

Comparative study into 7 commercially available soil wetting agents and their effects on disease incidence and turf quality

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Figure 1: Bonnie Doon wetting agent Trial site



Figure 2: Bonnie Doon wetting agent Trial

1 Abstract

Soil wetting agents are commonly used to reduce the irrigation needs of turfgrass during periods of drought. This research aimed to determine the effects of 7 soil surfactants on a well establish creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*) golf green in Sydney.

A randomised complete block design was established with 7 water retention products plus 1 at half rate and an untreated control. The products tested were Hydroforce Ultra, Tricure, Propel, Maximizer H2O, Hydrolink Rapid, Hydroforce Recovery, and a proprietary formulation containing salicylic acid.

Plots were evaluated for visual turfgrass quality, soil volumetric moisture content (VMC), Surface hardness, and dollar spot incidence by counting dollar spot infection centres per plot.

Results were as follows:

1. The null hypothesis is that none of these products makes any difference to turf quality, soil volumetric moisture content, surface hardness or soil organic matter.
2. Over the duration of the trial only Treatment 5 had a significantly lower quality content than the control (Treatment 6). There was no significant difference between the turf quality of any of the other treatments and the control.
3. Treatment 4 had a significantly higher turf quality than Treatment 5.
4. Over the 200 day trial period there were only three occasions where there were significant differences in turf quality.
5. Treatments 4, 8 and 9 were the only ones with no significant difference in surface hardness compared to the control.
6. Significant differences in Trufirm Readings were only apparent 29 days post first treatment.
7. Only Treatments 9 and 3 had significantly higher moisture contents than the control. Treatment 9 also had significantly high moisture contents than Treatments 5 and 7.
8. Significant differences in moisture content were seen 3, 22, 95, 105, 159, 173, 187 and 200 days post first Treatment. In total 23% of the time significant differences were seen.
9. The numbers of infection centres could be divided between those being less than the control and those that showed no difference from the control. Those showing less infection centres than the control comprised Treatments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Those showing no difference than the control comprised Treatments 7, 8 and 9.
10. Treatments 3, 4, and 5 all had significantly less dollar spot infection centres than the control.

2 Discussion of Results

These results raised a number of questions relating to the performance and claims of these soil wetting agents.

2.1 Turf Quality

The fact that all of them apart from Treatment 5 did not cause any reduction in turf quality compared to the untreated control contradicts the findings of . . . However, it does go to show how the safety of soil wetting agents has improved over the years.

Treatment 4 also contains a significant amount of humic acid and so the good turf quality results and the associated reduction in dollar spot infection centres is not in the least a surprise.

With Treatment 5 the monthly applications leading to a reduction in turf quality is not a true reflection of the product use in a real life situation. It is only supposed to be used for reducing surface soil moisture levels with infrequent applications.

2.2 Volumetric Moisture Content

Significant differences in volumetric moisture content were seen on 3,22,95,105,159,173,187,and 200 days after the first application.

Treatments 3 and 9 both appeared to retain more moisture at a depth of 75mm than the others. This result was a surprise in the case of Treatment 9 due to the very low use rate.

The fact that Treatment 9 held more water but gave a significantly harder surface may well be related to the zone above 75mm depth.

The negative to this is that despite holding more soil moisture Treatment 9 was in the group showing high numbers of dollar spot infection centres.

Treatment 3 in contrast was classified in the low dollar spot infection centre group as a result of the incorporation of salicylic acid and biostimulant package.

2.3 Surface Hardness.

The results that we gained showed significant differences between treatments compared to the control. This confirms the 2015 results of Bauer et al who showed that although firmness measurements were not affected by wetting agent applications in 2014 they were in 2015.

One of the reasons this may have occurred is that thatch can have a high affinity for wetting agents, which means that they will tend to dry out much more slowly at the surface (Karnok et al, 2004). Future work proposed in 2023-2024 should help understand this further.

Under the situation of non limiting water Treatments 1 and 2 performed in a pretty similar vein. Both fell into the low dollar spot infection centre group, both showed no reduction in turf quality compared to the control, and both gave no significant differences in surface hardness levels.

Significant differences in surface hardness occurred twice. 29 days post first Treatment, when Treatments 2 and 9 were significantly harder than Treatment 7, and again 67 days post first Treatment when Treatments 3 and 9 were significantly firmer than Treatment 5.

2.4 Dollar Spot Incidence.

This wasn't apparent until 130 days after the start of the trial. Interestingly the Treatments could be clearly divided into those showing evidence in reducing disease and those that didn't.

Treatments 1,2,3,4, and 5 all fell into the former group. The reason behind this is possibly that with these particular products you don't have so much dew on the bentgrass, meaning that they are less prone to dollar spot.

3 Future Work

As a result of this trial we are intending to extend it into 2023-2024 but with three major modifications to the protocol.

Firstly we will supplement soil moisture readings at 75mm with additional readings at 37mm. This will allow us to get a better idea what is happening in the upper thatch layer and takes into account the findings of Leinauer et al (2007) that the efficacy of wetting agents was most pronounced at depths of 2.5 cm or less.

Secondly we are going to subject the turf to moisture stress. Treatments 1 and 2 both claim to maintain if not improve turf quality after multiple applications under stress conditions.

Thirdly, we will carry out the water drop penetration time (WDPT) test was used to measure the actual water repellency of the field-moist samples at depths of 0-2, 2-4 and 4-6cm. This will give us a better idea of wetting agent longevity in the soil.

4 Background to Treatments

4.1 Tricure (Product 1)



Figure 3: Tricure 10L

TriCure AD® is marketed as an advanced soil surfactant designed to prevent and control hydrophobic soil conditions while maintaining optimum soil-water management. It works by attaching to both soil and organic particles, reducing the surface tension of water, and attracting a thin film of water close to the particle surfaces. This allows the optimum moisture to be held for plant use while facilitating water release and effective drainage.

Trials

The efficacy of wetting agents varied over depth and was most pronounced at depths of 2.5 cm or less.

Was one of the products that most consistently reduced hydrophobicity. Products that consistently did the best job of reducing hydrophobicity also unfortunately had potential (though limited potential) to cause some reduction in turf quality Karcher et al (2009)

All wetting agent products appear to effectively reduce LDS incidence and increase soil moisture uniformity, over a wide range of depths (75- to 200mm) compared to untreated turf. In addition, there is no evidence that these wetting agents significantly increase surface soil moisture during periods of frequent irrigation or rainfall. These results suggest that these commonly used wetting agents can be used to manage LDS without adversely affecting rootzone moisture (Johnson, A and Leeper K. 2011)

In this study, block polymer and modified block polymer wetting agents (TriCure®, Revolution®) increased soil moisture and uniformity distribution by an average of 4.7 and 4.8%, respectively.

A follow up study was conducted in 2011 TriCure®, Revolution®, Immerse® GT, Magnus®, and Performa Gold® treatments increased soil moisture by an average of 4.4%.

Dispatch® decreased soil moisture by 4.7%. TriCure®, Magnus®, and Revolution® increased uniformity by 6.5%.

Baird et al, 2011

Under extreme water stress conditions, Revolution® (Aquatrols) performed the best of all products tested in alleviating turf drought symptoms and LDS incidence. TriCure AD® (Mitchell Products) was next best.

4.2 HydroForce Ultra (Product 2 and Treatment 7 half rate)



Figure 4: Hydroforce Ultra 10L liquid

This is sold as HydroForce Ultra in Australia, Excalibur in the US and Evolve in the UK. It is composed of 90% Polyalkylene glycols and 10% inert ingredients.

HydroForce Ultra is a new chemistry, with a unique molecular design, developed in partnership with one of the leading manufacturers of block co-polymer technology in the United States. The new molecular design, comprises of a block co-polymer with a modified structure to provide unique performance characteristics.

HydroForce Ultra is manufactured in the United States to the strictest standards. The product comes available in a 10L pack size and has been developed and is supported by Dr Stan Kostka, Dr Mike Fidanza and Dr Cale Bigalow from Rhizosolutions LLC.

4.3 Gilba SA (Product 3)

Bially et al in 2005 concluded that there is a huge variation in wetting efficacy among surfactant chemistries. Their conclusions were that an enhanced wetting rate occurred when the alkyl glucoside to block copolymer ratio was from approximately 6:1 to 0.5:1 by weight, ideally when the ratio was from approximately 4:1 to 0.7:1.

Gilba SA comprises an alkyl glucoside to block copolymer ratio of 4:1 whilst also containing a high loading of salicylic acid (SA) plus root stimulants.

4.4 Salicylic acid

Salicylic acid (SA) is a phenolic phytohormone and is found in plants with roles in plant growth and development, photosynthesis, transpiration, ion uptake and transport. It is involved in endogenous signaling against both biotic and abiotic stress, being an important plant hormone that regulates many aspects of plant growth and development.

Salicylic acid or orthohydroxy benzoic acid is ubiquitously distributed plant growth regulator (Raskin, 1992) and has positive effects on plant growth and developmental processes (Senaratna et al, 2000).

Research has shown its roles in:

- Seed germination and fruit yield (Klessig and Malamy 1994).
- Photosynthetic rate, and in transpiration (Khan et al, 2003).
- Reducing oxidative stress (Shirasu et al,1997).
- Plant-water relations in abiotic stress affected plants were regulated by SA (Miura and Tada, 2014).
- Increased heat tolerance (Larkindale, 2002).
- Stress resistance in biotic stressed plants have also been reported (Kumar, 2014).

SA is an effective SAR inducer, but it can be highly phytotoxic (Conrath et al, 2015). Using high rates will directly induce the activation of plant defences. However, if the rates are too low they elicit little to no response. Following subsequent infection, however, defences are activated more rapidly and/or strongly (Conrath et al, 2006).

Wang et al (2010) looked at treating the leaves of young grapevines before heat stress (25°C), during heat stress (43°C for 5 h), and through the following recovery period (25°C). SA treated leaves showed an increased rate of recovery compared to the control (H₂O-treated) leaves

Comparative work looking at the efficacy of salicylic acid and Acibenzolar-S-methyl (ASM) was carried out into *Alternaria solani*, which is a destructive pathogen to tomato crops (Aslam et al, 2019).

Foliar and seedling root dipping application of Bion and salicylic acid not only reduced the disease severity but also enhanced the plant growth.

4.5 Disease fighting properties

Hsiang et al (2022) looked at using 0.69-0.7g/100ml Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) in growth room tests and found little effectiveness. The product we are researching contains a significantly higher rate of salicylic acid than this.

Rahman et al (2013) found that inoculating perennial ryegrass with salicylic acid prior to inoculation with grey leaf spot (*Magnaporthe oryzae*) gave significant disease reductions.

4.6 Turf specific research

- Creeping Bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*) subjected to heat has been shown to exhibit elevated SA levels after an hour (Larkindale and Huang 2005).
- Shahgholi et al, 2013 looked at the interaction between Trinexapac ethyl and salicylic acid on perennial ryegrass. Applying 0.27 g of salicylic acid gave a significant height response. Also salicylic acid with concentrations of 0.27 and 0.54 g/ m² increased colour quality and chlorophyll content.
- He et al 2005 looked at various rates of SA on the heat tolerance of Kentucky bluegrass exposed to 46°C for 72 h in a growth chamber. 0.25 mmol SA gave the best heat tolerance and subsequent recovery.
- Hosseini, Kafi and Arghavani (2016) looked at perennial grass (*Lolium perenne* cv. 'Numan') under drought stress. Foliar applications of SA increased the chlorophyll content and reduced electrolyte leakage, proline accumulation and antioxidant enzyme activity, which suggested that salicylic acid can be used to reduce the negative impacts of drought stress.

4.7 Previous Research

Our 2020 work showed that salicylic acid applied to creeping bentgrass lead to increased root growth and lateral root branching, better turf quality and faster and more consistent seed germination.

By incorporating this into the wetting agent formulation, the idea is to increase the ability of turf to better abiotic stress and drought whilst also maintaining a strong and vigorous root architecture.

4.8 Propel (Product 4)



Figure 5: Propel 10L container

Propel is based on Di-Sulfosuccinate Surfactant chemistry.

4.9 Hydroforce Recovery (Product 5)

HydroForce Recovery is a premium soil surfactant blend, specifically designed to overcome hydrophobic soil situations. HydroForce Recovery's key performance characteristics are due to its unique combination of powerful, highest quality surfactant technologies fulfilling rapid soil wetting, reliable re-wetting and plant health improvement performance. This is an 80% Proprietary Blend of Non-Ionic Surfactants and 10% L form Amino Acids & Root promotants.

4.10 H2O Maximizer (Product 8)



Figure 6: 20L drum Maximizer H2O

This is a soil surfactant and polymer resin blend that can be tank mixed for spray application or injected directly into irrigation lines.

The product claims to initially wet soil while the polymer resin adsorbs to soil particles for enhanced water retention.

Due to the surfactant reducing the surface tension combined with the polymer resin's attachment to soil particles it has a dual activity.

4.11 Hydrolink Rapid (Product 9)

This is designed to re-wet and penetrate through hydrophobic or compacted soils and thatch layers.

It contains two unique active ingredients, one compact surface acting anionic surfactant designed to penetrate even the most hydrophobic soils, and a heavier-weighted reverse block co-polymer for residual re-wetting performance.



Figure 7: HydroLink Rapid 20L drum

5 Trial Overview

The practice putting green at Bonnie Doon G.C in Sydney, NSW was chosen to carry out this trial. The surface was composed of 85% creeping bentgrass (*agrostis stolonifera* var A1/A4)

- a) A randomised block trial was marked out after using Edgar II for its design and layout. This comprised 54 plots, each having a surface area of 1m² with a 50mm buffer around each.

The randomized block trial initially comprised 9 treatments with 6 replicates. One treatment was an untreated control. These were initially treated on Monday 7th November 2022 with further applications being made on 7th December 2022, 6th February 2023, 3rd March 2023, 3rd April 2023, and the final application being made on 1st May.

All treatments were applied in the label rate amount of water and then immediately washed in using the in ground irrigation system present at the site. This applied approximately 6mm of water.

The trial plots were not fed or treated for disease over the trial duration. Irrigation was also applied as and when required with soil moisture levels being recorded to a depth of 75mm.

Table 1: Table showing Treatments and Rates for product applications vs untreated control

| Treatment | Rate Product g(ml)/1m ² | Rate Product Kg (L)/Ha | water volume L/Ha |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Tricure (1) | 1.2 | 12 | 800 |
| Hydroforce Ultra (2) | 1.25 | 12.5 | 800 |
| Gilba SA (3) | 1.25 | 12.5 | 800 |
| Propel (4) | 1 | 10 | 800 |
| HydroForce Recovery (5) | 2 | 20 | 800 |
| Untreated control (6) | - | - | 800 |
| Hydroforce Ultra (7) | 0.625 | 6.25 | 800 |
| H2O Maximizer (8) | 3 | 30 | 800 |
| Hydrolink Rapid (9) | 0.5 | 5 | 800 |

Assessments were as follows: 1. Turf Quality. Was this effected by the Treatment? 2. Surface Hardness 3. Soil Volumetric Moisture Capacity (VMC%).4 Dollar spot incidence.

Table 2: Table showing Treatments and Block layout for product applications vs Control -No Treatment

| Block 1 | Block 2 | Block 3 | Block 4 | Block 5 | Block 6 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hydrolink Rapid | Hydroforce Ultra full | Hydroforce Recovery | Hydrolink Rapid | Gilba SA | Control |
| Hydroforce Ultra half rate | H2O Maximizer | Hydroforce Ultra full | Hydroforce Ultra full | Hydroforce Ultra full | Gilba SA |
| Hydroforce Recovery | Tricure | Control | H2O Maximizer | H2O Maximizer | Propel |
| Hydroforce Ultra full | Hydroforce Recovery | Gilba SA | Hydroforce Recovery | Hydroforce Ultra half rate | H2O Maximizer |
| Control | Hydroforce Ultra full | Hydroforce Ultra half rate | Gilba SA | Control | Hydroforce Recovery |
| Gilba SA | Gilba SA | H2O Maximizer | Control | Hydrolink Rapid | Hydroforce Ultra Half rate |

| Block 1 | Block 2 | Block 3 | Block 4 | Block 5 | Block 6 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tricure | Control | Tricure | Hydroforce Ultra half rate | Propel | Tricure |
| Propel | Hydroforce Ultra half rate | Hydrolink Rapid | Gilba SA | Tricure | Hydrolink Rapid |
| H20 Maximizer | Hydrolink Rapid | Propel | Tricure | Hydroforce Recovery | Hydroforce Ultra full |

5.1 Turf Quality.

Turf Quality Analysis was carried out using a light box and then analyzed using Turf analyzer software. Images were taken with a Panasonic DMC-TZ80.



Figure 8: Light box on trial green

5.2 Surface Hardness

Surface hardness was measured with a Trufirm Turf Firmness Meter (Spectrum Technologies). This has an impact hammer that mimics the shape of a golf ball in order to simulate golf ball impacts. The mass is dropped from a consistent height and the maximum turf penetration value is recorded and correlated to the surface firmness. The lower the reading, the firmer the turf. It measures impact of falling mass in 1000th of an inch readings.

A reading of 500, means you create a depression of 1/2", if the reading is 250 the depth is 1/4".

A TruFirm reading of 0.4 is the target after rainfall or heavy leaching (40 - 60 minute irrigation cycle). Pat Gross of the USGA also feels that a TruFirm reading 0.4 is a good firmness reading for routine golf play – low for tournament conditions but after rainfall might be acceptable.

Research has demonstrated an inverse relationship between volumetric water content (VWC) and firmness (Moeller et al., 2007; Linde et al., 2011), and because of this, wetting agents have the potential to influence surface firmness by creating drier surfaces under moist soil conditions.



Figure 9: Trufirm end view showing impact hammer



Figure 10: Using the Trufirm with the bluetooth ap and an iPhone



Figure 11: Side view of LCD screen on Trufirm

5.3 Soil Volumetric Moisture Capacity (VMC%)

Soil volumetric moisture content (VMC %) was recorded using a TDR 350 (Spectrum Technologies) fitted with 75mm (3 inch) tines.

Time domain reflectometry (TDR) indirectly measures the soil water content based on the travel time of a high frequency electromagnetic pulse through the soil; this travel time is used to calculate the permittivity (dielectric constant) of the material.

The TDR probes are inserted directly into the soil at the desired soil depth.

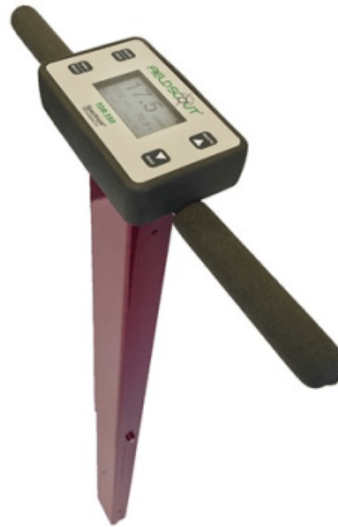


Figure 12: Spectrum TDR 350 with inbuilt GPS and bluetooth

5.4 Dollar Spot Infection Centres

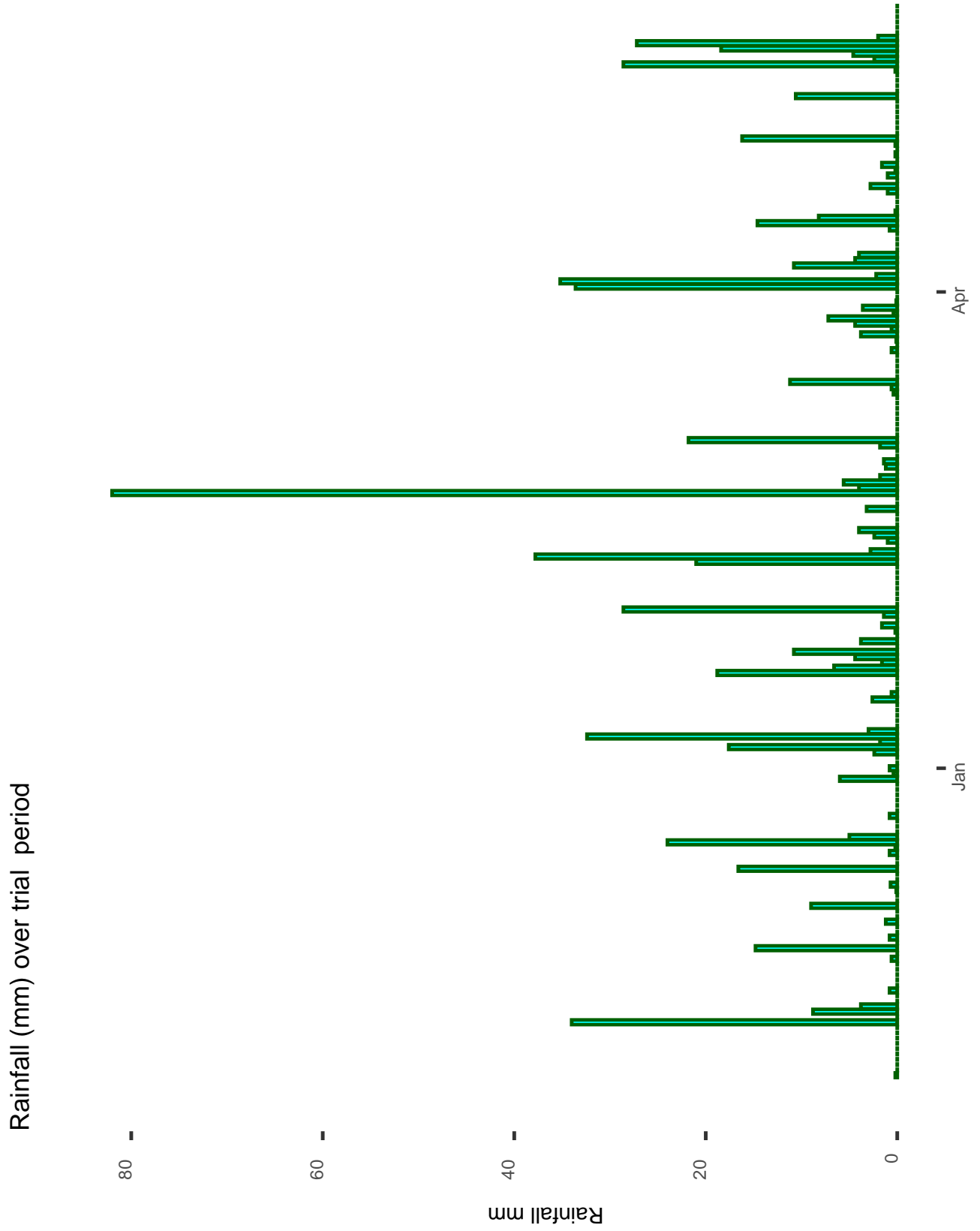
After 106 days dollar spot became apparent. Thanks to Craig Geeves Assistant Superintendent for carrying out a visual count of the infection centres on the plots.

6 Results

Plots were analyzed using digital image analysis in combination with Image J. Images were taken regularly with a Lumix . Image analysis was then carried out using Turf Analyzer software (<https://turfalyzer.com>).

Statistical analysis was carried out using RStudio. All data was subjected to a one-way ANOVA (analysis of variance) to determine the effects of the Treatment on Soil moisture content (VMC), Surface hardness (Trufirm), Turf Quality and number of dollar spot infection centres (DSIC). Data were subjected to an analysis of variance (ANOVA) using RStudio. Significant results were then subjected to post hoc testing with mean values being separated using Duncan's multiple range test (DMRT) at the 0.05 probability level.

