

# class\_19\_mini\_project

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## Background

Pertussis aka whooping cough, is a highly contagious lung infection caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.

The CDC tracks case data online and in the US the data is available on their website:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/php/surveillance/pertussis-cases-by-year.html>

```
cdc <- data.frame(  
    year = c(1922L, 1923L, 1924L, 1925L,  
            1926L, 1927L, 1928L, 1929L, 1930L, 1931L,  
            1932L, 1933L, 1934L, 1935L, 1936L,  
            1937L, 1938L, 1939L, 1940L, 1941L, 1942L,  
            1943L, 1944L, 1945L, 1946L, 1947L,  
            1948L, 1949L, 1950L, 1951L, 1952L,  
            1953L, 1954L, 1955L, 1956L, 1957L, 1958L,  
            1959L, 1960L, 1961L, 1962L, 1963L,  
            1964L, 1965L, 1966L, 1967L, 1968L, 1969L,  
            1970L, 1971L, 1972L, 1973L, 1974L,  
            1975L, 1976L, 1977L, 1978L, 1979L, 1980L,  
            1981L, 1982L, 1983L, 1984L, 1985L,
```

```

1986L,1987L,1988L,1989L,1990L,
1991L,1992L,1993L,1994L,1995L,1996L,
1997L,1998L,1999L,2000L,2001L,
2002L,2003L,2004L,2005L,2006L,2007L,
2008L,2009L,2010L,2011L,2012L,
2013L,2014L,2015L,2016L,2017L,2018L,
2019L,2020L,2021L,2022L,2023L),
cases = c(107473,164191,165418,152003,
202210,181411,161799,197371,
166914,172559,215343,179135,265269,
180518,147237,214652,227319,103188,
183866,222202,191383,191890,109873,
133792,109860,156517,74715,69479,
120718,68687,45030,37129,60886,
62786,31732,28295,32148,40005,
14809,11468,17749,17135,13005,6799,
7717,9718,4810,3285,4249,3036,
3287,1759,2402,1738,1010,2177,2063,
1623,1730,1248,1895,2463,2276,
3589,4195,2823,3450,4157,4570,
2719,4083,6586,4617,5137,7796,6564,
7405,7298,7867,7580,9771,11647,
25827,25616,15632,10454,13278,
16858,27550,18719,48277,28639,32971,
20762,17972,18975,15609,18617,
6124,2116,3044,7063)
)

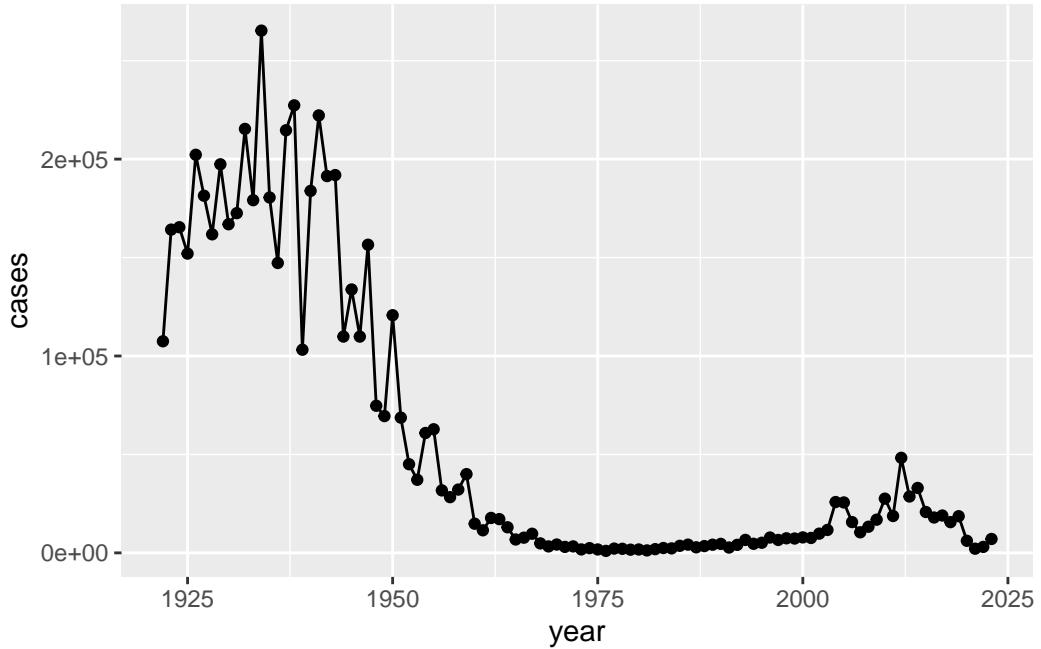
```

