Class 19 Mini Project: Investigating Pertussis Resurgence

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1. Investigating pertussis cases by year

Is Pertussis on the rise?

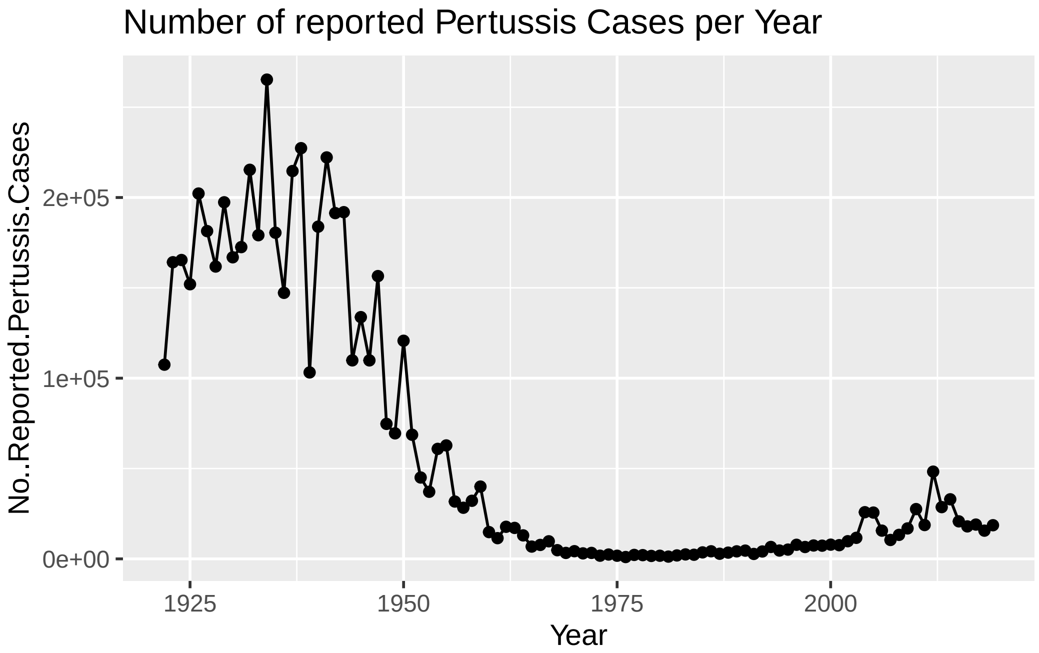
The CDC track reported pertussis cases in US and make their data available here:

https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/surv-reporting/cases-by-year.html

Q1. With the help of the R "addin" package datapasta assign the CDC pertussis case number data to a data frame called cdc and use ggplot to make a plot of cases numbers over time.

```
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),
  No..Reported.Pertussis.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)
)
```

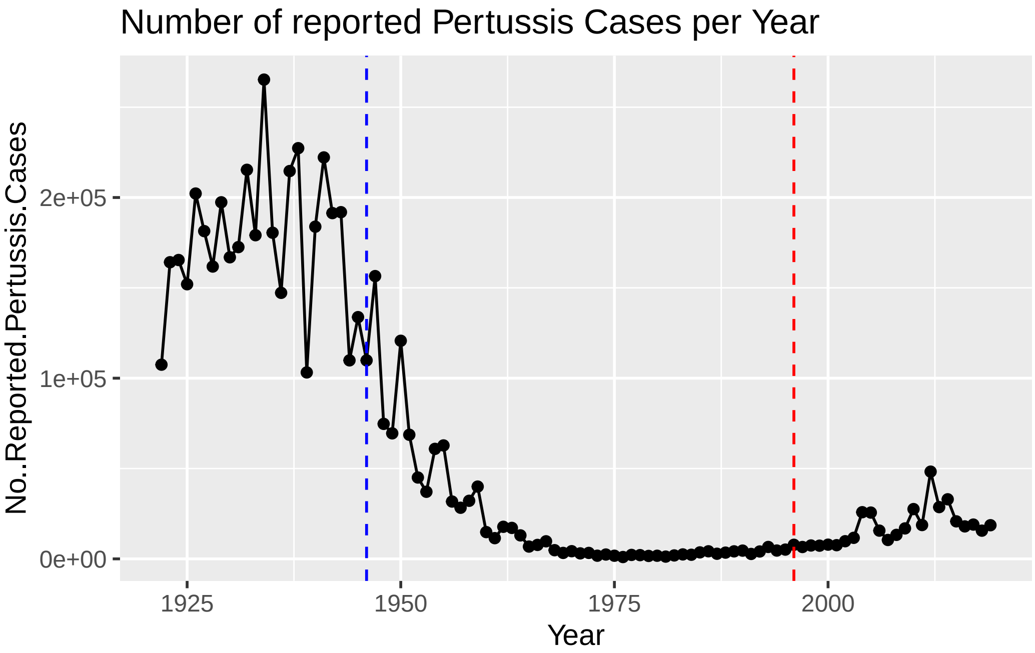
```
library(ggplot2)

baseplot <- ggplot(cdc) +
  aes(x=Year, y=No..Reported.Pertussis.Cases) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title="Number of reported Pertussis Cases per Year")
baseplot
```



