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1 Introduction and Main Conclusions

The following statistical study is about a series of quantitative response variables monitored three and six months after a breast operation. All patients that underwent a breast cancer operation from January 2003 until June 2003 have been enrolled in the study.

The number of patients observed is 38, but we have excluded from this study a patient for which we do not have observed all investigated variables.

The main issues involved here are:

- Descriptive analysis
- Temporal evolution of phenomena
- Effects of patient condition on the response variables

In the following the three and six months variations of the response variables are labeled as $\delta(3)$ and $\delta(6)$ respectively, while the three to six month variation is marked as $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$.

1.1 Response Variables

The response variables recorded are all quantitative and continuous in nature. The resistance indicator, IR, is built as following:

$$IR = \frac{\text{Maximum Artery Velocity} - \text{Minimum Artery Velocity}}{\text{Maximum Artery Velocity}}$$

1.2 Explicative Variables

The covariates measured on each patient are all qualitative except for age: smoking habit (yes/no), kind of operation and histological type of the tumor. Descriptive statistics are presented in Figure 1 and in Tables 1-5.

People are classified as smokers if they smoke, on average, more than 5 cigarettes each day.

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
30.0	49.0	55.0	54.7	63.0	79.0

Table 1: Age: Summary Statistics

Categories	[30, 40)	[40,50)	[50,60)	[60,70)	[70,80)
Frequency	6	7	12	10	2
Density	0.0162	0.0189	0.0324	0.0270	0.0060

Table 2: Age: Frequencies and densities

Non Smokers	Smokers
28	9

Table 3: Smoke: Absolute Frequencies

Colloid	Papillary	Lobular	Intraductal	Ductal	Tubular
1	1	7	2	25	1

Table 4: Hystological type: Absolute Frequencies

Medial Quadr.	Lateral Quadr.	Central Quadr.	Mastectomy
9	16	9	3

Table 5: Kind of operation: Absolute Frequencies

1.3 Temporal Evolution

Figures 2-3 show changes in distribution for the response variable by mean of boxplots. The typical pattern we encounter presents an increase/decrease of the level of the variable at three months, while levels similar to the initial ones are approximately recovered six months after the operation. Figures 4-5 stress the mean level (dots) changes with confidence bands at 90% level (bars) to detect the significance of any observed variation. We indicate with x_i the i -th monitored value of variable X and by \bar{x} its average. We let t_{α}^r be $1 - \alpha$ quantile of a Student-T distribution with r degrees of freedom. Assuming that the data are approximately normally distributed the 90% confidence interval has this form:

$$x_{1,2} = \bar{x} \pm t_{0,1}^{37-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{37} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (37 - 1)}{\sqrt{37}}$$

The normality assumption has been checked by mean of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Normality test, see Conover (1971). Based on the resulting p-values all above 0.05 we conclude that all variables can be assumed to follow a normal distribution.

1.4 Statistical methodology

The analysis has been conducted using the freeware software (R <http://www.r-project.org/>), an emulator of the commercial package S-Plus.

We used analysis of covariance to take into account patient age, while investigating differences among groups (smokers/non-smokers, kind of operation and histological types) for each monitored variable. We found no differences in mean level among groups at 5% significance level for any investigated variable. The results are reported in Section 3 for each one of the response variable serapately.

We also estimated a linear regression model for each one of the response variables using age as explanatory variable and constructing dummy variables for each one of the other qualitative covariates. None of the regressor is statistically significant at a 5% significance level.

1.5 Temporal variations

We found a significative evolution of means of almost all variables over time. The pattern we found in minimum artery flow (p-value= 0,1513%), maximum artery velocity (p-value= 1,885%), minimum artery velocity (p-value ≈ 0) shows an increase at 3 months after the operation, while after 6 months, on average, these variables return to pre-operation levels (minimum artery flow p-value= 38,28%, maximum artery velocity p-value= 16,71%, minimum artery velocity p-value=50,91%).

The other variables show different patterns among each other: artery diameter (p-value= 2,78%) and maximum artery flow (p-value= 4,395%) have a significant difference (decrease) six months after the operation, artery-IR after a decrease in its mean (p-value ≈ 0) has a recover not sufficient to reach its initial average level (p-value= 0,4468%), while vein diameter is the only variable that does not show any significant change in its mean level three (p-value=32,98%) and six (p-value=23,89%) months after the operation.

We therefore conclude that any prediction on the evolution of patients conditions (at least relative to the monitored parameters) after breast cancer operation should be conducted irrespectively to the patient smoking habit, to the kind of operation and the histological type of the tumor. On the other hand different patients show similar temporal behaviour relative to the response variable monitored. These similarities can help in predicting the evolution over time of new patients.