7 Weather



8 Turf Quality on a Scale of 1-9

An overview of the data recorded is shown below

Table 3: Statistics by Treatment

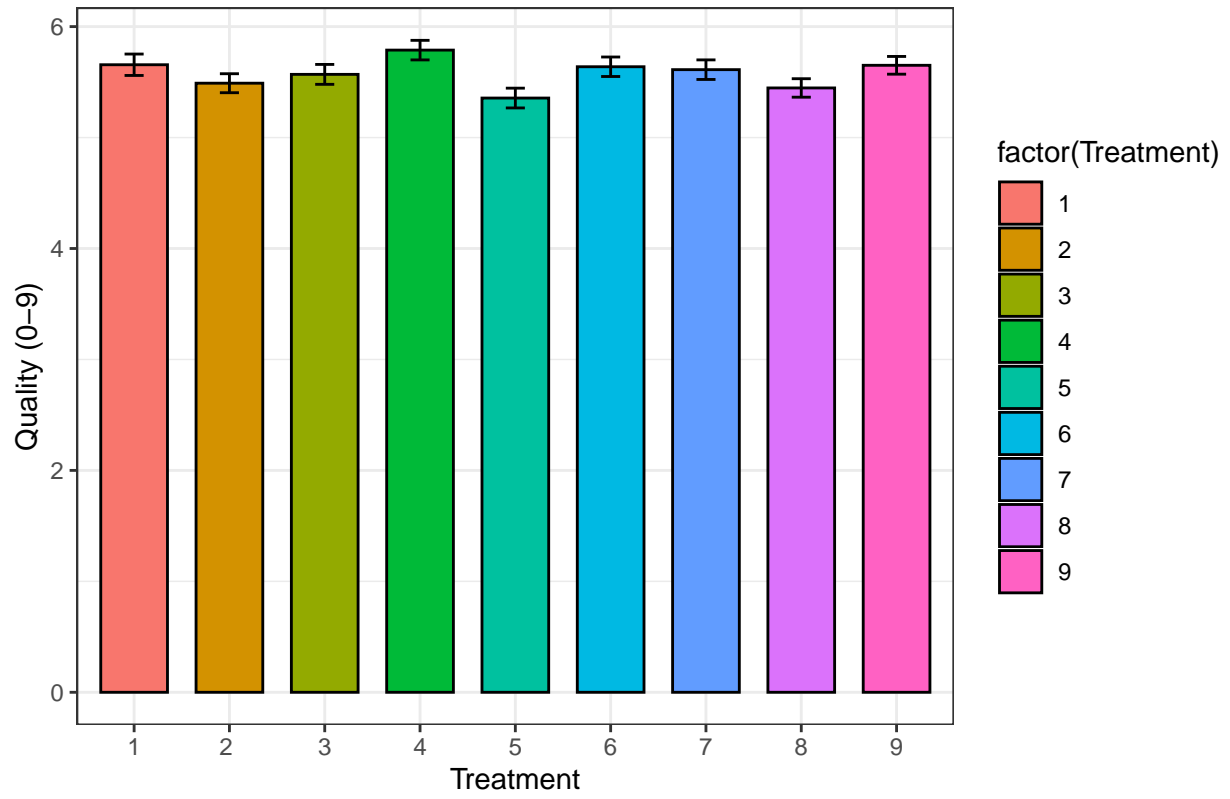
| Treatment | n | Quality | sd | se | ci |
|-----------|-----|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1 | 156 | 5.656 | 1.204 | 0.09643 | 0.1905 |
| 2 | 156 | 5.49 | 1.07 | 0.08564 | 0.1692 |
| 3 | 156 | 5.569 | 1.121 | 0.08978 | 0.1773 |
| 4 | 156 | 5.788 | 1.102 | 0.08825 | 0.1743 |
| 5 | 156 | 5.356 | 1.114 | 0.08917 | 0.1761 |
| 6 | 156 | 5.638 | 1.099 | 0.08795 | 0.1737 |
| 7 | 156 | 5.612 | 1.101 | 0.08817 | 0.1742 |
| 8 | 156 | 5.447 | 1.04 | 0.08326 | 0.1645 |
| 9 | 156 | 5.651 | 0.9985 | 0.07995 | 0.1579 |

The following table summarises this

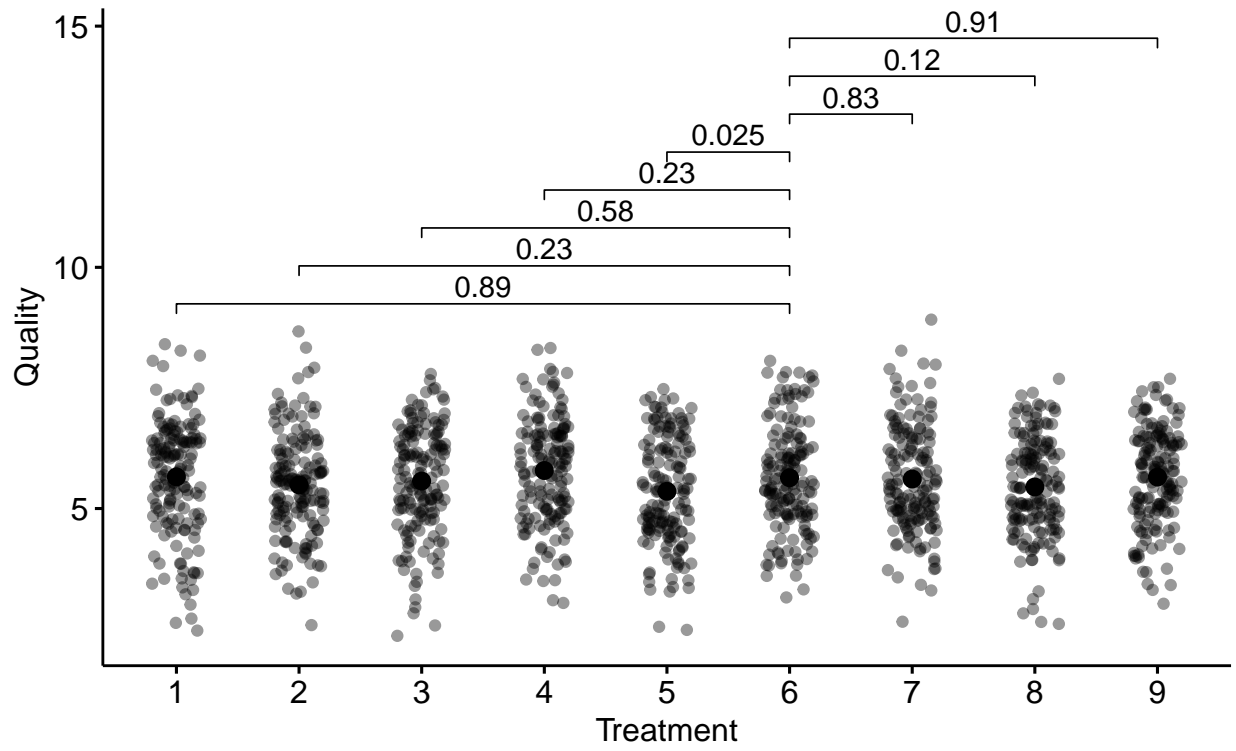
| Treatment | Quality |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 5.656 |
| 2 | 5.49 |
| 3 | 5.569 |
| 4 | 5.788 |
| 5 | 5.356 |
| 6 | 5.638 |
| 7 | 5.612 |
| 8 | 5.447 |
| 9 | 5.651 |

This shows that the Treatment 4 gave the highest quality reading and Treatment 5 the lowest. However the only significant differences compared to the untreated control was Treatment 5 which exhibited significantly lower turf quality. There was no significant differences between any of the other Treatments.

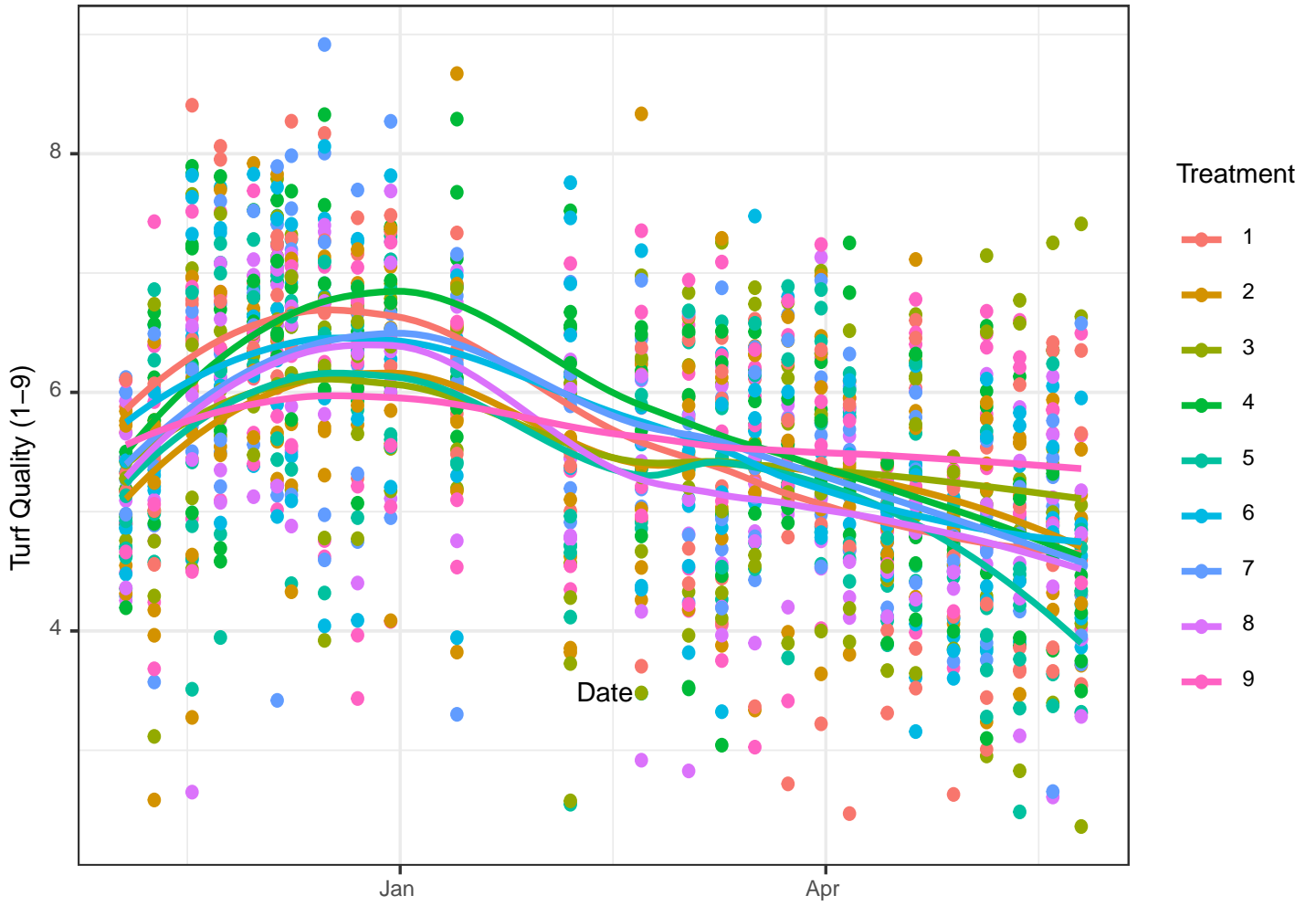
Graph of Treatment Effect on Turf Quality



Significance between Treatments vs Control by Quality Response

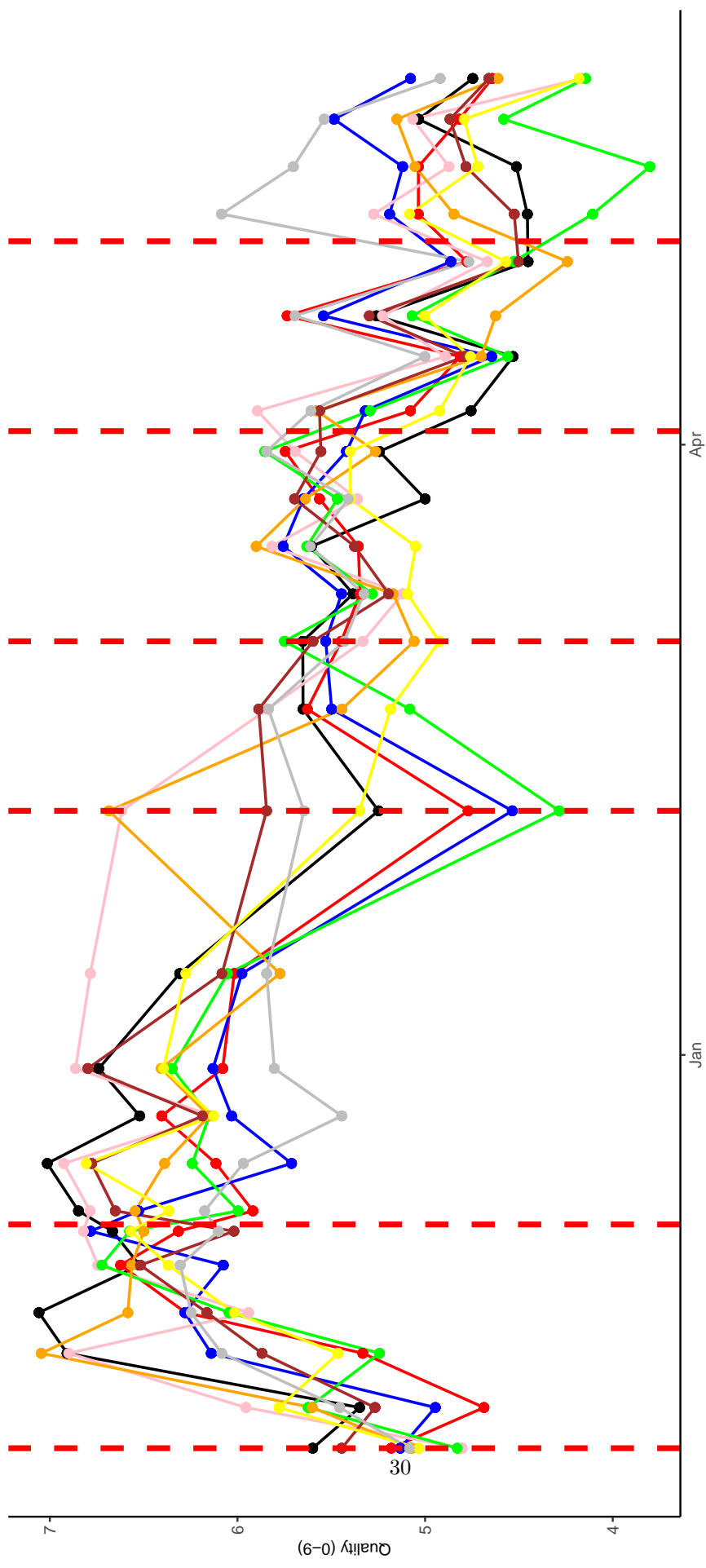


Comparative variations in Quality over Time



Over time there was a decline in turf quality from long term usage of Treatment 5. This decline was mirrored by the other Treatments but was noticeably less over the same time period.

Quality Variations over Time



Days After Initial Treatment

Treatment

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

Jan

Apr

Quality (0-9)

30

Analysis showed that the Treatment has a significant effect in relation to turf quality.

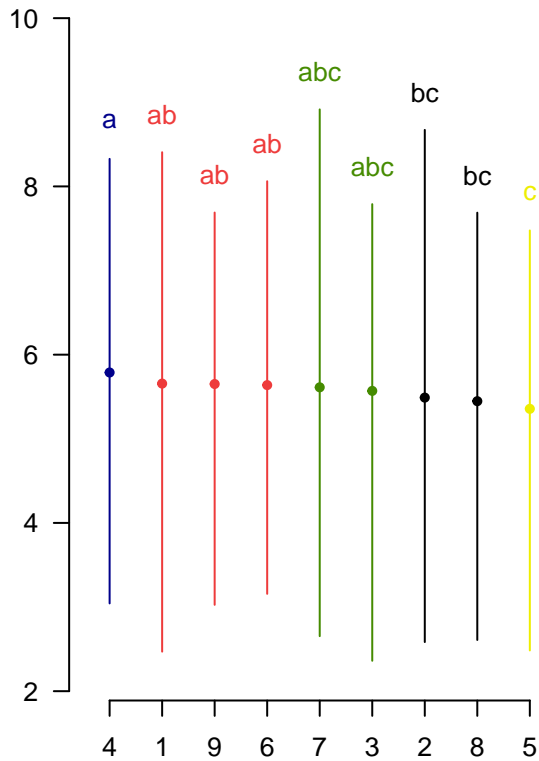
Table 5: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|--------------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| factor(Treatment) | 8 | 21 | 2.625 | 2.186 | 0.02606 |
| Residuals | 1395 | 1675 | 1.201 | NA | NA |

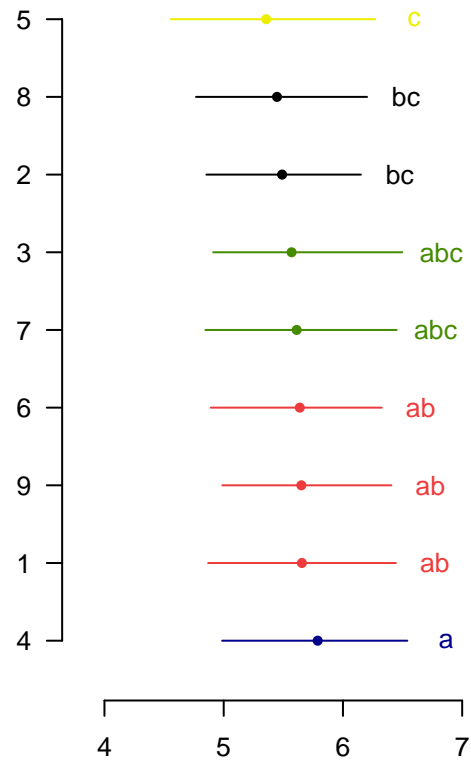
Table 6: Analysis of Variance Table

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|-----------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 5 | 173.2 | 34.64 | 41.29 | 1.076e-39 |
| Treatment | 8 | 21 | 2.625 | 3.128 | 0.001644 |
| Date | 1 | 307.9 | 307.9 | 367 | 9.932e-73 |
| Treatment:Date | 8 | 35.22 | 4.402 | 5.247 | 1.722e-06 |
| Residuals | 1381 | 1159 | 0.839 | NA | NA |

Groups and Range



Groups and Interquartile range



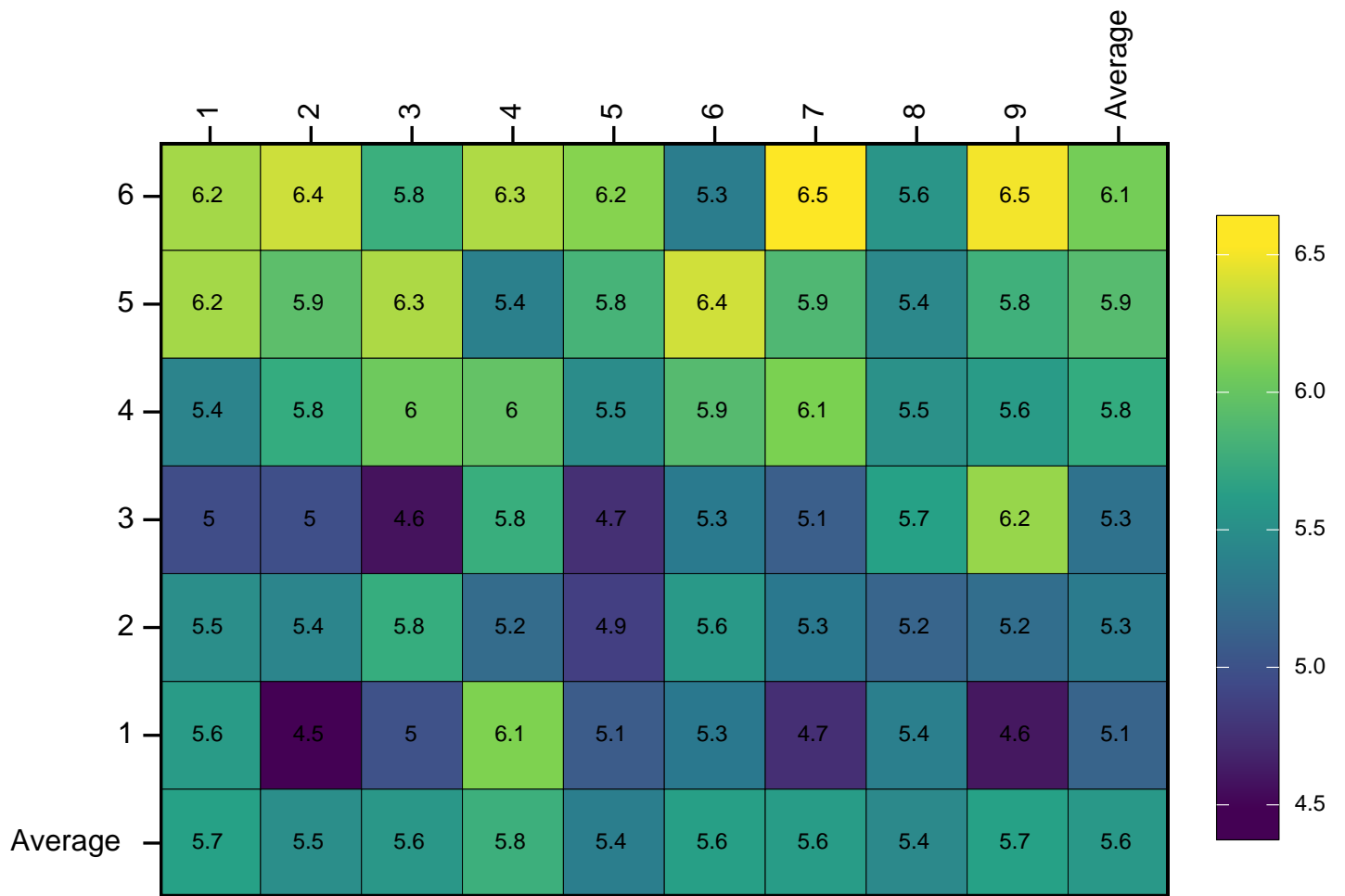
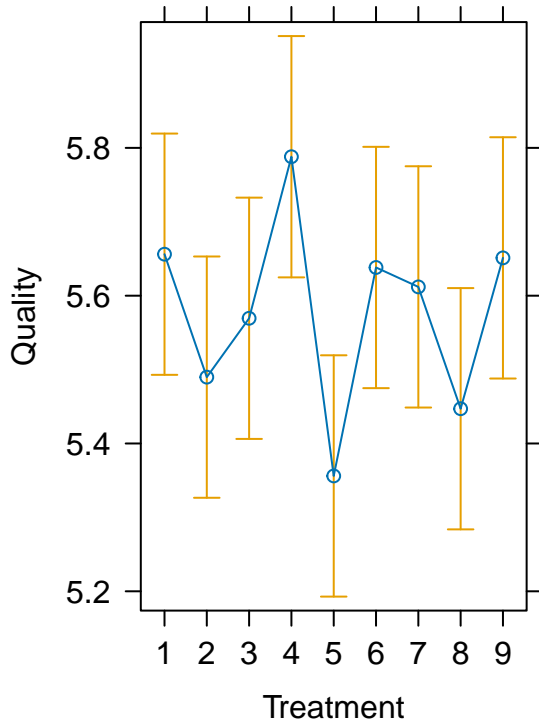


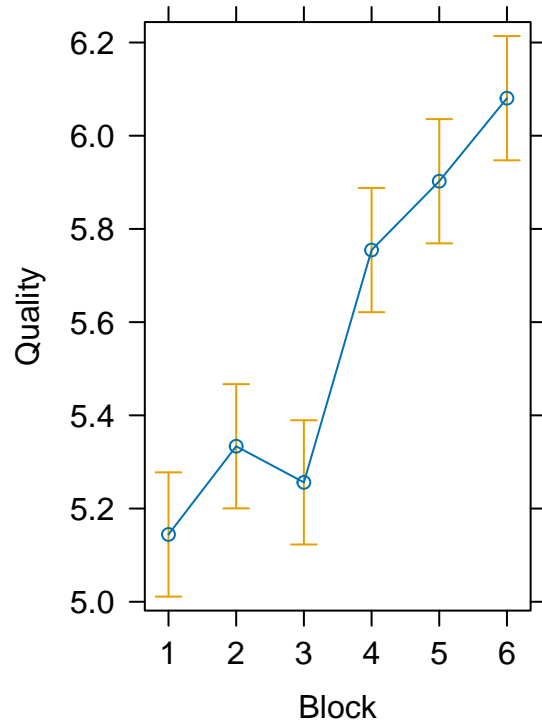
Figure 13: Plot means for Turf Quality for Treatment and Block

9 Block Effect with Treatment on Turf Quality

Treatment predictor effect plot



Block predictor effect plot



There was a significant Block effect across the trial site with Blocks with this being most evident in Blocks 4, 5 and 6. There was no Treatment:Block interaction.

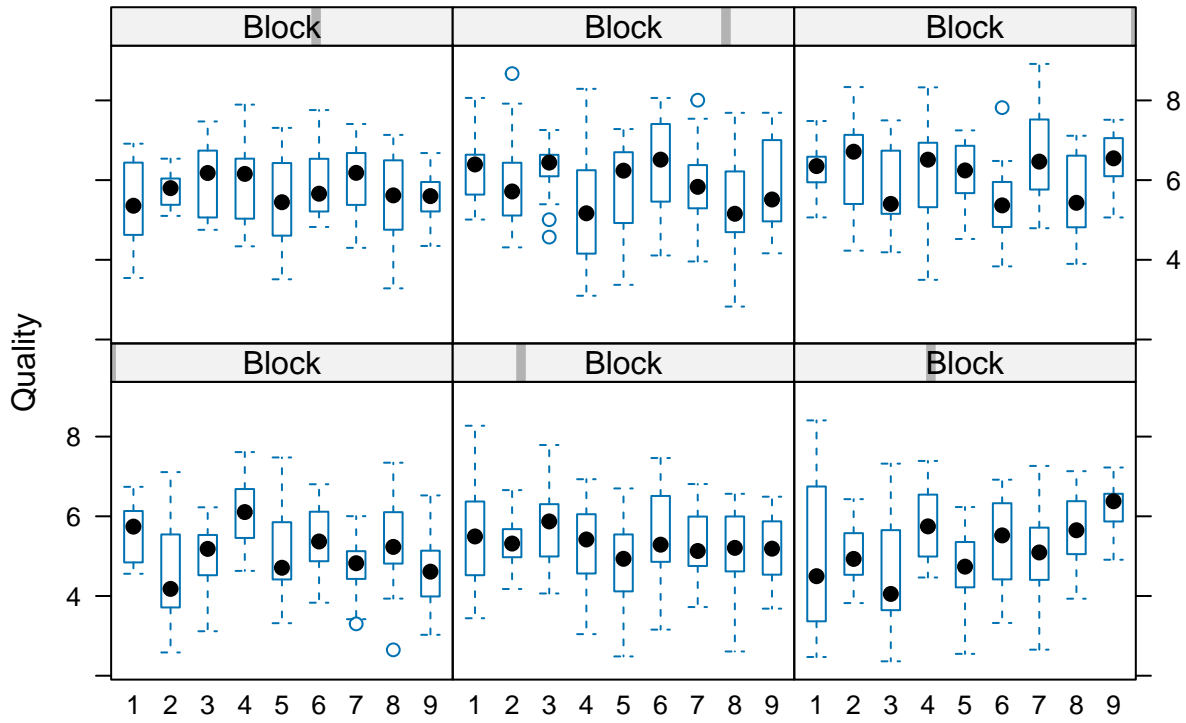
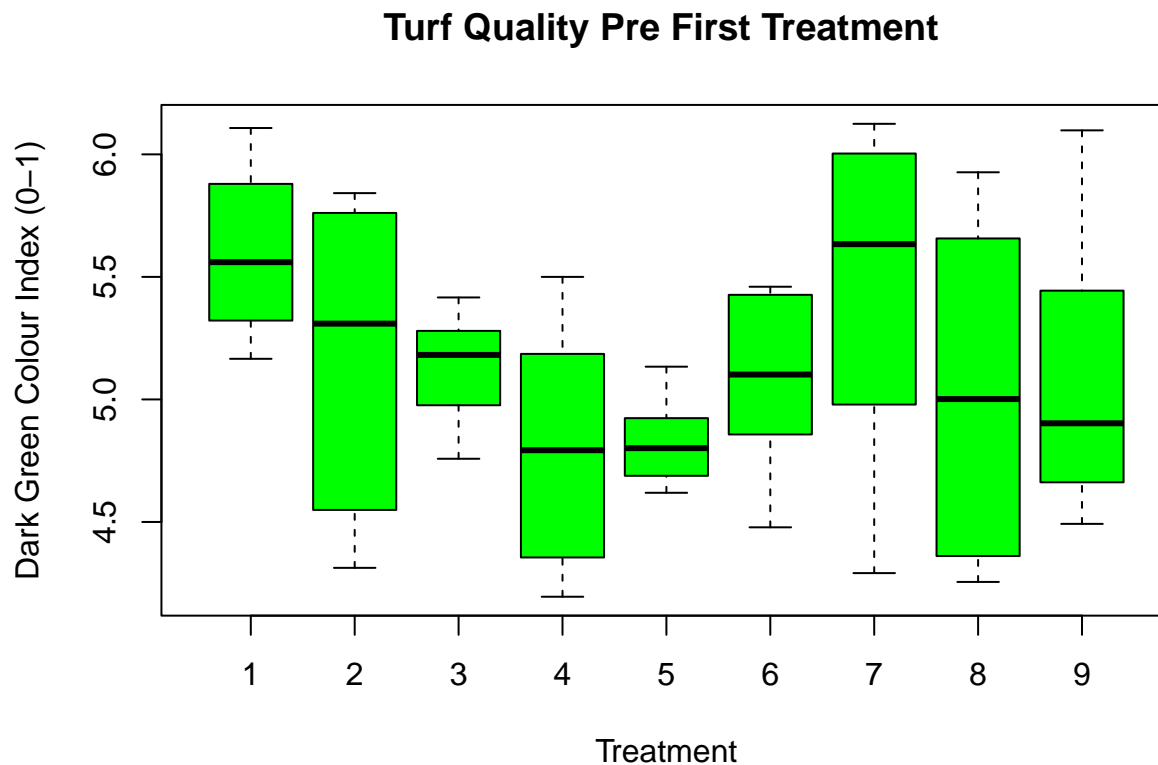


