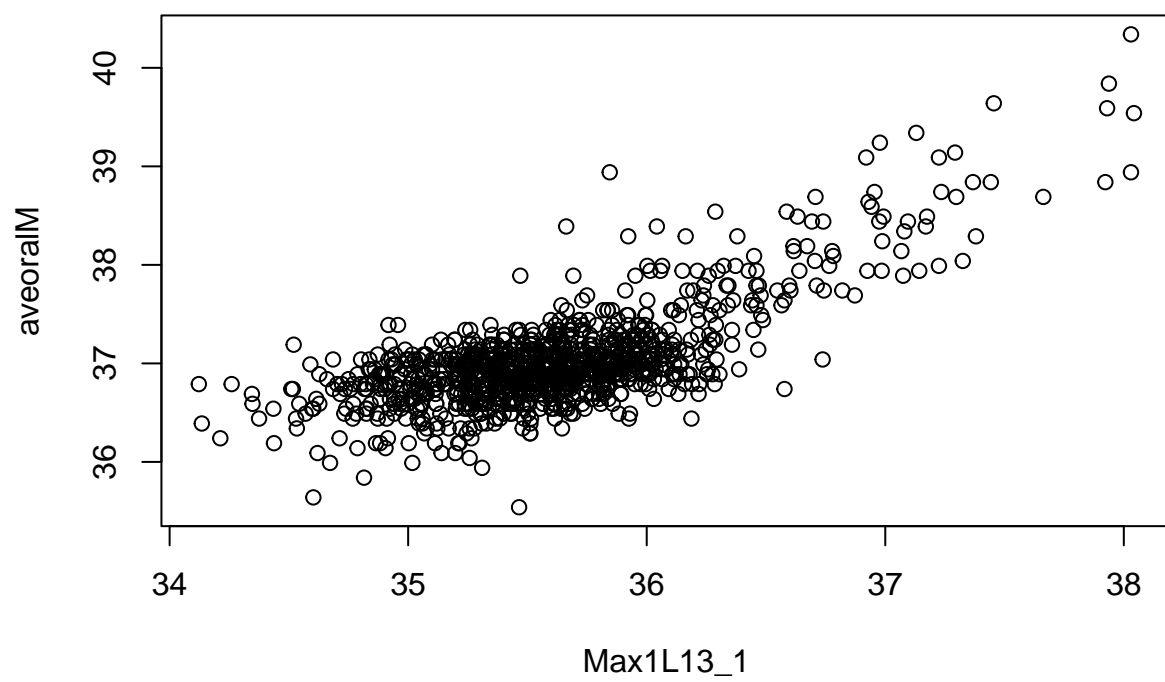
Plot of T_offset1



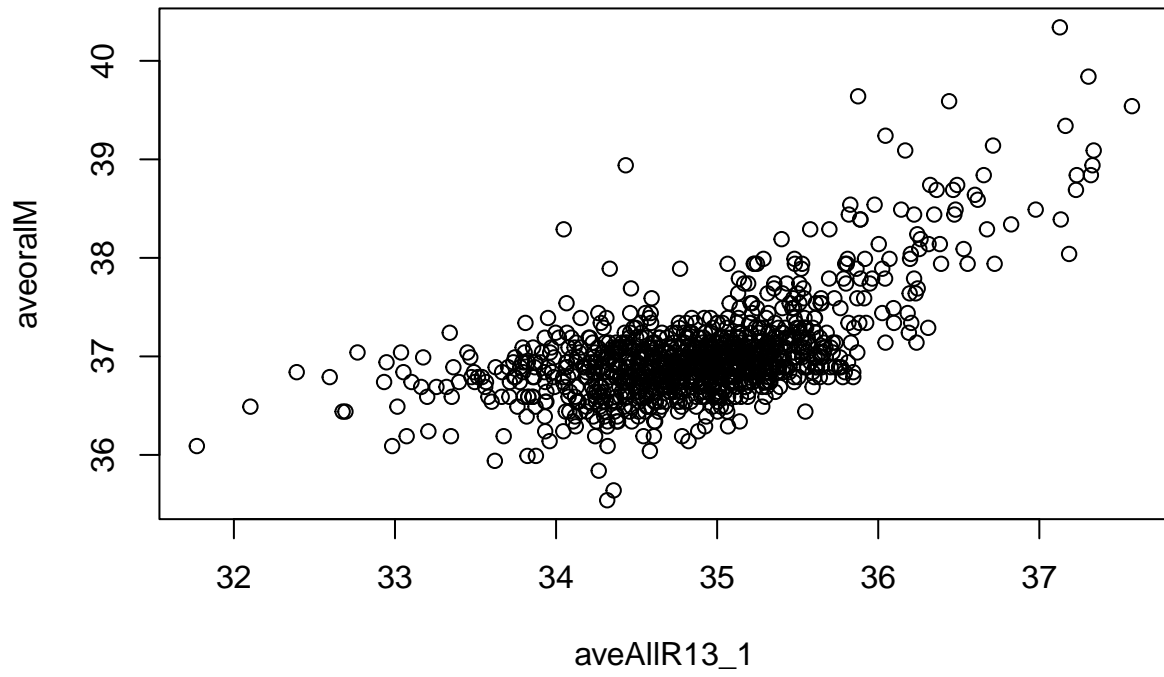
Plot of Max1R13_1



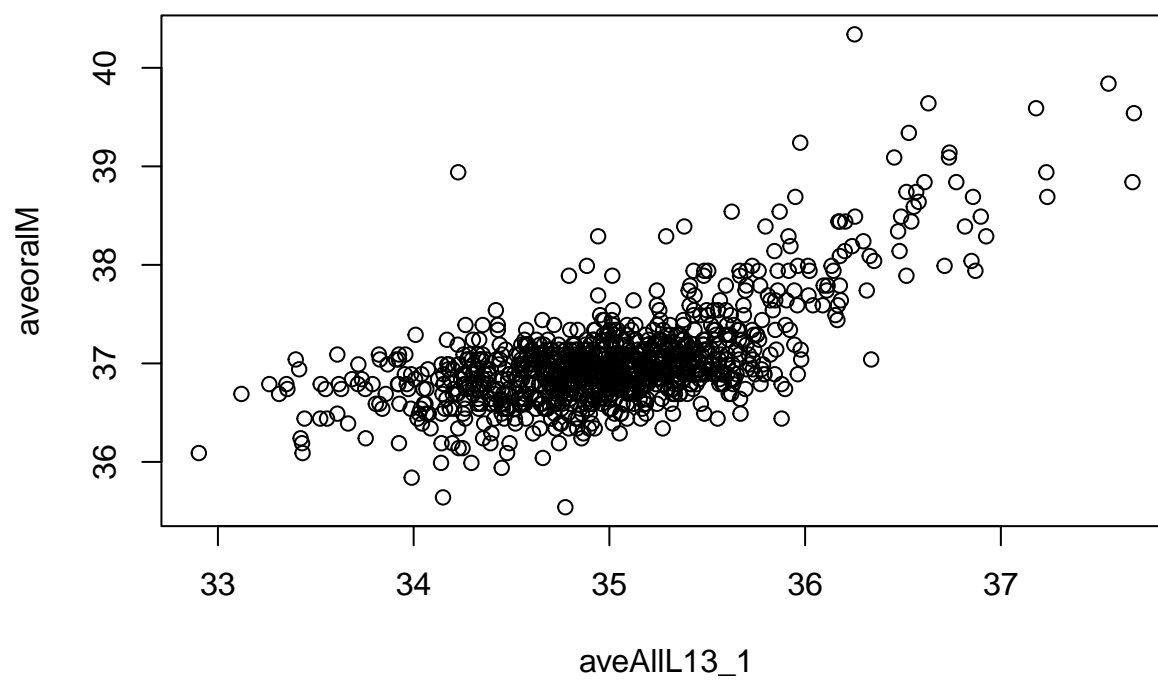
Plot of Max1L13_1



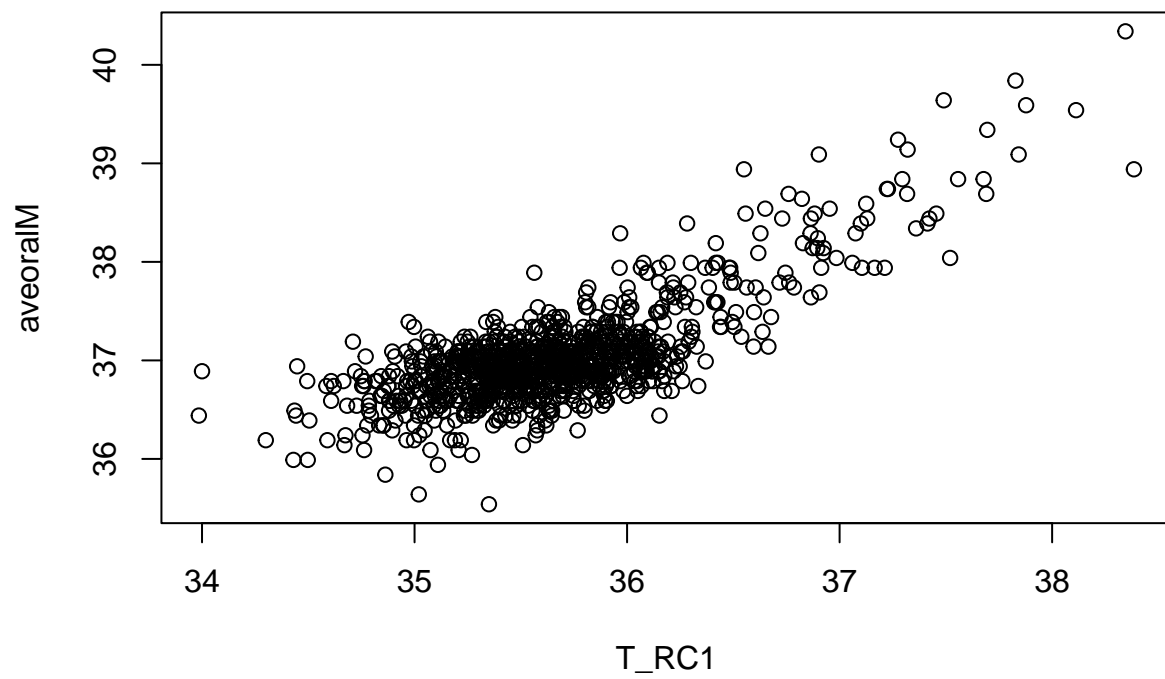
Plot of aveAllR13_1



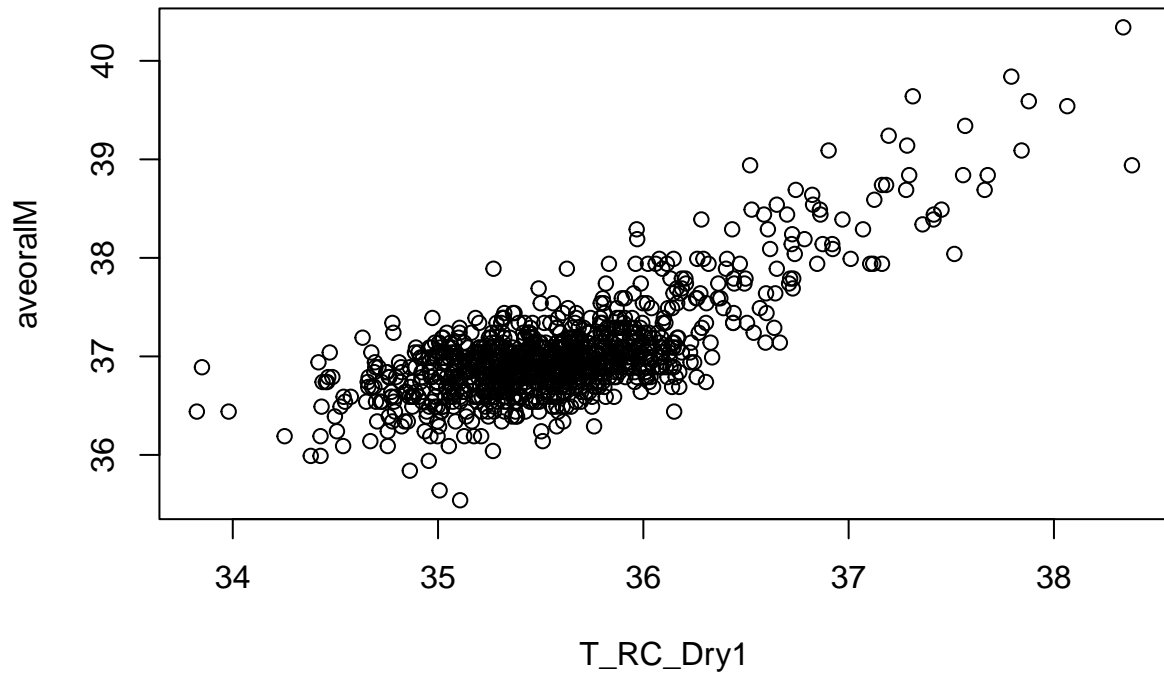
Plot of aveAIL13_1