2 Graphics

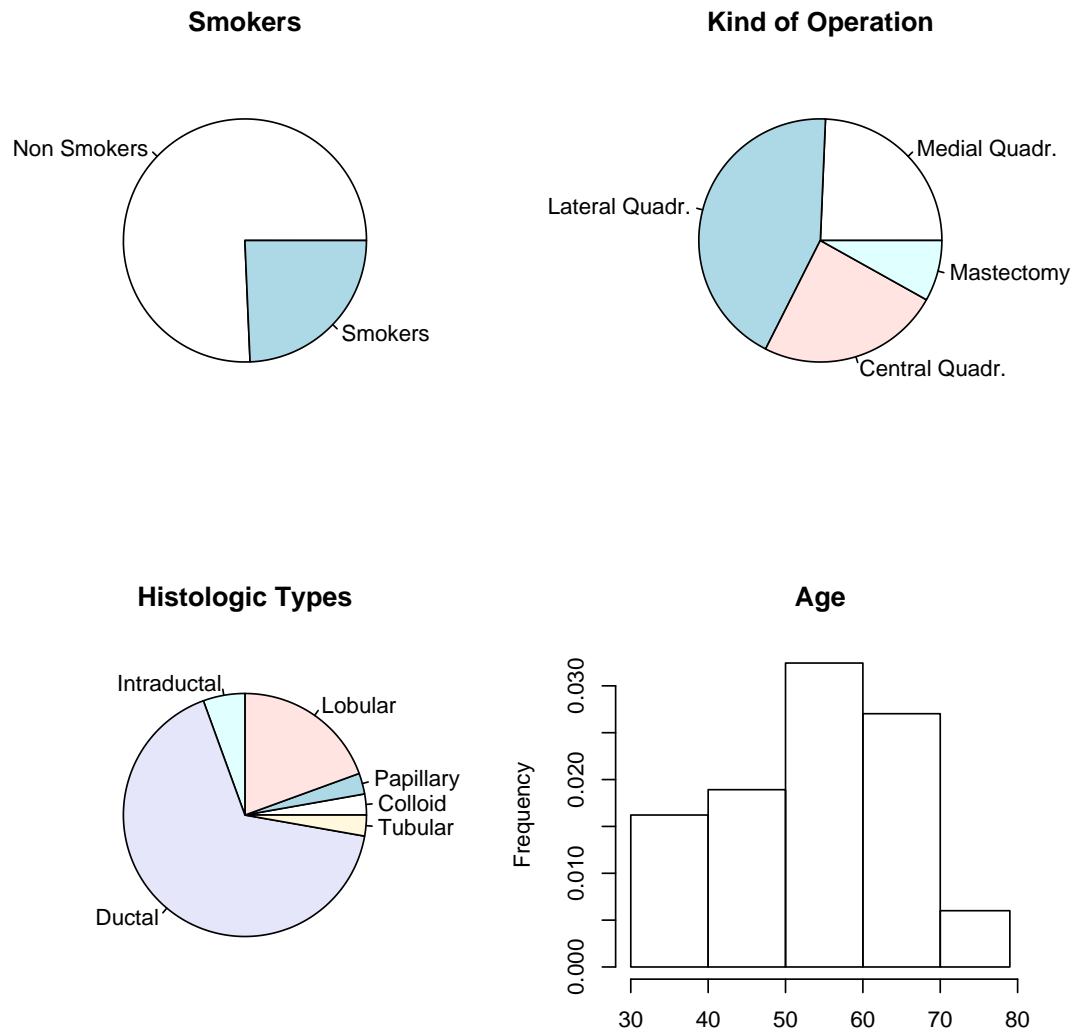


Figure 1: Explanatory Variables

