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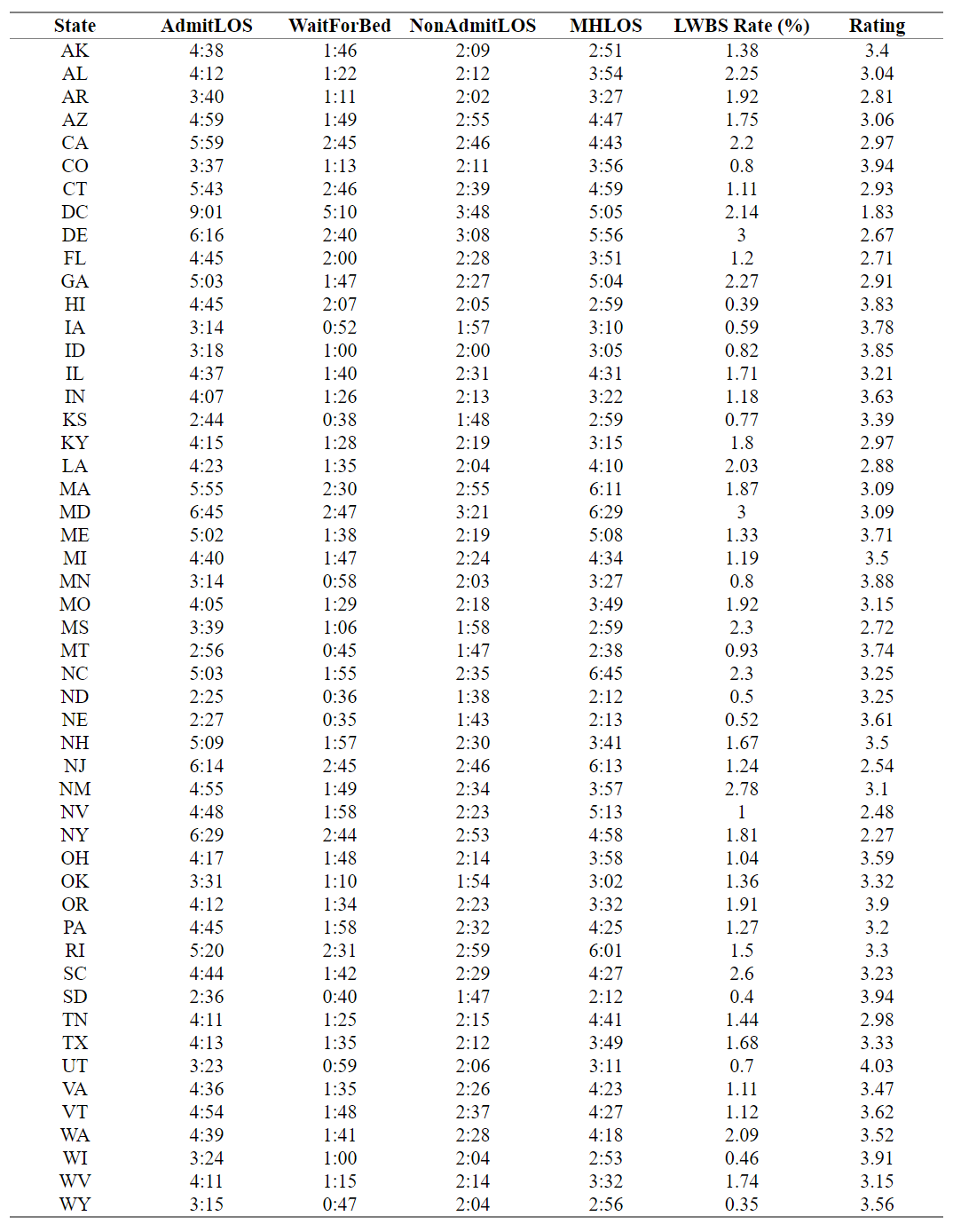
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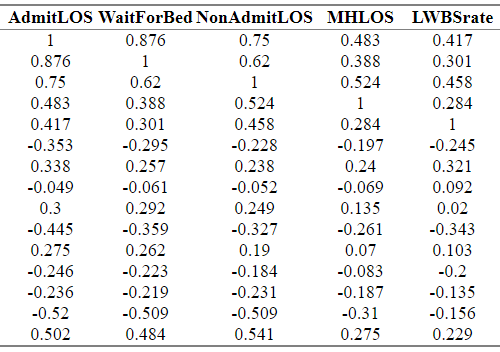
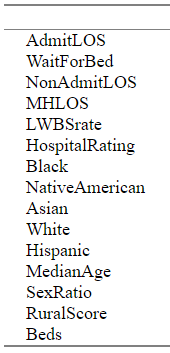
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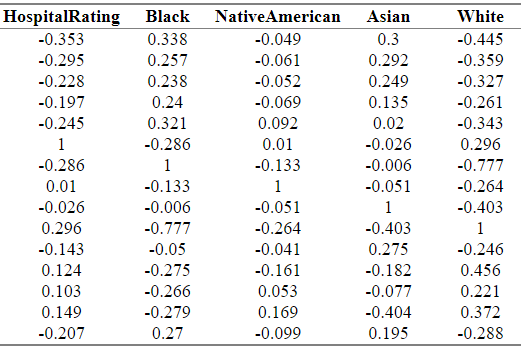
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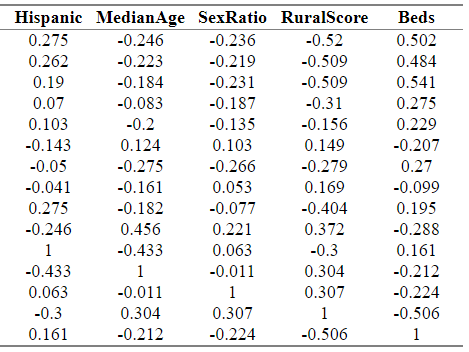