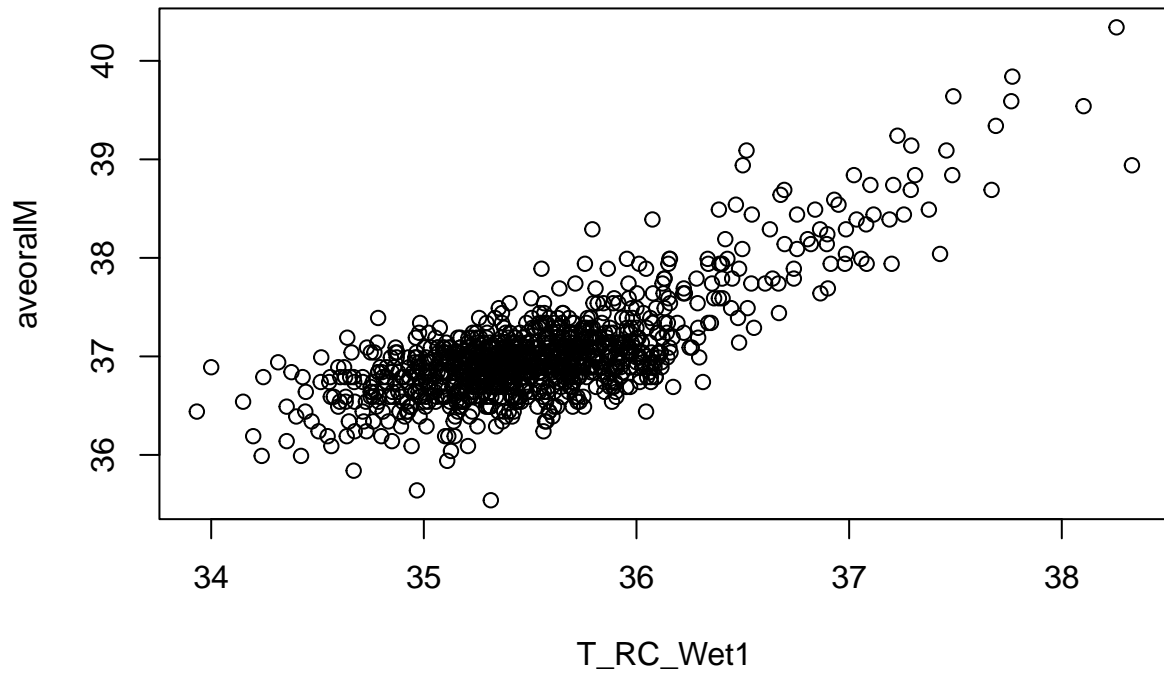
Plot of T_RC1



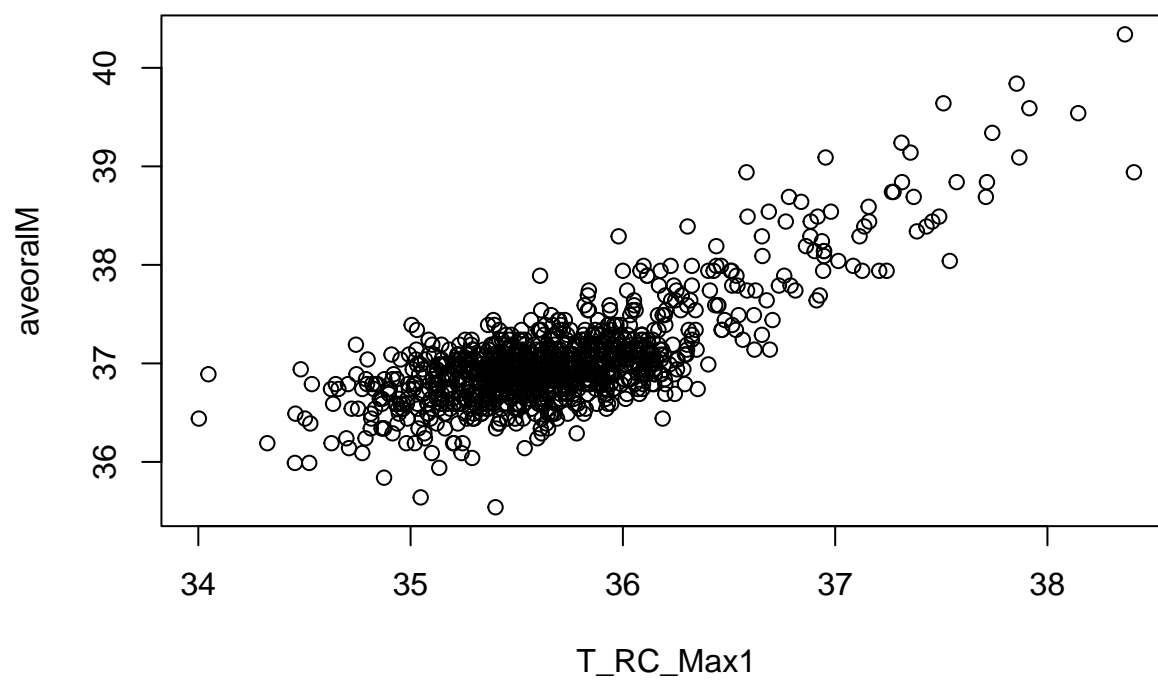
Plot of T_RC_Dry1



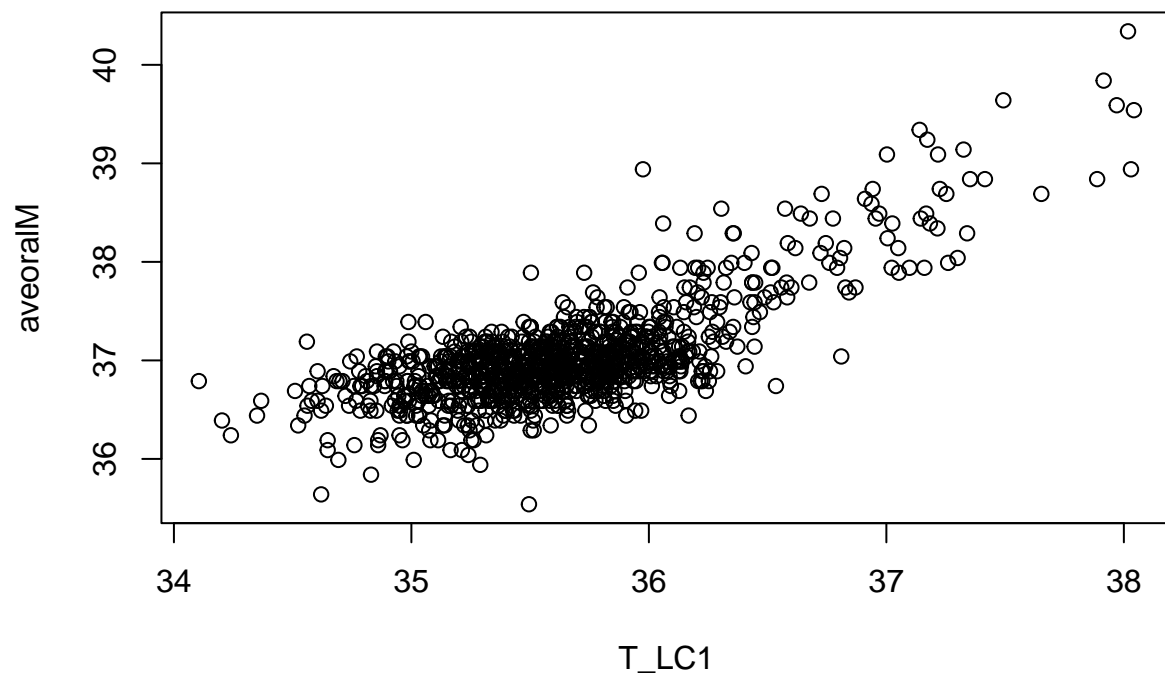
Plot of T_RC_Wet1



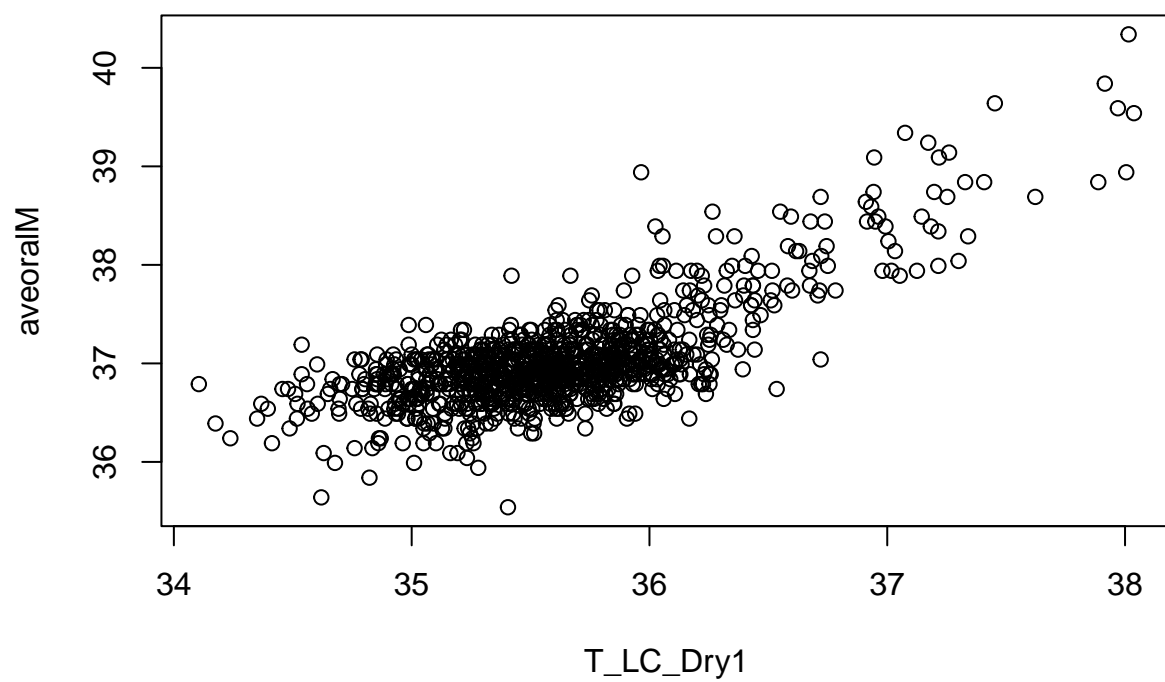
Plot of T_RC_Max1



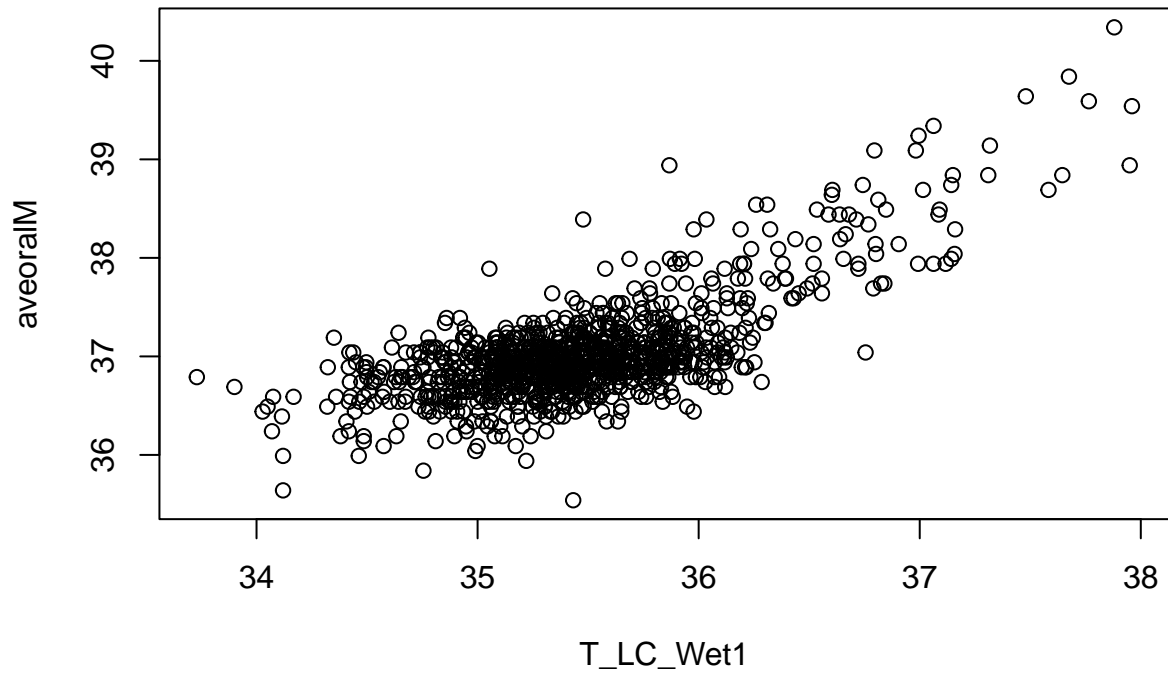
Plot of T_LC1



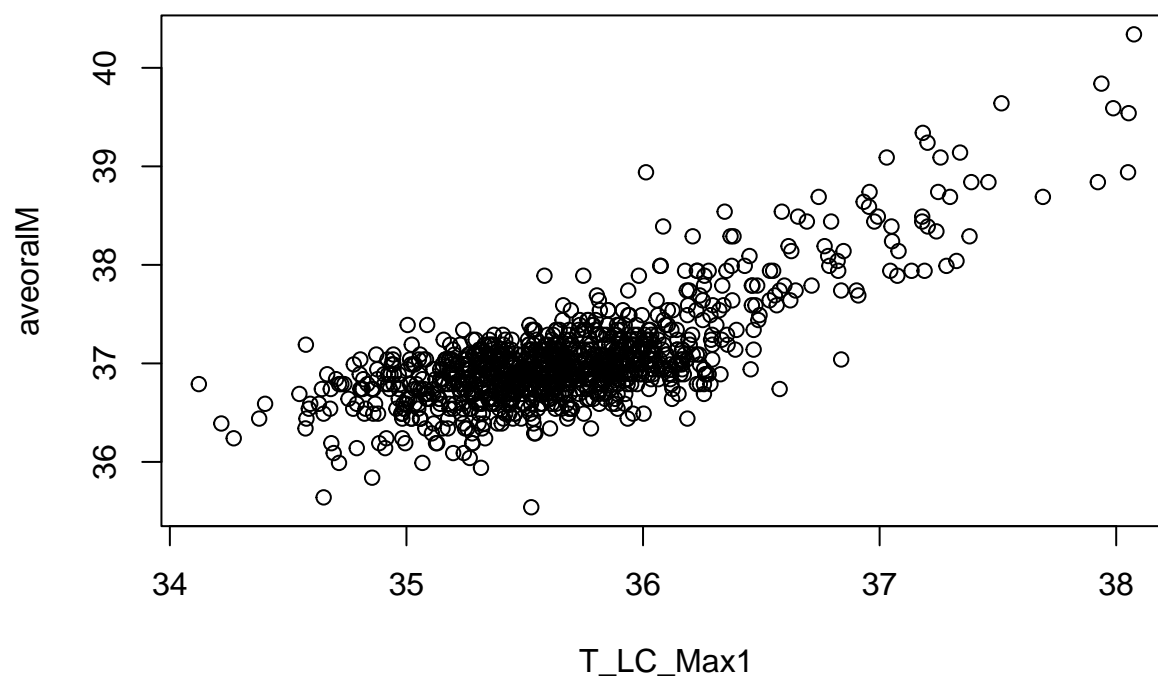