2. A tale of two vaccines (wP & aP)

Q2. Using the ggplot geom_vline() function add lines to your previous plot for the 1946 introduction of the wP vaccine and the 1996 switch to aP vaccine (see example in the hint below). What do you notice?

```r
baseplot +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1946,
                         linetype = 2,
                         color = "blue") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1996,
                         linetype = 2,
                         color = "red")
```



Answer: Vertical dashed lines were added at x = 1946 and x = 1996. These lines correlate with the introduction of the vaccines wP and aP, respectively. I notice that the wP and aP vaccine drastically decreased the number of reported cases of pertussis per year. The wP vaccine is effective in the short term as well as long term; the aP vaccine seems to have less of an effect on pertussis than the aP vaccine.

Q3. Describe what happened after the introduction of the aP vaccine? Do you have a possible explanation for the observed trend?

Answer: After the introduction of the aP vaccine, cases began to rise slightly. The observed trend can be a result of anti-vaxxers, waning vaccine effectiveness, and the emergence of variants of the virus.

3. Exploring CMI-PB data

The CMI-PB API returns JSON data

The CMI-PB resource is studying and making available data on the immune response to Pertussis vaccination.

It mostly returns JSON format that we need to process and convert into something useable in R.

We will install the jsonlite package for this.

```
# Allows us to read, write and process JSON data
library(jsonlite)
```

```
subject <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/subject", simplifyVector = TRUE)
```

```
head(subject, 3)
```

```
  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 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
```

Q4. How may aP and wP infancy vaccinated subjects are in the dataset?

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

```

aP wP 
47 49 
```

Answer: There are 47 aP and 49 wP infancy vaccinated subjects in the dataset.

Q5. How many Male and Female subjects/patients are in the dataset?

```
table(subject$biological_sex)
```

```

Female   Male 
    66     30 
```

Answer: There are 30 male and 66 female subjects/patients in the dataset.

Q6. What is the breakdown of race and biological sex (e.g. number of Asian females, White males etc…)?

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

```
        
       American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
Female                             0    18                         2
Male                               1     9                         0
        
       More Than One Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Female                  8                                         1
Male                    2                                         1
        
       Unknown or Not Reported White
Female                      10    27
Male                         4    13
```

Answer: Breakdown presented in the chart above.