Q1. Make a plot of Pertussis cases per year with ggplot

```

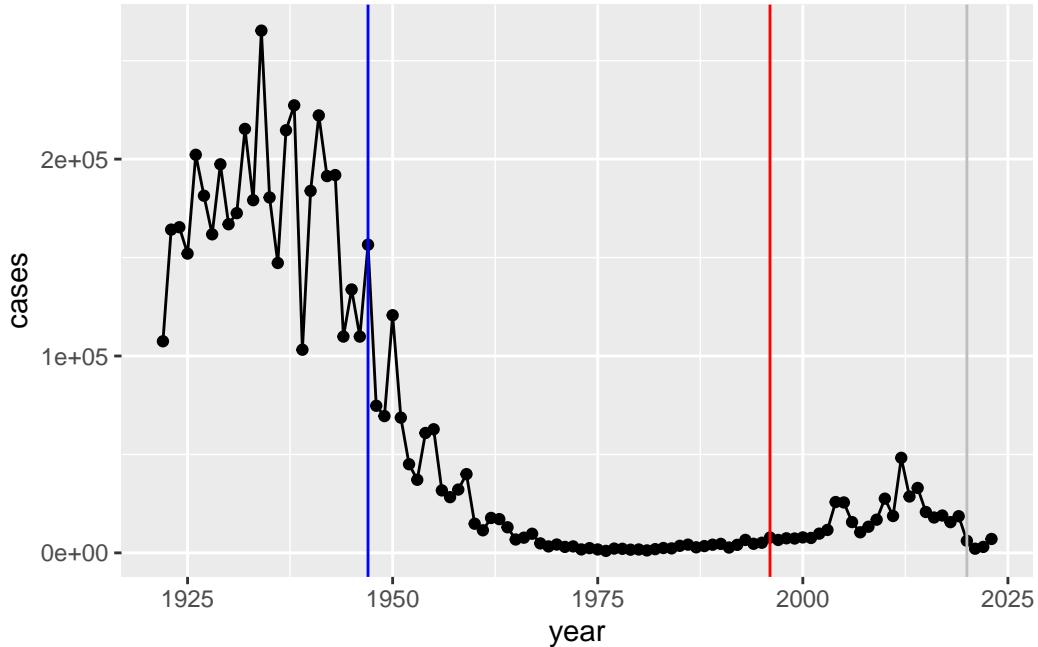
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(cdc, aes(x=year, y=cases)) +
  geom_point() + geom_line()

```



Q2. Add some annotation (lines on the plot) for some major milestones in our interaction with Pertussis. the original wP deployment in 1947 and the newer aP vaccine roll-out in 1996, finally a line for 2020

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(cdc, aes(x=year, y=cases)) +
  geom_point() + geom_line() +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1947, col="blue") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1996, col="red") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 2020, col="grey")
```



There is an increase in the rise of cases 10 years after the introduction of aP in 2006 because of the waning immunity of the aP vaccine compared to the wP vaccine.

## The CMI-PB Project

The CMI-Pertussis Boost (PB) project focuses on gathering data on this very topic. What is distinct between aP and wP individuals over time when they encounter Pertussis again.

They make their data available via a JSON format returning API. We can read JSON format with the `read_json()` function from the `jsonlite` package.

```
library(jsonlite)
subject <- read_json("http://cmi-pb.org/api/v5_1/subject", simplifyVector = TRUE)

head(subject)
```

	subject_id	infancy_vac	biological_sex	ethnicity	race
1	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
2	2	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
3	3	wP	Female		Unknown
4	4	wP		Male Not Hispanic or Latino	Asian
5	5	wP		Male Not Hispanic or Latino	Asian

```

6           6          wP          Female Not Hispanic or Latino White
year_of_birth date_of_boost      dataset
1   1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
2   1968-01-01    2019-01-28 2020_dataset
3   1983-01-01    2016-10-10 2020_dataset
4   1988-01-01    2016-08-29 2020_dataset
5   1991-01-01    2016-08-29 2020_dataset
6   1988-01-01    2016-10-10 2020_dataset

```

Q3. How many subjects are in this dataset?