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**TABLE A-2: Correlation Coefficients for all Pairwise Combinations of Continuous Variables**

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**FIGURES A-1 to A-5: Charts of Missing Data Rates by Race/Ethnicity and by Hospital Size/Location**

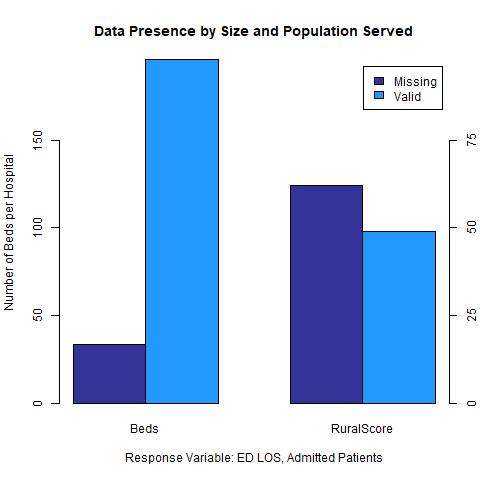
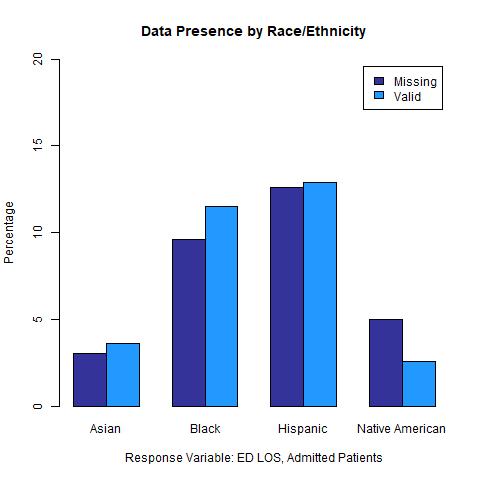
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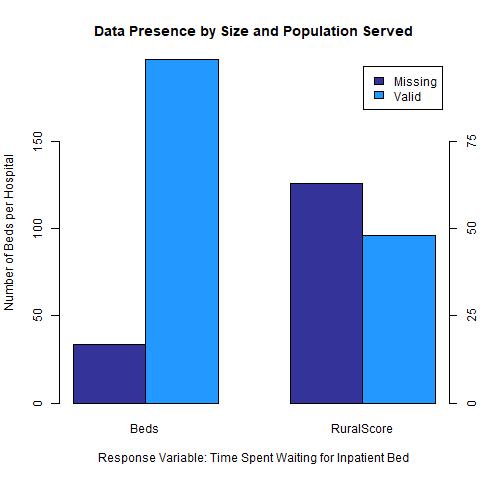
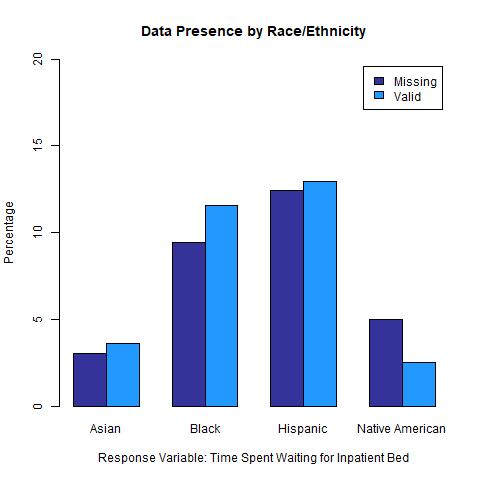
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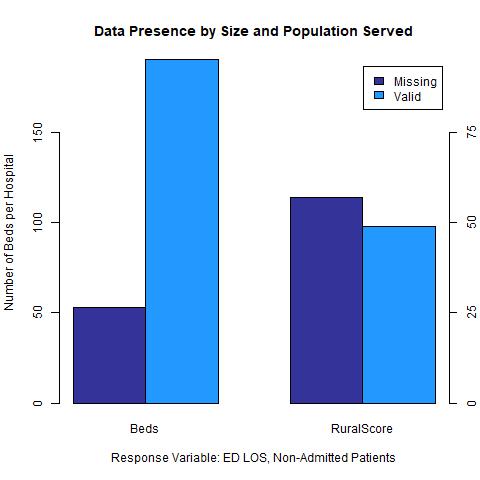
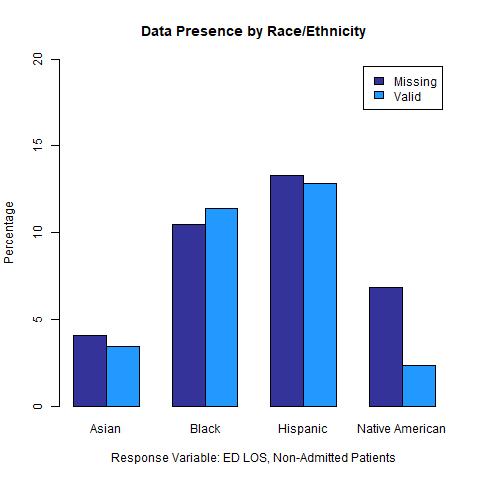