Plot of T_LC_Dry1



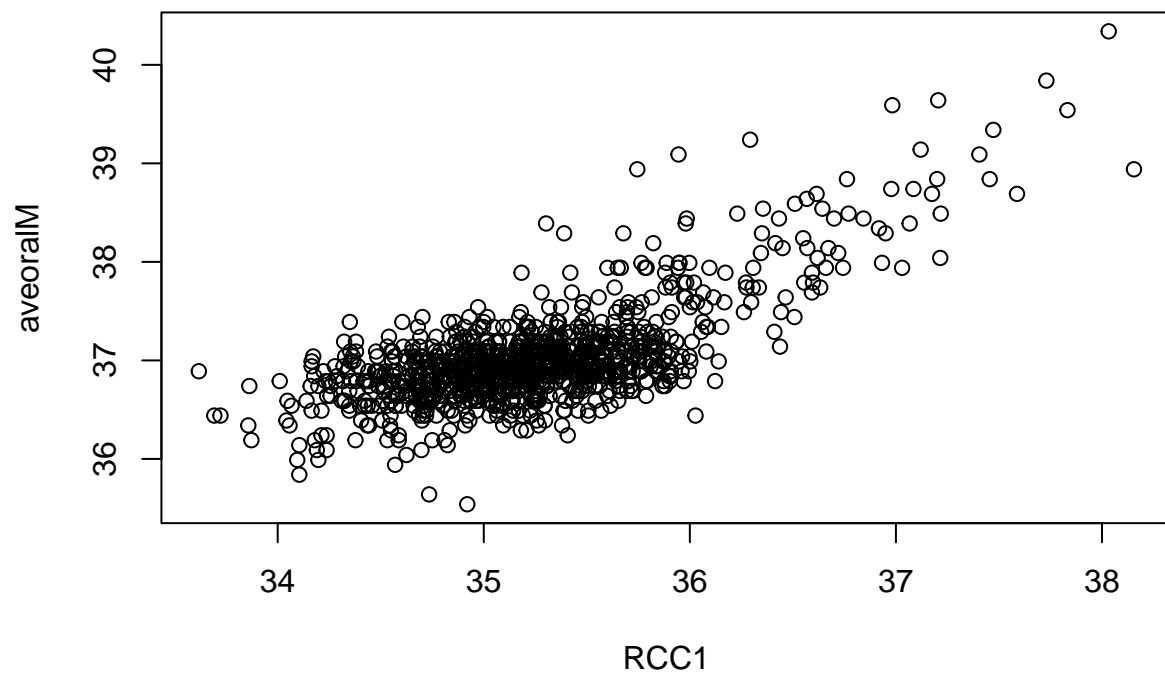
Plot of T_LC_Wet1



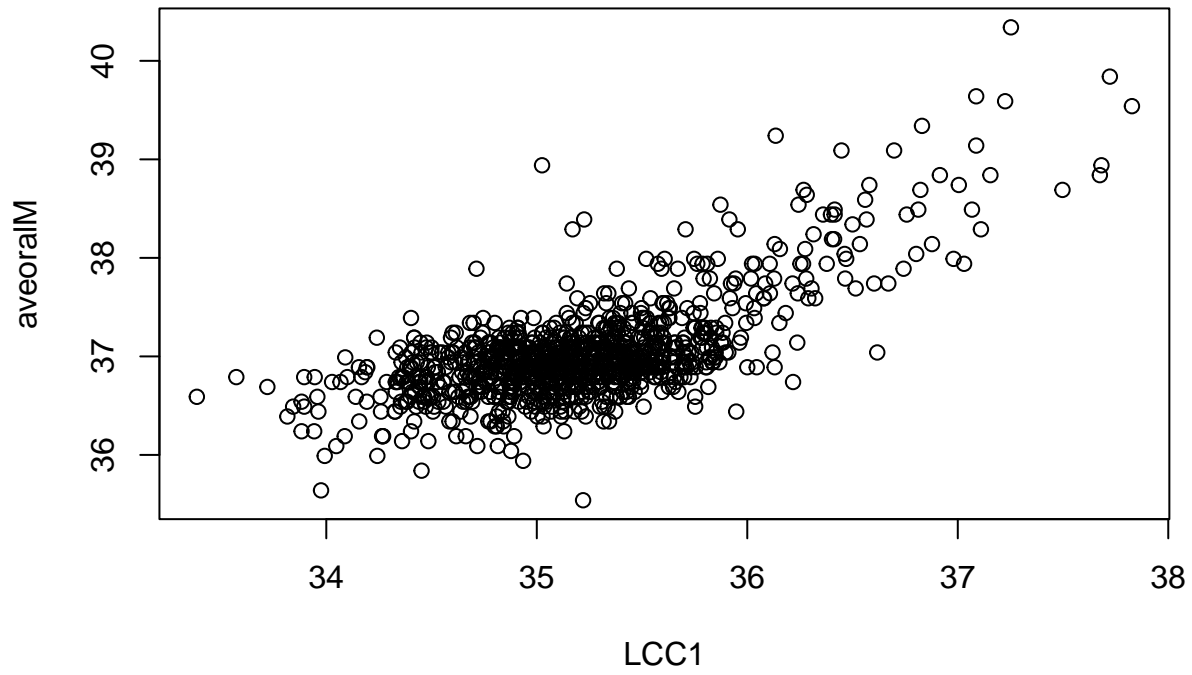
Plot of T_LC_Max1



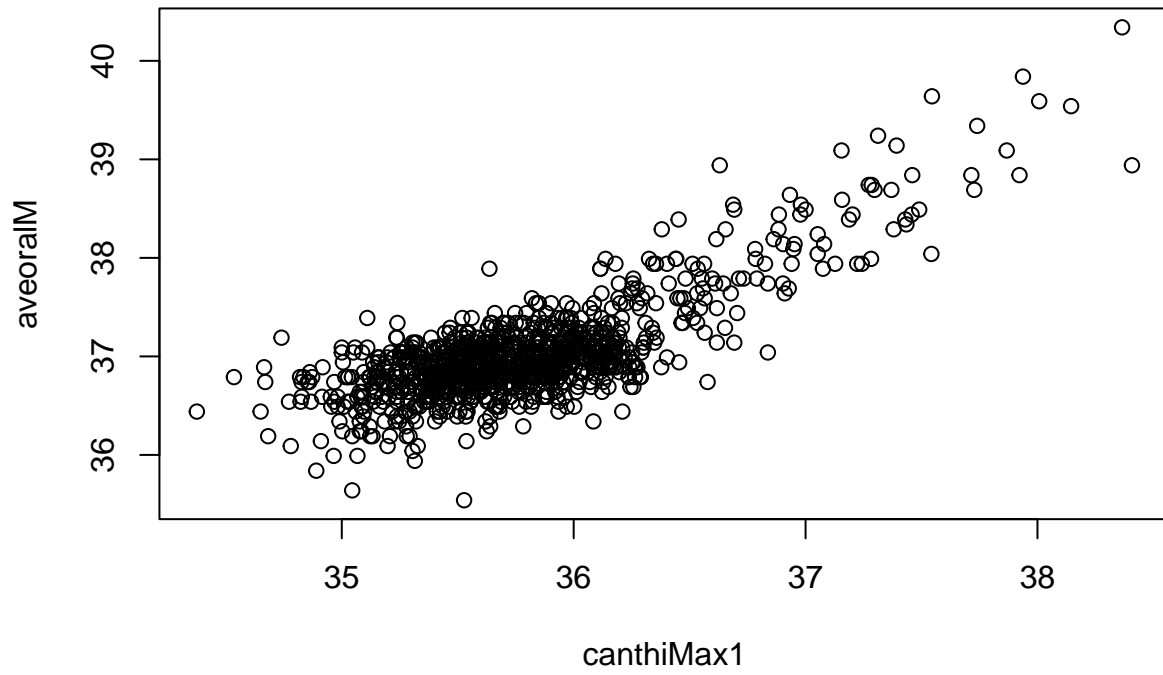
Plot of RCC1



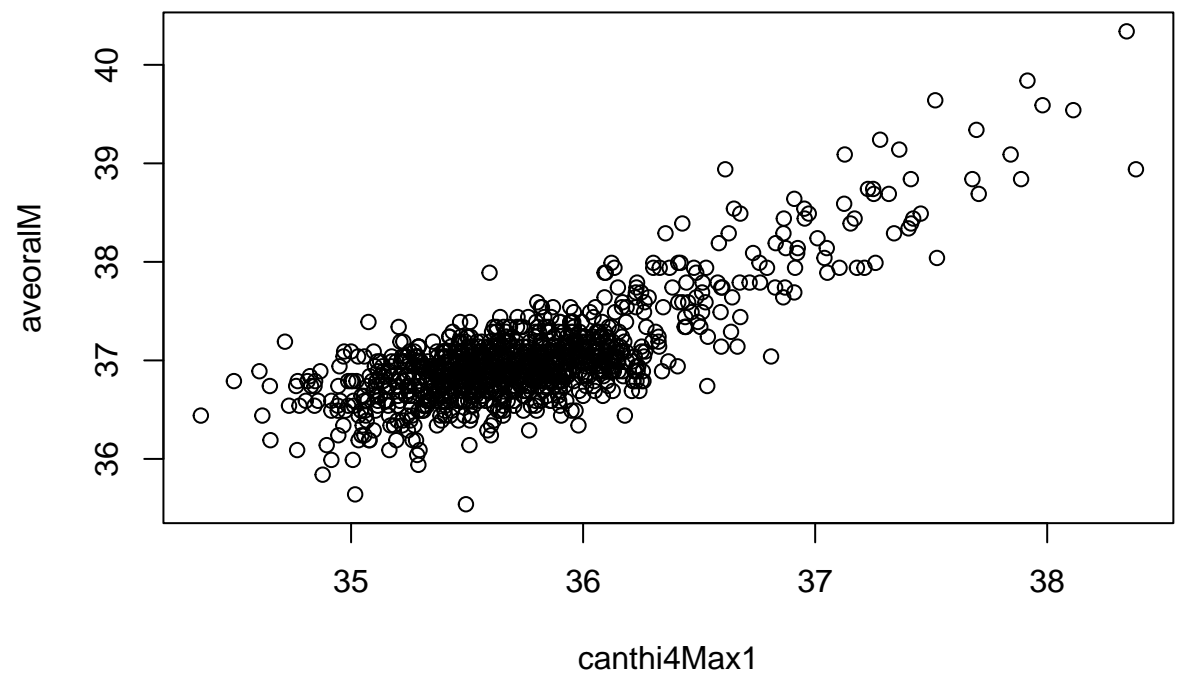
Plot of LCC1



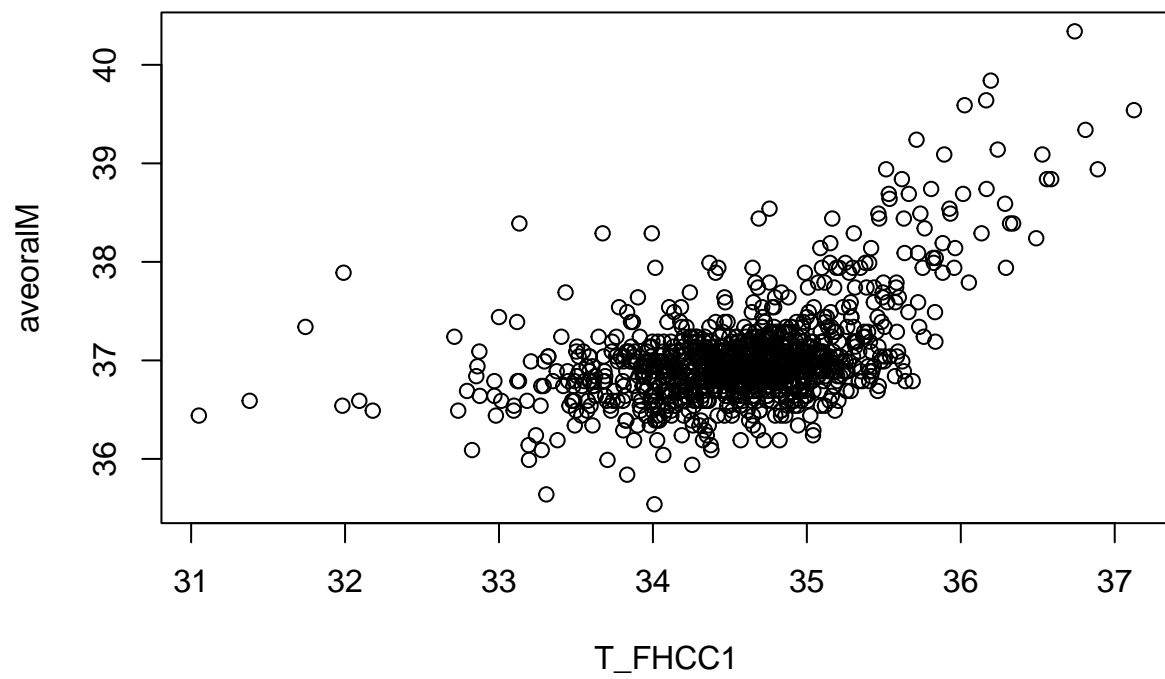
Plot of canthiMax1