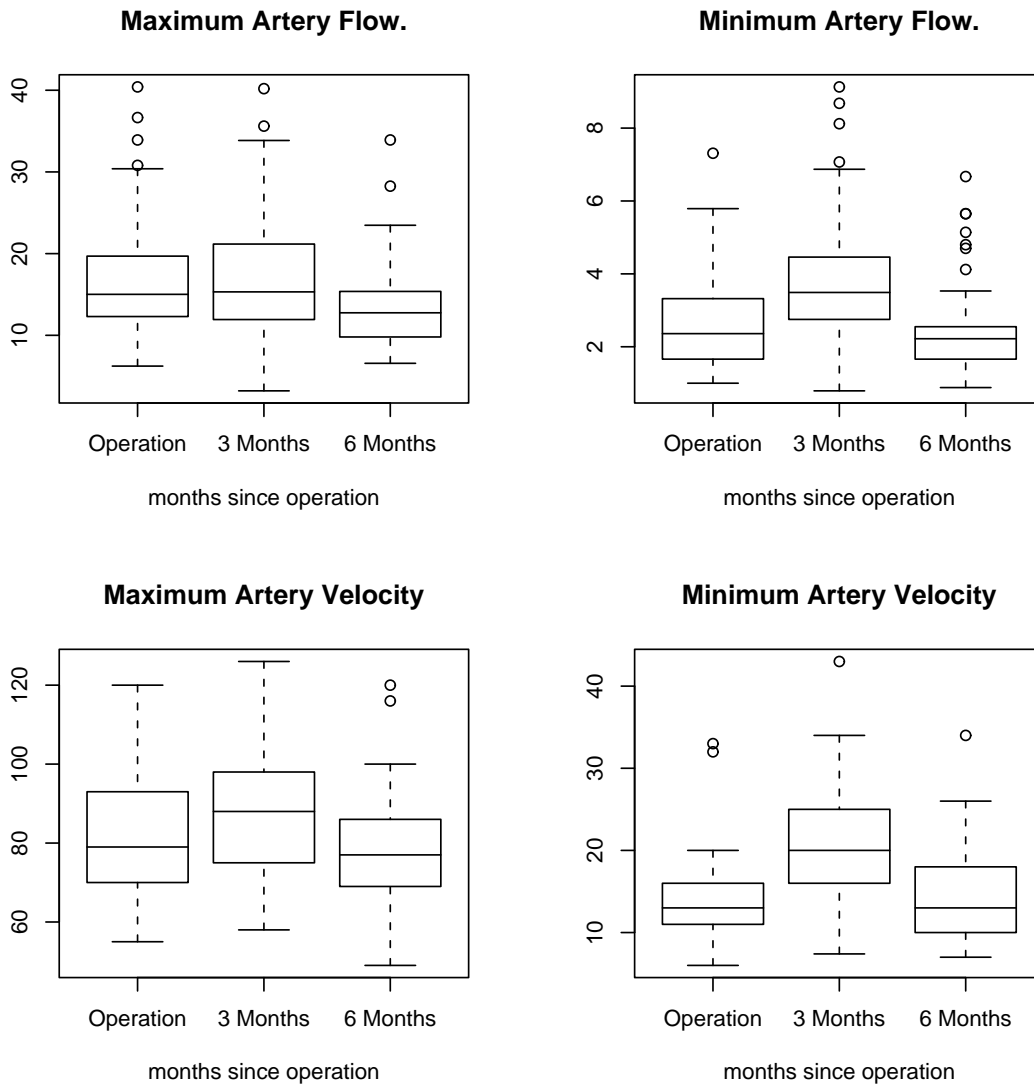


Figure 2: Response Variables Boxplot

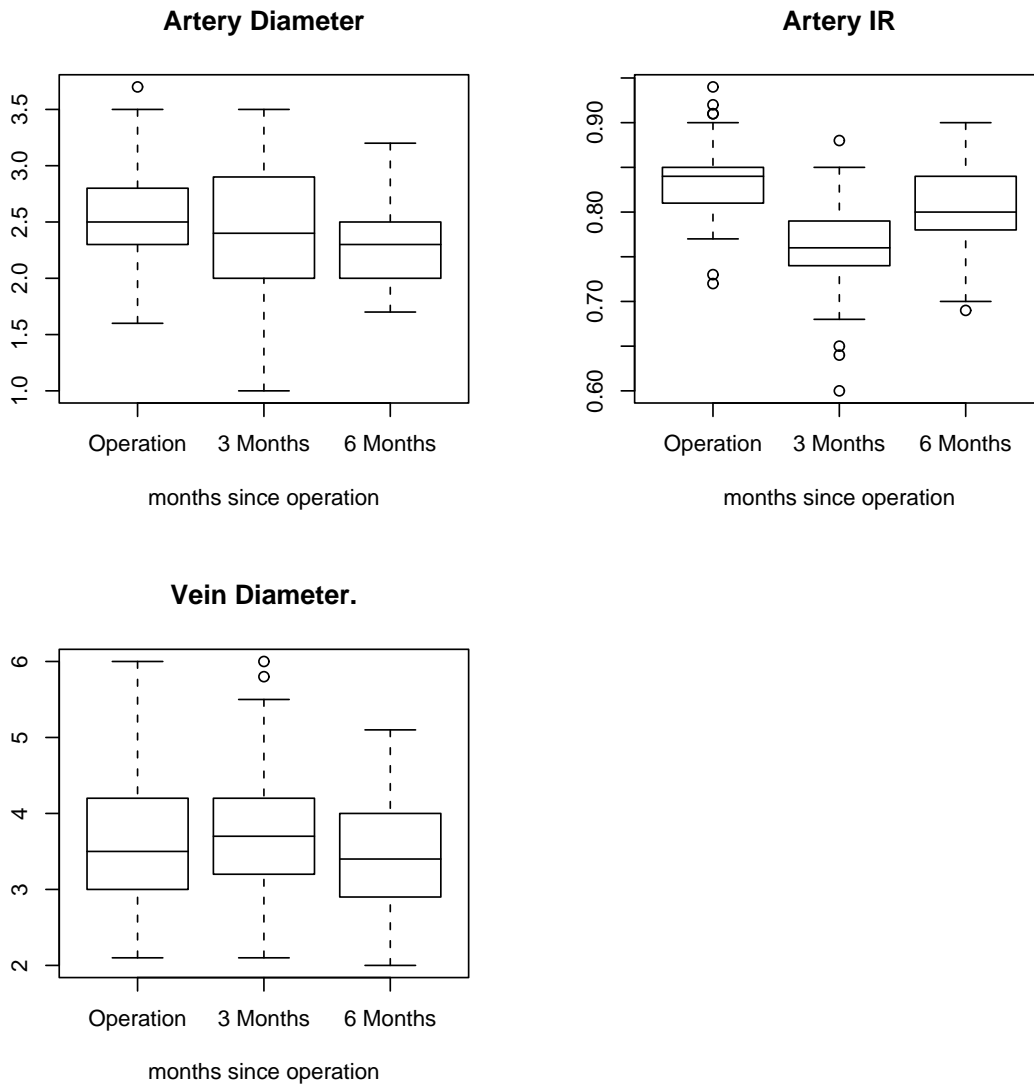