```
nrow(subject)
```

```
[1] 172
```

Q4. How many wP and aP primed subjects are there in the dataset?

```
table(subject$infancy_vac)
```

```
aP wP
87 85
```

Q5. What is the biological sex and race breakdown of these subjects?

```
table(subject$race, subject$biological_sex)
```

	Female	Male
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	1
Asian	32	12
Black or African American	2	3
More Than One Race	15	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1
Unknown or Not Reported	14	7
White	48	32

Let's read more tables from the CMI-PB database API

```
specimen <- read_json("http://cmi-pb.org/api/v5_1/specimen", simplifyVector = TRUE)
ab_titer <- read_json("http://cmi-pb.org/api/v5_1/plasma_ab_titer", simplifyVector = TRUE)
```

A wee peak at these:

```
head(specimen)
```

	specimen_id	subject_id	actual_day_relative_to_boost	
1	1	1		-3
2	2	1		1
3	3	1		3
4	4	1		7
5	5	1		11
6	6	1		32

	planned_day_relative_to_boost	specimen_type	visit
1	0	Blood	1
2	1	Blood	2
3	3	Blood	3
4	7	Blood	4
5	14	Blood	5
6	30	Blood	6

Join or link these tables together using `inner_join()` function from `dplyr`

```
library(dplyr)
```

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

```
meta <- inner_join(subject, specimen)
```

Joining with `by = join\_by(subject\_id)`

```
head(meta)
```

	subject_id	infancy_vac	biological_sex	ethnicity	race
1	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
2	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
3	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
4	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
5	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
6	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White

	year_of_birth	date_of_boost	dataset	specimen_id
1	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
2	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	2
3	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	3
4	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	4
5	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	5
6	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	6

	actual_day_relative_to_boost	planned_day_relative_to_boost	specimen_type
1	-3	0	Blood
2	1	1	Blood
3	3	3	Blood
4	7	7	Blood
5	11	14	Blood
6	32	30	Blood

	visit
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

```
ab_data <- inner_join(meta, ab_titer)
```

Joining with `by = join\_by(specimen\_id)`

```
head(ab_data)
```

	subject_id	infancy_vac	biological_sex	ethnicity	race
1	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
2	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
3	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
4	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
5	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
6	1	wP	Female	Not Hispanic or Latino	White

	year_of_birth	date_of_boost	dataset	specimen_id
1	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
2	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
3	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
4	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
5	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1
6	1986-01-01	2016-09-12	2020_dataset	1

	actual_day_relative_to_boost	planned_day_relative_to_boost	specimen_type
1	-3	0	Blood
2	-3	0	Blood
3	-3	0	Blood
4	-3	0	Blood
5	-3	0	Blood
6	-3	0	Blood

	visit	isotype	is_antigen_specific	antigen	MFI	MFI_normalised	unit
1	1	IgE	FALSE	Total	1110.21154	2.493425	UG/ML
2	1	IgE	FALSE	Total	2708.91616	2.493425	IU/ML
3	1	IgG	TRUE	PT	68.56614	3.736992	IU/ML
4	1	IgG	TRUE	PRN	332.12718	2.602350	IU/ML
5	1	IgG	TRUE	FHA	1887.12263	34.050956	IU/ML
6	1	IgE	TRUE	ACT	0.10000	1.000000	IU/ML

	lower_limit_of_detection
1	2.096133
2	29.170000
3	0.530000
4	6.205949
5	4.679535
6	2.816431

Q6. How many different Ab isotypes are there?