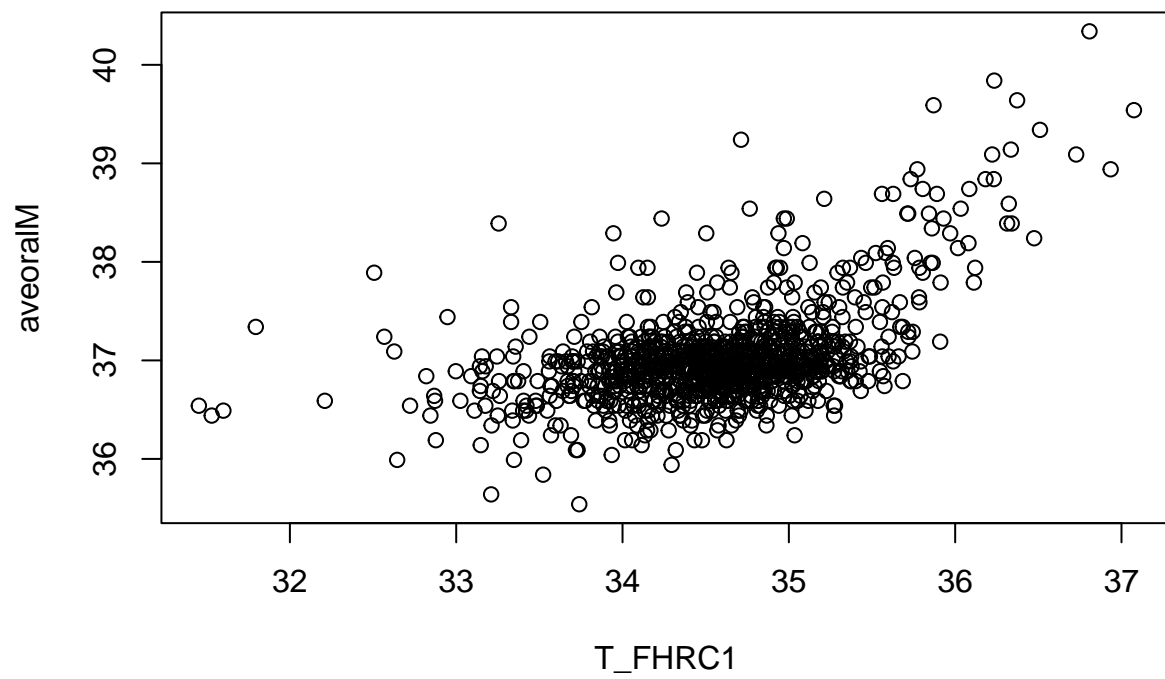
Plot of canthi4Max1



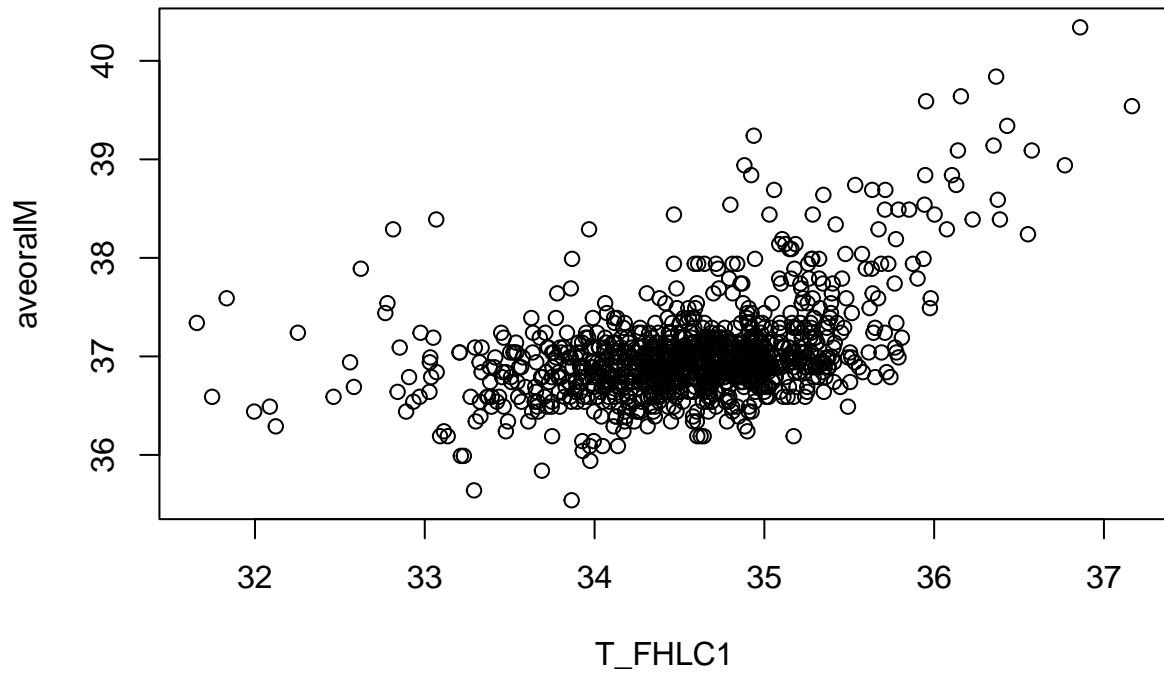
Plot of T_FHCC1



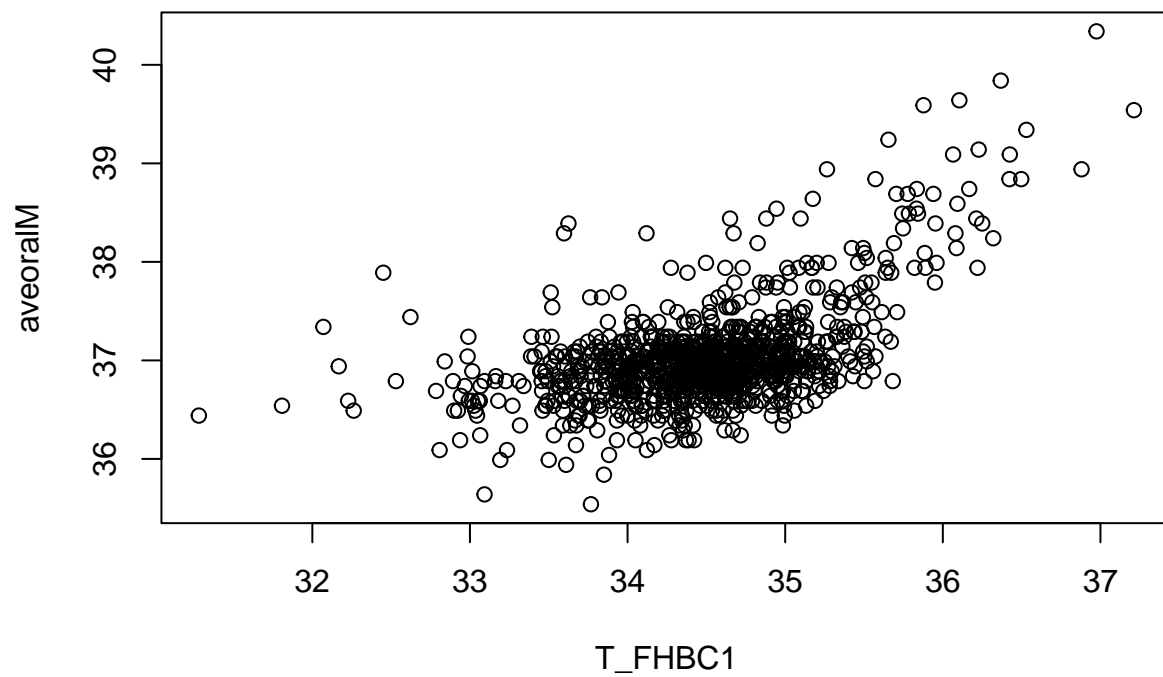
Plot of T_FHRC1



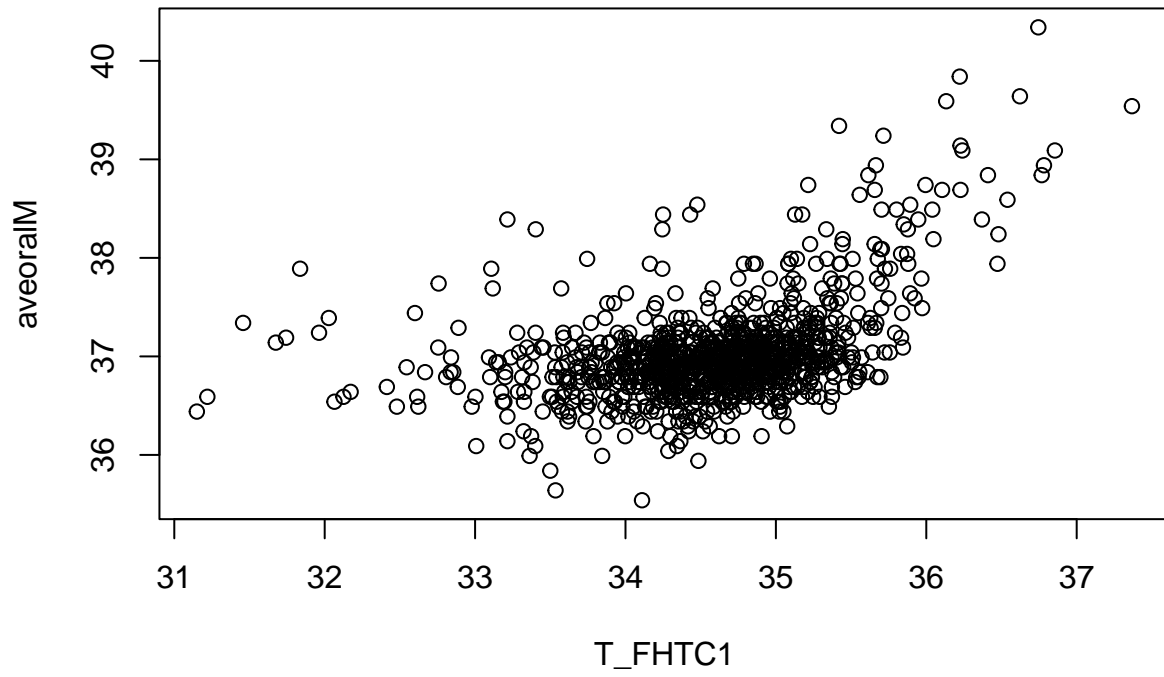
Plot of T_FHLC1



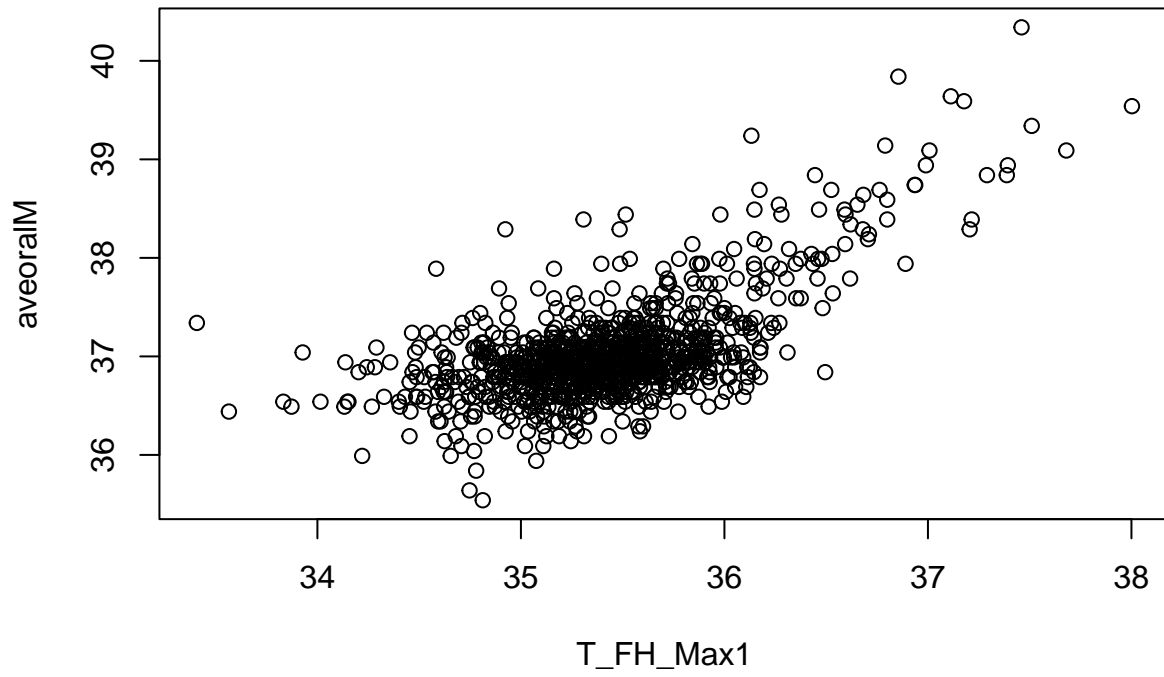
Plot of T_FHBC1



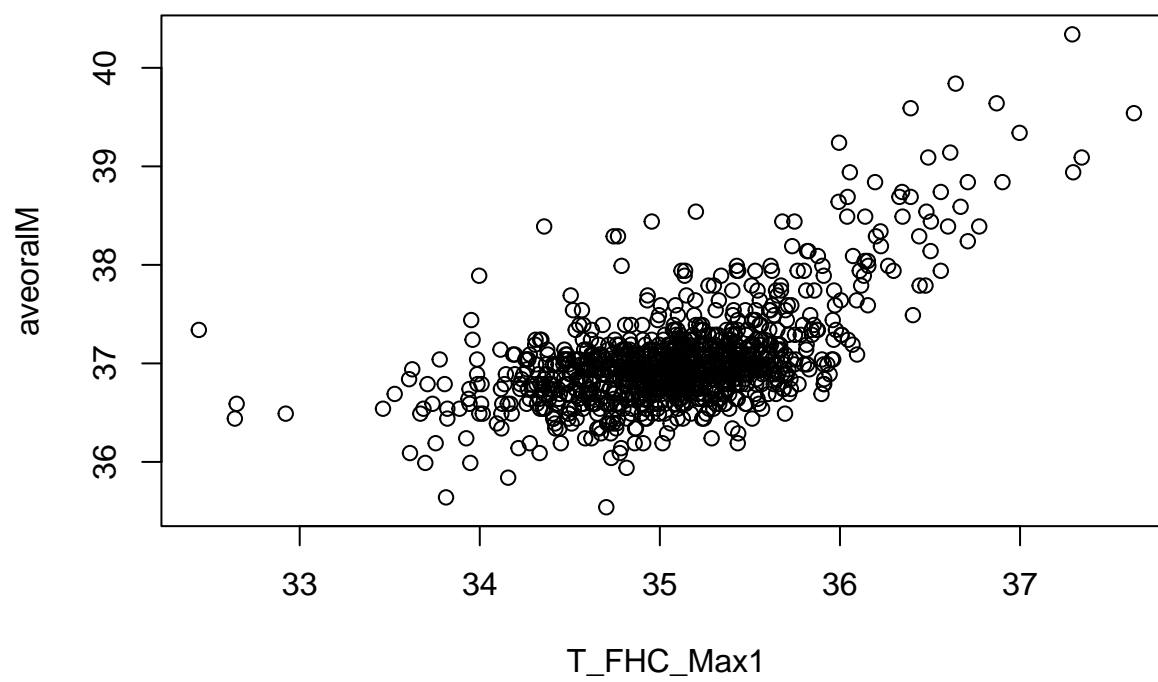