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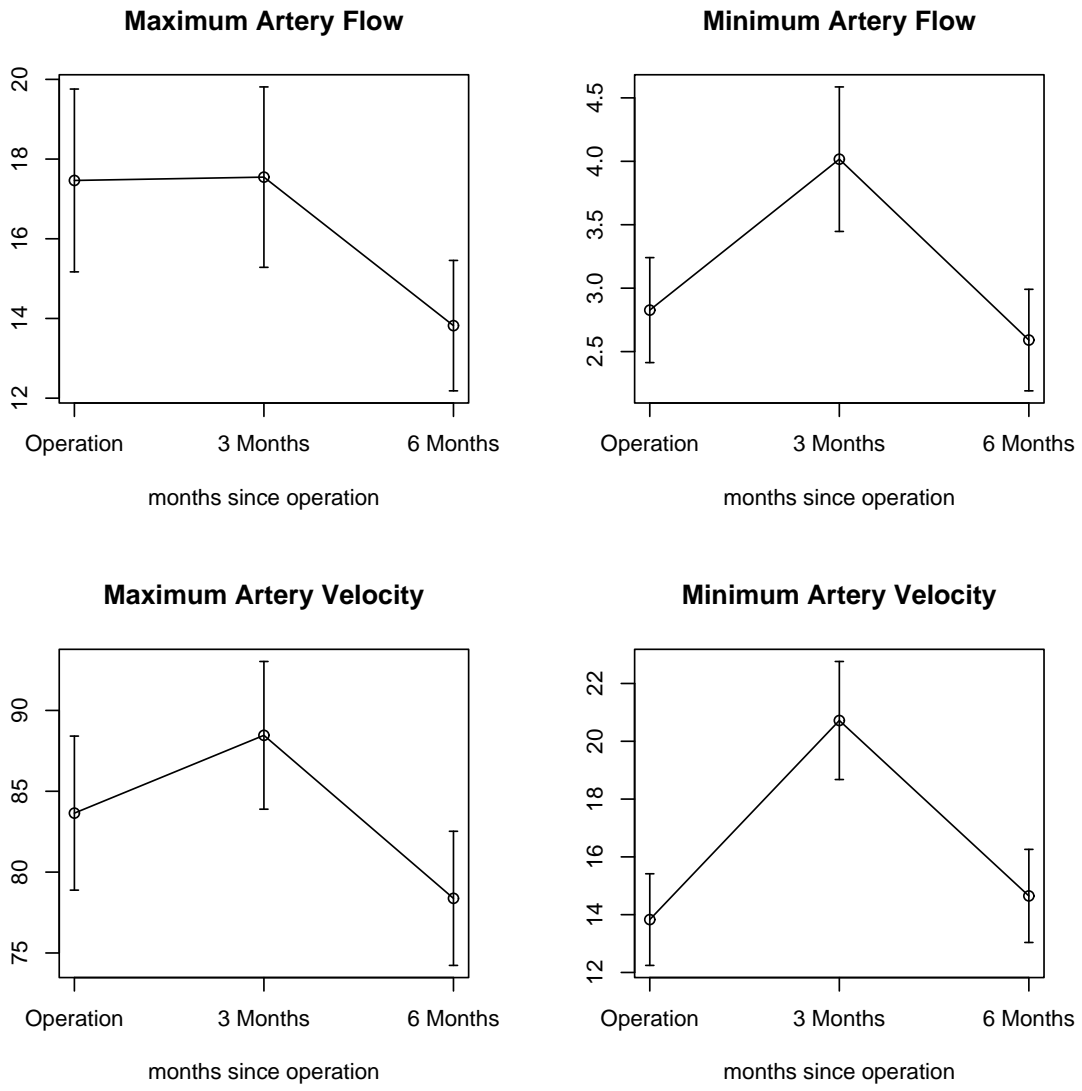