```
unique(ab_data$isotype)
```

```
[1] "IgE"  "IgG"  "IgG1" "IgG2" "IgG3" "IgG4"
```

Q7. How many different Antigens are there in the dataset?

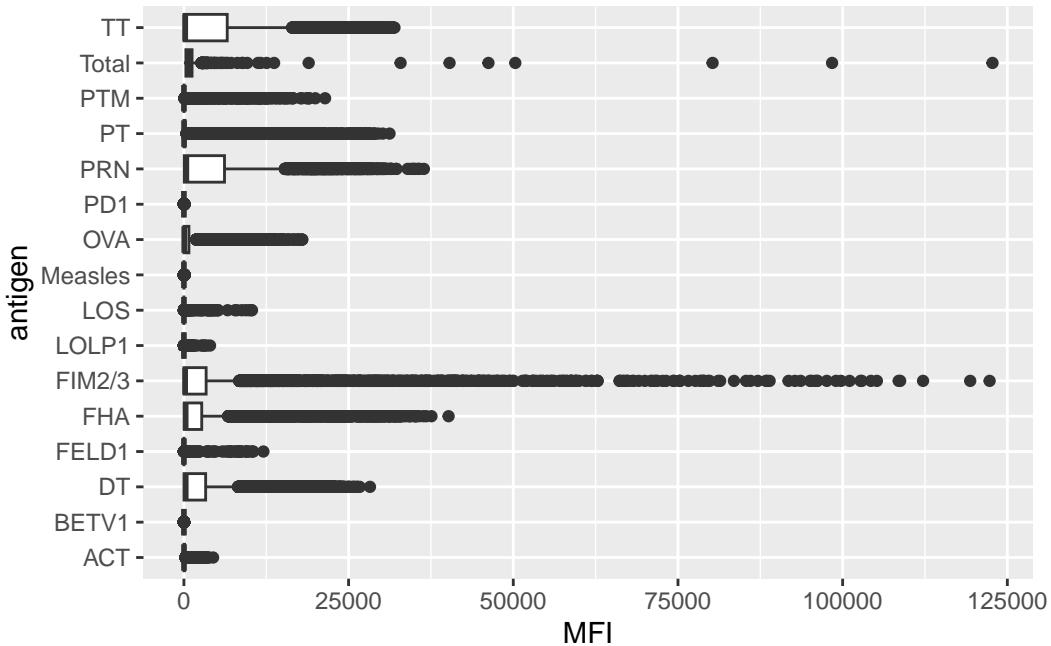
```
unique(ab_data$antigen)
```

```
[1] "Total"    "PT"       "PRN"      "FHA"      "ACT"      "LOS"      "FELD1"      
[8] "BETV1"    "LOLP1"    "Measles"   "PTM"      "FIM2/3"   "TT"       "DT"         
[15] "OVA"     "PD1"
```

Q8. Lets plot antigen MFI levels across the whole dataset

```
ggplot(ab_data) +  
  aes(MFI, antigen) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```

Warning: Removed 1 row containing non-finite outside the scale range  
(`stat\_boxplot()`).