Plot of T_FHTC1



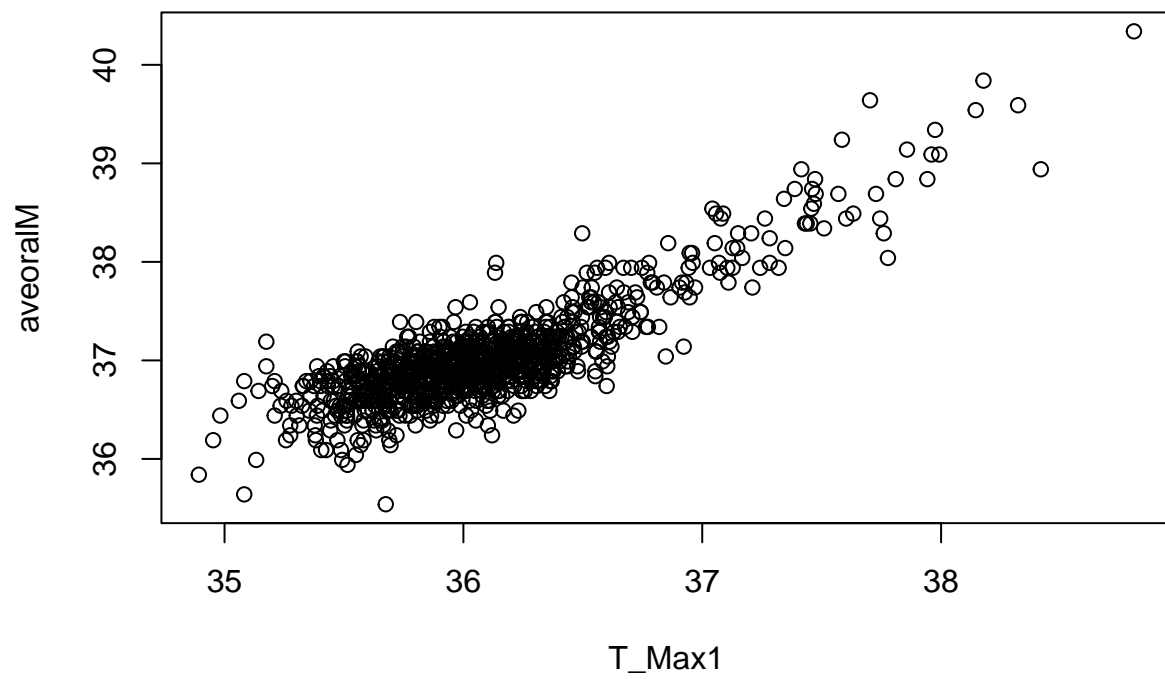
Plot of T_FH_Max1



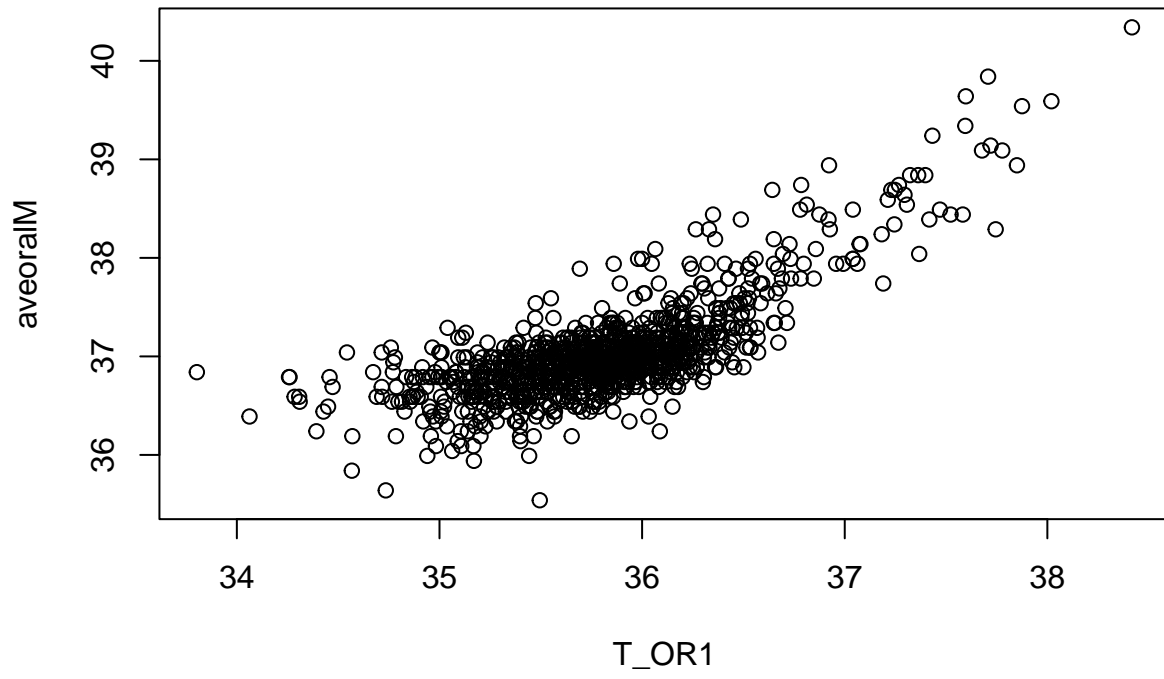
Plot of T_FHC_Max1



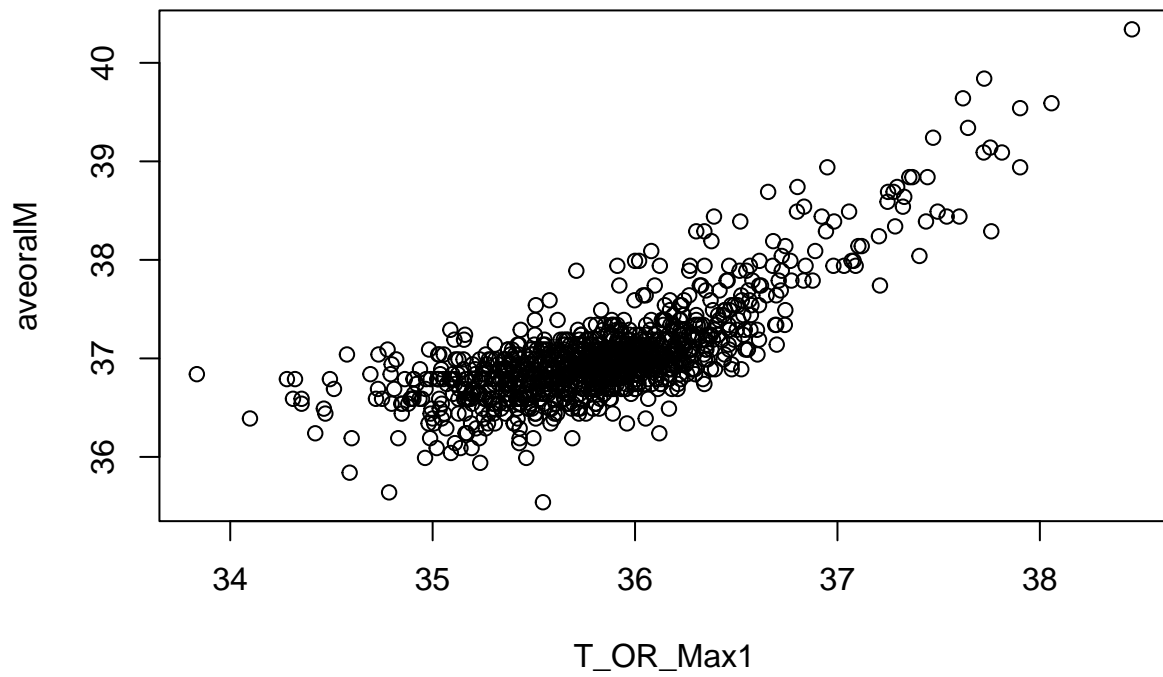
Plot of T_Max1



Plot of T_OR1



Plot of T_OR_Max1

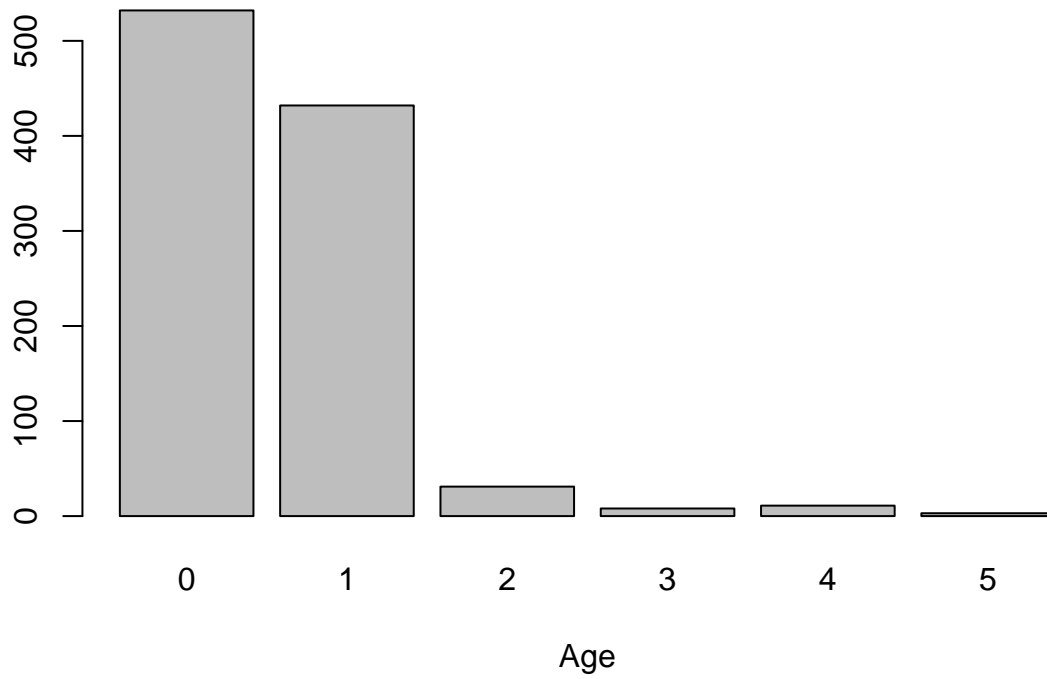


```
# data description/EDA  
barplot(table(data[[2]]), main=paste("Bar