Figure 4: Temporal Means: $\bar{x} \pm t_{0,1}^{37-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{37} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (37-1)}{\sqrt{37}}$

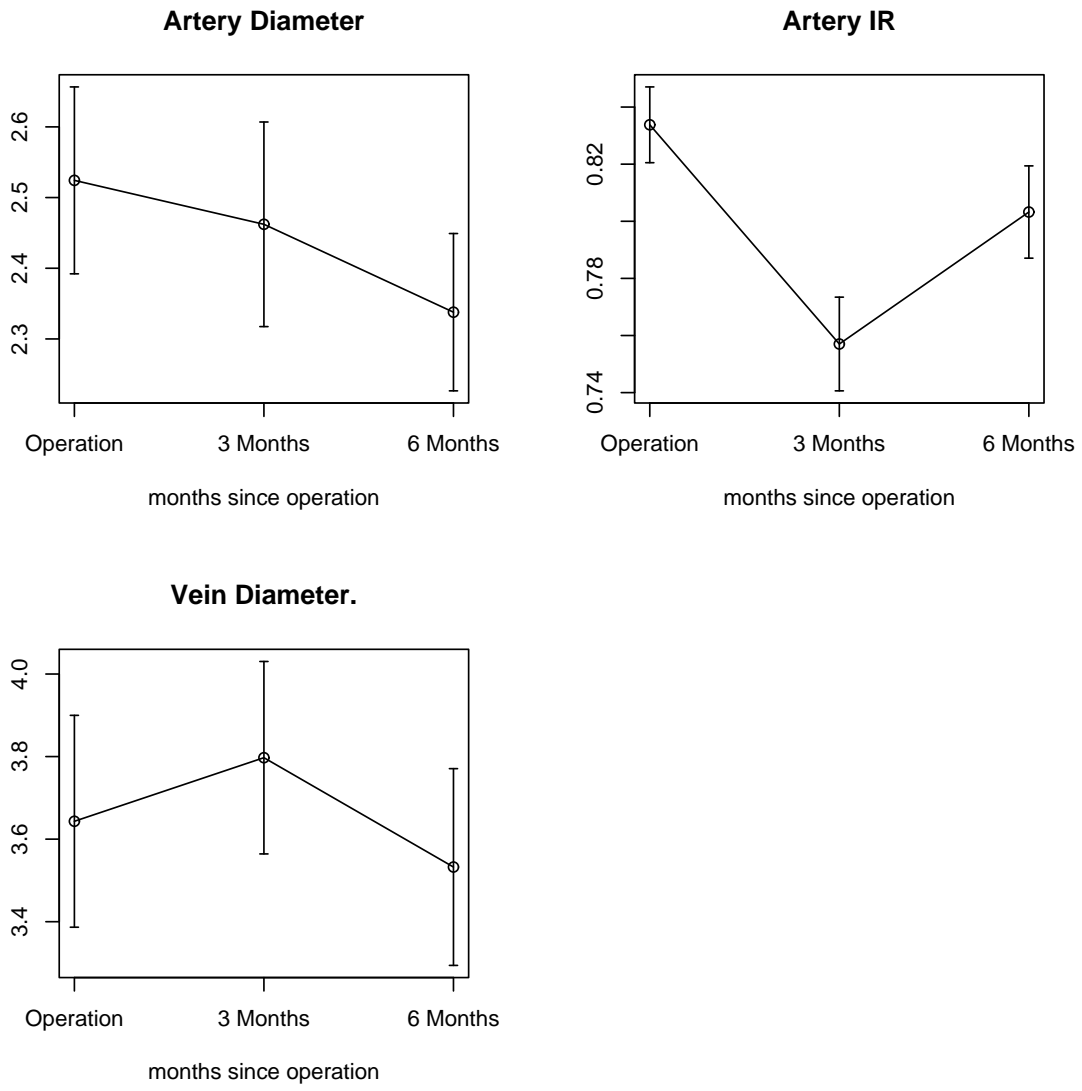


Figure 5: Temporal Means: $\bar{x} \pm t_{0,1}^{37-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{37} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (37-1)}{\sqrt{37}}$