Table 7: Significance of Results by Treatment, Block and Days after Initial Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|----------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| Block | 1 | 158.5 | 158.5 | 221.4 | 5.414e-46 |
| Treatment | 8 | 21 | 2.625 | 3.667 | 0.0003108 |
| DAT | 25 | 518.6 | 20.74 | 28.98 | 3.304e-104 |
| Treatment:DAT | 200 | 161.3 | 0.8063 | 1.127 | 0.1268 |
| Residuals | 1169 | 836.6 | 0.7157 | NA | NA |

9.1 Turf Quality at Trial start and 3 days following the First Treatment (2022-11-07)

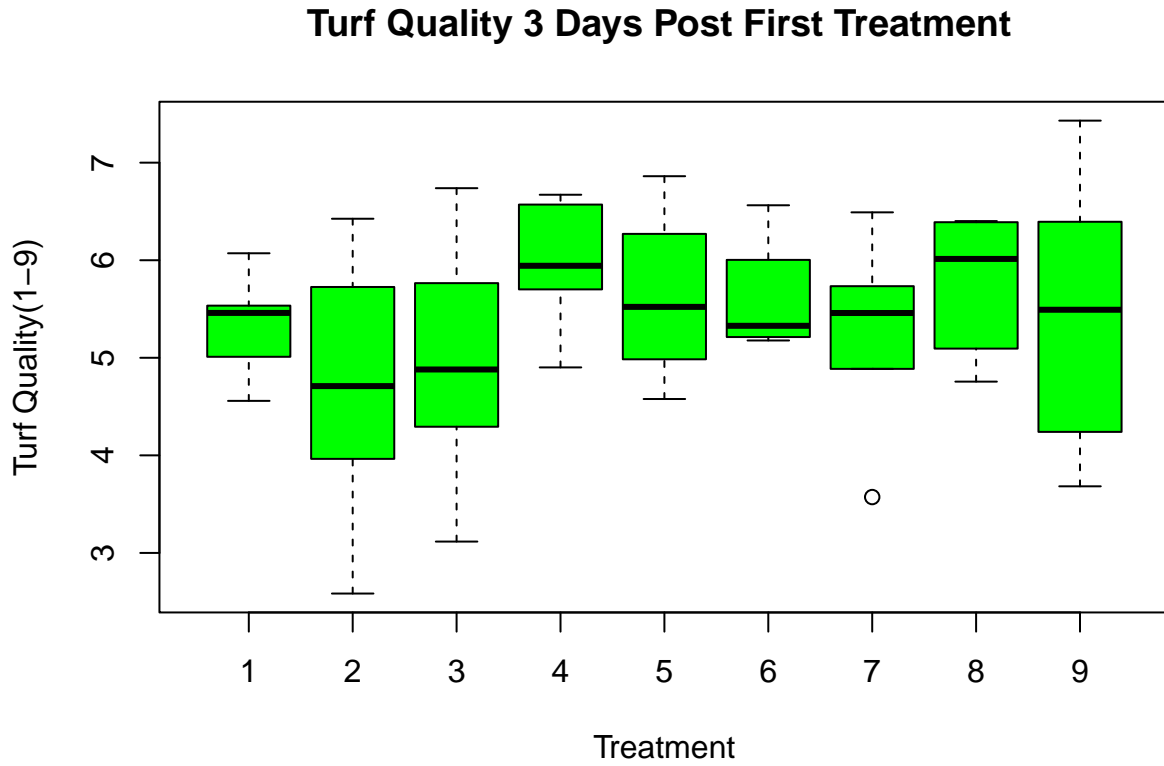


In the resulting ANOVA table, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Table 8: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3.205 | 0.4006 | 1.489 | 0.188 |
| Residuals | 45 | 12.11 | 0.269 | NA | NA |

9.2 Quality 3 Days post First Treatment (2022-11-10)



In the resulting ANOVA table, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Table 9: Analysis of Variance Model Day 3

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7.681 | 0.9602 | 1.009 | 0.4426 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.81 | 0.9512 | NA | NA |

9.3 Quality 11 Days post First Treatment (2022-11-18)

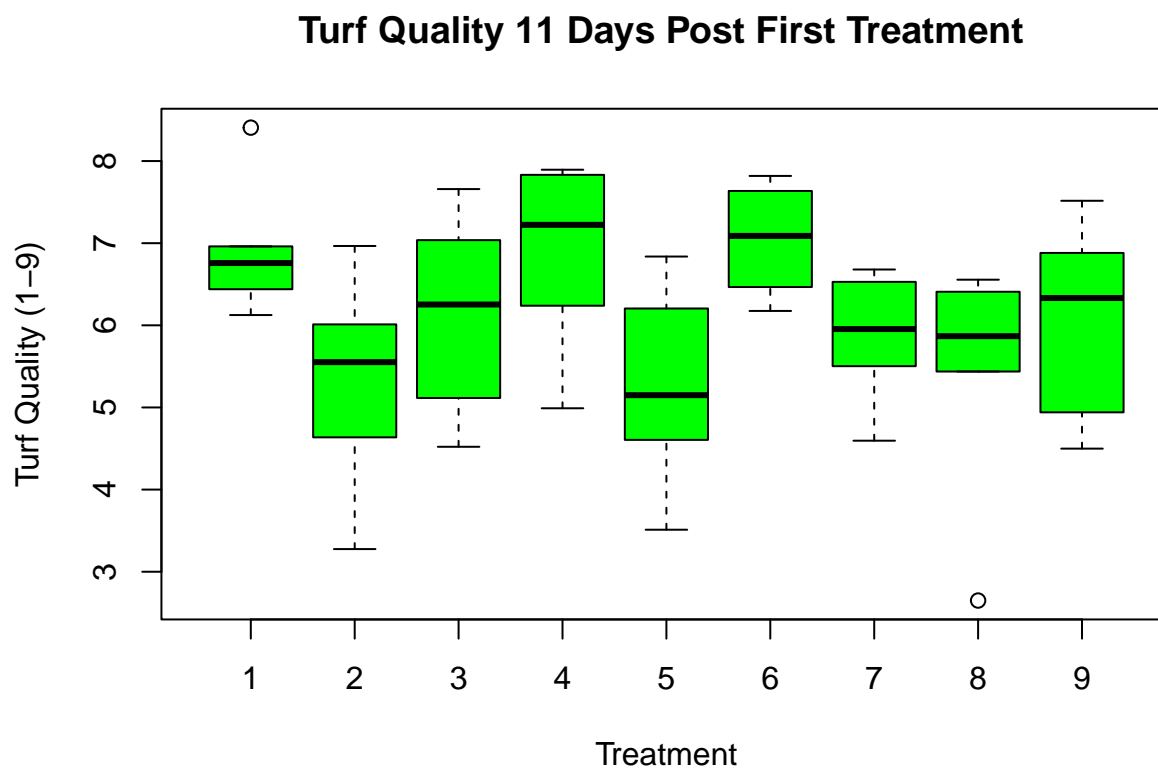
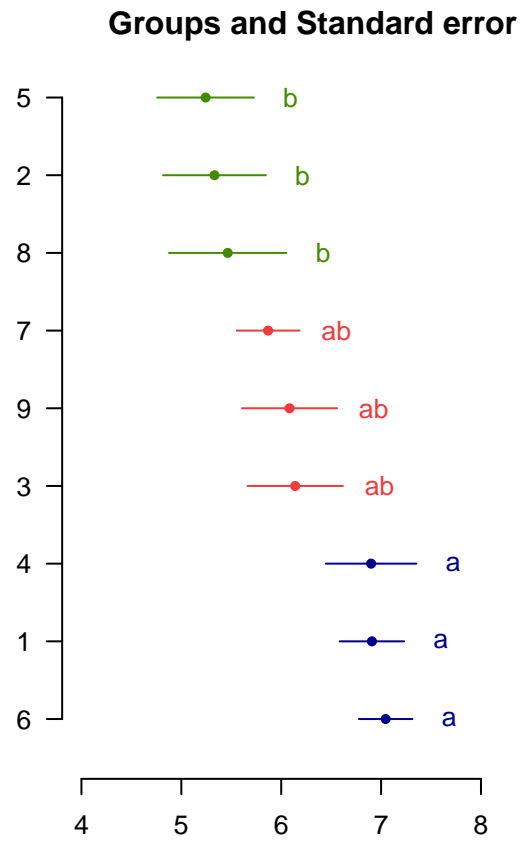
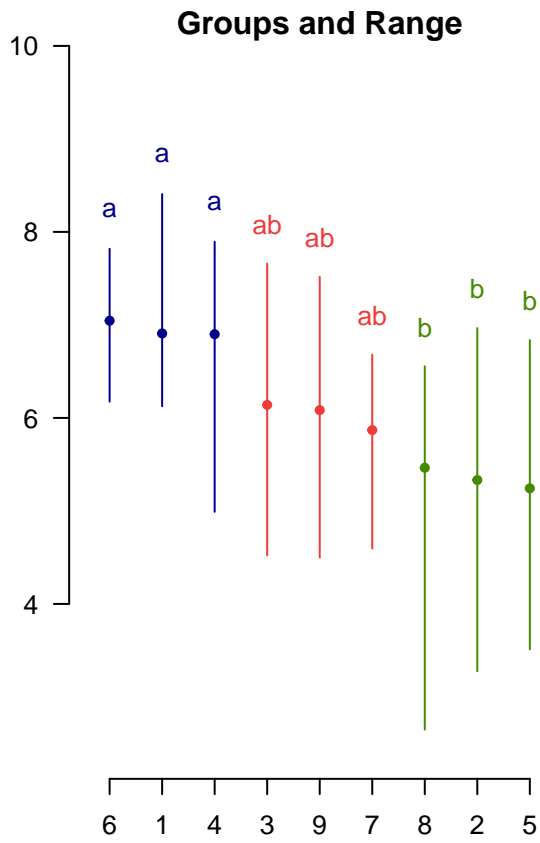


Table 10: Analysis of Variance Model Day 11

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 23.82 | 2.977 | 2.509 | 0.02401 |
| Residuals | 45 | 53.4 | 1.187 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.



9.4 Quality 17 Days post First Treatment (2022-11-24)

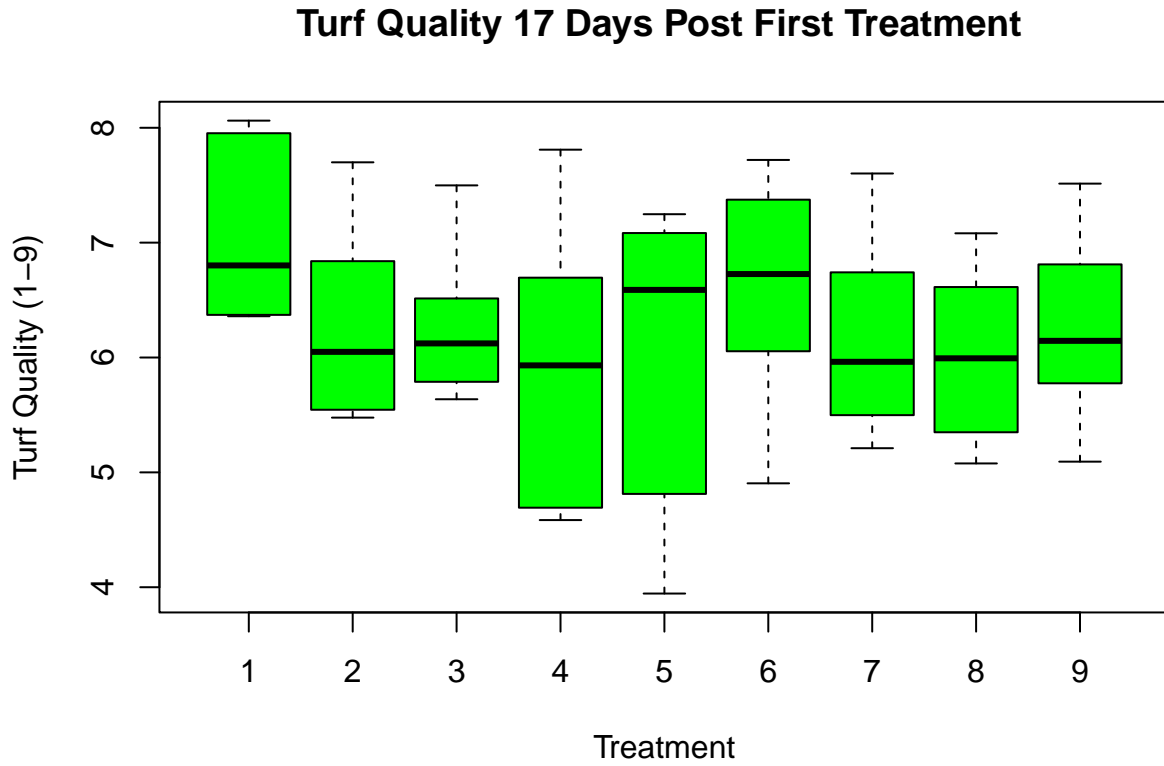


Table 11: Analysis of Variance Model Day 17

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5.707 | 0.7134 | 0.7615 | 0.6378 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.16 | 0.9368 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.5 Quality 24 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-01)

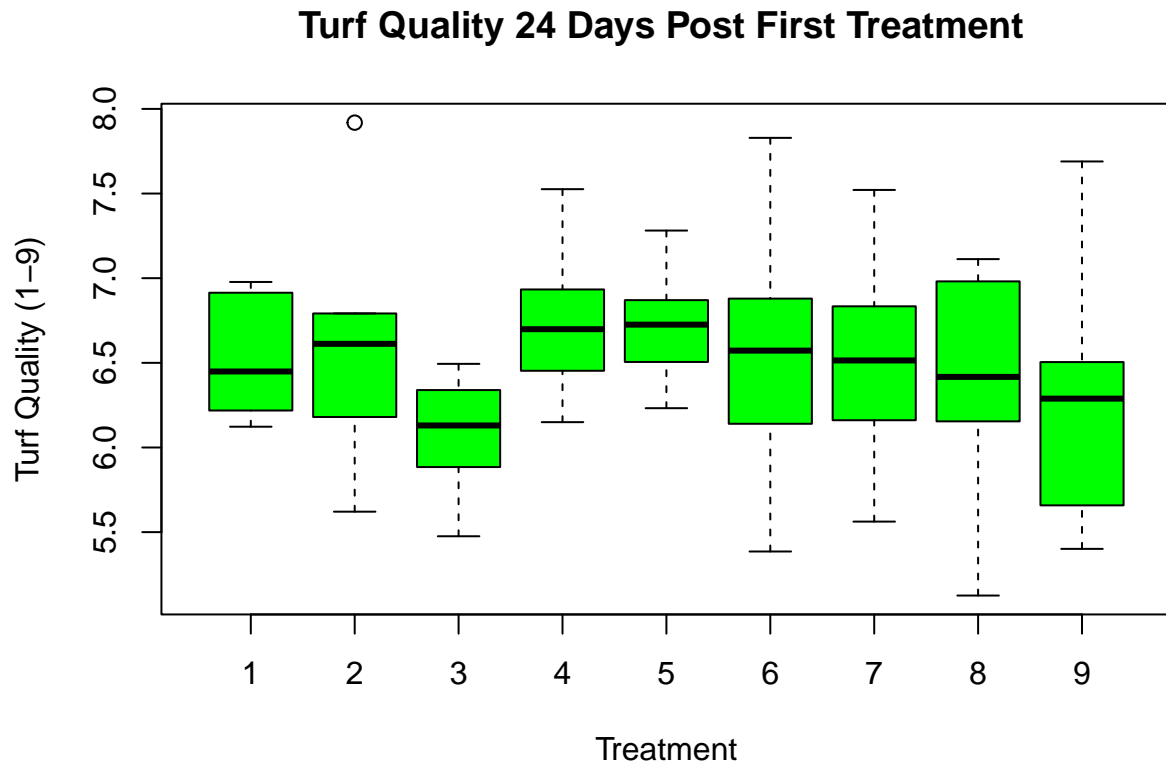


Table 12: Analysis of Variance Model Day 24

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 2.185 | 0.2731 | 0.7133 | 0.6785 |
| Residuals | 45 | 17.23 | 0.3829 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.6 Quality 29 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-06)

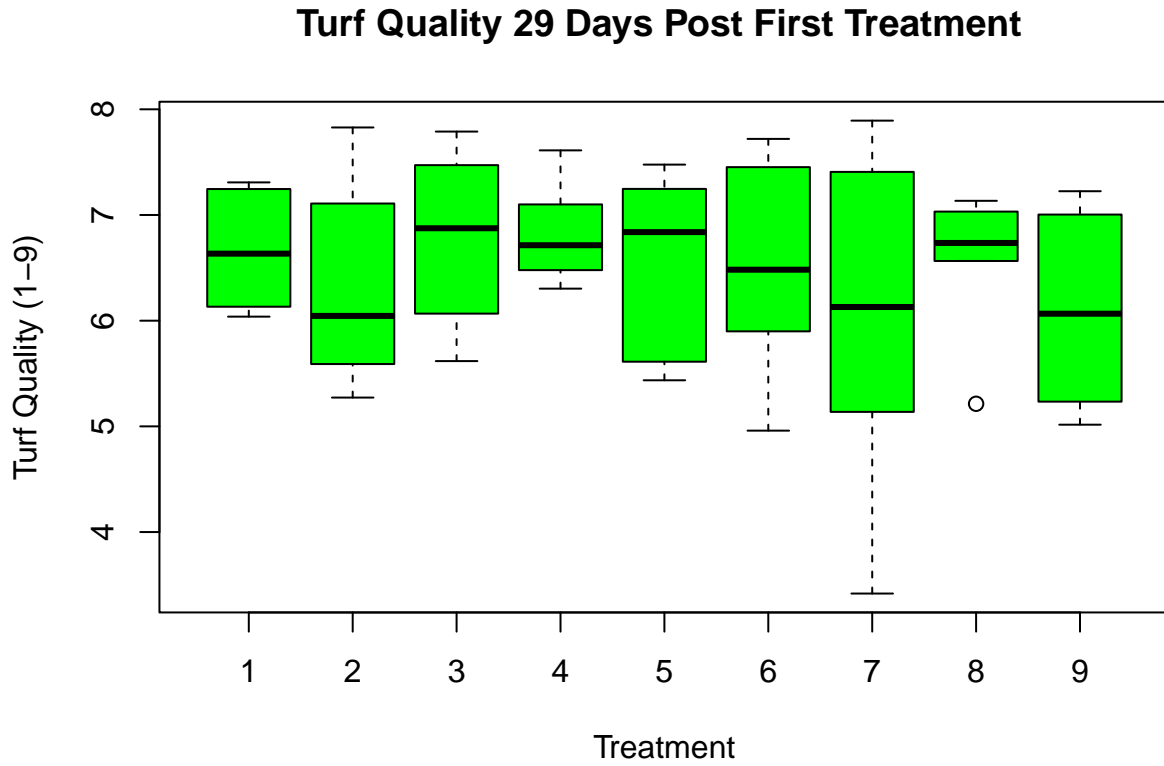


Table 13: Analysis of Variance Model Day 29

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3.849 | 0.4811 | 0.5229 | 0.8329 |
| Residuals | 45 | 41.4 | 0.9201 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.7 Quality 32 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-09)

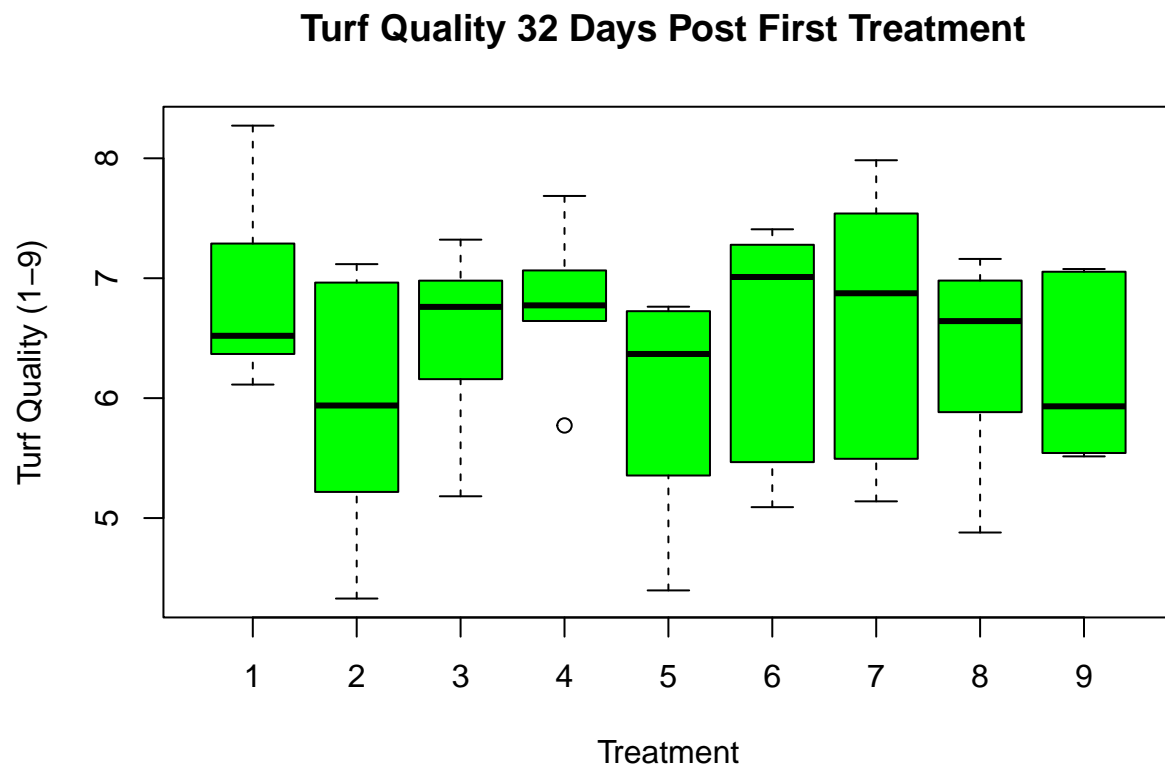


Table 14: Analysis of Variance Model Day 32

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5.35 | 0.6687 | 0.8295 | 0.5814 |
| Residuals | 45 | 36.28 | 0.8062 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.8 Quality 39 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-16)

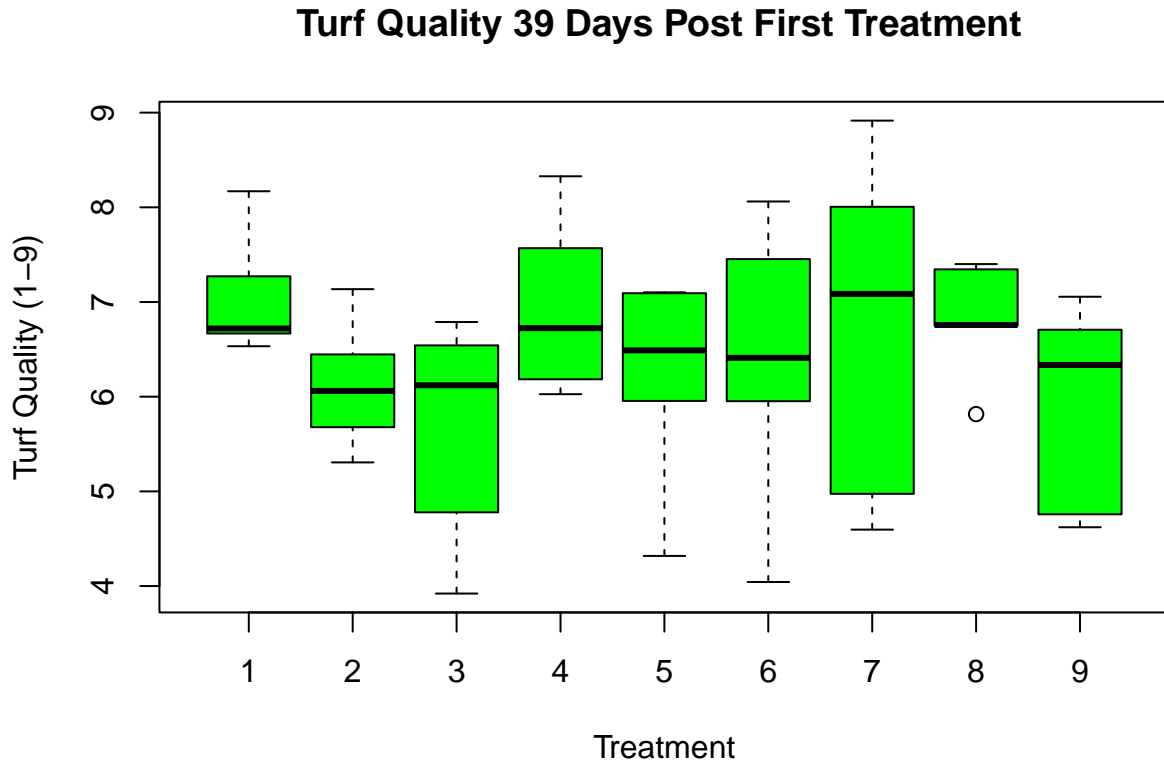


Table 15: Analysis of Variance Model Day 39

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 10.27 | 1.284 | 1.135 | 0.3591 |
| Residuals | 45 | 50.91 | 1.131 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.9 Quality 46 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-23)

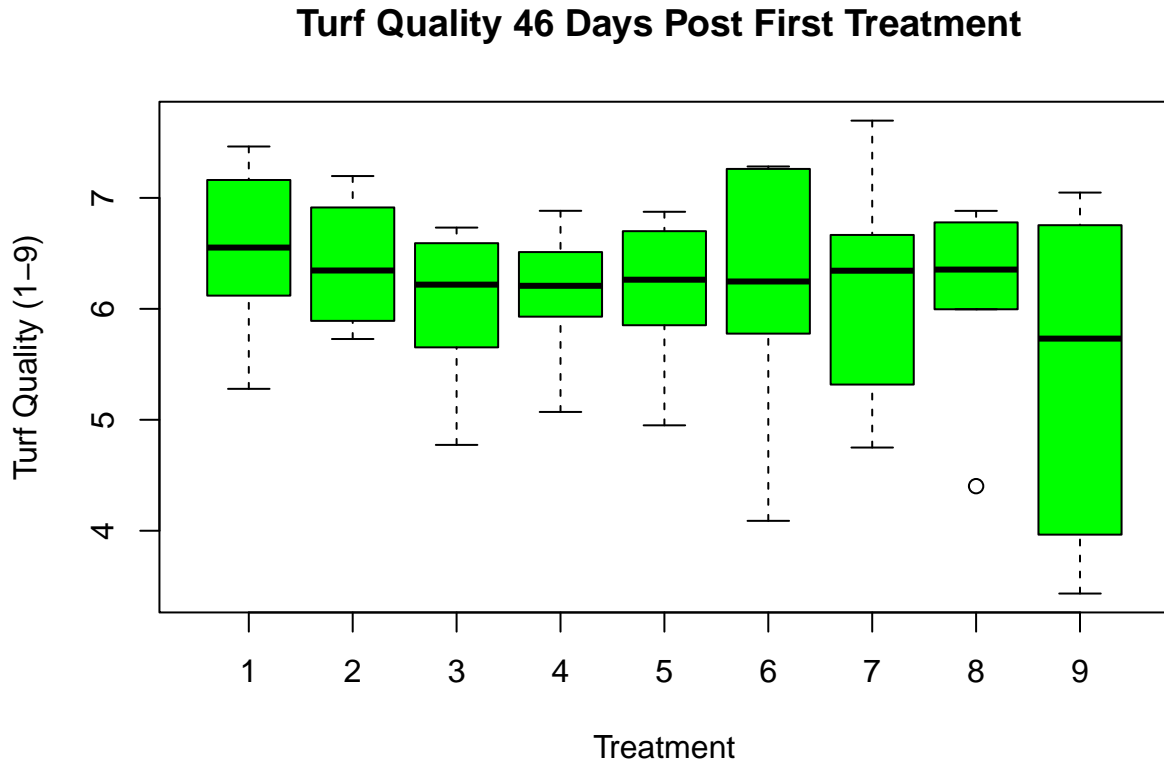


Table 16: Analysis of Variance Model Day 46

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 4.273 | 0.5341 | 0.6063 | 0.7676 |
| Residuals | 45 | 39.64 | 0.8809 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.10 Quality 53 Days post First Treatment (2022-12-23)