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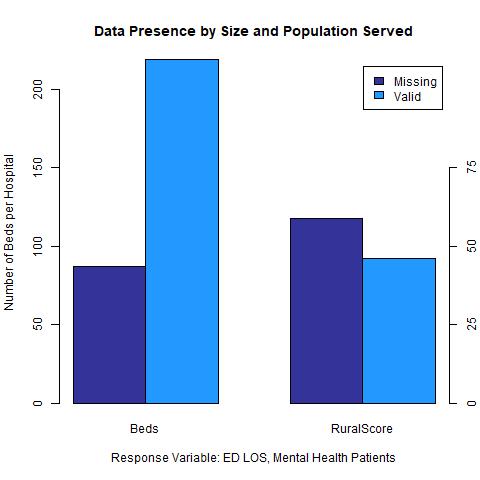
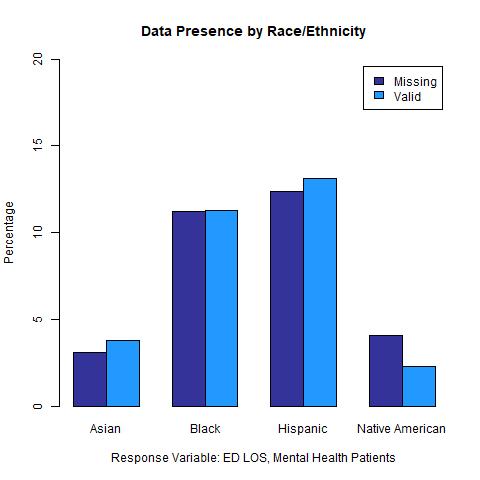
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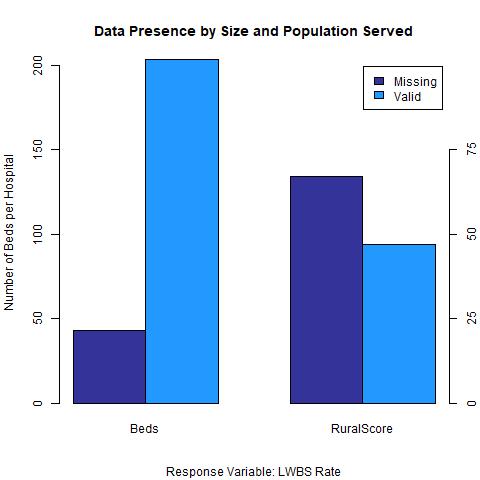
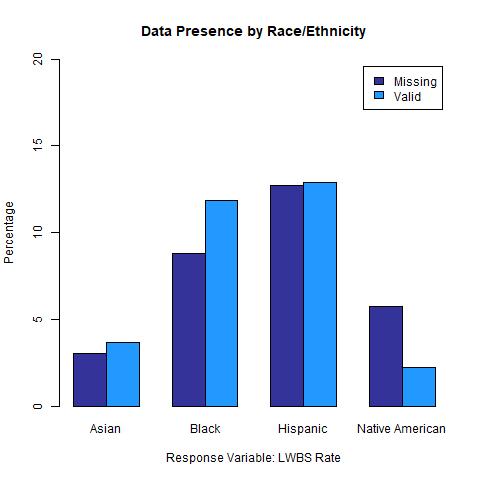
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**FIGURES A-6 to A-8: Model Diagnostic Plots**

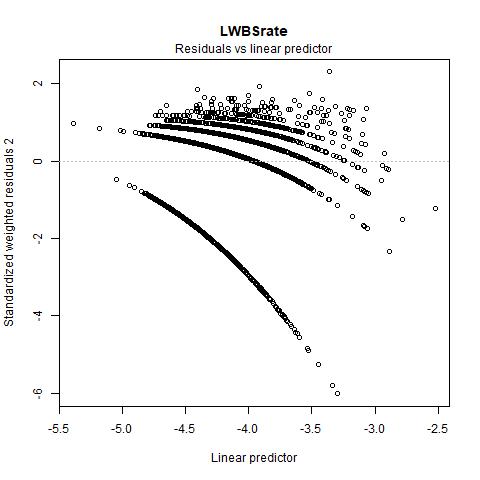