Side-Note: Working with dates

```r
library(lubridate)
```

```

Attaching package: 'lubridate'

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

    date, intersect, setdiff, union
```

```r
today()
```

```
[1] "2022-11-29"
```

```r
today() - ymd("2000-01-01")
```

```
Time difference of 8368 days
```

```
time_length( today() - ymd("2000-01-01"),  "years")
```

```
[1] 22.91034
```

Q7. Using this approach determine (i) the average age of wP individuals, (ii) the average age of aP individuals; and (iii) are they significantly different?

```
# Use todays date to calculate age in days
subject$age <- today() - ymd(subject$year_of_birth)
```

```
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
```

```
ap <- subject %>% filter(infancy_vac == "aP")
round( summary( time_length( ap$age, "years" ) ) )
```

```
   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max. 
     23      25      26      25      26      27 
```

```
# wP
wp <- subject %>% filter(infancy_vac == "wP")
round( summary( time_length( wp$age, "years" ) ) )
```

```
   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max. 
     28      32      35      36      40      55 
```

Q8. Determine the age of all individuals at time of boost?

```r
int <- ymd(subject$date_of_boost) - ymd(subject$year_of_birth)
age_at_boost <- time_length(int, "year")
head(age_at_boost)
```

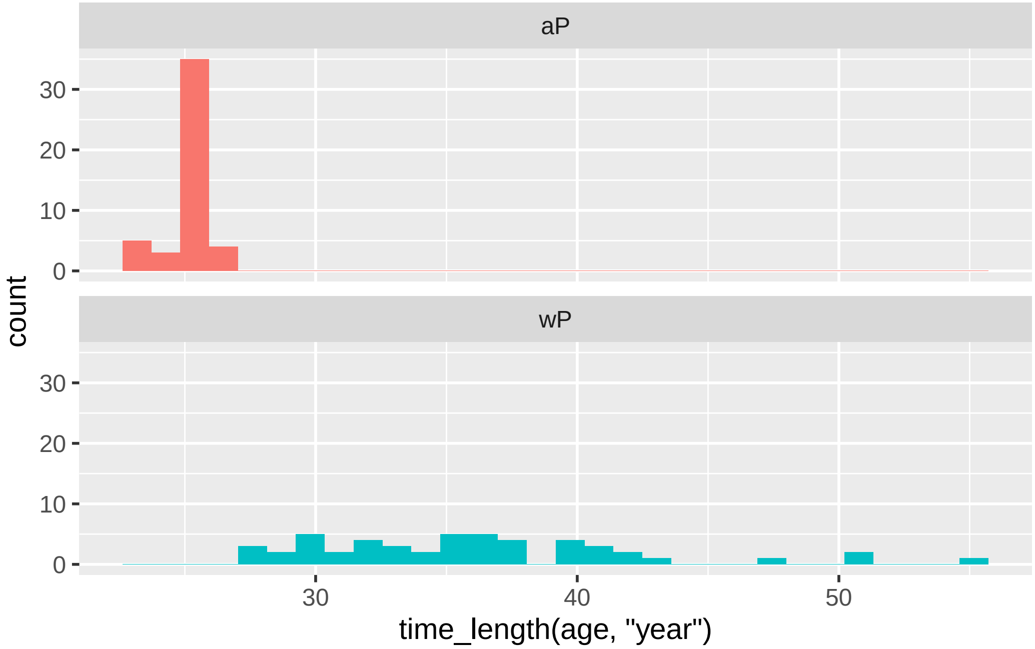
```
[1] 30.69678 51.07461 33.77413 28.65982 25.65914 28.77481
```

Answer: Ages are calculated above.

Q9. With the help of a faceted boxplot (see below), do you think these two groups are significantly different?

```r
ggplot(subject) +
  aes(time_length(age, "year"),
      fill=as.factor(infancy_vac)) +
  geom_histogram(show.legend=FALSE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(infancy_vac), nrow=2)
```

```
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```



```
# Or use wilcox.test()
x <- t.test(time_length( wp$age, "years" ),
       time_length( ap$age, "years" ))

x$p.value
```

```
[1] 1.316045e-16
```

Answer: These two groups are significantly different. The p-value is «< than 0.05. In addition, the group who recieved the aP vaccine are much younger than the group who recieved the wP vaccine. This is because the aP vaccine was introduced many years after the wP vaccine.

Joining multiple tables

```
# Complete the API URLs...
specimen <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/specimen", simplifyVector = TRUE)
titer <- read_json("https://www.cmi-pb.org/api/ab_titer", simplifyVector = TRUE)
head(specimen)
```