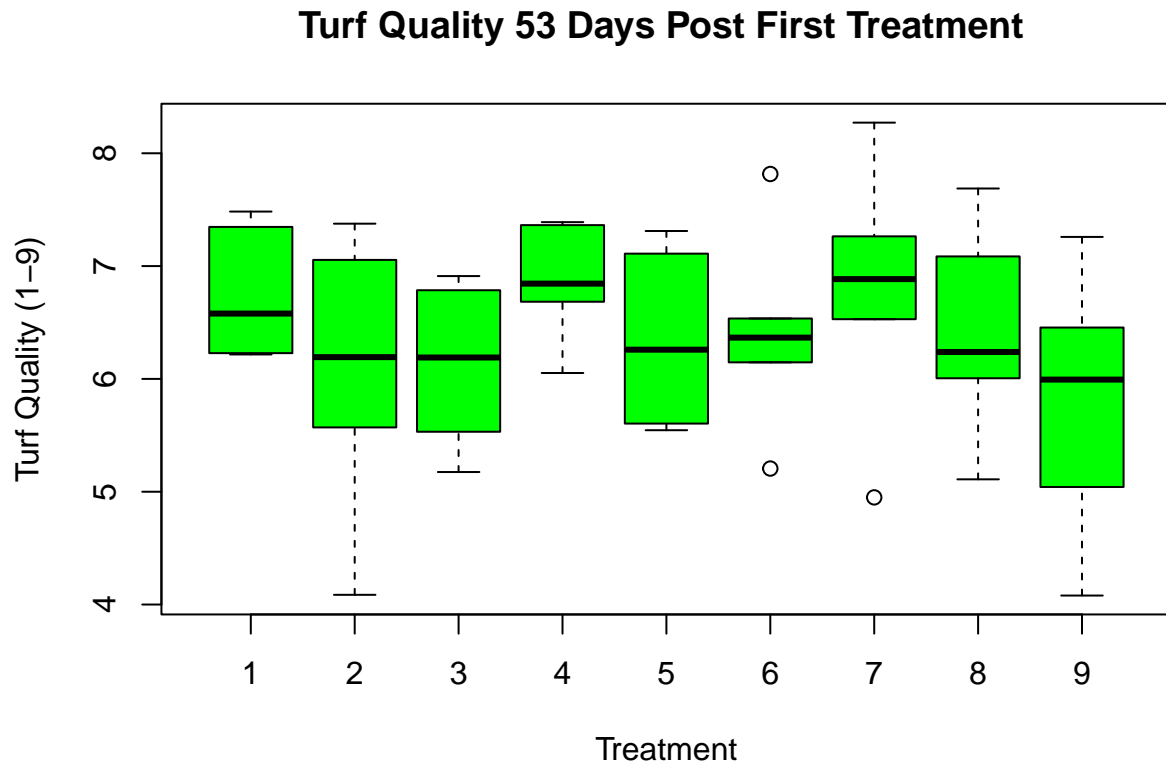


Table 17: Analysis of Variance Model Day 53

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6.125 | 0.7657 | 0.9598 | 0.4789 |
| Residuals | 45 | 35.9 | 0.7978 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.11 Quality 67 Days post First Treatment (2023-01-13)

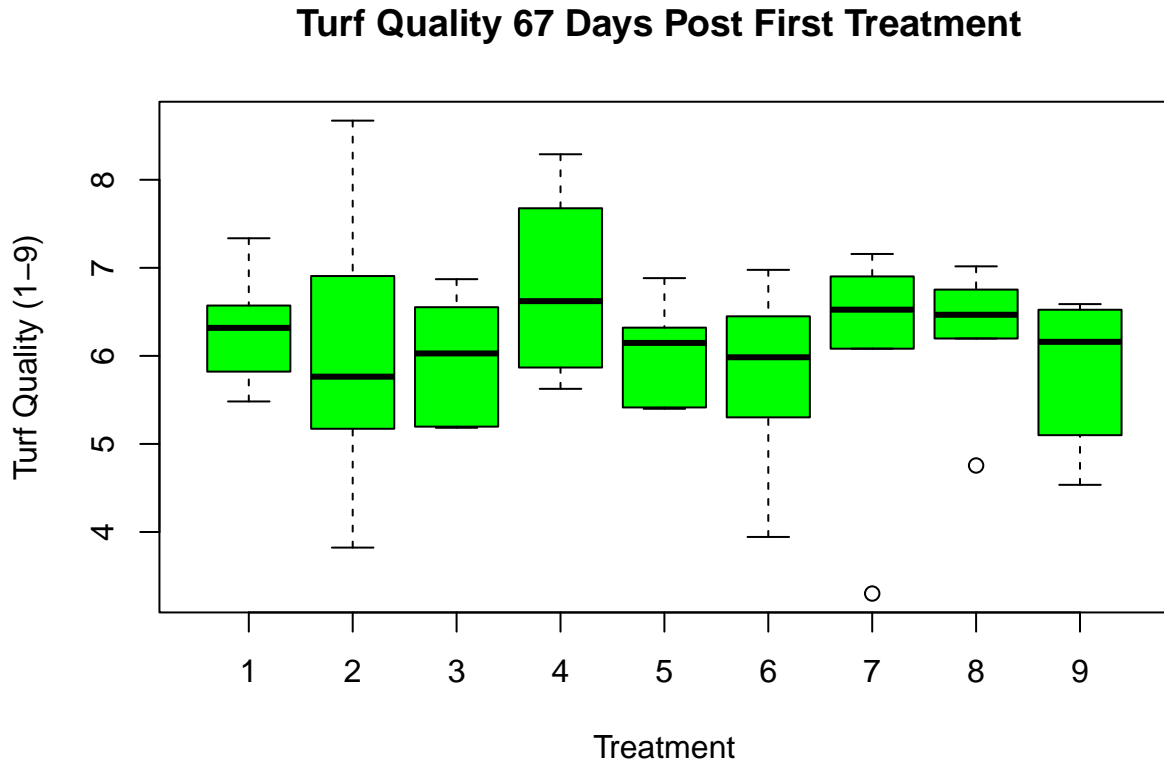


Table 18: Analysis of Variance Model Day 67

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 4.403 | 0.5503 | 0.512 | 0.841 |
| Residuals | 45 | 48.36 | 1.075 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.12 Quality 91 Days post First Treatment (2023-02-06)

This data was recorded after a two month gap in applications and prior to reapplication on the same day.

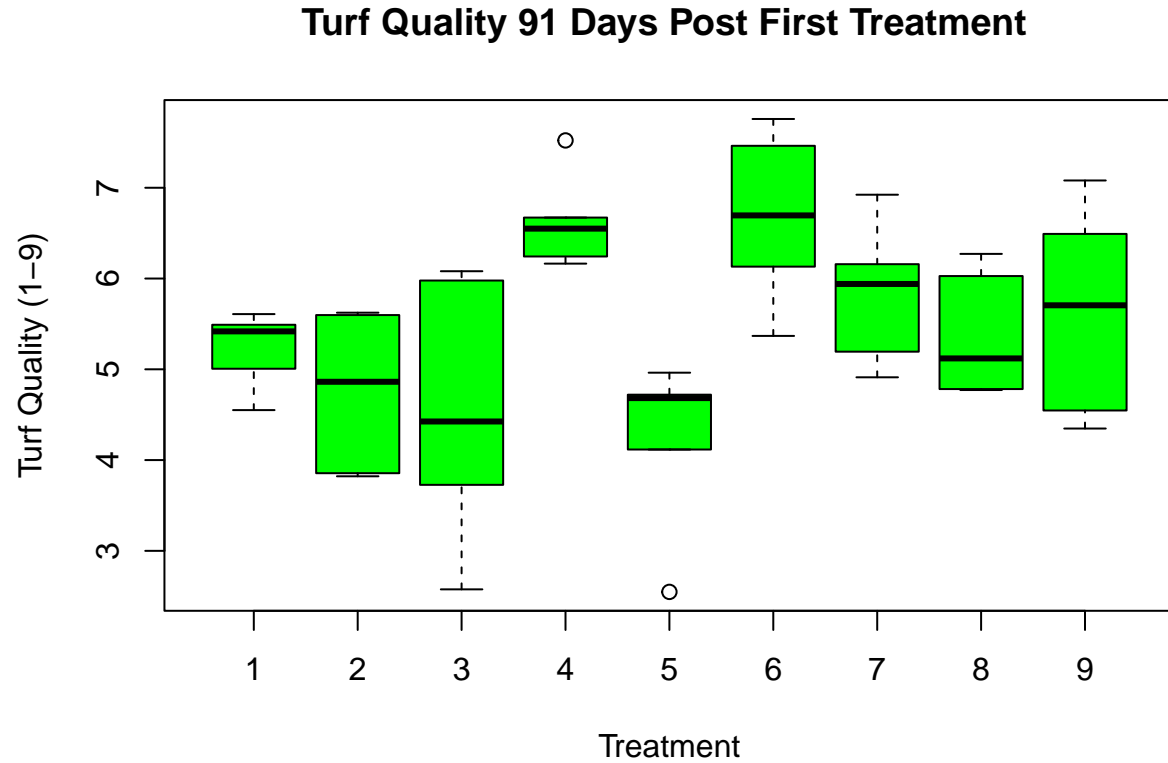
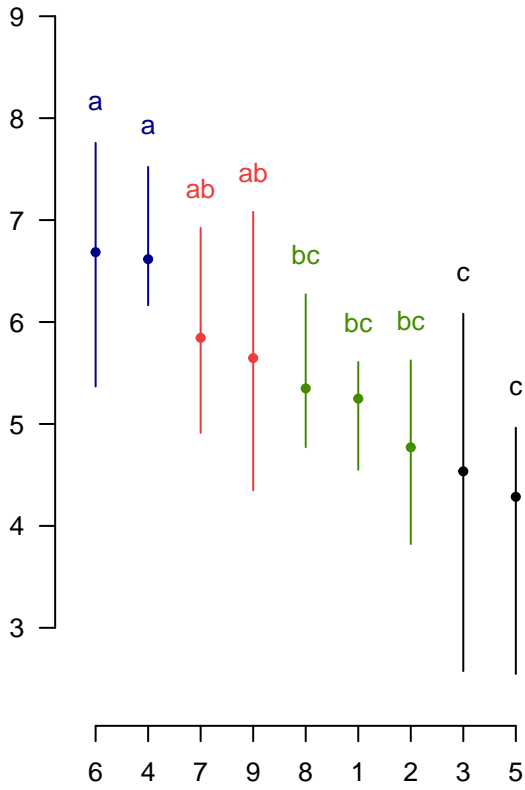


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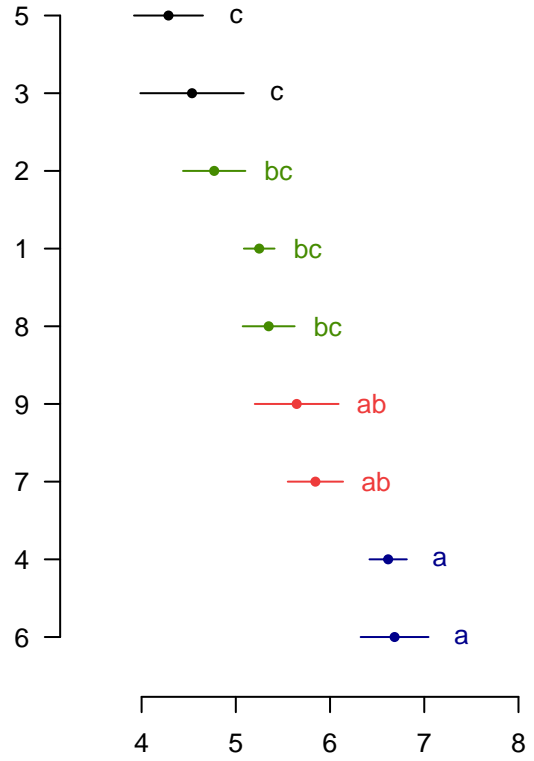
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 34.71 | 4.339 | 5.922 | 3.5e-05 |
| Residuals | 45 | 32.97 | 0.7327 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a highly significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



9.13 Quality 106 Days post First Treatment (2023-02-21)

Turf Quality 106 Days Post First Treatment

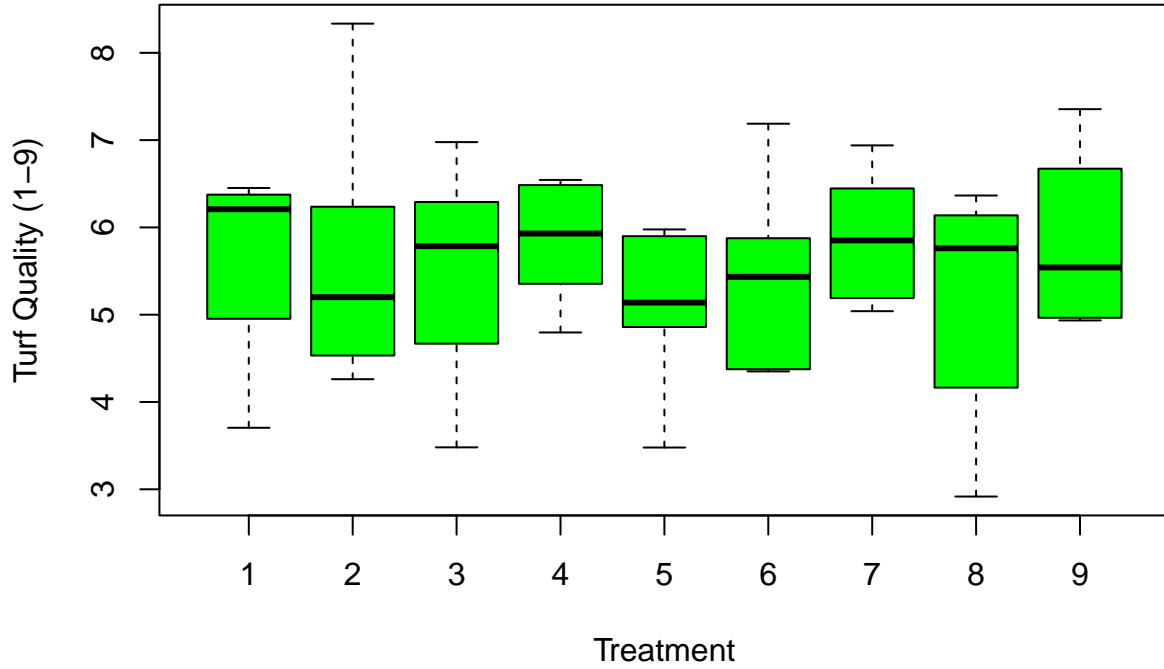


Table 20: Analysis of Variance Model Day 106

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3.961 | 0.4951 | 0.4065 | 0.9109 |
| Residuals | 45 | 54.8 | 1.218 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.14 Quality 116 Days post First Treatment (2023-03-03)

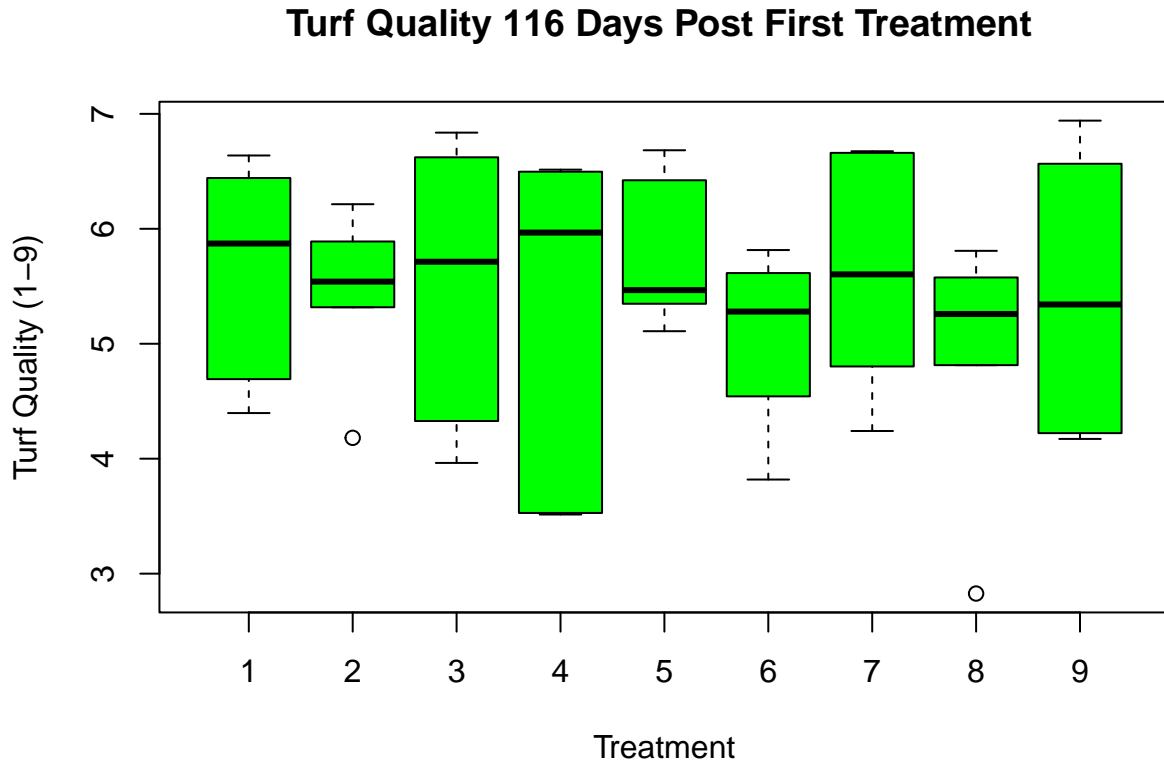


Table 21: Analysis of Variance Model Day 116

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3.547 | 0.4433 | 0.4177 | 0.9043 |
| Residuals | 45 | 47.76 | 1.061 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.15 Quality 123 Days post First Treatment (2023-03-10)

Turf Quality 123 Days Post First Treatment

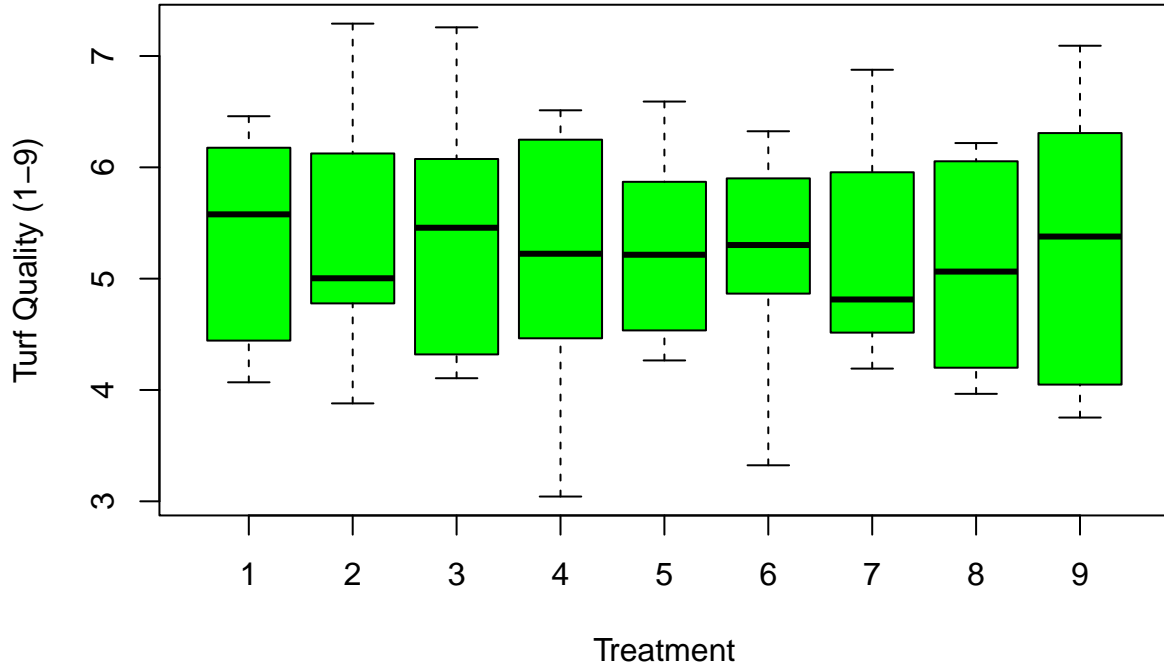


Table 22: Analysis of Variance Model Day 123

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 0.7308 | 0.09135 | 0.07527 | 0.9997 |
| Residuals | 45 | 54.62 | 1.214 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.16 Turf Quality Reading 130 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-17)

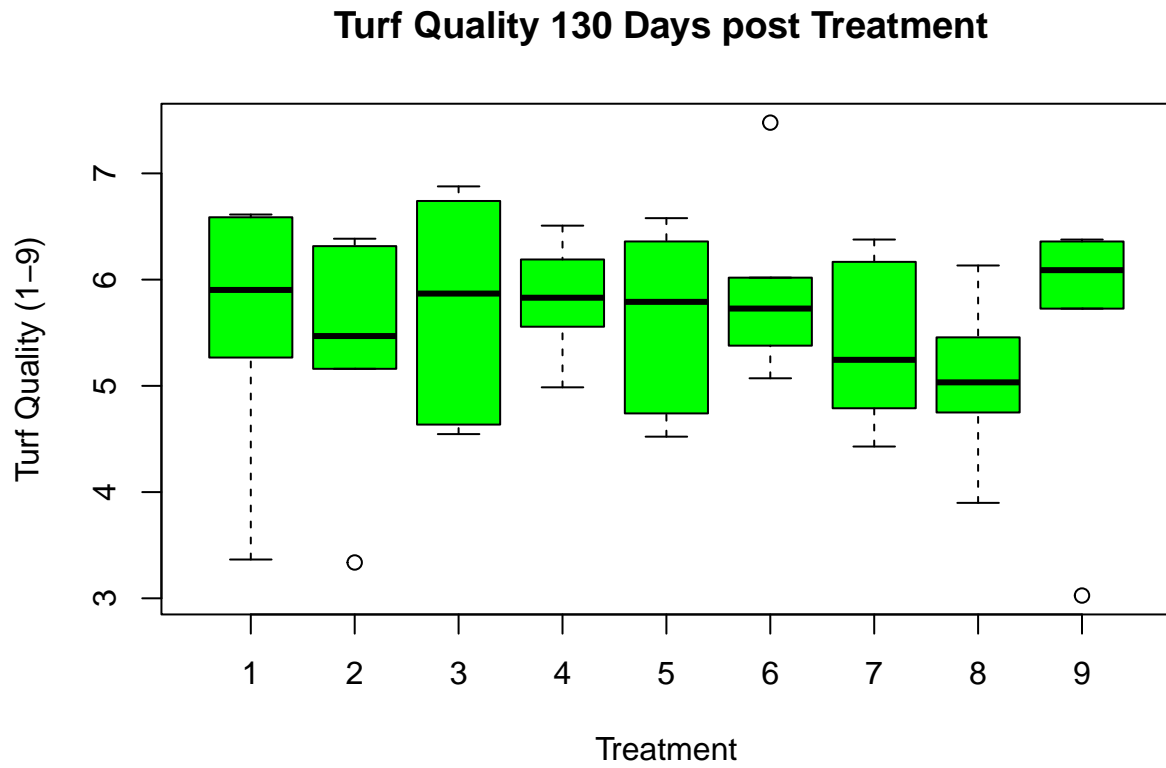


Table 23: Analysis of Variance Model 130 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3.388 | 0.4234 | 0.4574 | 0.8792 |
| Residuals | 45 | 41.66 | 0.9258 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.17 Turf Quality Reading 137 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-24)

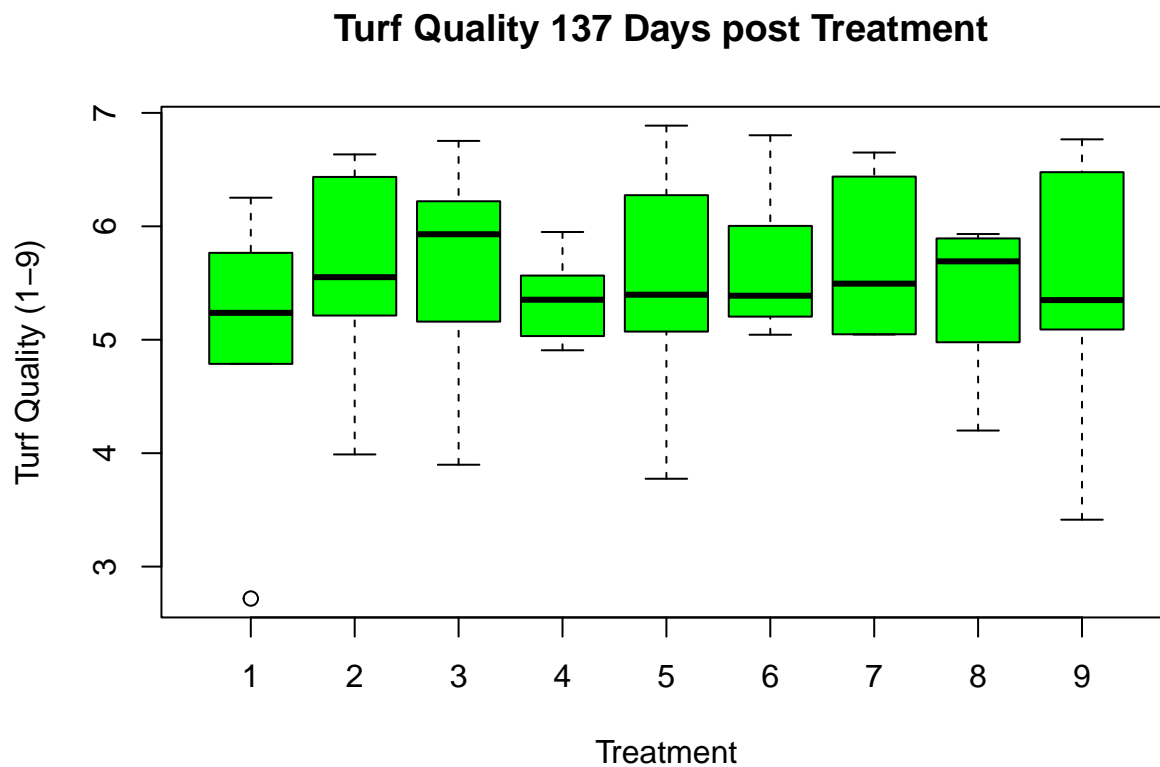


Table 24: Analysis of Variance Model 137 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 2.171 | 0.2713 | 0.3231 | 0.953 |
| Residuals | 45 | 37.79 | 0.8397 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.18 Turf Quality Reading 144 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-31)