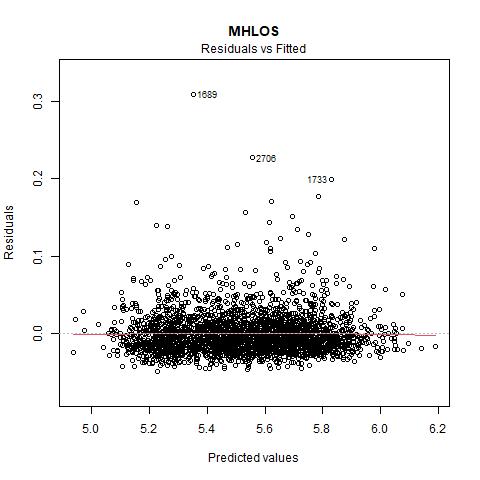
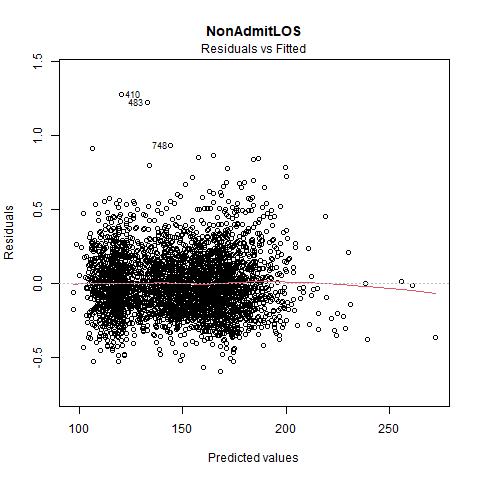
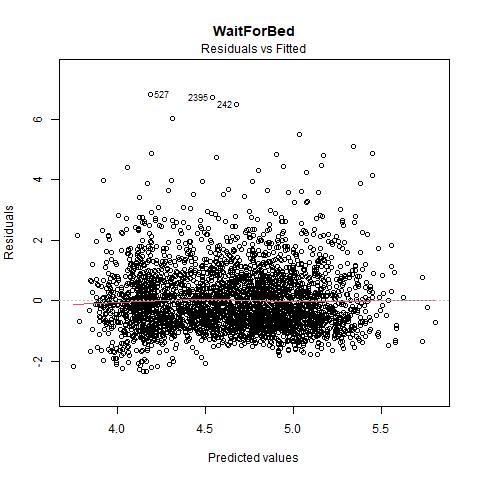
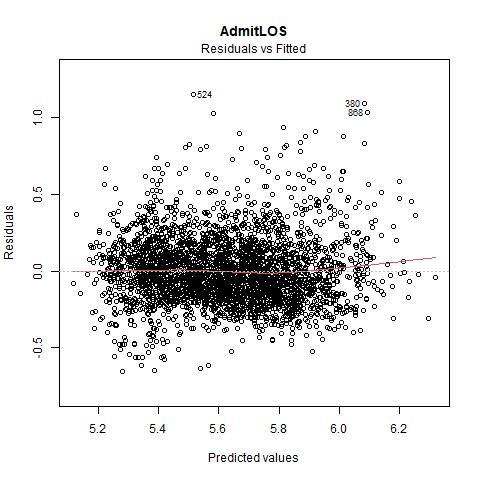
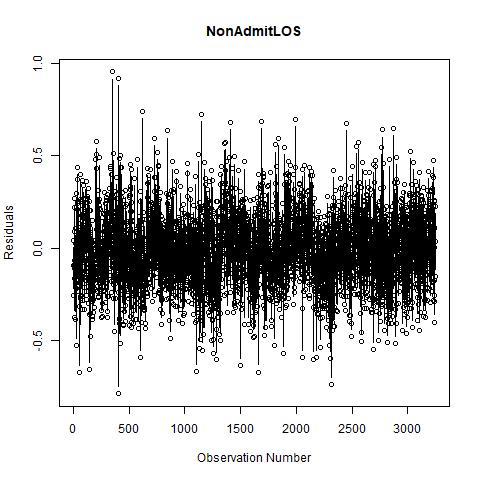
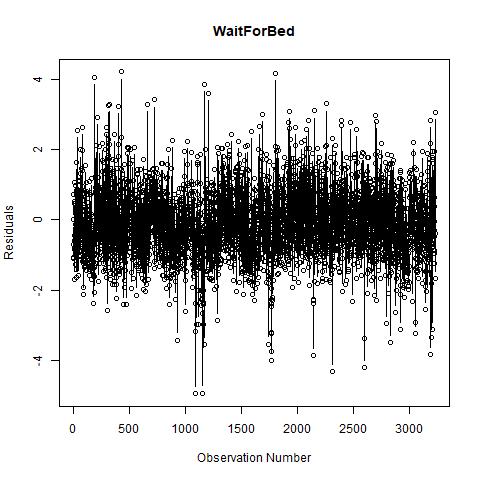
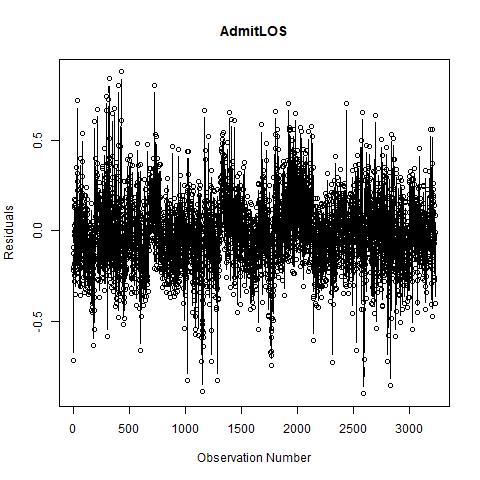


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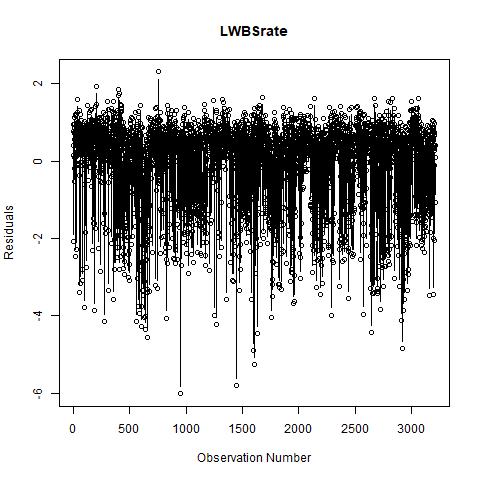