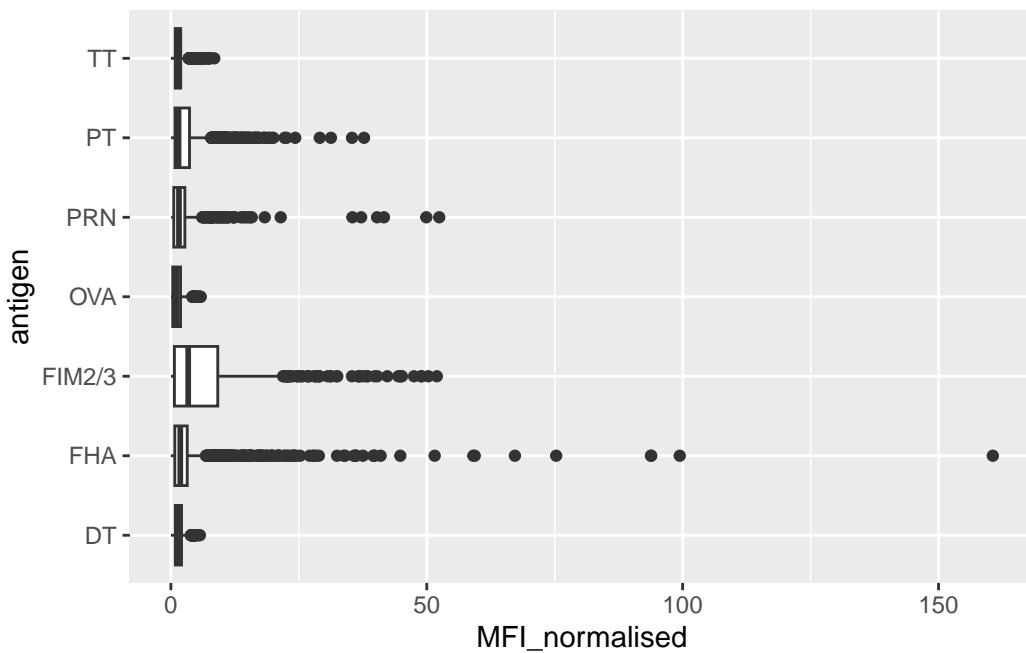
## Focus in IgG

IgG is crucial for long-term immunity and responding to bacterial & viral infections

```
igg <- ab_data |>  
  filter(isotype == "IgG")
```

Plot of antigen levels again but for IgG only