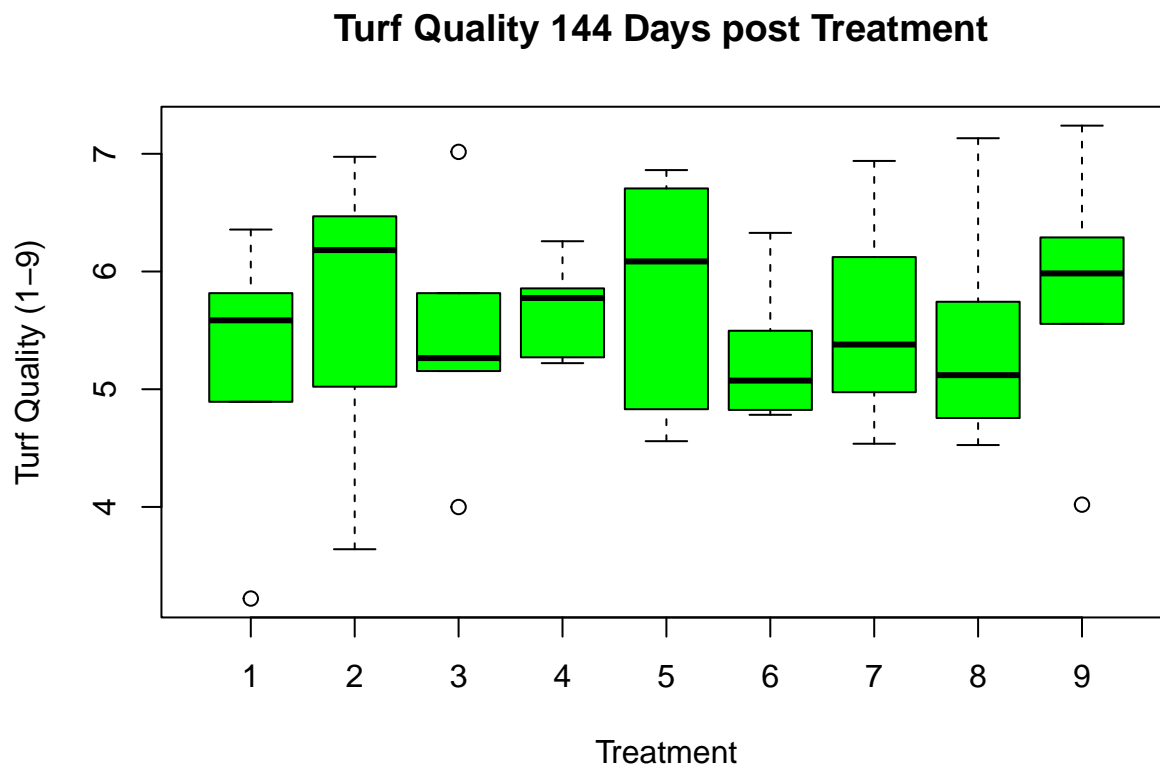


Table 25: Analysis of Variance Model 144 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 2.725 | 0.3406 | 0.3877 | 0.9215 |
| Residuals | 45 | 39.53 | 0.8785 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.19 Turf Quality Reading 151 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-06)

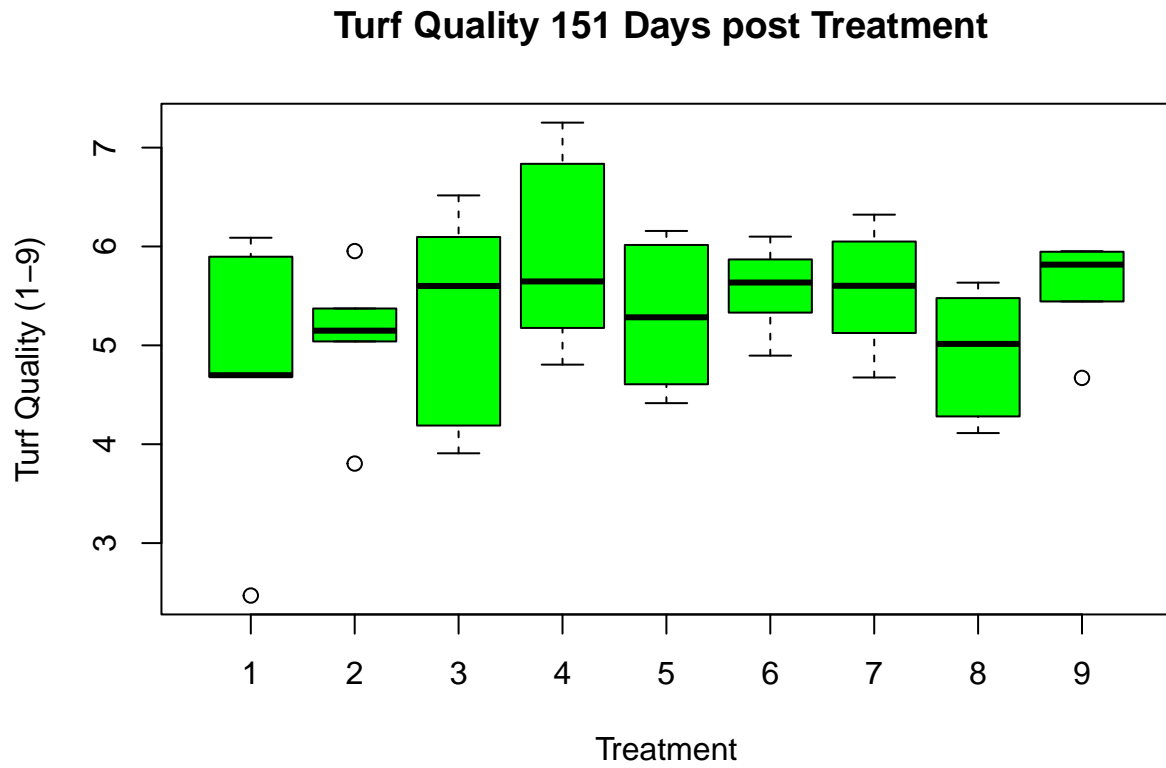


Table 26: Analysis of Variance Model 151 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6.43 | 0.8038 | 1.183 | 0.3302 |
| Residuals | 45 | 30.56 | 0.6792 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.20 Turf Quality Reading 159 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-14)

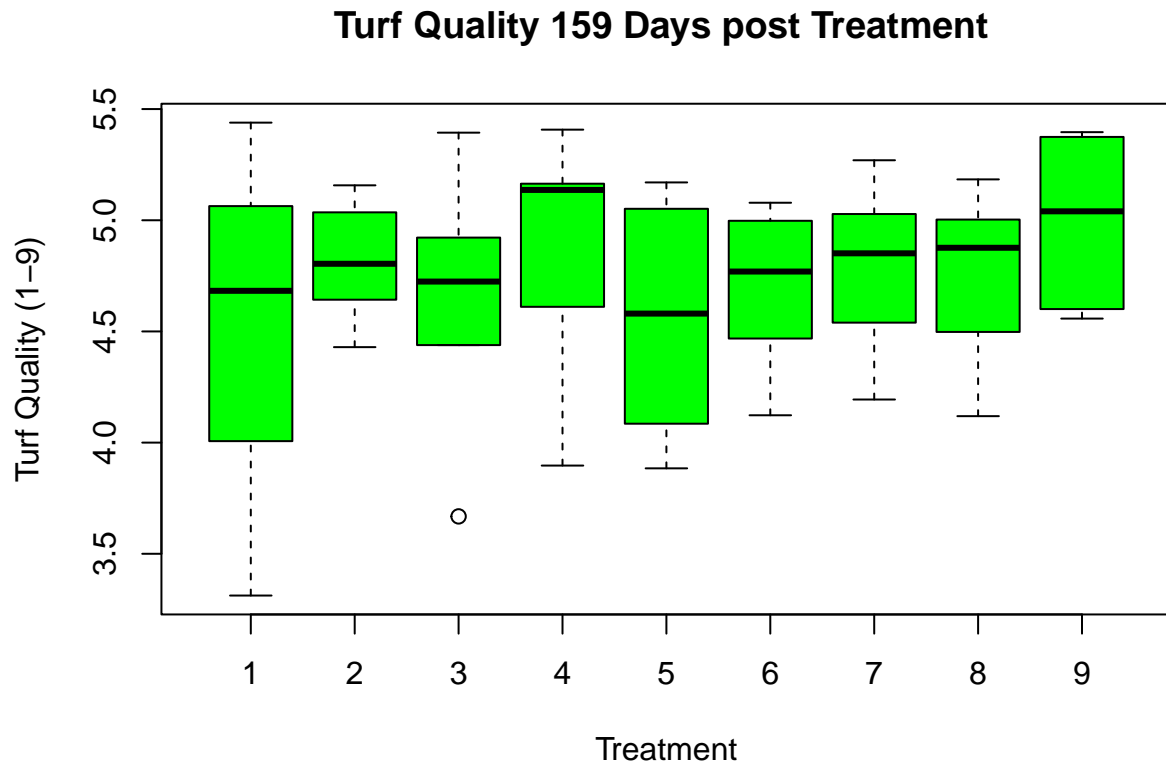


Table 27: Analysis of Variance Model 159 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 1.119 | 0.1398 | 0.5811 | 0.7879 |
| Residuals | 45 | 10.83 | 0.2407 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.21 Turf Quality Reading 165 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-20)

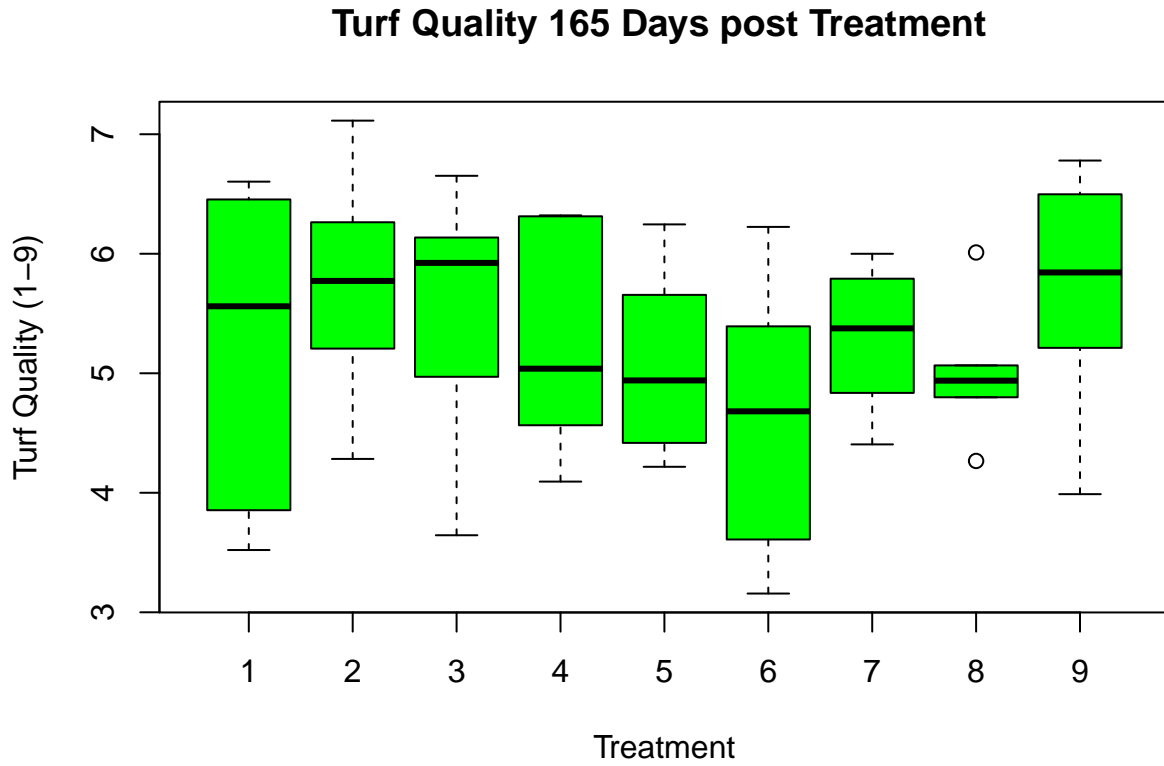


Table 28: Analysis of Variance Model 165 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6.008 | 0.751 | 0.7862 | 0.6172 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.98 | 0.9552 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.22 Turf Quality Reading 173 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-28)

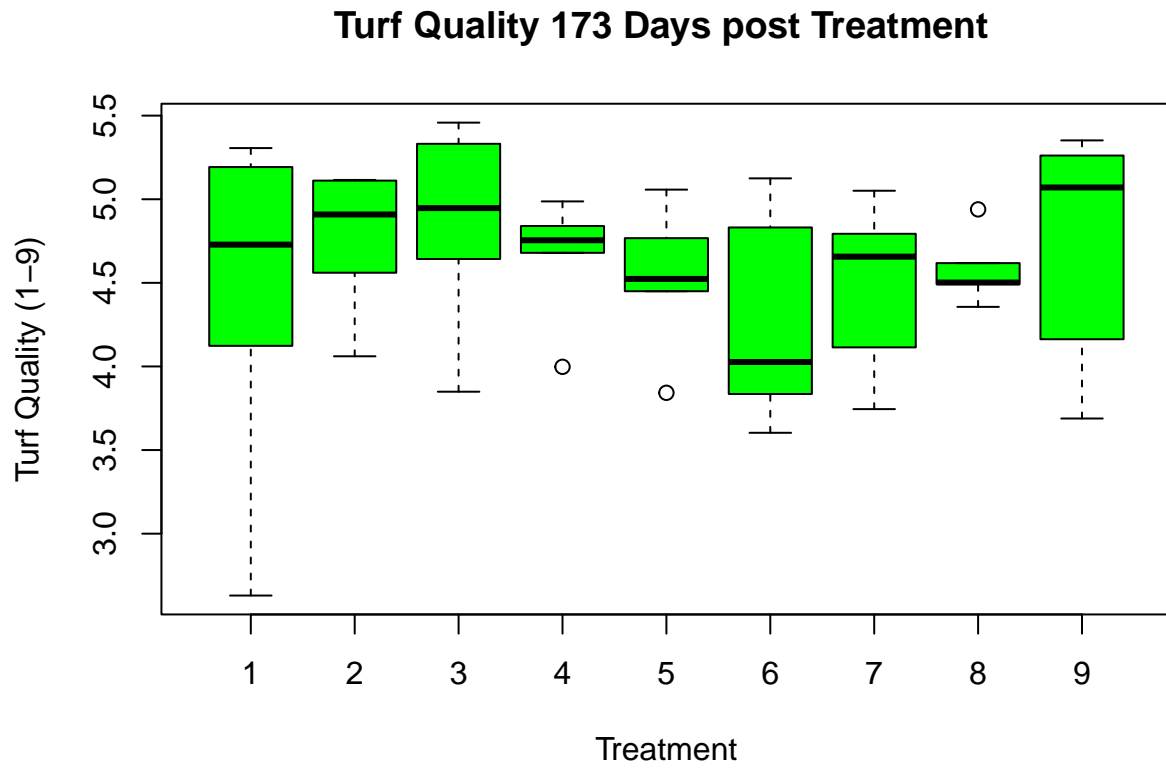


Table 29: Analysis of Variance Model 173 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 1.797 | 0.2247 | 0.7074 | 0.6835 |
| Residuals | 45 | 14.29 | 0.3176 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.23 Turf Quality Reading 180 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-05)

This is 4 days post re application (6th application in total).

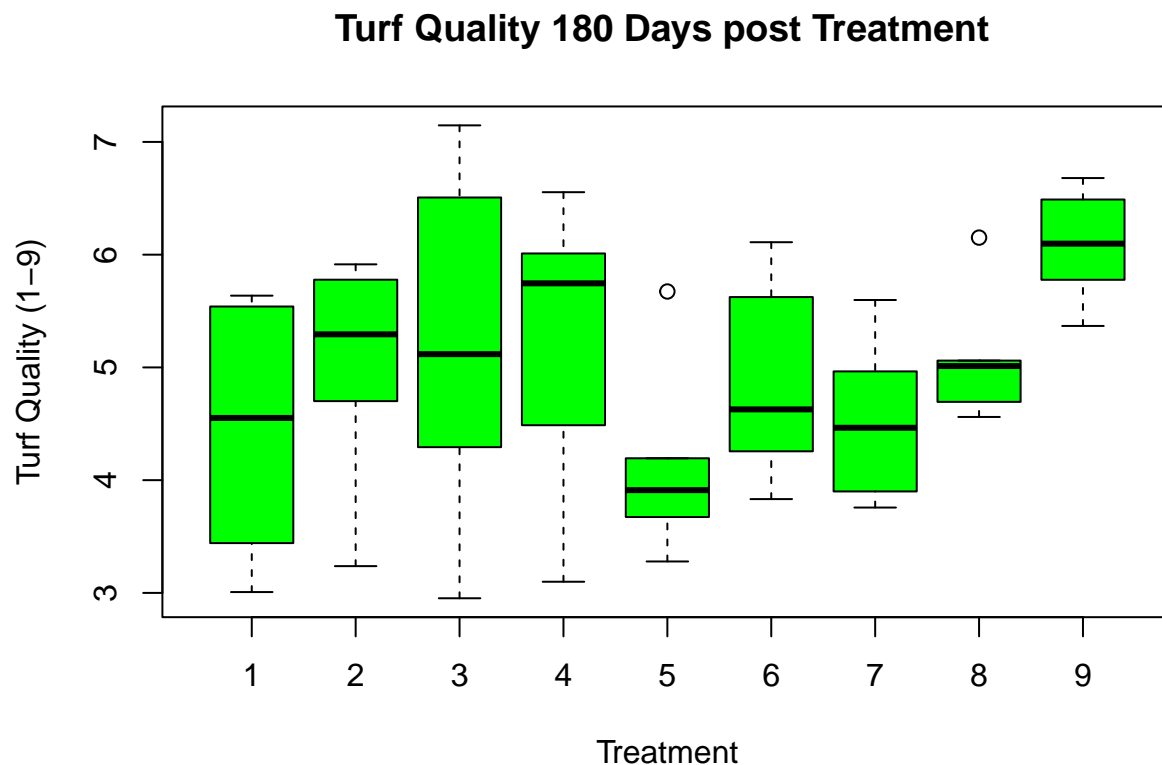
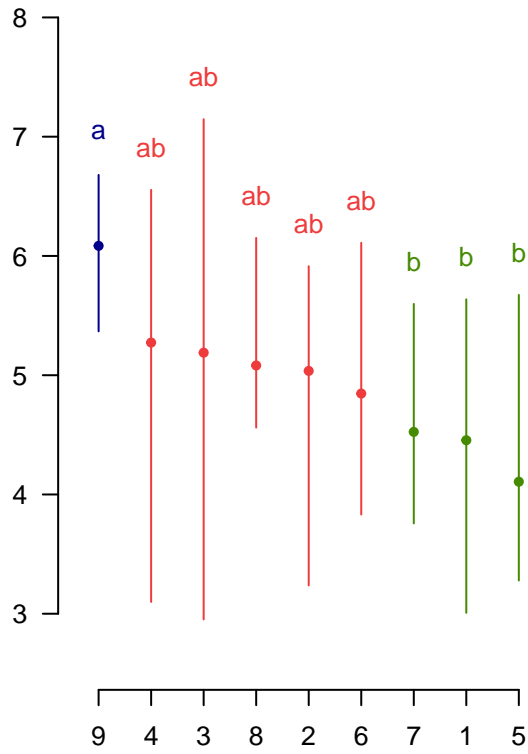


Table 30: Analysis of Variance Model 180 Days post Treatment

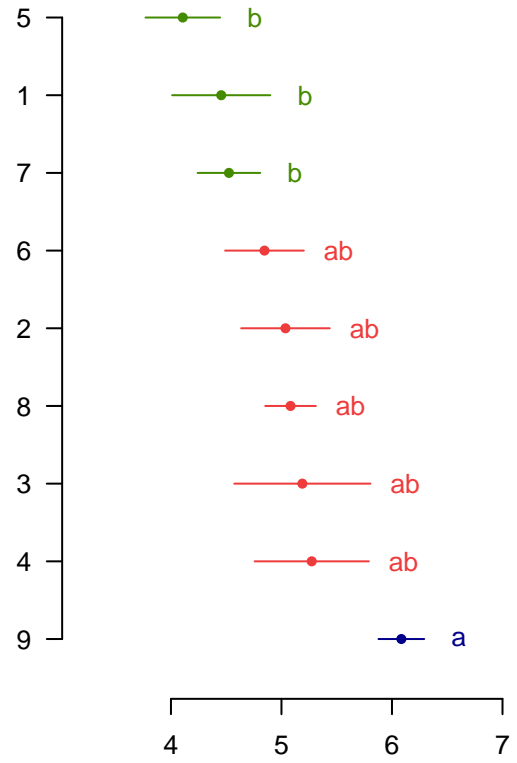
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 15.73 | 1.966 | 2.075 | 0.0586 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.65 | 0.9478 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



9.24 Turf Quality Reading 187 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-12)

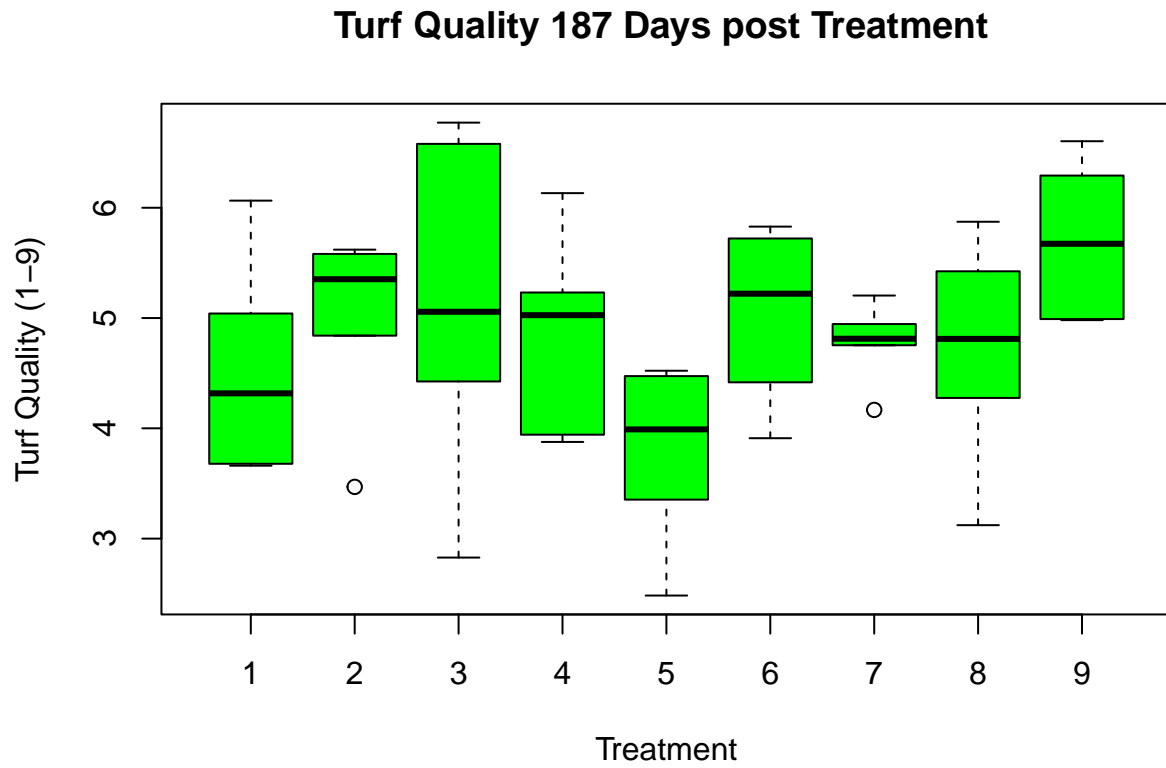
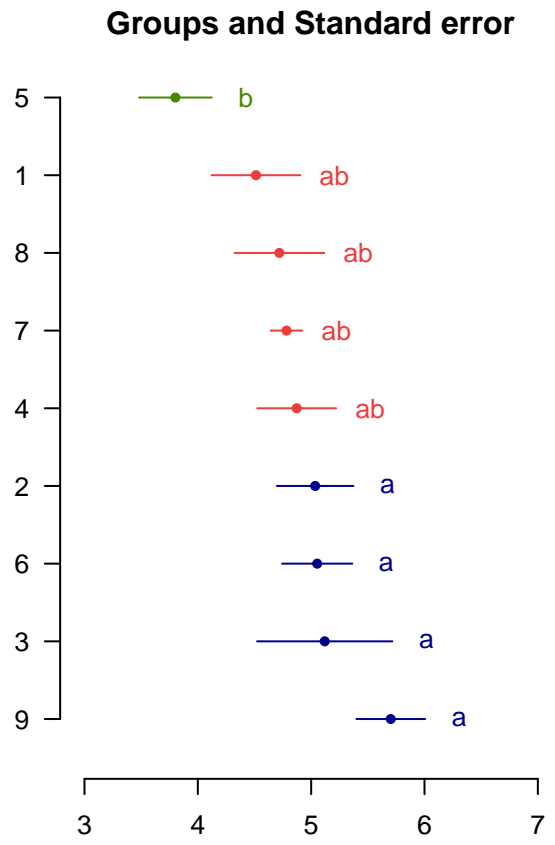
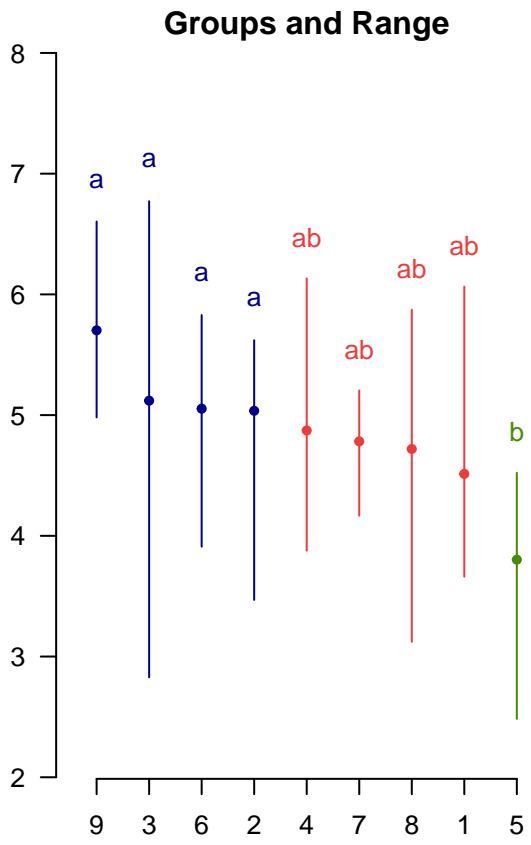


Table 31: Analysis of Variance Model 173 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 12.65 | 1.581 | 1.956 | 0.07461 |
| Residuals | 45 | 36.37 | 0.8083 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.