3 Maximum Artery Flow

3.1 Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.4433	8.9823	0.38	0.7041
age	-0.1323	0.1574	-0.84	0.4071
smoke	2.3577	4.1119	0.57	0.5705
Lateral Quadrantectomy	5.4665	4.2377	1.29	0.2066
Central Quadrantectomy	3.6347	4.6842	0.78	0.4437
Mastectomy	0.6937	7.1230	0.10	0.9230

Table 6: Linear Model: Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	68.05	68.05	0.70	0.4106
smoke	1	43.92	43.92	0.45	0.5078
kind of operation	3	191.87	63.96	0.65	0.5866

Table 7: Ancova: Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1884	0.1446
ttest	0.053	0.958

Table 8: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	0.053	0.479

Table 9: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

3.2 Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	2.4486	7.7215	0.32	0.7533
age	-0.1708	0.1353	-1.26	0.2164
smoke	5.6678	3.5347	1.60	0.1190
Lateral Quadrantectomy	3.9103	3.6429	1.07	0.2914
Central Quadrantectomy	2.7054	4.0267	0.67	0.5066
Mastectomy	-5.8998	6.1232	-0.96	0.3427

Table 10: Linear Model: Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	191.24	191.24	2.65	0.1140
smoke	1	135.25	135.25	1.87	0.1812
kind of operation	3	276.69	92.23	1.28	0.2998

Table 11: Ancova: Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1963	0.1154
ttest	-2.4932	0.01739

Table 12: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-2.4932	0.008697

Table 13: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

3.3 Maximum Artery Flow $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	1.7303	71.546	0.0879

Table 14: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

4 Minimum Artery Flow

4.1 Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1.8635	2.1566	0.86	0.3942
age	-0.0272	0.0378	-0.72	0.4765
smoke	0.3470	0.9872	0.35	0.7276
Lateral Quadrantectomy	1.1837	1.0174	1.16	0.2535
Central Quadrantectomy	0.6862	1.1246	0.61	0.5462
Mastectomy	0.6531	1.7102	0.38	0.7052

Table 15: Linear Model: Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	2.25	2.25	0.40	0.5326
smoke	1	1.66	1.66	0.30	0.5908
kind of operation	3	7.76	2.59	0.46	0.7130

Table 16: Ancova: Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.0895	0.928
ttest	3.1798	0.003027

Table 17: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	3.1798	0.001513

Table 18: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

4.2 Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.2777	1.5168	0.18	0.8559
age	-0.0168	0.0266	-0.63	0.5325
smoke	0.9451	0.6944	1.36	0.1833
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.3399	0.7156	0.47	0.6382
Central Quadrantectomy	0.1776	0.7910	0.22	0.8239
Mastectomy	-0.1966	1.2028	-0.16	0.8712

Table 19: Linear Model: Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	2.10	2.10	0.75	0.3927
smoke	1	5.52	5.52	1.98	0.1696
kind of operation	3	1.11	0.37	0.13	0.9397

Table 20: Ancova: Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1436	0.4302
ttest	-0.8836	0.3828

Table 21: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-0.8836	0.1914

Table 22: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

4.3 Minimum Artery Flow $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	3.101	65.158	0.002849

Table 23: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

5 Maximum Artery Velocity

5.1 Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.2141	0.2356	0.91	0.3705
age	-0.0032	0.0041	-0.78	0.4411
smoke	0.0677	0.1079	0.63	0.5348
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.0242	0.1112	0.22	0.8294
Central Quadrantectomy	0.0652	0.1229	0.53	0.5994
Mastectomy	0.0915	0.1869	0.49	0.6280

Table 24: Linear Model: Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.06	0.06	0.83	0.3693
smoke	1	0.05	0.05	0.70	0.4101
kind of operation	3	0.03	0.01	0.14	0.9336

Table 25: Ancova: Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1362	0.4987
ttest	2.1576	0.03771

Table 26: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	2.1576	0.01885

Table 27: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

5.2 Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.1417	0.2117	0.67	0.5082
age	-0.0034	0.0037	-0.92	0.3625
smoke	0.0608	0.0969	0.63	0.5350
Lateral Quadrantectomy	-0.0101	0.0999	-0.10	0.9205
Central Quadrantectomy	0.0003	0.1104	0.00	0.9980
Mastectomy	-0.0049	0.1679	-0.03	0.9769

Table 28: Linear Model: Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.07	0.07	1.23	0.2752
smoke	1	0.02	0.02	0.43	0.5172
kind of operation	3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.9995

Table 29: Ancova: Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.0906	0.9218
ttest	-0.979	0.3341