```
  specimen_id subject_id actual_day_relative_to_boost
1           1          1                           -3
2           2          1                          736
3           3          1                            1
4           4          1                            3
5           5          1                            7
6           6          1                           11
  planned_day_relative_to_boost specimen_type visit
1                             0         Blood     1
2                           736         Blood    10
3                             1         Blood     2
4                             3         Blood     3
5                             7         Blood     4
6                            14         Blood     5
```

```
head(titer)
```

```
  specimen_id isotype is_antigen_specific antigen        MFI MFI_normalised
1           1     IgE               FALSE   Total 1110.21154       2.493425
```

```
2           1     IgE               FALSE   Total 2708.91616       2.493425
3           1     IgG                TRUE      PT   68.56614       3.736992
4           1     IgG                TRUE     PRN  332.12718       2.602350
5           1     IgG                TRUE     FHA 1887.12263      34.050956
6           1     IgE                TRUE     ACT    0.10000       1.000000
   unit lower_limit_of_detection
1 UG/ML                 2.096133
2 IU/ML                29.170000
3 IU/ML                 0.530000
4 IU/ML                 6.205949
5 IU/ML                 4.679535
6 IU/ML                 2.816431
```

Q9. Complete the code to join specimen and subject tables to make a new merged data frame containing all specimen records along with their associated subject details:

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

```
Joining, by = "subject_id"
```

```
dim(meta)
```

```
[1] 729  14
```

Q10. Now using the same procedure join meta with titer data so we can further analyze this data in terms of time of visit aP/wP, male/female etc.

```
abdata <- inner_join(titer, meta)
```

```
Joining, by = "specimen_id"
```

```
dim(abdata)
```

```
[1] 32675    21
```

Q11. How many specimens (i.e. entries in abdata) do we have for each isotype?

```
table(abdata$isotype)
```

```
 IgE  IgG IgG1 IgG2 IgG3 IgG4 
6698 1413 6141 6141 6141 6141 
```

Answer: IgE has 6698 specimens. IgG has 1413 specimens. IgG1 has 6141 specimens. IgG2 has 6141 specimens. IgG3 has 6141 specimens. IgG4 has 6141 specimens.

Q12. What do you notice about the number of visit 8 specimens compared to other visits?

```
table(abdata$visit)
```

```
   1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8 
5795 4640 4640 4640 4640 4320 3920   80 
```

Answer: Visit 8 specimens are drastically lower compared to other visits. This is due to the fact that this is an ongoing study and participants are still coming in for their visit 8.

4. Examine IgG1 Ab titer levels

Make a summary plot of antigen levels.