9.25 Turf Quality Reading 194 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-19)

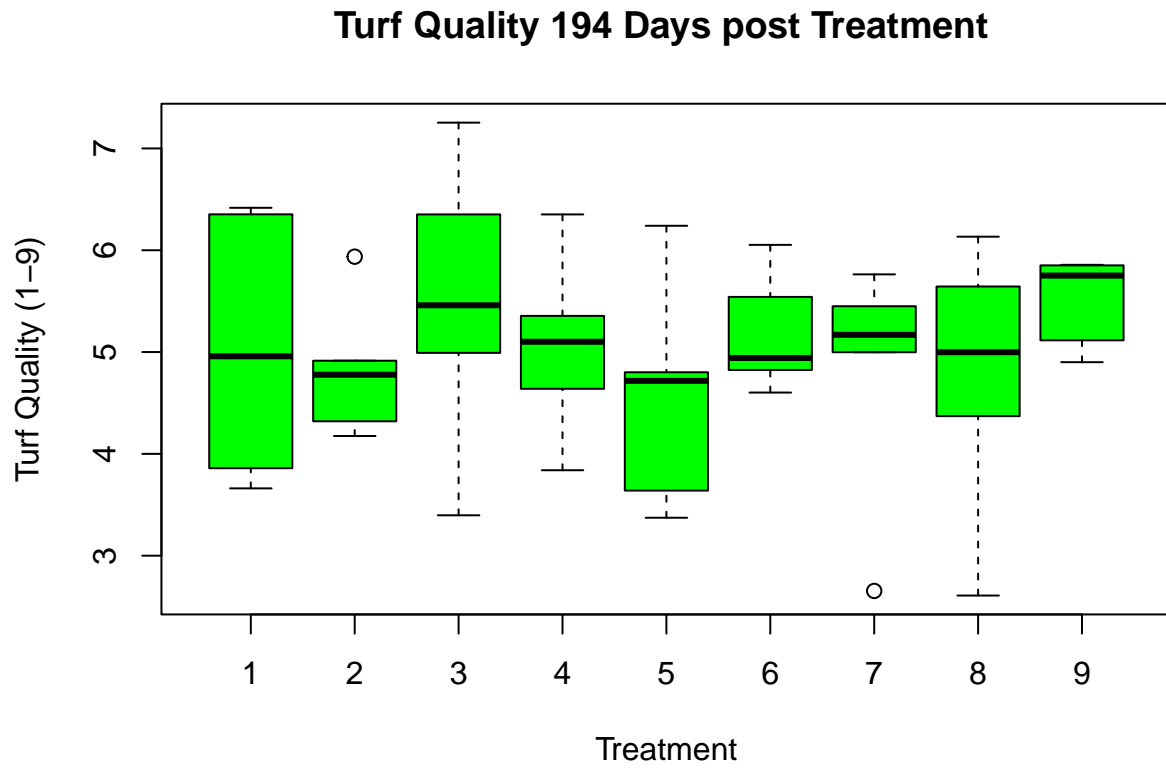


Table 32: Analysis of Variance Model 194 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 4.861 | 0.6076 | 0.642 | 0.7382 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.59 | 0.9464 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

9.26 Turf Quality Reading 200 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-25)

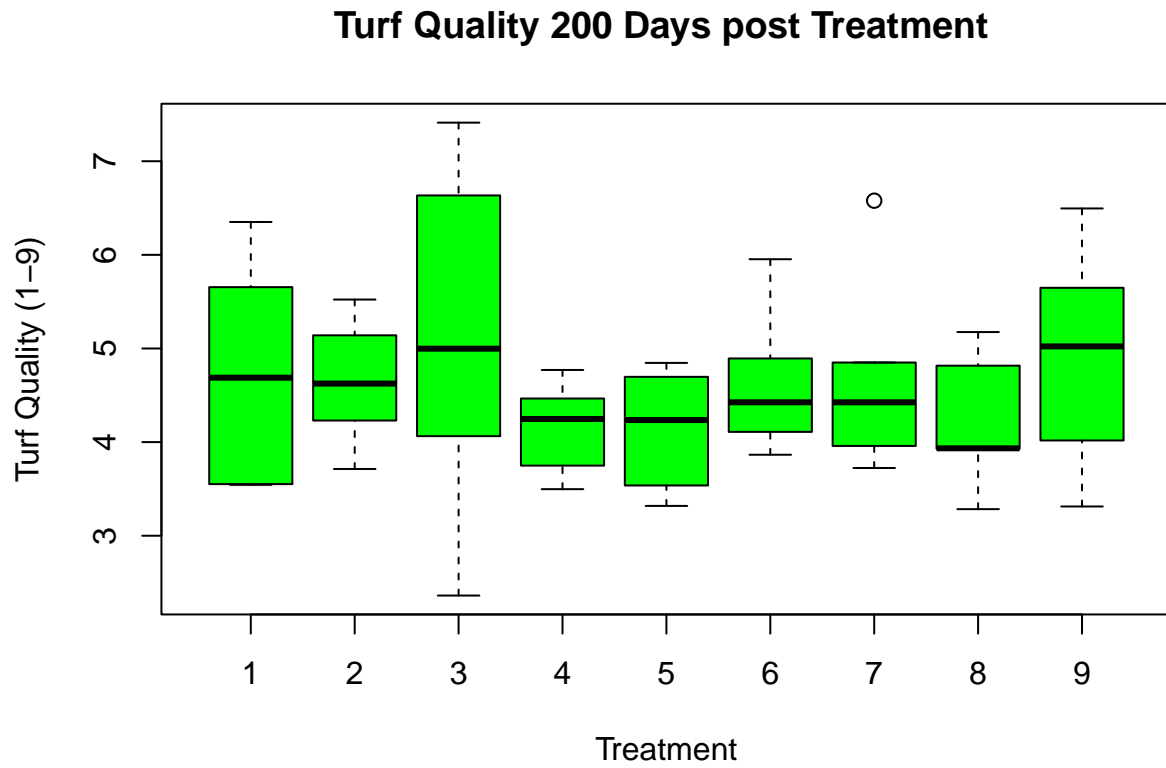


Table 33: Analysis of Variance Model 200 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5.558 | 0.6947 | 0.6869 | 0.7007 |
| Residuals | 45 | 45.51 | 1.011 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

10 Trufirm - Surface Hardness

Table 34: Statistics by Treatment

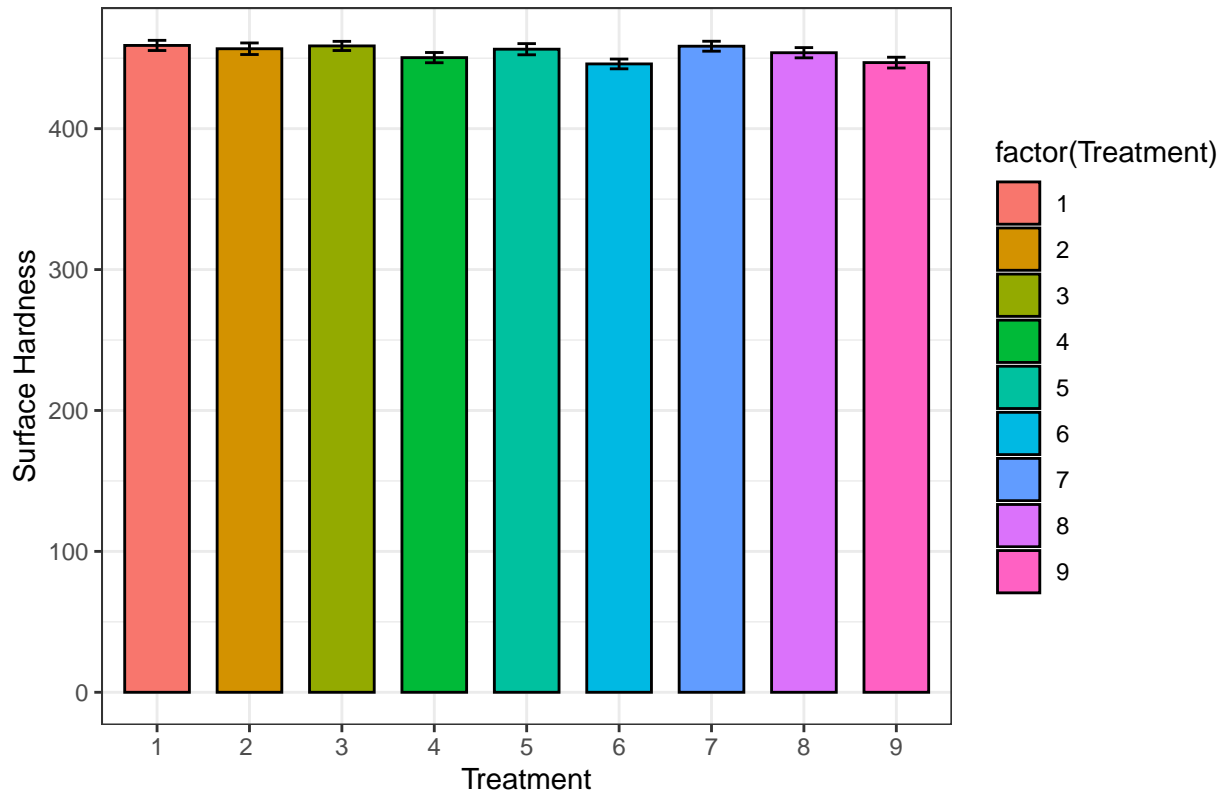
| Treatment | n | Trufirm | sd | se | ci |
|-----------|-----|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 156 | 459.1 | 45.23 | 3.621 | 7.153 |
| 2 | 156 | 456.7 | 51.21 | 4.1 | 8.099 |
| 3 | 156 | 458.7 | 40.63 | 3.253 | 6.427 |
| 4 | 156 | 450.4 | 45.44 | 3.638 | 7.187 |
| 5 | 156 | 456.4 | 49.56 | 3.968 | 7.839 |
| 6 | 156 | 445.9 | 43.24 | 3.462 | 6.839 |
| 7 | 156 | 458.5 | 44.06 | 3.528 | 6.968 |
| 8 | 156 | 453.9 | 45.32 | 3.628 | 7.167 |
| 9 | 156 | 446.9 | 47.73 | 3.821 | 7.549 |

The following table shows the range of surface hardness readings was from 445.9 (Treatment 6 - the untreated control) being the firmest to 459.1 (Treatment 1) being the softest.

Significant differences in surface hardness and the untreated control existed with all the Treatments apart from Treatment 4, 8 and 9 being significantly softer than the untreated control.

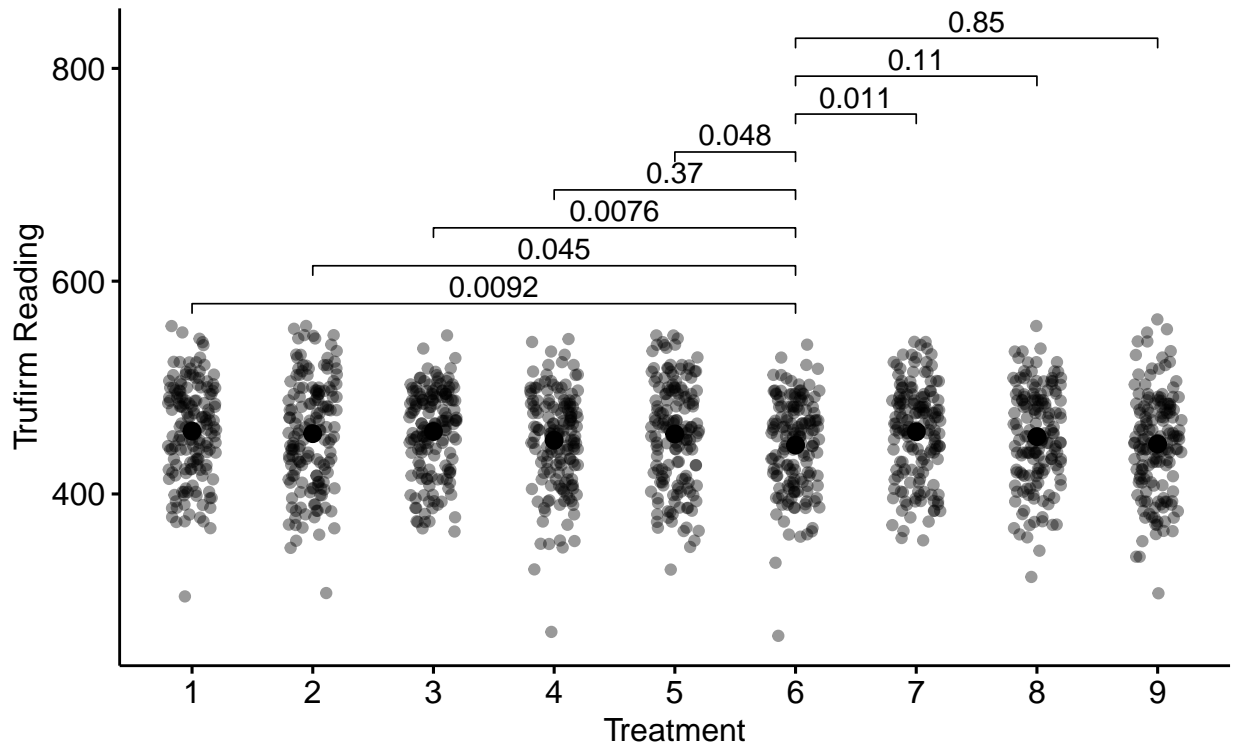
| Treatment | Trufirm |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 459.1 |
| 2 | 456.7 |
| 3 | 458.7 |
| 4 | 450.4 |
| 5 | 456.4 |
| 6 | 445.9 |
| 7 | 458.5 |
| 8 | 453.9 |
| 9 | 446.9 |

Graph of Treatment Effect on Trufirm Reading



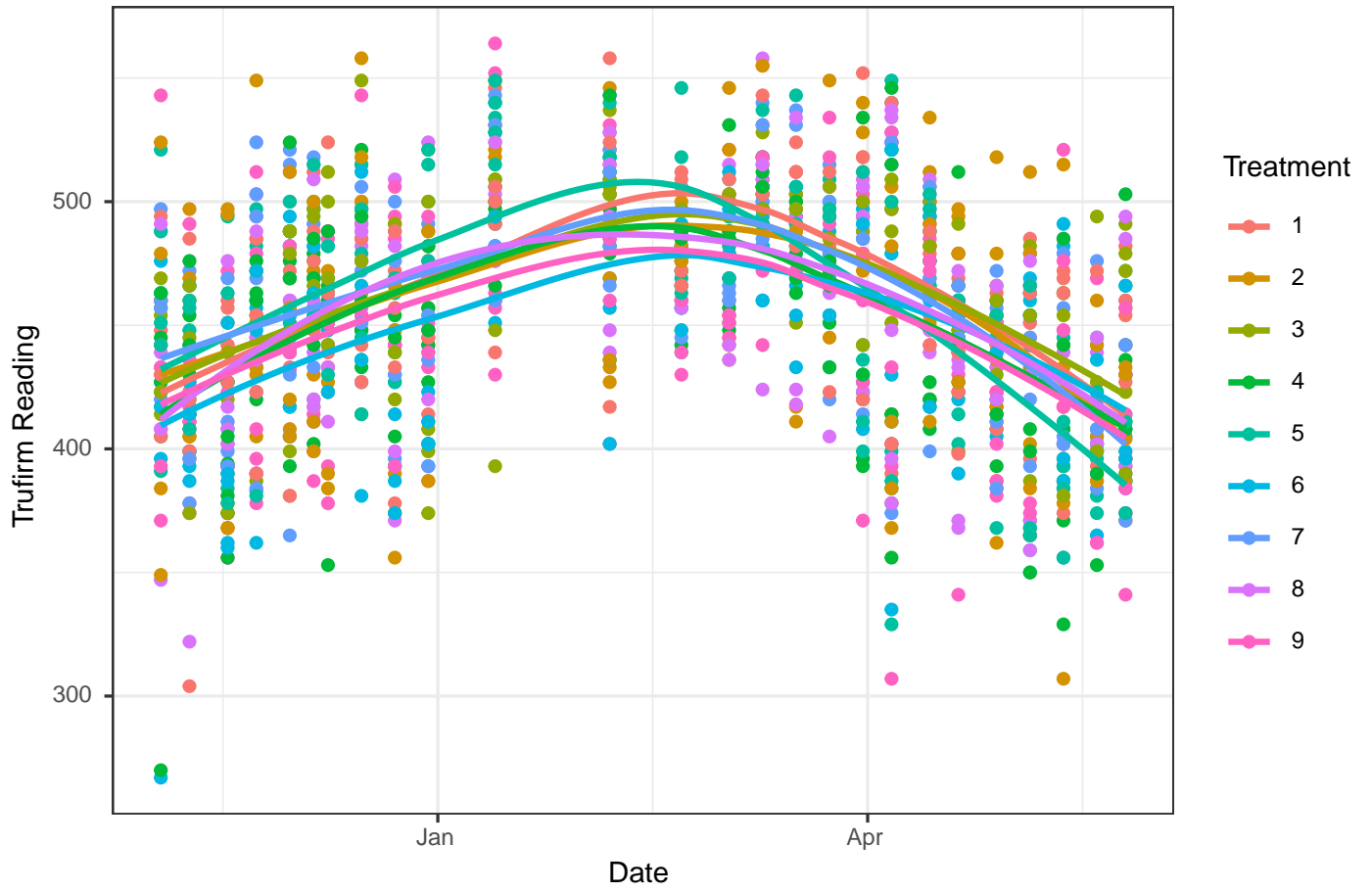
The significance of these results is shown graphically below compared to the untreated control. All Treatments gave significantly higher leaf areas.

Significance between Treatments vs Control by Trufirm Reading

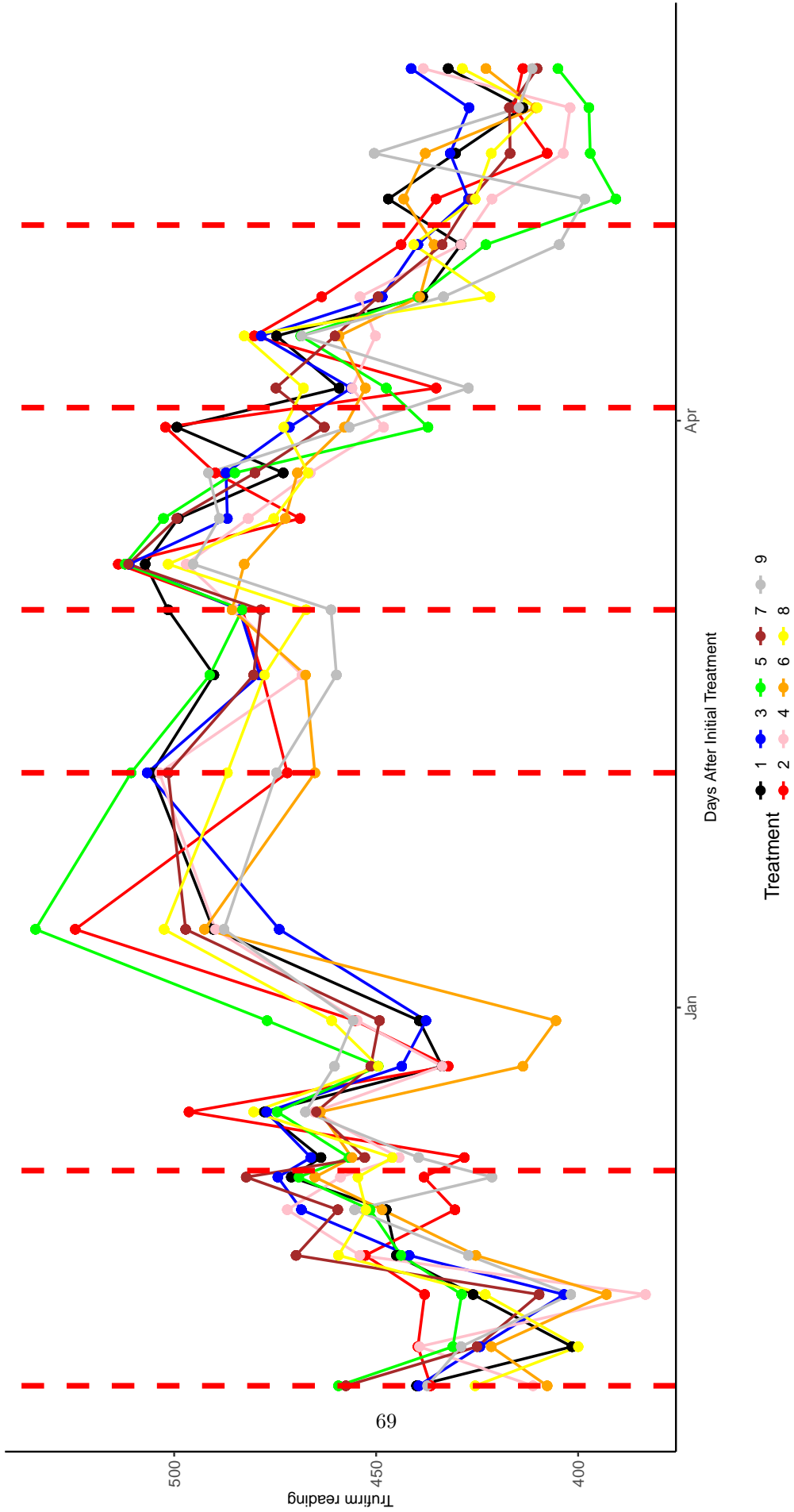


Over the duration of the trial the general trend was for the greens to become softer when using soil wetting agents.

Comparative variations in Trufirm over Time



Variations in Trufirm reading over Time



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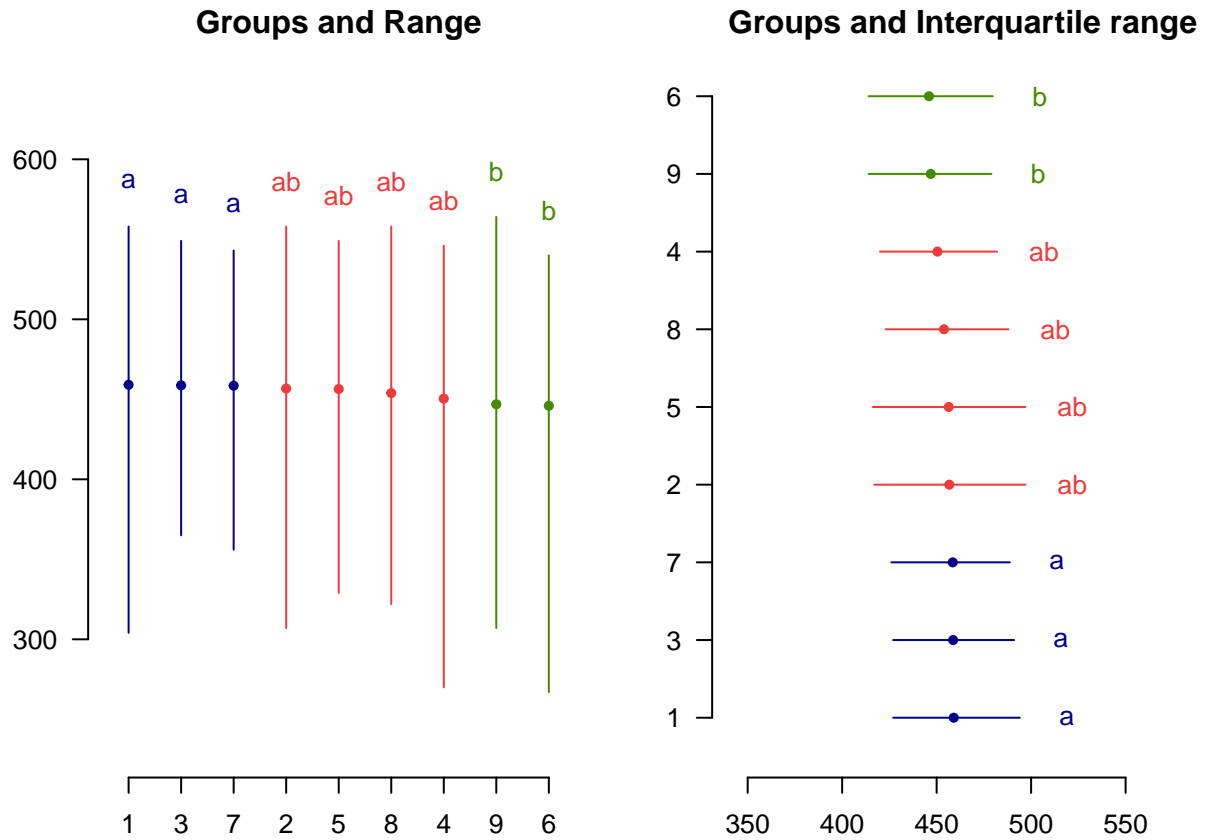
Analysis showed that the Treatment has a significant effect in relation to surface hardness.