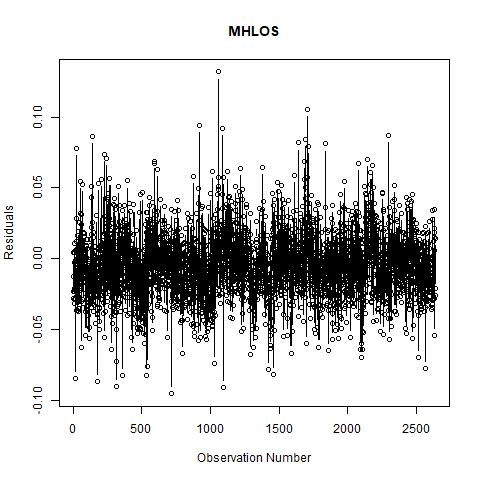
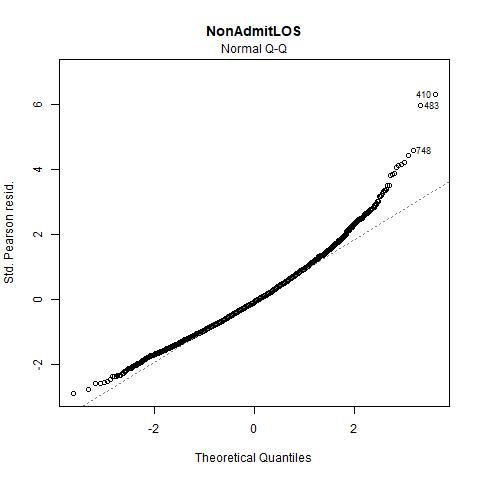
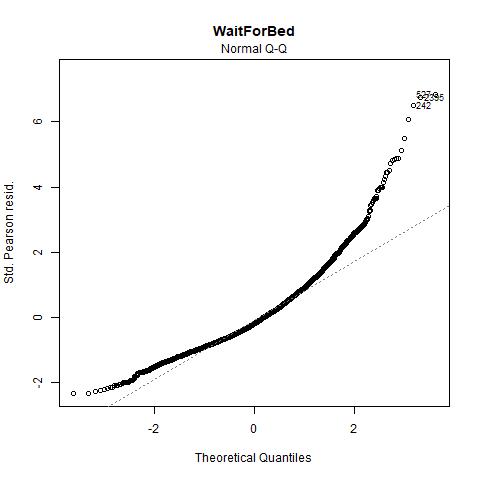
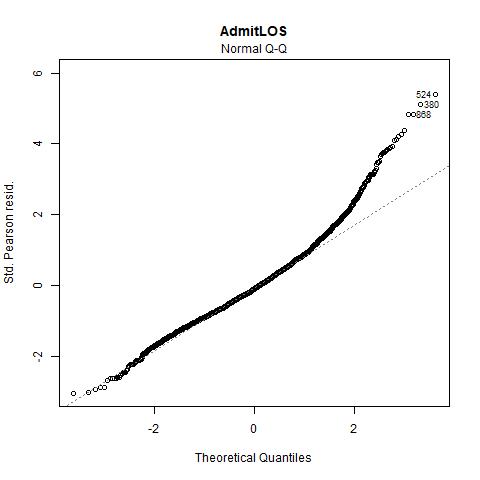


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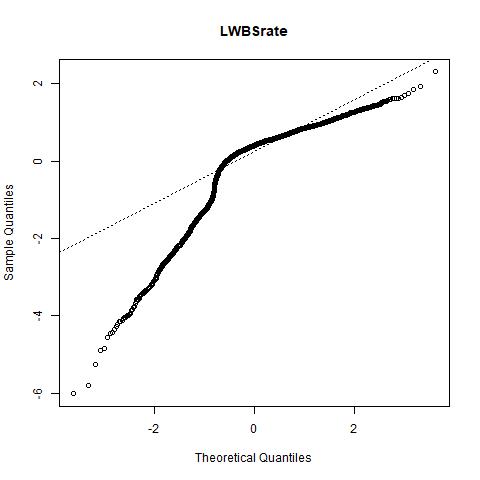
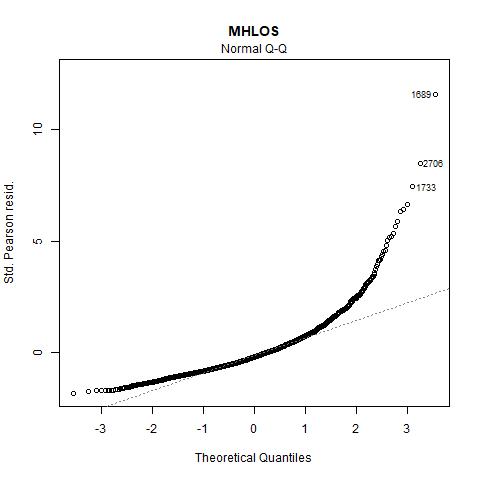
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