```
ig1 <- abdata %>% filter(isotype == "IgG1", visit!=8)
head(ig1)
```

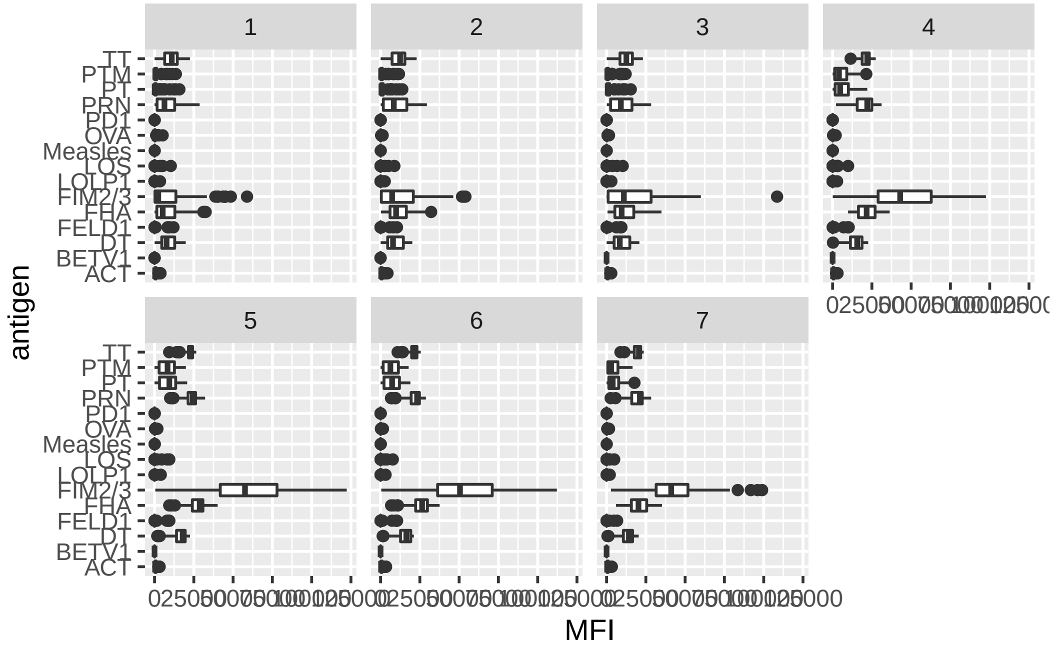
```
  specimen_id isotype is_antigen_specific antigen        MFI MFI_normalised
1           1    IgG1                TRUE     ACT 274.355068      0.6928058
2           1    IgG1                TRUE     LOS  10.974026      2.1645083
3           1    IgG1                TRUE   FELD1   1.448796      0.8080941
4           1    IgG1                TRUE   BETV1   0.100000      1.0000000
5           1    IgG1                TRUE   LOLP1   0.100000      1.0000000
6           1    IgG1                TRUE Measles  36.277417      1.6638332
   unit lower_limit_of_detection subject_id actual_day_relative_to_boost
1 IU/ML                 3.848750          1                           -3
2 IU/ML                 4.357917          1                           -3
3 IU/ML                 2.699944          1                           -3
```