Table 36: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|--------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| factor(Treatment) | 8 | 32727 | 4091 | 1.94 | 0.05073 |
| Residuals | 1395 | 2942393 | 2109 | NA | NA |

Table 37: Analysis of Variance Table

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|-----------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 5 | 64083 | 12817 | 6.217 | 1.037e-05 |
| Treatment | 8 | 32727 | 4091 | 1.985 | 0.04503 |
| Date | 1 | 2812 | 2812 | 1.364 | 0.243 |
| Treatment:Date | 8 | 28679 | 3585 | 1.739 | 0.08515 |
| Residuals | 1381 | 2846819 | 2061 | NA | NA |



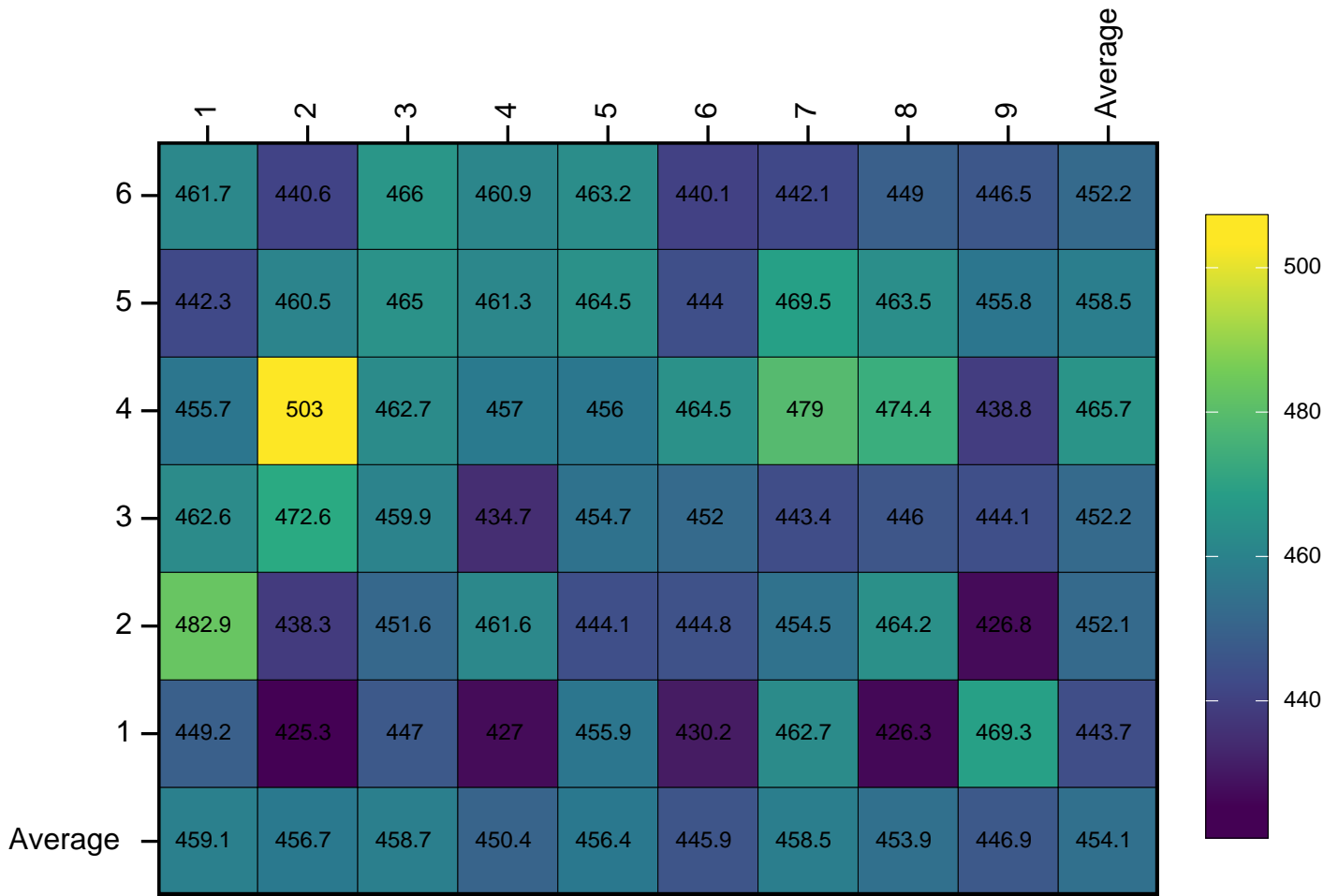
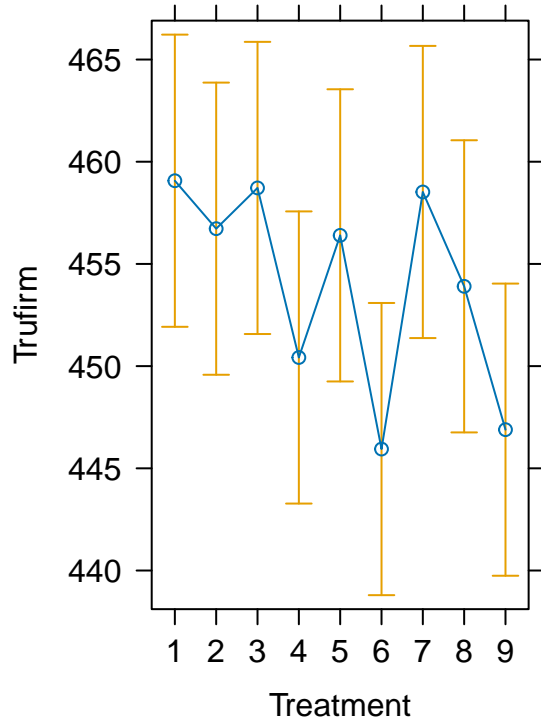


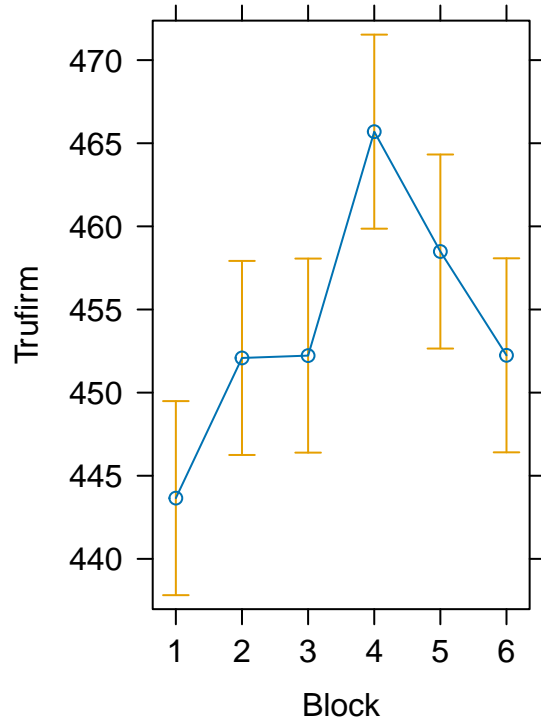
Figure 14: Trufirm plot means for Treatment and Block

11 Block Effect with Treatment on Trufirm

Treatment predictor effect plot



Block predictor effect plot



There was a significant variation in Trufirm readings over the blocks with Block 4 being the softest and Block 1 the hardest.

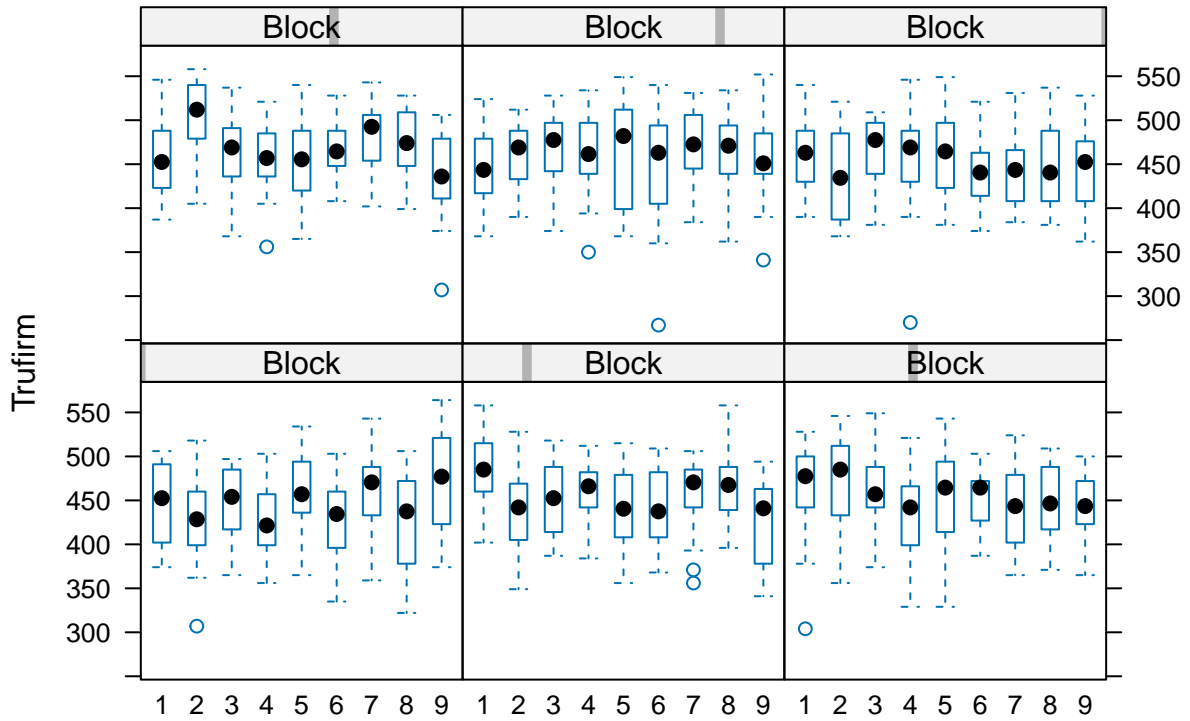


Table 38: Significance of Results by Treatment, Block and Days after Initial Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|----------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 1 | 19118 | 19118 | 13.22 | 0.0002897 |
| Treatment | 8 | 32727 | 4091 | 2.828 | 0.004123 |
| DAT | 25 | 991477 | 39659 | 27.42 | 4.492e-99 |
| Treatment:DAT | 200 | 240739 | 1204 | 0.8321 | 0.949 |
| Residuals | 1169 | 1691058 | 1447 | NA | NA |

11.1 Trufirm Reading Pre Treatment (2022-11-04)

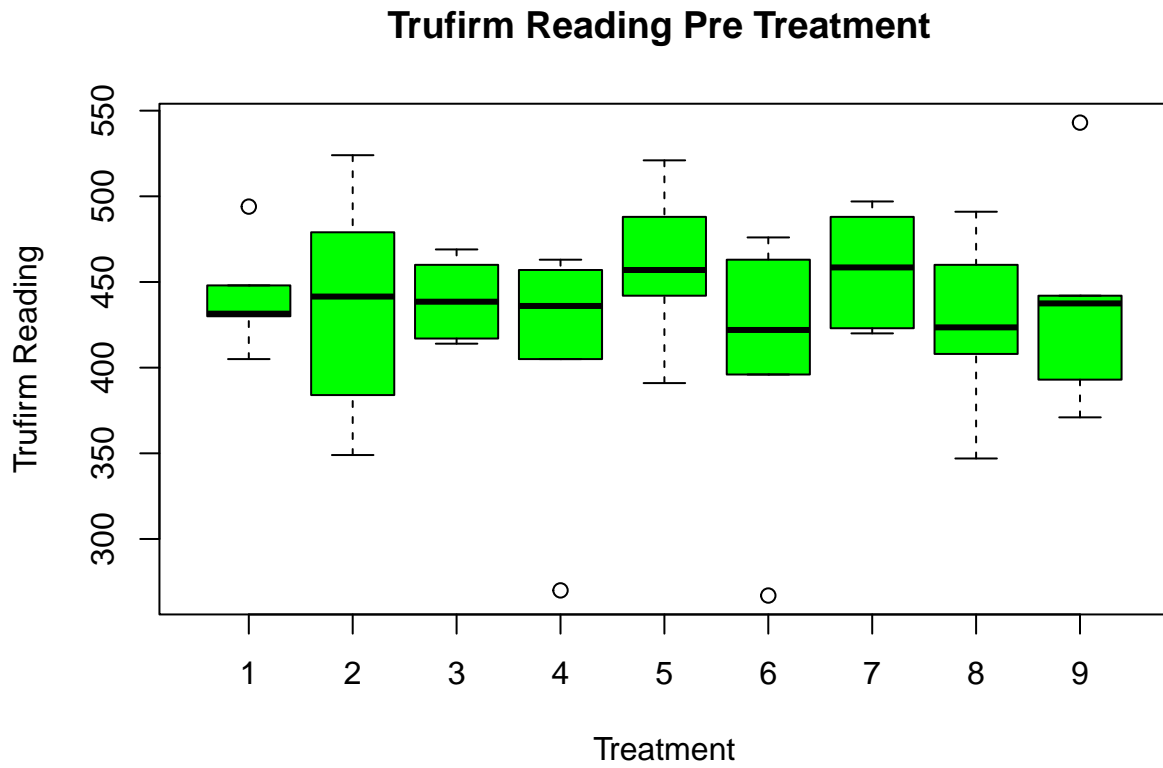


Table 39: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 15340 | 1917 | 0.6791 | 0.7073 |
| Residuals | 45 | 127059 | 2824 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

11.2 Trufirm Reading 3 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-10)

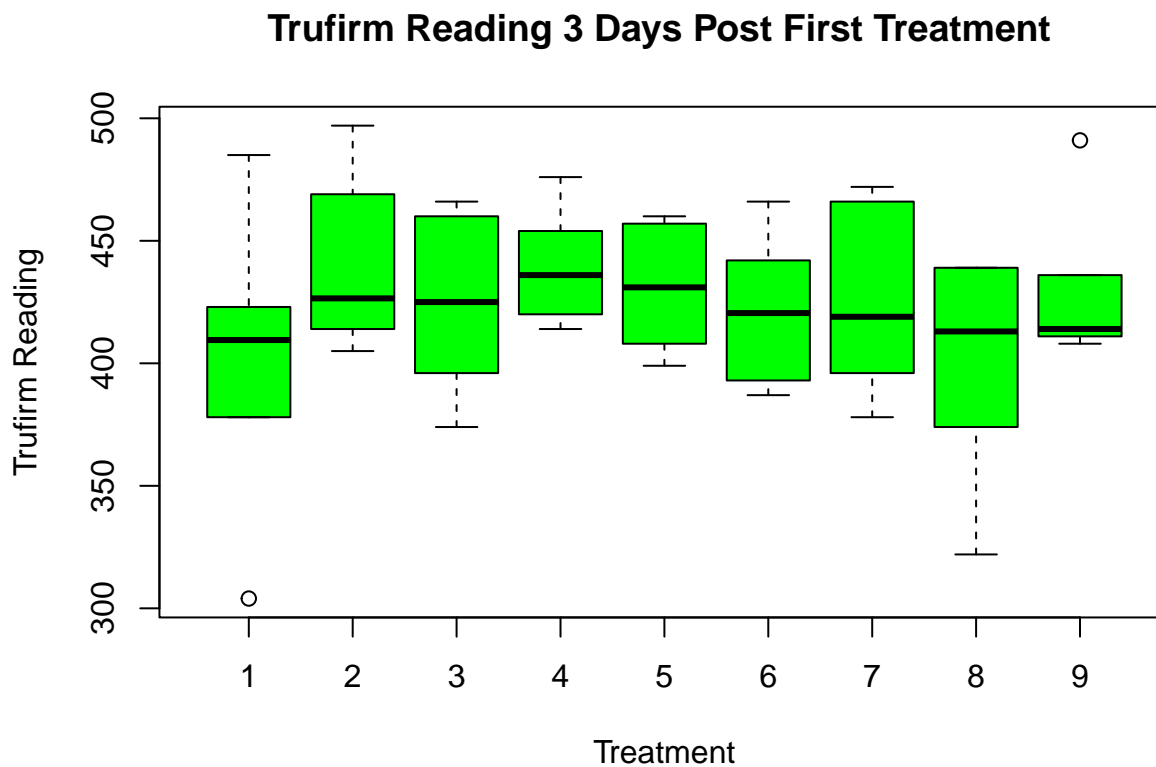


Table 40: Analysis of Variance Model Day 3

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 9850 | 1231 | 0.8441 | 0.5694 |
| Residuals | 45 | 65643 | 1459 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between Treatments after 3 days.

11.3 Trufirm Reading 11 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-18)

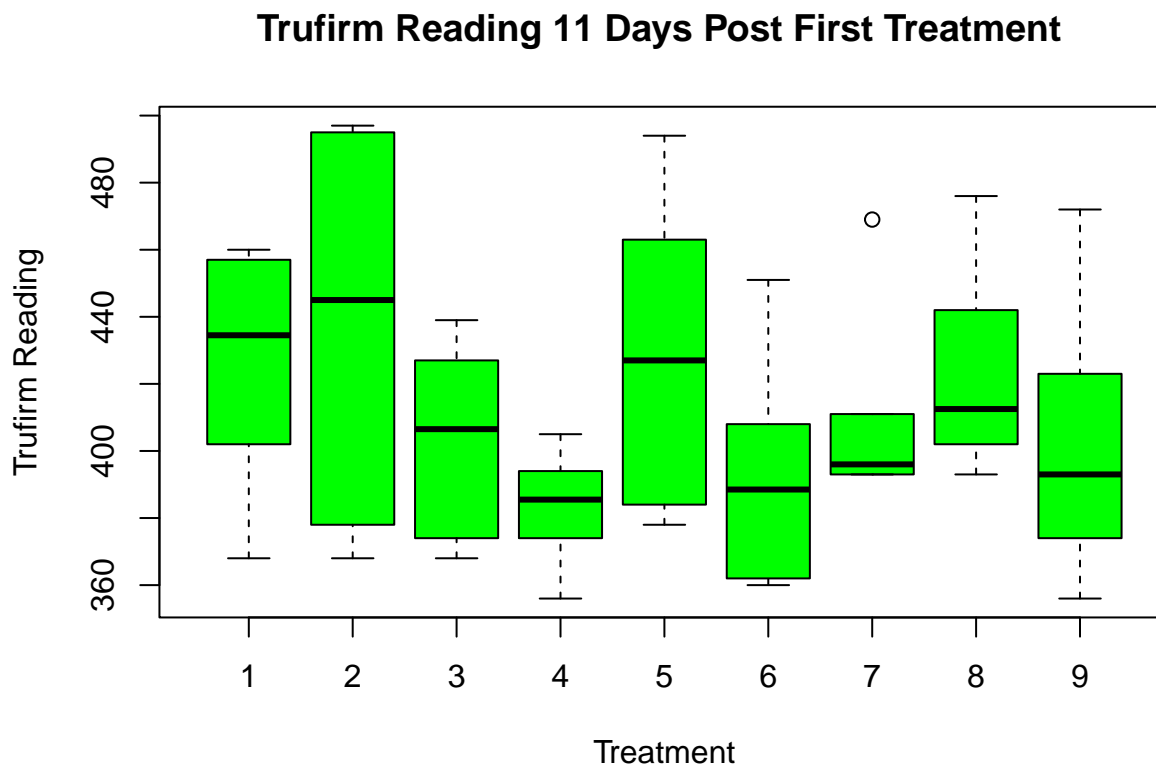


Table 41: Analysis of Variance Model Day 11

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 15841 | 1980 | 1.464 | 0.1972 |
| Residuals | 45 | 60850 | 1352 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments 11 days after.

11.4 Trufirm Reading 17 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-17)

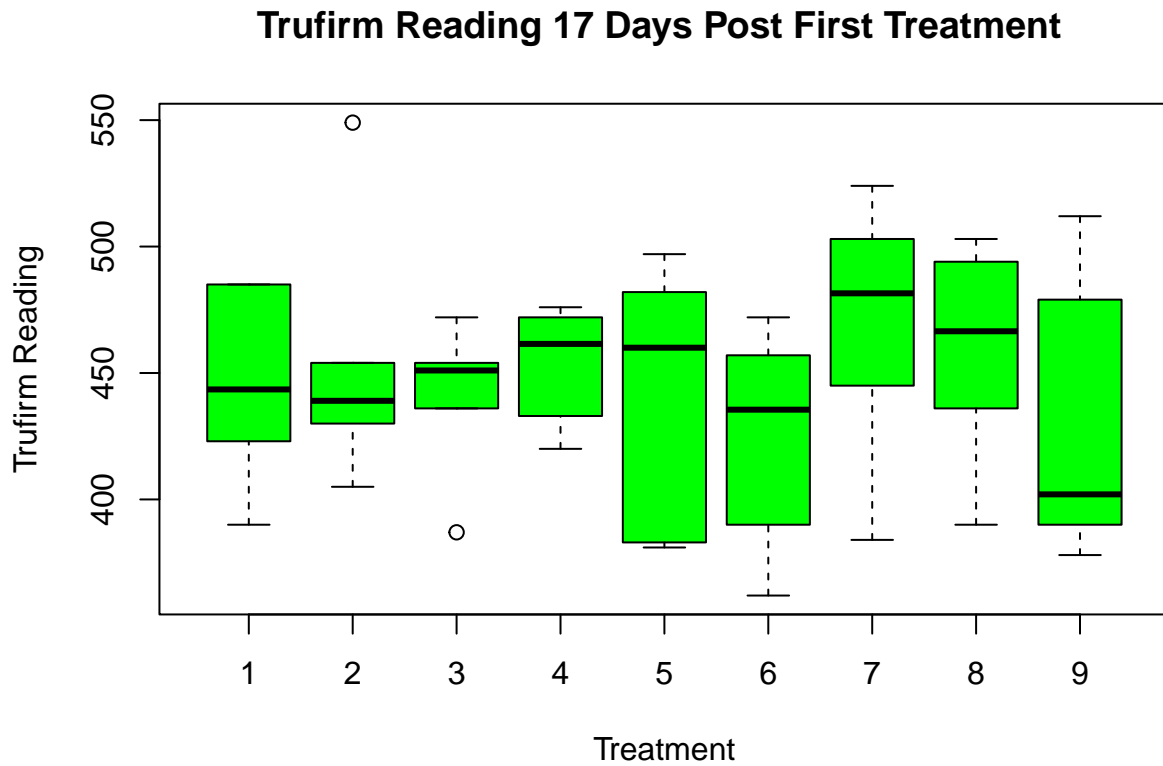


Table 42: Analysis of Variance Model Day 17

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 9938 | 1242 | 0.6595 | 0.7237 |
| Residuals | 45 | 84761 | 1884 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.5 Trufirm Reading 24 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-01)

Trufirm Reading 24 Days Post First Treatment

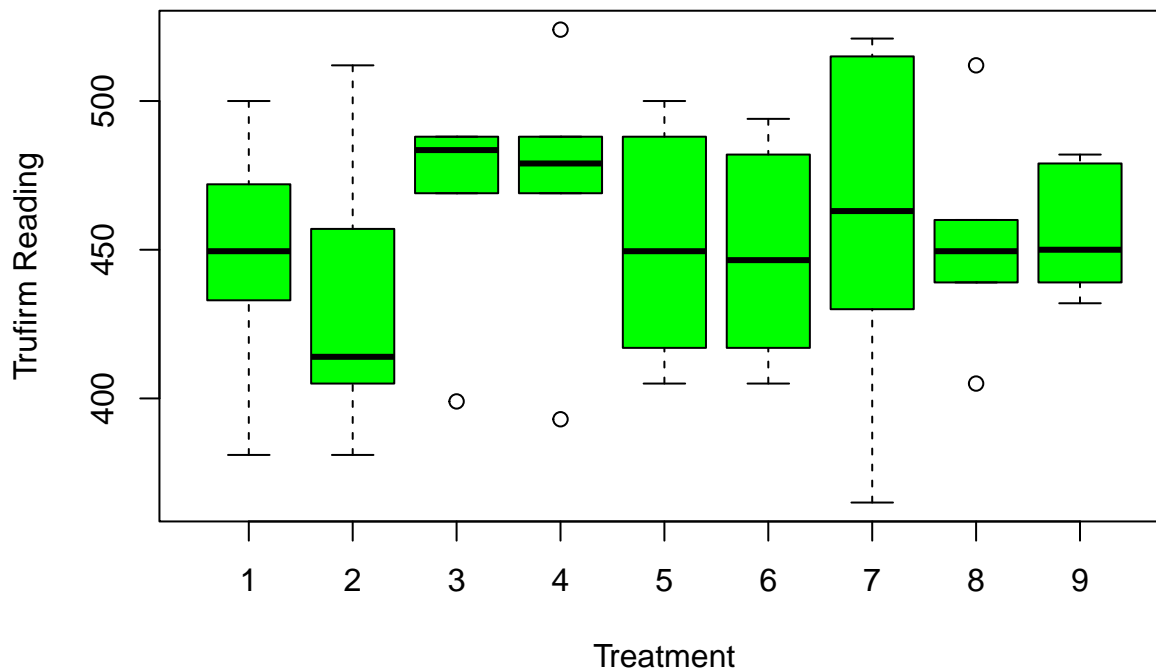


Table 43: Analysis of Variance Model Day 24

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7197 | 899.6 | 0.555 | 0.8085 |
| Residuals | 45 | 72946 | 1621 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.6 Trufirm Reading 29 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-06)

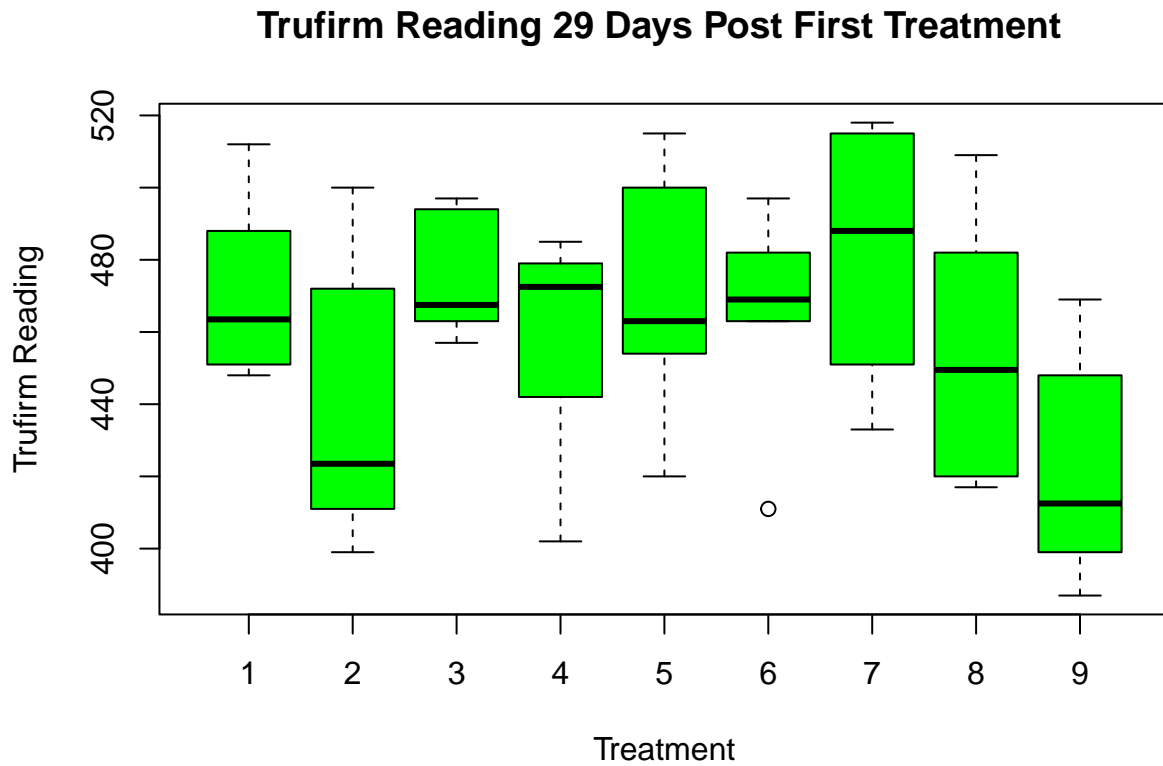
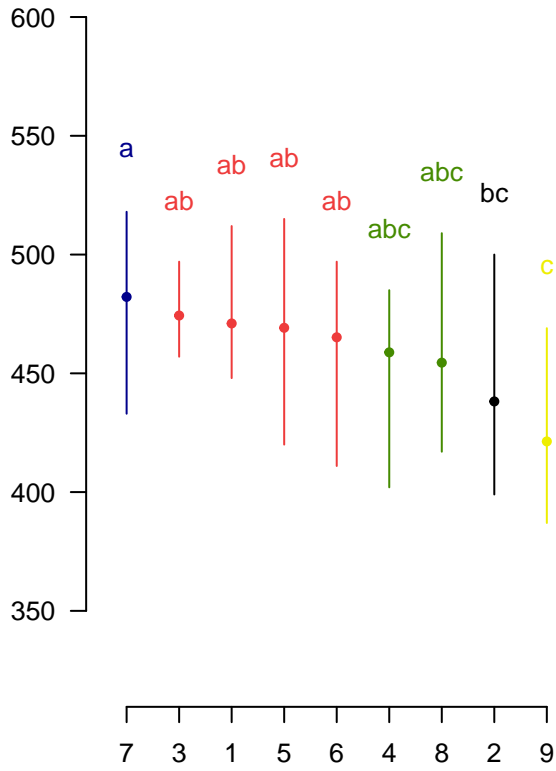