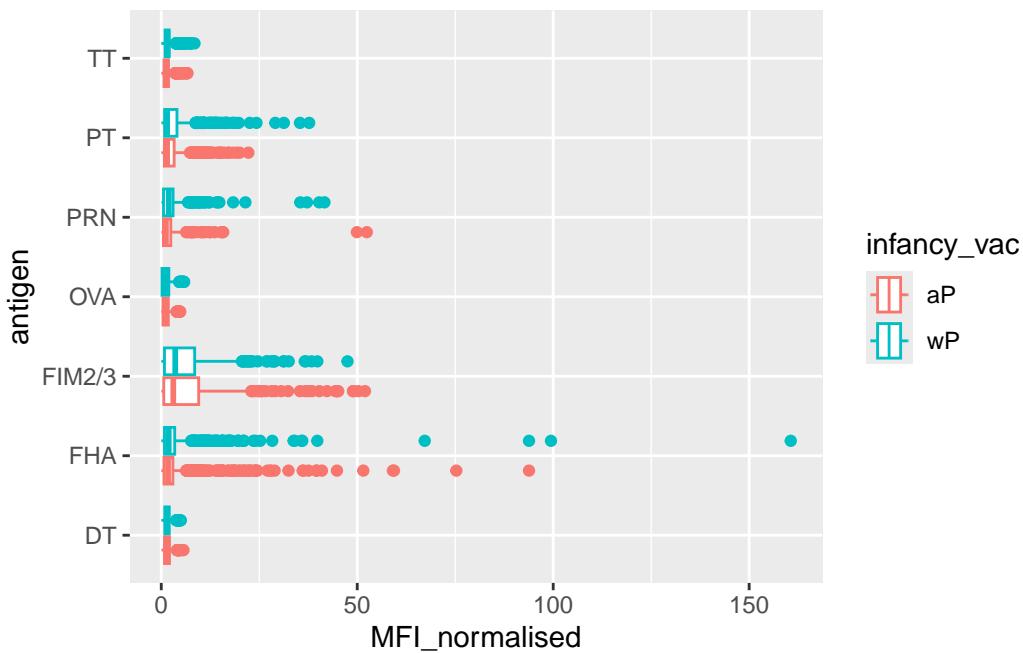
```
ggplot(igg) + aes(MFI_normalised, antigen) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



## Differences between aP and wP?

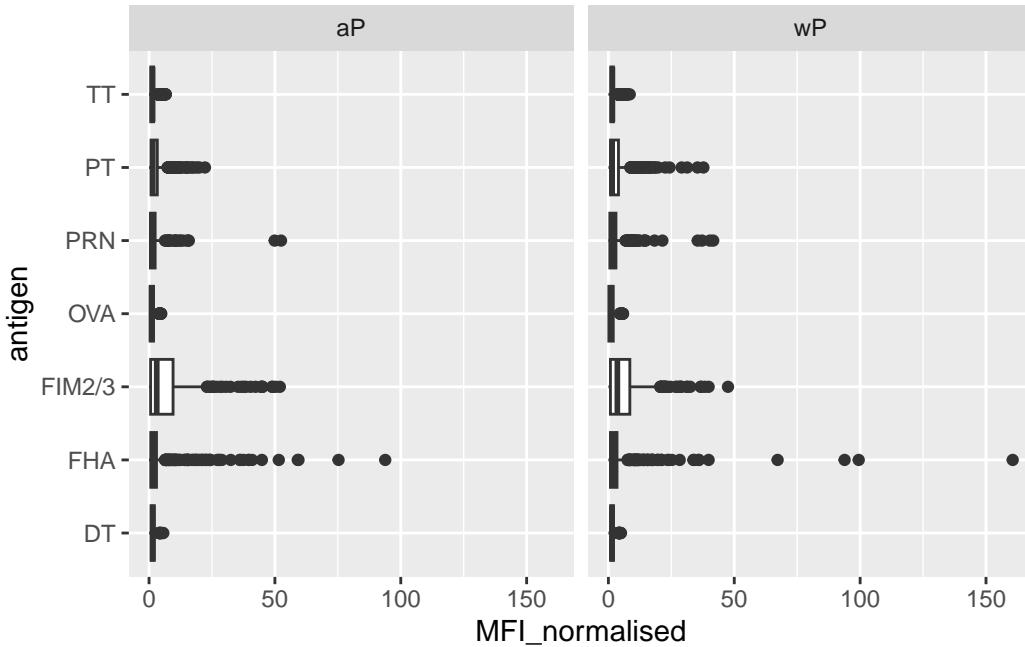
We can color up by the `infancy_vac` values of “wP” and “aP”