Table 30: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-0.979	0.1671

Table 31: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

5.3 Maximum Artery Velocity $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	2.2607	71.127	0.02684

Table 32: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

6 Minimum Artery Velocity

6.1 Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	14.1328	6.7513	2.09	0.0446
age	-0.1521	0.1183	-1.29	0.2081
smoke	0.9453	3.0906	0.31	0.7618
Lateral Quadrantectomy	1.0657	3.1852	0.33	0.7402
Central Quadrantectomy	-0.0219	3.5207	-0.01	0.9951
Mastectomy	4.8271	5.3538	0.90	0.3742

Table 33: Linear Model: Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	82.67	82.67	1.50	0.2305
smoke	1	25.93	25.93	0.47	0.4985
kind of operation	3	52.55	17.52	0.32	0.8129

Table 34: Ancova: Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1139	0.7234
ttest	5.8079	1.255e-06

Table 35: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	5.8079	6.276e-07

Table 36: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

6.2 Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	4.5565	7.1109	0.64	0.5264
age	-0.0538	0.1246	-0.43	0.6687
smoke	0.6471	3.2552	0.20	0.8437
Lateral Quadrantectomy	-1.6041	3.3548	-0.48	0.6359
Central Quadrantectomy	-2.2223	3.7083	-0.60	0.5533
Mastectomy	3.5037	5.6390	0.62	0.5389

Table 37: Linear Model: Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	10.45	10.45	0.17	0.6825
smoke	1	12.90	12.90	0.21	0.6496
kind of operation	3	84.96	28.32	0.46	0.7108

Table 38: Ancova: Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1876	0.1479
ttest	0.6669	0.5091

Table 39: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	0.6669	0.2546

Table 40: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

6.3 Minimum Artery Velocity $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	3.5554	71.914	0.000672

Table 41: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

7 Artery Diameter

7.1 Artery Diameter $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.0109	0.5991	0.02	0.9856
age	-0.0049	0.0105	-0.47	0.6448
smoke	0.1037	0.2742	0.38	0.7079
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.3090	0.2826	1.09	0.2827
Central Quadrantectomy	0.1435	0.3124	0.46	0.6492
Mastectomy	0.0067	0.4751	0.01	0.9889

Table 42: Linear Model: Artery Diameter $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.07	0.07	0.16	0.6884
smoke	1	0.08	0.08	0.19	0.6638
kind of operation	3	0.64	0.21	0.49	0.6891

Table 43: Ancova: Artery Diameter $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1069	0.7919
ttest	-0.6002	0.5521

Table 44: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-0.6002	0.2761

Table 45: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

7.2 Artery Diameter $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.1022	0.5146	-0.20	0.8439
age	-0.0052	0.0090	-0.57	0.5712
smoke	0.3507	0.2355	1.49	0.1466
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.2571	0.2428	1.06	0.2977
Central Quadrantectomy	0.1271	0.2683	0.47	0.6390
Mastectomy	-0.3621	0.4080	-0.89	0.3817

Table 46: Linear Model: Artery Diameter $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.23	0.23	0.71	0.4068
smoke	1	0.53	0.53	1.65	0.2082
kind of operation	3	1.10	0.37	1.14	0.3492

Table 47: Ancova: Artery Diameter $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1142	0.7206
ttest	-1.9811	0.05526

Table 48: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-1.9811	0.02763

Table 49: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

7.3 Artery Diameter $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	0.8883	71.353	0.3774

Table 50: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

8 Artery IR

8.1 Artery IR $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.1262	0.0574	-2.20	0.0355
age	0.0012	0.0010	1.22	0.2324
smoke	0.0086	0.0263	0.33	0.7464
Lateral Quadrantectomy	-0.0292	0.0271	-1.08	0.2900
Central Quadrantectomy	-0.0153	0.0299	-0.51	0.6139
Mastectomy	-0.0414	0.0455	-0.91	0.3701

Table 51: Linear Model: Artery IR $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.00	0.00	0.94	0.3403
smoke	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.9854
kind of operation	3	0.01	0.00	0.48	0.7010

Table 52: Ancova: Artery IR $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.0943	0.8975
ttest	-7.6696	4.433e-09

Table 53: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-7.6696	2.217e-09

Table 54: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

8.2 Artery IR $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.0477	0.0630	-0.76	0.4547
age	0.0005	0.0011	0.48	0.6311
smoke	-0.0028	0.0289	-0.10	0.9242
Lateral Quadrantectomy	-0.0094	0.0297	-0.32	0.7529
Central Quadrantectomy	-0.0063	0.0329	-0.19	0.8493
Mastectomy	-0.0719	0.0500	-1.44	0.1606

Table 55: Linear Model: Artery IR $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.7604
smoke	1	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.5210
kind of operation	3	0.01	0.00	0.74	0.5339

Table 56: Ancova: Artery IR $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.0957	0.8867
ttest	-2.7643	0.008937