```
4 IU/ML                 1.734784          1                           -3
5 IU/ML                 2.550606          1                           -3
6 IU/ML                 4.438966          1                           -3
  planned_day_relative_to_boost specimen_type visit infancy_vac biological_sex
1                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
2                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
3                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
4                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
5                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
6                             0         Blood     1          wP         Female
               ethnicity  race year_of_birth date_of_boost      dataset
1 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
2 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
3 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
4 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
5 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
6 Not Hispanic or Latino White    1986-01-01    2016-09-12 2020_dataset
         age
1 13481 days
2 13481 days
3 13481 days
4 13481 days
5 13481 days
6 13481 days
```

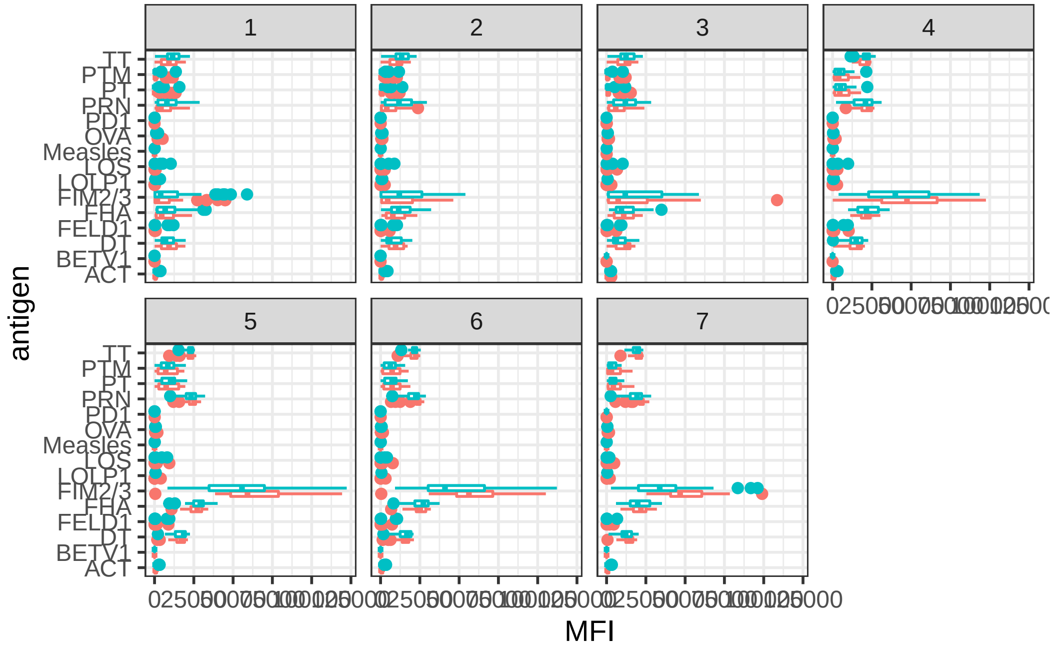
Q13. Complete the following code to make a summary boxplot of Ab titer levels for all antigens:

How do these change over time? - one viz that may be helpful is to facet that adobe plot by visit number.

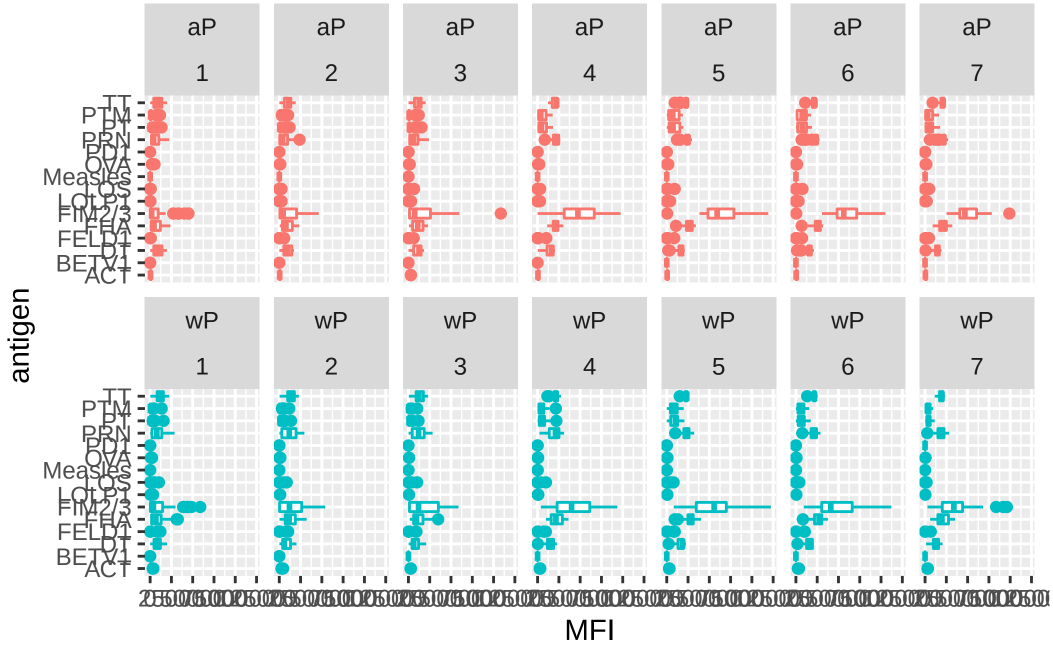
```
ggplot(ig1) +
  aes(MFI, antigen) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit), nrow=2)
```



```
ggplot(ig1) +
  aes(MFI, antigen, col=infancy_vac ) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(visit), nrow=2) +
  theme_bw()
```



```
ggplot(ig1) +
  aes(MFI, antigen, col=infancy_vac ) +
  geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE) +
  facet_wrap(vars(infancy_vac, visit), nrow=2)
```


aP 1
aP 2
aP 3
aP 4
aP 5
aP 6
aP 7
wP 1
wP 2
wP 3
wP 4
wP 5
wP 6
wP 7
antigen
TT
PTM
PT
PRN
PD1
OVA
Measles
LOS
LOLP1
FIM2/3
FHA
FELD1
DT
BETV1
ACT
MFI