```
ggplot(igg) + aes(MFI_normalised, antigen, col = infancy_vac) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



We could “facet” by the “aP” vs “wP” column

```
ggplot(igg) + aes(MFI_normalised, antigen) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(~infancy_vac)
```



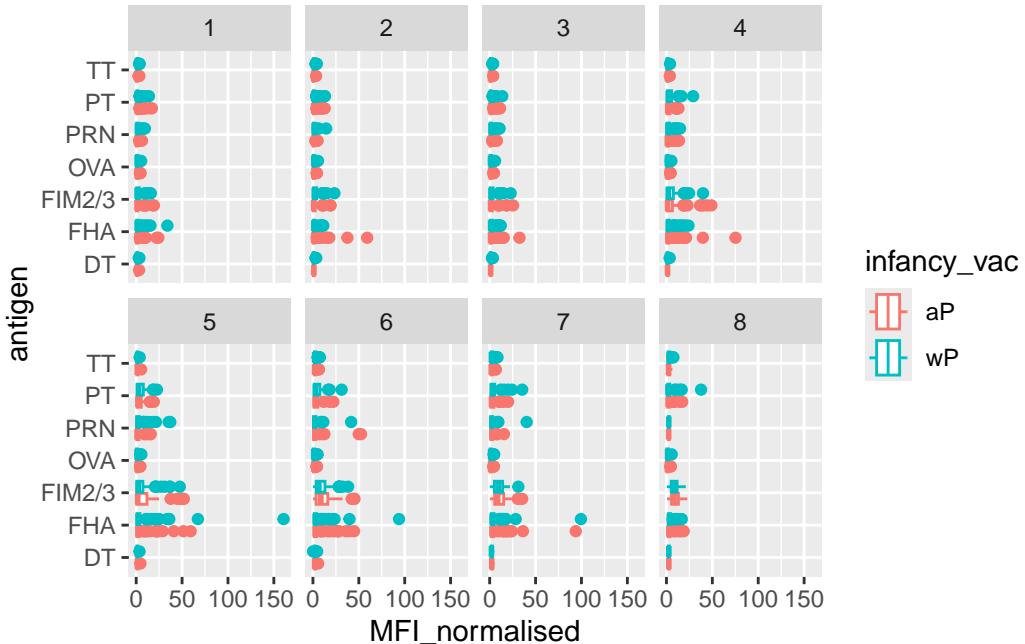
### Time course analysis

We can use `visit` as a proxy for time here and facet our plots by this value 1 to 8 ...

```
table(ab_data$visit)
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8280	8280	8420	8420	8420	8100	7700	2670	770	686	105	105

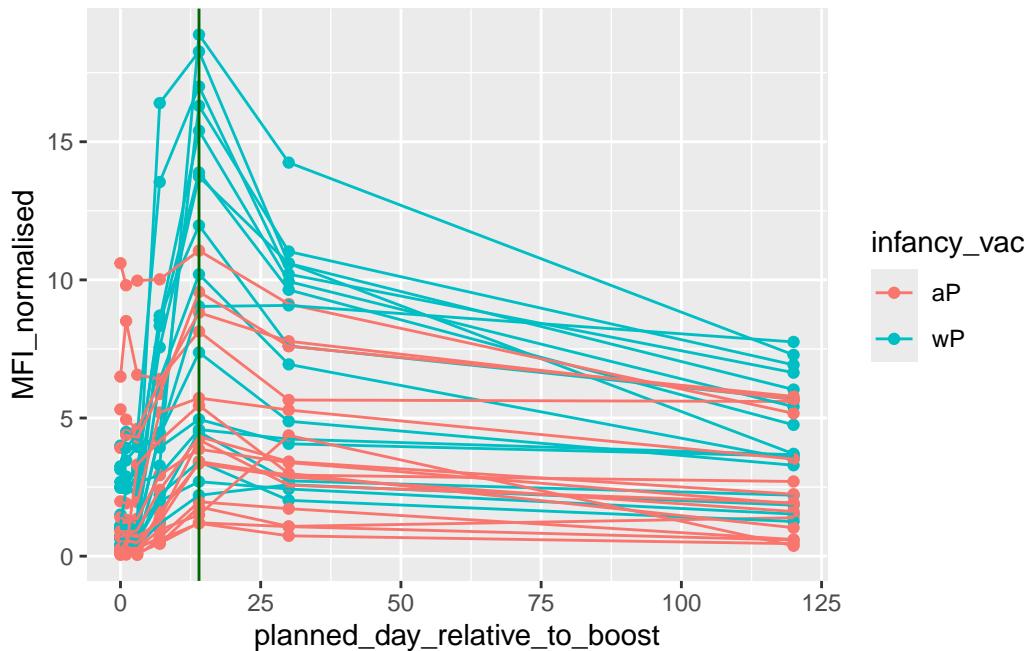
```
igg |>
  filter(visit %in% 1:8) |>
ggplot() + aes(MFI_normalised, antigen, col = infancy_vac) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(~visit, nrow=2)
```



### Time course of PT (Virulence Factor: Pertussis Toxin)

```
pt <- igg |>
  filter(antigen == "PT") |>
  filter(dataset == "2021_dataset")
```

```
ggplot(pt) +
  aes(planned_day_relative_to_boost,
      MFI_normalised,
      col = infancy_vac,
      group = subject_id) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 14, col ="darkgreen")
```



## System setup

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
R version 4.5.2 (2025-10-31)
Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20
Running under: macOS Tahoe 26.1
```

```
Matrix products: default
BLAS:    /System/Library/Frameworks/Accelerate.framework/Versions/A/Frameworks/vecLib.framework
LAPACK:   /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.5-arm64/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib; /
```

```
locale:
[1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
```

```
time zone: America/Los_Angeles
tzcode source: internal
```

```
attached base packages:
[1] stats      graphics   grDevices utils      datasets   methods    base
```

```
other attached packages:
[1] dplyr_1.1.4    jsonlite_2.0.0 ggplot2_4.0.0

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] vctrs_0.6.5      cli_3.6.5       knitr_1.50      rlang_1.1.6
[5] xfun_0.54        generics_0.1.4   S7_0.2.0       labeling_0.4.3
[9] glue_1.8.0        htmltools_0.5.8.1 scales_1.4.0    rmarkdown_2.30
[13] grid_4.5.2        evaluate_1.0.5    tibble_3.3.0    fastmap_1.2.0
[17] yaml_2.3.10      lifecycle_1.0.4   compiler_4.5.2 RColorBrewer_1.1-3
[21] pkgconfig_2.0.3   rstudioapi_0.17.1 farver_2.1.2    digest_0.6.37
[25] R6_2.6.1         tidyselect_1.2.1  pillar_1.11.1   magrittr_2.0.4
[29] withr_3.0.2      tools_4.5.2      gtable_0.3.6
```