Table 57: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-2.7643	0.004468

Table 58: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

8.3 Artery IR. $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	-3.1003	71.307	0.002768

Table 59: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

9 Vein Diameter

9.1 Vein Diameter $\delta(3)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.2248	0.8885	-0.25	0.8019
age	0.0061	0.0156	0.39	0.6985
smoke	-0.5442	0.4067	-1.34	0.1906
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.2782	0.4192	0.66	0.5117
Central Quadrantectomy	0.0611	0.4633	0.13	0.8959
Mastectomy	0.5304	0.7046	0.75	0.4572

Table 60: Linear Model: Vein Diameter $\delta(3)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.71	0.71	0.74	0.3949
smoke	1	1.20	1.20	1.26	0.2705
kind of operation	3	0.81	0.27	0.28	0.8389

Table 61: Ancova: Vein Diameter $\delta(3)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.1403	0.4599
ttest	0.9879	0.3298

Table 62: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	0.9879	0.1649

Table 63: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} > 0$

9.2 Vein Diameter $\delta(6)$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.2135	0.8896	-0.24	0.8119
age	-0.0078	0.0156	-0.50	0.6206
smoke	-0.0066	0.4072	-0.02	0.9872
Lateral Quadrantectomy	0.8508	0.4197	2.03	0.0513
Central Quadrantectomy	0.4554	0.4639	0.98	0.3339
Mastectomy	0.6419	0.7054	0.91	0.3699

Table 64: Linear Model: Vein Diameter $\delta(6)$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
age	1	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.8843
smoke	1	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.7131
kind of operation	3	3.98	1.33	1.38	0.2663

Table 65: Ancova: Vein Diameter $\delta(6)$

	stat. value	p-value
Normality test	0.112	0.742
ttest	-0.6948	0.4916

Table 66: KS normality test and $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

	stat. value	p-value
ttest	-0.6948	0.2458

Table 67: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} < 0$

9.3 Vein Diameter $\delta(6) - \delta(3)$

	df	T	p-value
ttest	1.1875	71.964	0.2389

Table 68: Test $H_0 : \bar{x} = 0$ $H_1 : \bar{x} \neq 0$

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Table 69: Correlation Matrix

Max Artery Flow $\delta(3)$	1.00	0.75	0.90	0.63	0.39	0.39	0.28	0.08	0.86	0.59	0.04	0.05	0.11	0.32
Max Artery Flow $\delta(6)$	0.75	1.00	0.60	0.78	0.27	0.40	0.15	-0.00	0.61	0.84	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.32
Min Artery Flow $\delta(3)$	0.90	0.60	1.00	0.63	0.29	0.27	0.56	0.20	0.80	0.50	-0.20	-0.16	0.23	0.33
Min Artery Flow $\delta(6)$	0.63	0.78	0.63	1.00	0.22	0.42	0.30	0.51	0.56	0.65	-0.07	-0.49	-0.04	0.16
Max Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$	0.39	0.27	0.29	0.22	1.00	0.73	0.52	0.40	-0.07	-0.12	-0.00	-0.14	-0.13	0.00
Max Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$	0.39	0.40	0.27	0.42	0.73	1.00	0.34	0.60	0.07	-0.09	0.06	-0.16	-0.07	0.04
Min Artery Velocity $\delta(3)$	0.28	0.15	0.56	0.30	0.52	0.34	1.00	0.48	0.02	-0.06	-0.62	-0.46	0.10	0.13
Min Artery Velocity $\delta(6)$	0.08	-0.00	0.20	0.51	0.40	0.60	0.48	1.00	-0.07	-0.29	-0.21	-0.77	-0.13	-0.15
Artery Diameter $\delta(3)$	0.86	0.61	0.80	0.56	-0.07	0.07	0.02	-0.07	1.00	0.67	0.10	0.10	0.18	0.29
Artery Diameter $\delta(6)$	0.59	0.84	0.50	0.65	-0.12	-0.09	-0.06	-0.29	0.67	1.00	0.08	0.08	0.03	0.27
Artery IR $\delta(3)$	0.04	0.01	-0.20	-0.07	-0.00	0.06	-0.62	-0.21	0.10	0.08	1.00	0.39	-0.01	-0.08
Artery IR $\delta(6)$	0.05	0.01	-0.16	-0.49	-0.14	-0.16	-0.46	-0.77	0.10	0.08	0.39	1.00	0.16	0.09
Vein Diameter $\delta(3)$	0.11	0.01	0.23	-0.04	-0.13	-0.07	0.10	-0.13	0.18	0.03	-0.01	0.16	1.00	0.66
Vein Diameter $\delta(6)$	0.32	0.32	0.33	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.13	-0.15	0.29	0.27	-0.08	0.09	0.66	1.00