plot of", names(data)[2]), xlab=names(data)[2])
```



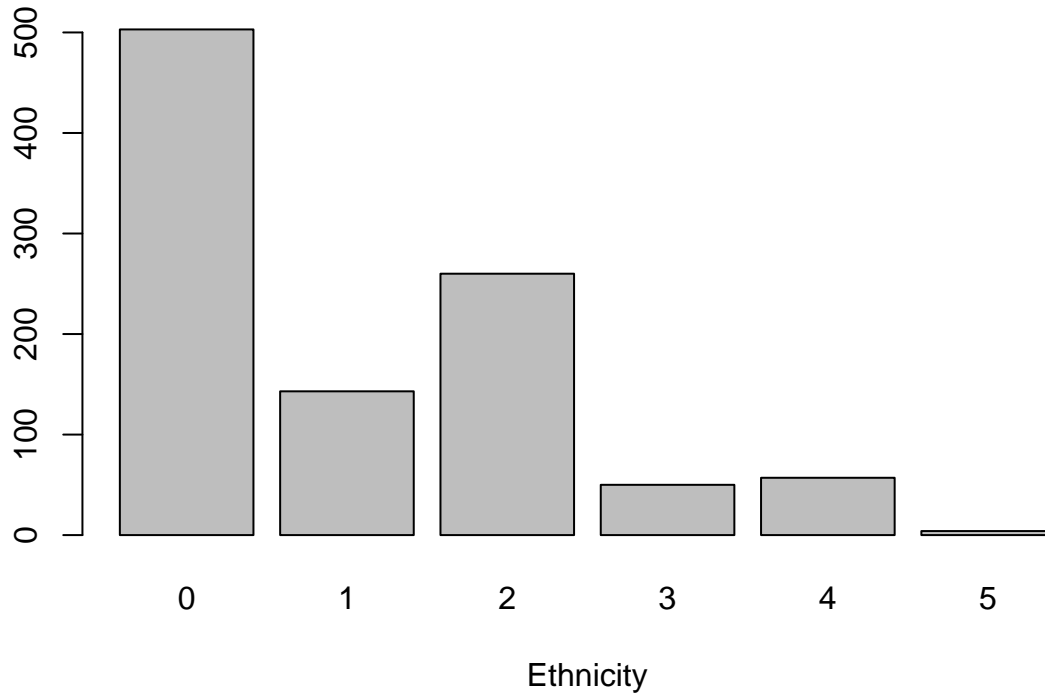
```
barplot(table(data[[3]]), main=paste("Bar plot of Age Groups"), xlab=names(data)[3])
```

Bar plot of Age Groups



```
barplot(table(data[[4]]), main=paste("Bar plot of", names(data)[4]), xlab=names(data)[4])
```

