

# ToothGrowth

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## Introduction

In this report we will examine the effect of Vitamin C on Tooth Growth in Guinea Pigs. Each animal received one of three dose levels of vitamin C (0.5, 1, and 2 mg/day) by one of two delivery methods, orange juice or ascorbic acid.

## Basic data exploration

60 Guinea pigs were followed in the study. These 60 pigs were randomly assigned to one of the six combinations of dose and delivery method.

```
library(datasets)
str(ToothGrowth)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 60 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ len : num 4.2 11.5 7.3 5.8 6.4 10 11.2 11.2 5.2 7 ...
## $ supp: Factor w/ 2 levels "OJ","VC": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ dose: num 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
```

```
table(ToothGrowth$supp, ToothGrowth$dose)
```

```
##
##      0.5  1  2
## OJ   10 10 10
## VC   10 10 10
```

There are no missing values for the toothlength recordings. The tooth length varied from 4.20 to 33.90 with an average of 18.81.

```
sum(is.na(ToothGrowth$len))
```

```
## [1] 0
```

```
summary(ToothGrowth$len)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      4.20   13.08   19.25   18.81   25.28   33.90
```

## Data summary

Higher doses of Vitamin C lead to higher tooth lengths. Although the median tooth length of ascorbic acid is lower than the median tooth length of vitamin C supplied via orange juice, it also has a larger variability in outcome. Therefore it is at this stage unclear whether one can conclude that vitamin C delivery via orange juice leads to larger teeth than vitamin C supplied by ascorbic acid.

boxplot maken van length per supp & dose

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2),cex.main=0.75)
boxplot(len ~dose, data=ToothGrowth, xlab="dose", ylab="tooth length", main="Dose impact on tooth length")
boxplot(len ~supp, data=ToothGrowth, xlab="delivery", ylab="tooth length", main="Delivery method impact on tooth length")
```



Is tooth growth dependent on supp and dose ?

Conclusions