Bar plot of Ethnicity



```
head(data)
```

```
##      aveOralM Gender Age Ethnicity T_atm Humidity Distance T_offset1 Max1R13_1
## 1      36.59      0  3          0    24      28        0.8    0.7025    35.0300
## 2      37.19      1  2          1    24      26        0.8    0.7800    34.5500
## 3      37.34      1  1          0    24      26        0.8    0.8625    35.6525
## 4      37.09      1  1          1    24      27        0.8    0.9300    35.2225
## 5      37.04      0  0          0    24      27        0.8    0.8950    35.5450
## 6      36.99      1  1          0    24      26        0.8    0.8275    35.1325
##      Max1L13_1 aveAllR13_1 aveAllL13_1 T_RC1 T_RC_Dry1 T_RC_Wet1 T_RC_Max1
## 1      35.3775      34.4000      34.9175 34.9850 34.9850 34.7625 35.0325
## 2      34.5200      33.9300      34.2250 34.7100 34.6325 34.6400 34.7425
## 3      35.5175      34.2775      34.8000 35.6850 35.6675 35.6150 35.7175
## 4      35.6125      34.3850      35.2475 35.2075 35.2000 35.1175 35.2250
## 5      35.6650      34.9100      35.3675 35.6025 35.4750 35.5700 35.6400
## 6      35.2025      34.5275      34.5825 35.1300 35.1225 35.0500 35.1475
##      T_LC1 T_LC_Dry1 T_LC_Wet1 T_LC_Max1 RCC1 LCC1 canthiMax1 canthi4Max1
## 1 35.3375 35.3375 34.4850 35.3775 34.7850 34.4650 35.3775 35.3375
## 2 34.5600 34.5375 34.3500 34.5750 34.3225 34.2400 34.7400 34.7150
## 3 35.5025 35.5025 35.2950 35.5300 35.3575 35.0925 35.7175 35.6825
## 4 35.5950 35.5950 35.3275 35.6125 34.9100 35.1700 35.6125 35.5950
## 5 35.6400 35.6400 35.0775 35.6675 35.3550 35.1200 35.6650 35.6475
## 6 35.2150 35.1875 35.0625 35.2375 34.9525 34.7775 35.2500 35.2275
##      T_FHCC1 T_FHRC1 T_FHLC1 T_FHBC1 T_FHTC1 T_FH_Max1 T_FHC_Max1 T_Max1 T_OR1
## 1 33.5775 33.4775 33.3725 33.4925 33.0025 34.5300 34.0075 35.6925 35.6350
## 2 34.0325 34.0550 33.6775 33.9700 34.0025 34.6825 34.6600 35.1750 35.0925
```

```
## 3 34.9000 34.8275 34.6475 34.8200 34.6700 35.3450 35.2225 35.9125 35.8600
## 4 34.4400 34.4225 34.6550 34.3025 34.9175 35.6025 35.3150 35.7200 34.9650
## 5 35.0900 35.1600 34.3975 34.6700 33.8275 35.4175 35.3725 35.8950 35.5875
## 6 34.1925 34.2825 34.4800 34.2850 34.2425 34.8600 34.6925 35.8500 35.8175
## T_OR_Max1
## 1 35.6525
## 2 35.1075
## 3 35.8850
## 4 34.9825
## 5 35.6175
## 6 35.8500
```

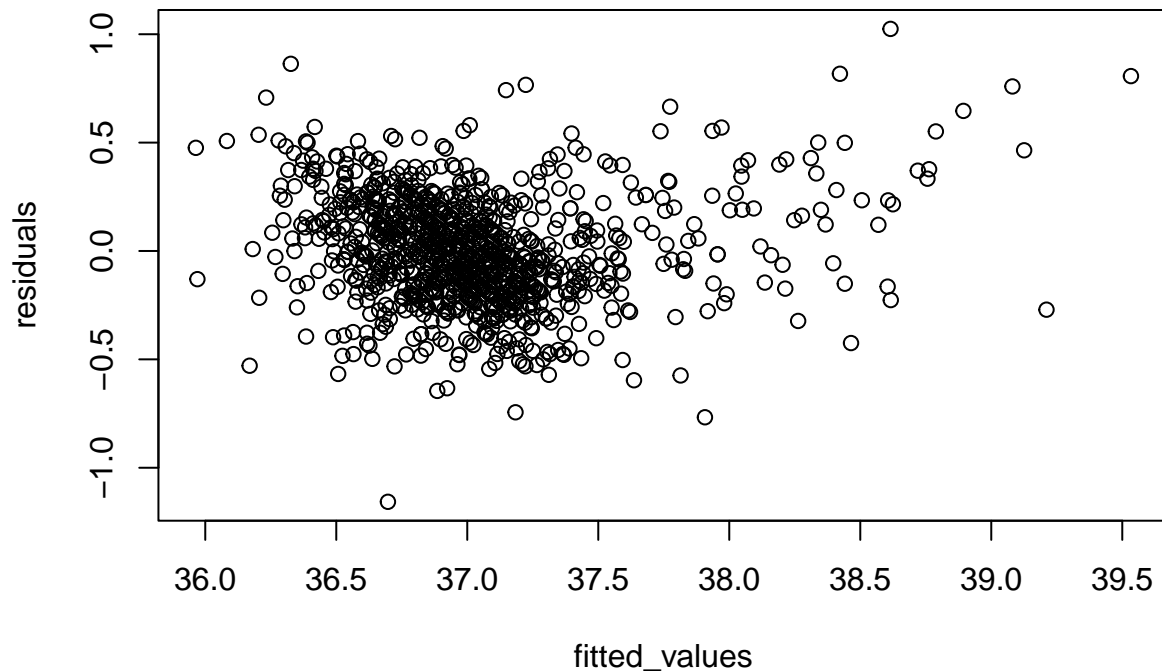
```
model <- glm(aveOralM~., data = data)
residuals <- residuals(model)
fitted_values <- fitted(model)

summary(model)
```

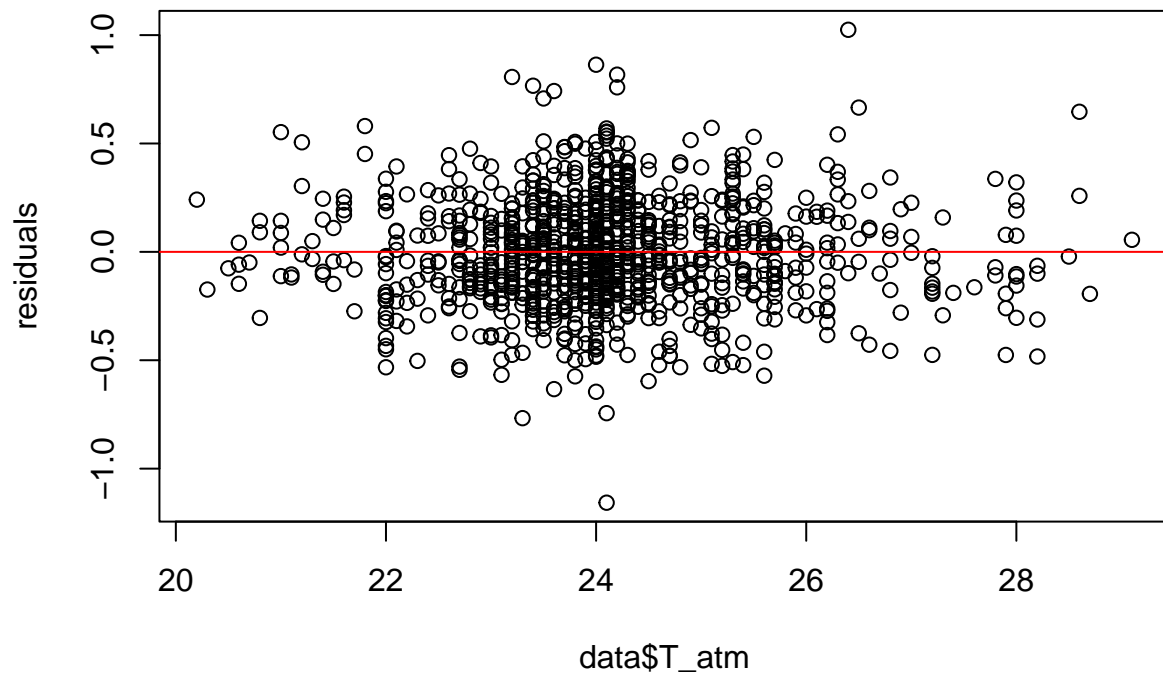
```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = aveOralM ~ ., data = data)
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  4.4017527  0.6763427   6.508 1.21e-10 ***
## Gender1      0.0391609  0.0183415   2.135 0.033002 *
## Age1         0.0169253  0.0169780   0.997 0.319062
## Age2        -0.0239847  0.0480420  -0.499 0.617720
## Age3         0.1093256  0.0930292   1.175 0.240212
## Age4         0.0266481  0.0812828   0.328 0.743100
## Age5         0.0027217  0.1499499   0.018 0.985522
## Ethnicity1   0.0981851  0.0262896   3.735 0.000199 ***
## Ethnicity2   0.0562205  0.0226621   2.481 0.013276 *
## Ethnicity3   0.0012295  0.0387599   0.032 0.974701
## Ethnicity4   0.0131432  0.0359559   0.366 0.714791
## Ethnicity5   0.0495122  0.1289803   0.384 0.701155
## T_atm        -0.0682295  0.0080230  -8.504 < 2e-16 ***
## Humidity      0.0001682  0.0006607   0.255 0.799108
## Distance     -0.1119162  0.1313625  -0.852 0.394443
## T_offset1     0.0609974  0.0296530   2.057 0.039948 *
## Max1R13_1    -0.3621770  0.1816313  -1.994 0.046428 *
## Max1L13_1    -0.1197475  0.1539755  -0.778 0.436931
## aveAllR13_1  -0.0337971  0.0351362  -0.962 0.336345
## aveAllL13_1  -0.0608947  0.0437427  -1.392 0.164206
## T_RC1        -0.2451894  0.9196425  -0.267 0.789823
## T_RC_Dry1     0.2611177  0.1906322   1.370 0.171081
## T_RC_Wet1     0.0598349  0.1000170   0.598 0.549814
## T_RC_Max1     0.4307559  0.8760232   0.492 0.623030
## T_LC1         1.4137436  0.8782130   1.610 0.107766
## T_LC_Dry1    -0.1851850  0.2418481  -0.766 0.444036
## T_LC_Wet1    -0.1422439  0.0848801  -1.676 0.094094 .
## T_LC_Max1    -0.9742501  0.8127692  -1.199 0.230944
## RCC1         0.0641938  0.0654435   0.981 0.326883
## LCC1         0.1478274  0.0615859   2.400 0.016566 *
```

```
## canthiMax1 -0.3590968 0.9574371 -0.375 0.707697
## canthi4Max1 0.2807439 0.9813588 0.286 0.774880
## T_FHCC1 -0.0943043 0.0520964 -1.810 0.070574 .
## T_FHRC1 -0.0232803 0.0351938 -0.661 0.508455
## T_FHLC1 -0.1026527 0.0313957 -3.270 0.001115 **
## T_FHBC1 0.0933407 0.0478541 1.951 0.051399 .
## T_FHTC1 0.0054775 0.0237210 0.231 0.817431
## T_FH_Max1 0.1111360 0.0411540 2.700 0.007044 **
## T_FHC_Max1 0.0977564 0.0585131 1.671 0.095107 .
## T_Max1 0.5687421 0.0750738 7.576 8.28e-14 ***
## T_OR1 0.2046445 0.6772813 0.302 0.762598
## T_OR_Max1 -0.0843778 0.6752644 -0.125 0.900585
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 0.06447247)
##
## Null deviance: 264.210 on 1016 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 62.861 on 975 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 141.11
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2
```

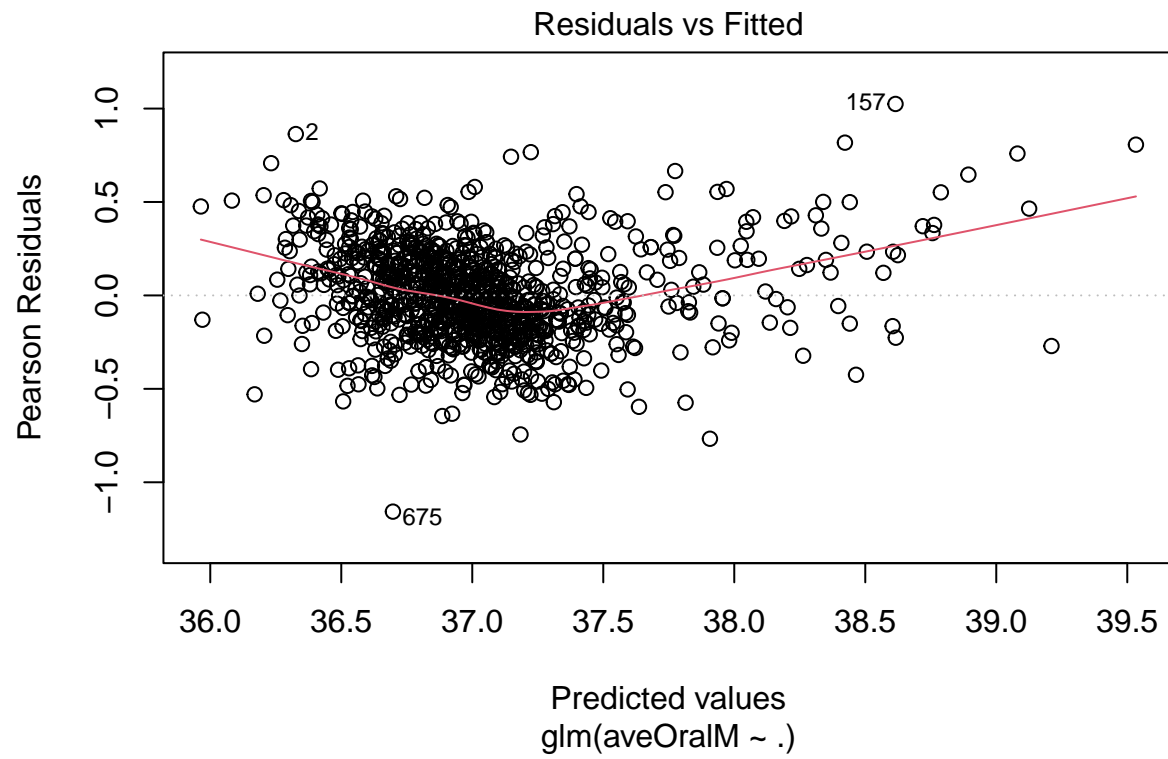
```
plot(fitted_values,residuals)
```

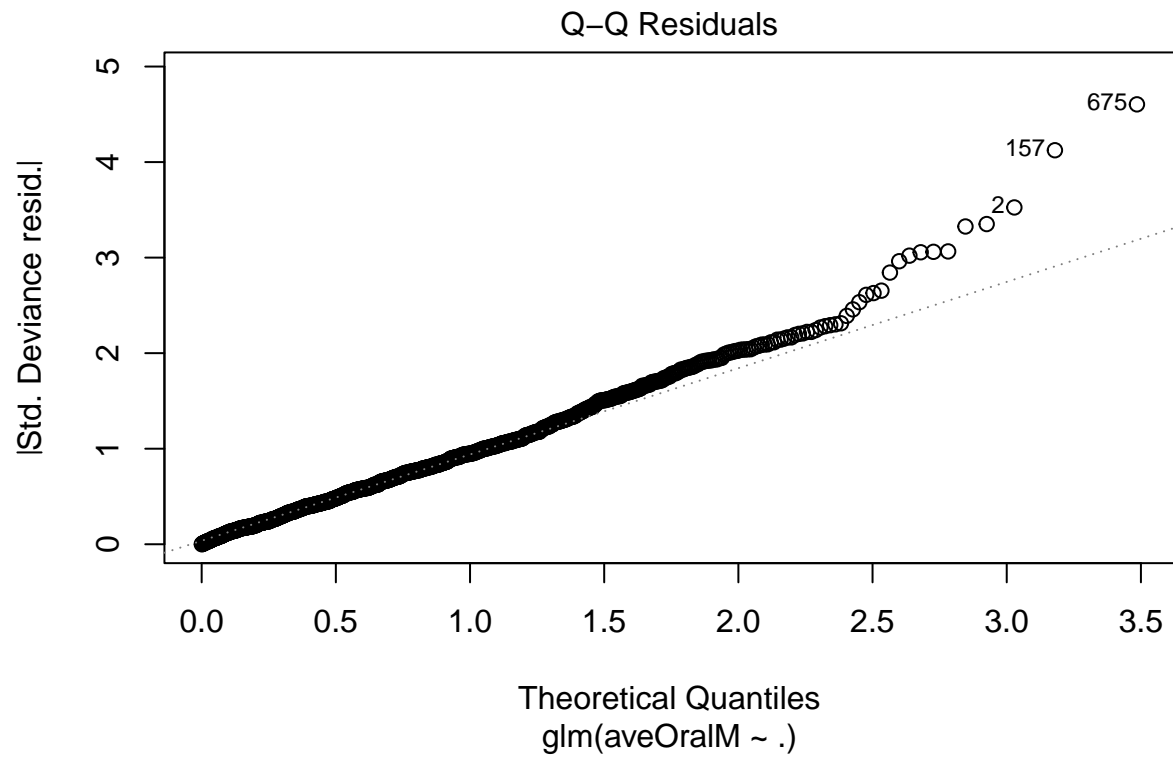


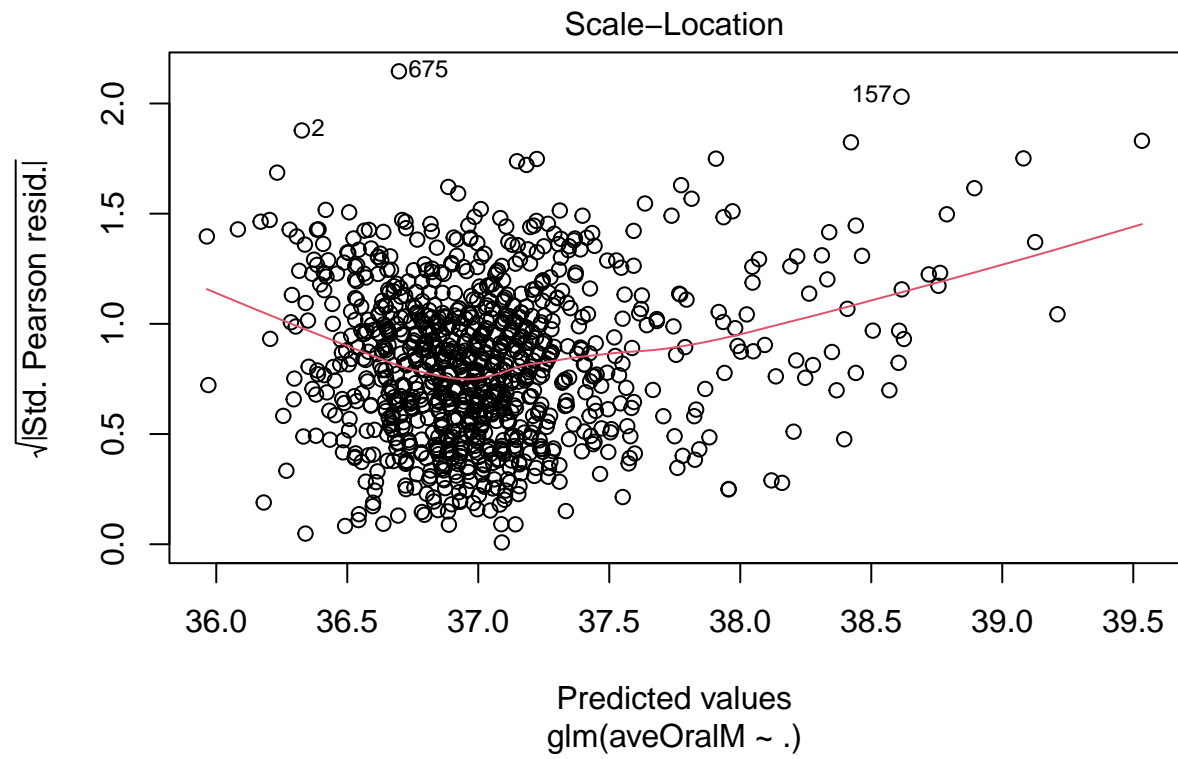
```
plot(data$T_atm,residuals)
abline(h = 0, col = "red")
```

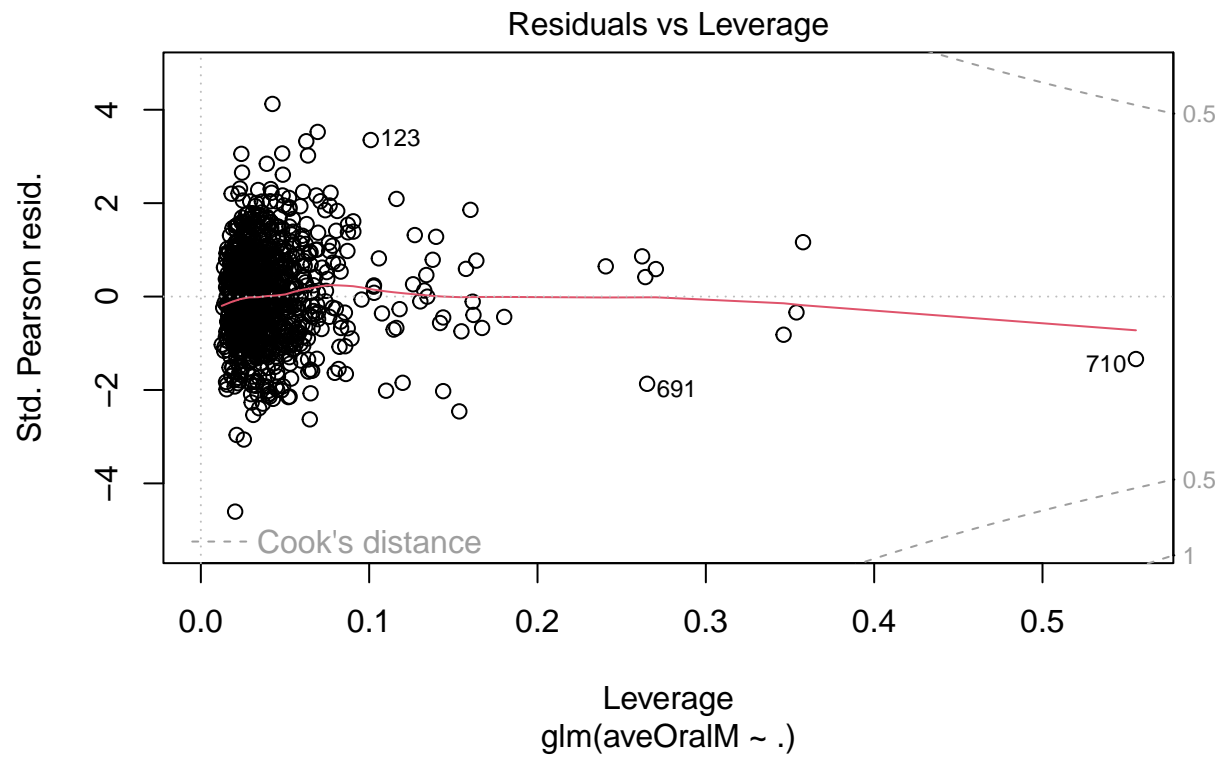


```
plot(model)
```







By plotting the histogram of oral temperature fast mode and monitor mode, we can see that both histograms are right-skewed, which could indicate potential outliers. Let's see how the boxplot looks to determine if we need to transform the data