Table 44: Analysis of Variance Model Day 29

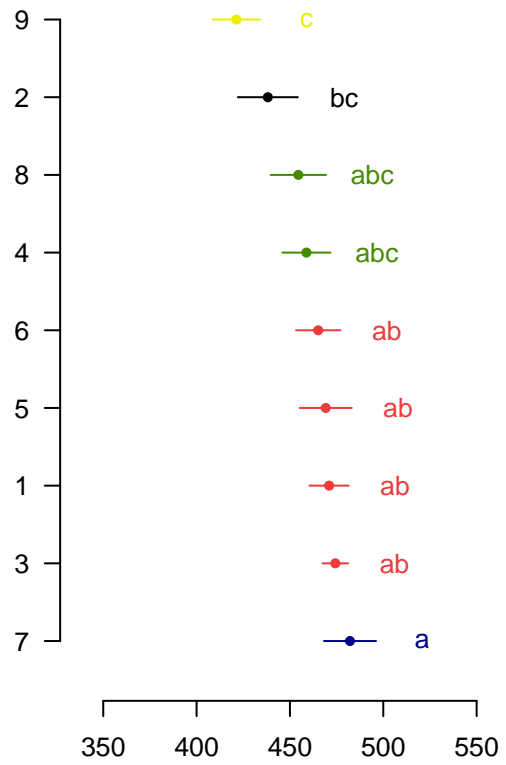
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 17573 | 2197 | 2.203 | 0.04506 |
| Residuals | 45 | 44872 | 997.2 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels. This was the day before the second application. Although no significant difference existed between the Treatments and the untreated control Treatment 7 was significantly softer than Treatment 9.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



11.7 Trufirm Reading 32 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-09)

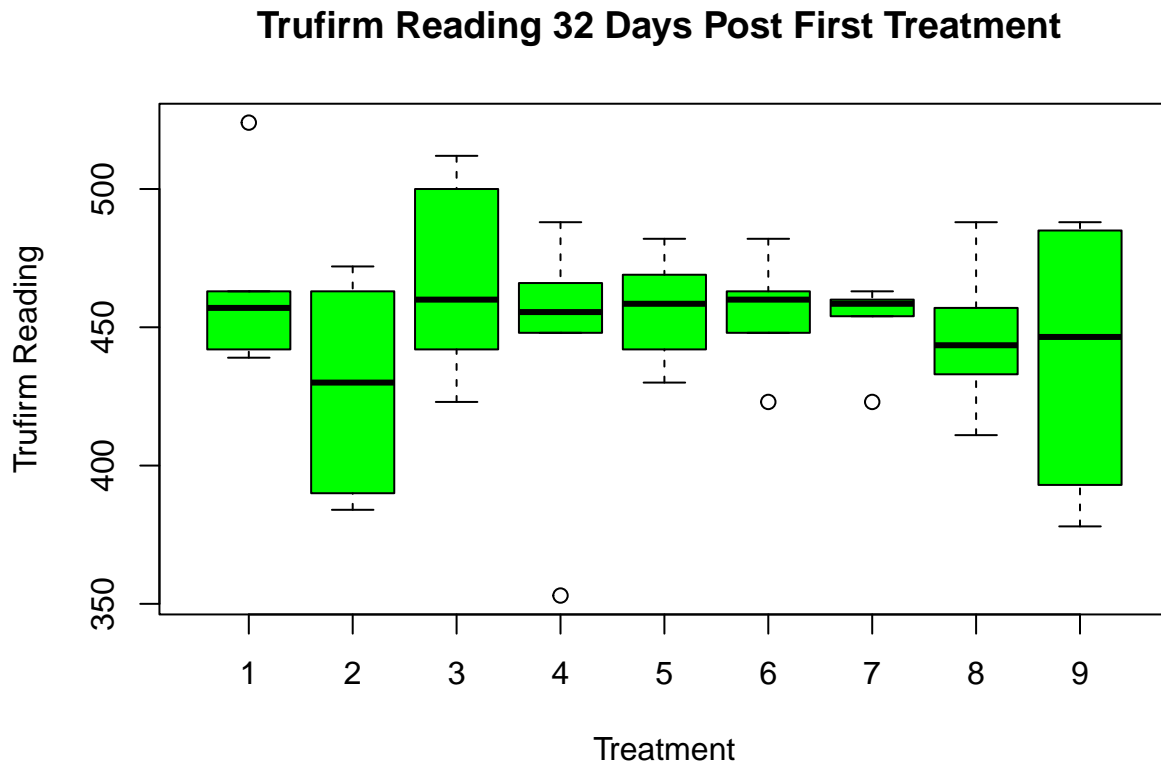


Table 45: Analysis of Variance Model Day 32

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7023 | 877.8 | 0.8364 | 0.5757 |
| Residuals | 45 | 47226 | 1049 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.8 Trufirm Reading 39 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-09)

Trufirm Reading 39 Days Post First Treatment

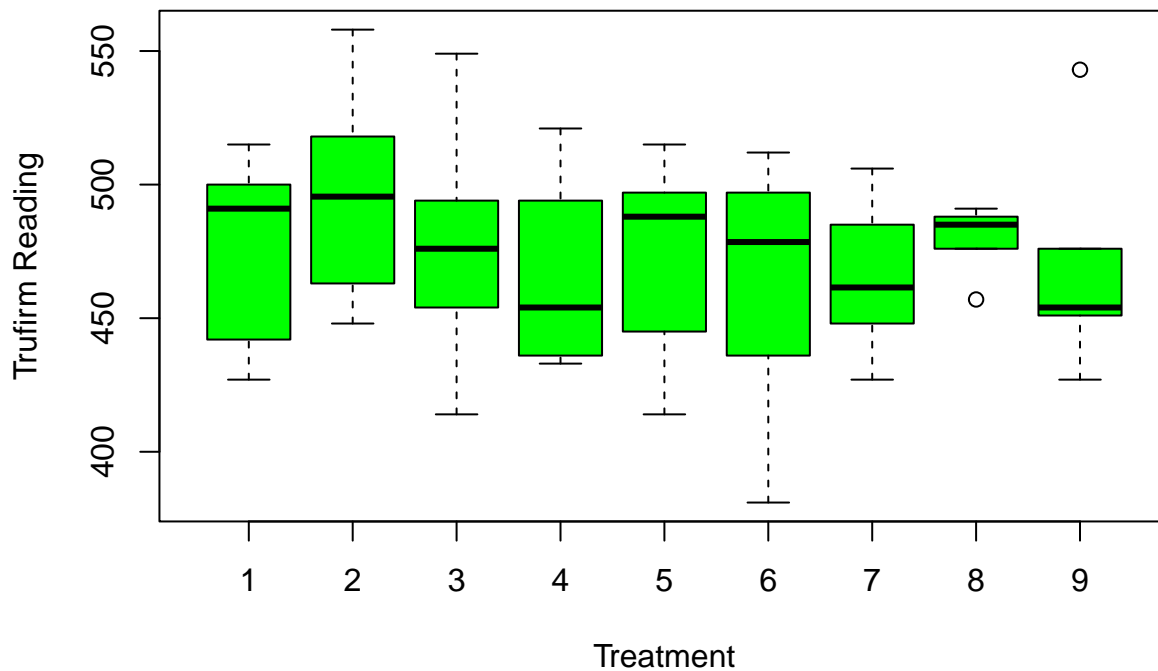


Table 46: Analysis of Variance Model Day 39

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5203 | 650.3 | 0.4723 | 0.8691 |
| Residuals | 45 | 61957 | 1377 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between Treatment factor levels.

11.9 Trufirm Reading 46 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-23)

Trufirm Reading 46 Days Post First Treatment

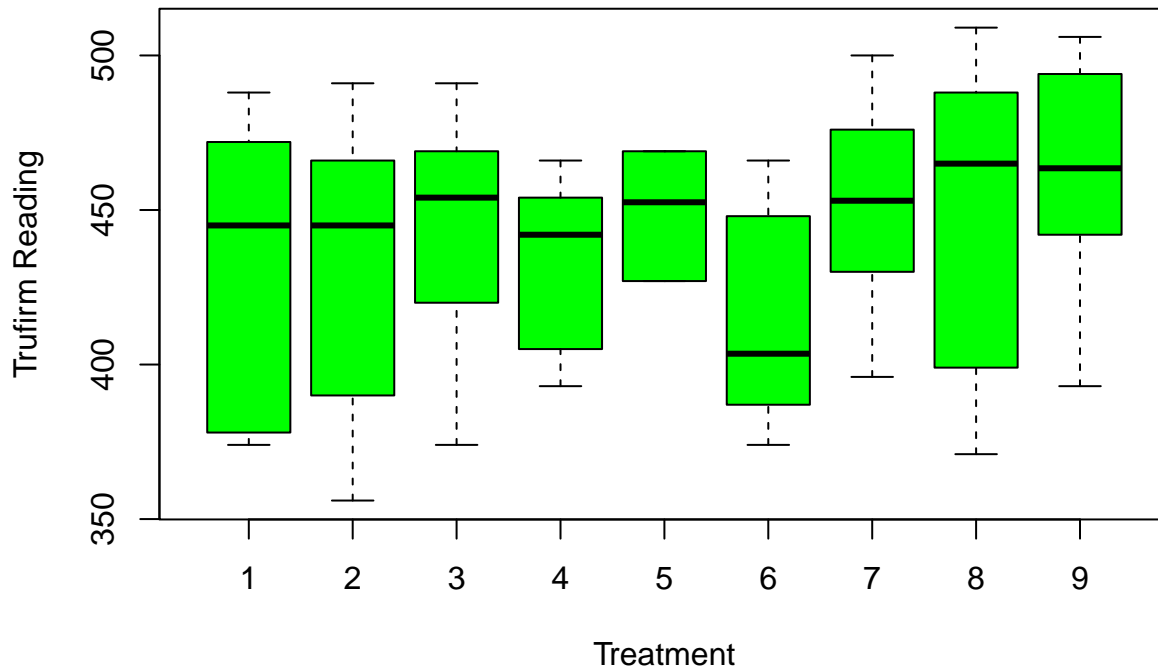


Table 47: Analysis of Variance Model Day 46

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 9388 | 1173 | 0.6837 | 0.7034 |
| Residuals | 45 | 77234 | 1716 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.10 Trufirm Reading 53 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-30)

Trufirm Reading 53 Days Post First Treatment

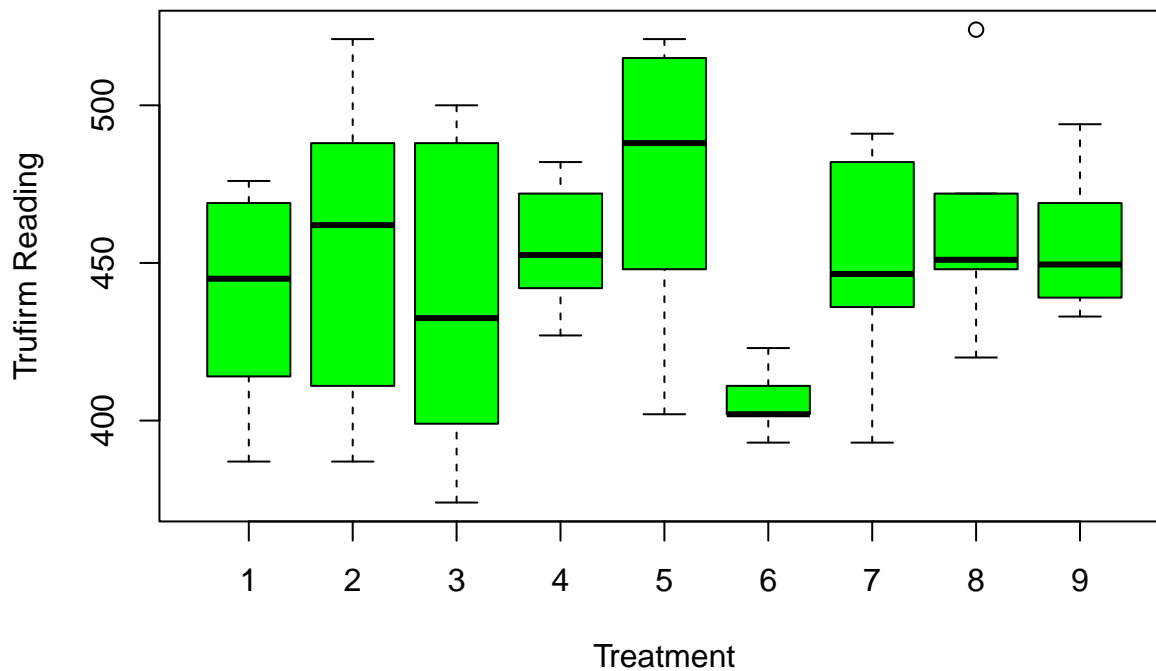


Table 48: Analysis of Variance Model Day 53

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 18918 | 2365 | 1.783 | 0.1057 |
| Residuals | 45 | 59682 | 1326 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.11 Trufirm Reading 67 Days Post Treatment (2023-01-13)

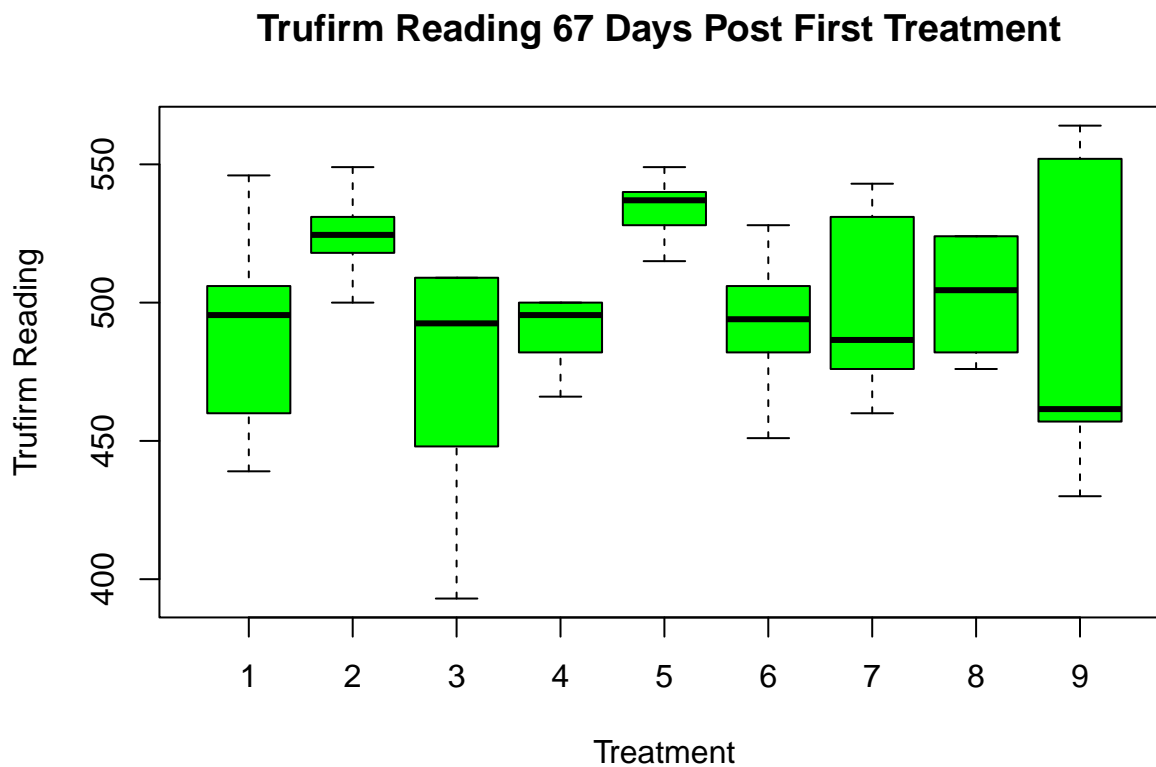
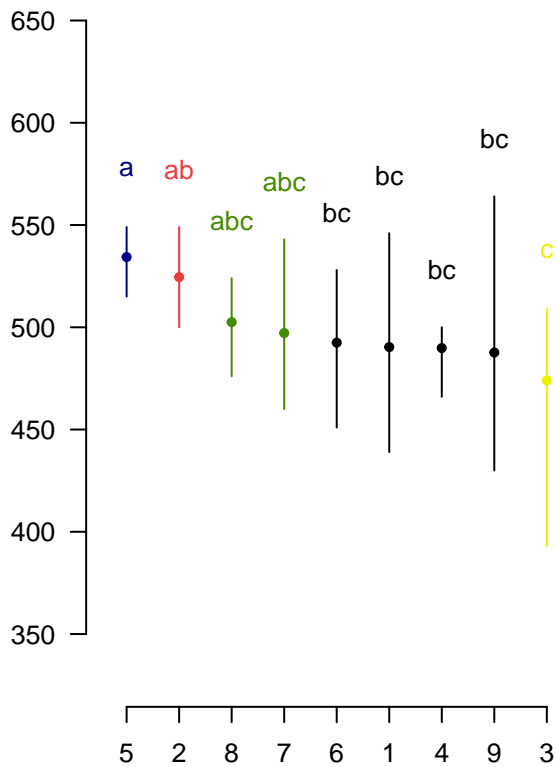


Table 49: Analysis of Variance Model Day 67

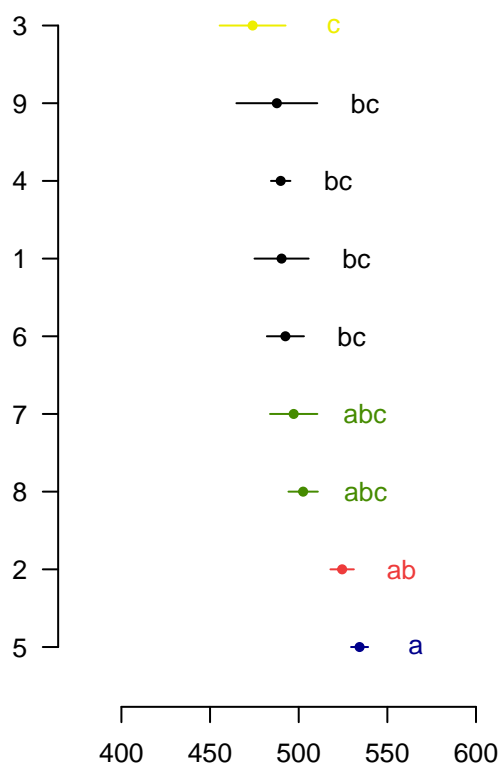
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 17213 | 2152 | 2.079 | 0.05803 |
| Residuals | 45 | 46564 | 1035 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



11.12 Trufirm Reading 91 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-06)

Trufirm Reading 91 Days Post First Treatment

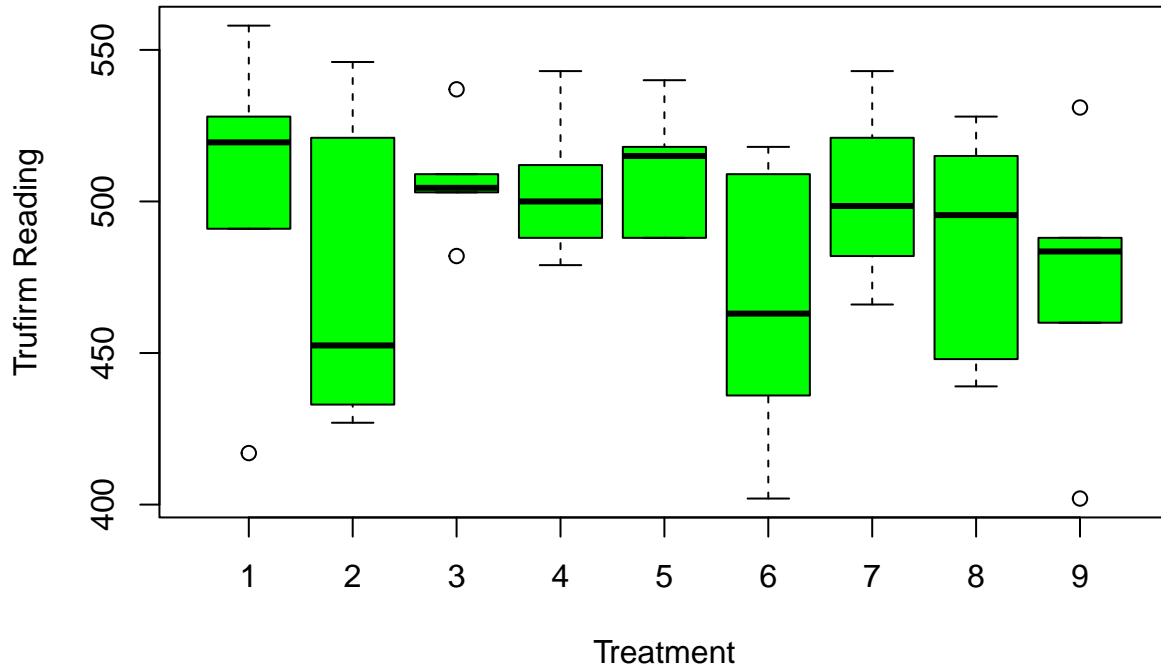


Table 50: Analysis of Variance Model Day 91

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 14515 | 1814 | 1.367 | 0.237 |
| Residuals | 45 | 59746 | 1328 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.13 Trufirm Reading 106 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-21)

Trufirm Reading 106 Days Post First Treatment

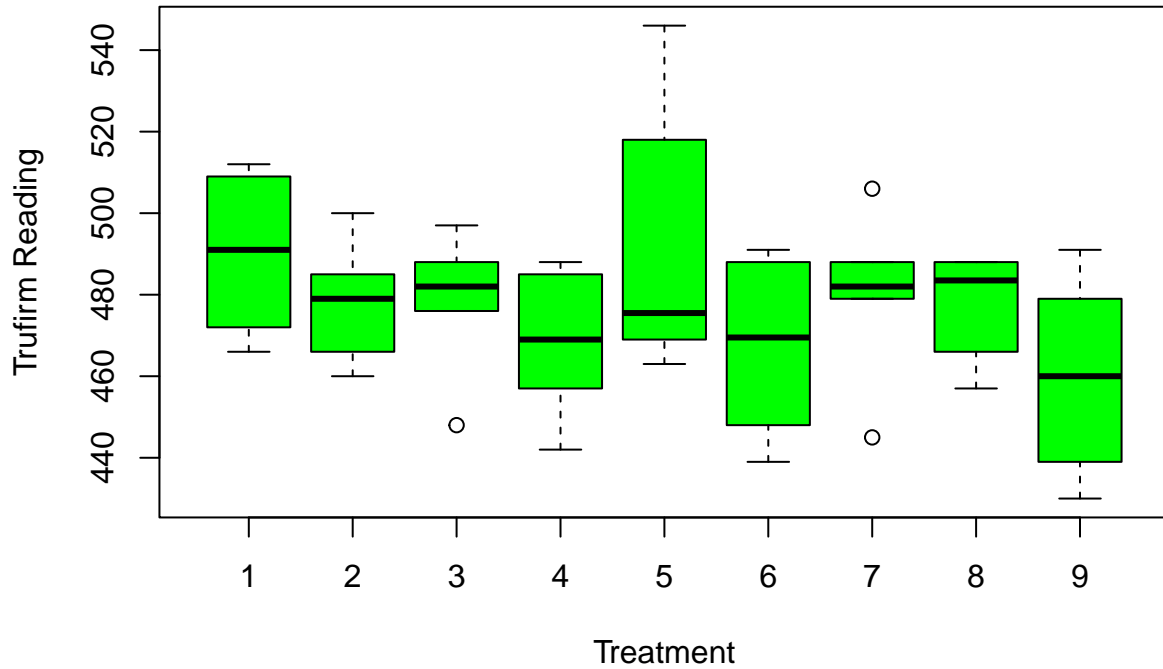


Table 51: Analysis of Variance Model Day 106

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5102 | 637.7 | 1.484 | 0.1901 |
| Residuals | 45 | 19344 | 429.9 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.14 Trufirm Reading 116 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-03)

Trufirm Reading 116 Days Post First Treatment

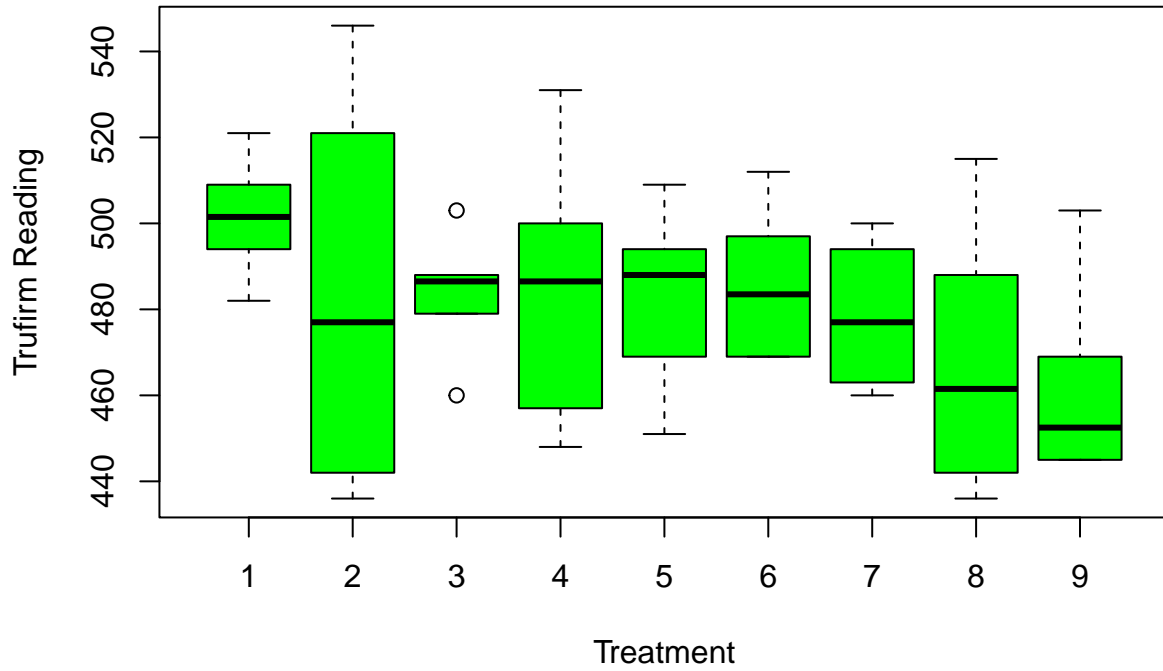


Table 52: Analysis of Variance Model Day 116

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6363 | 795.4 | 1.239 | 0.2994 |
| Residuals | 45 | 28898 | 642.2 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.15 Trufirm Reading 123 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-10)

Trufirm Reading 123 Days Post First Treatment

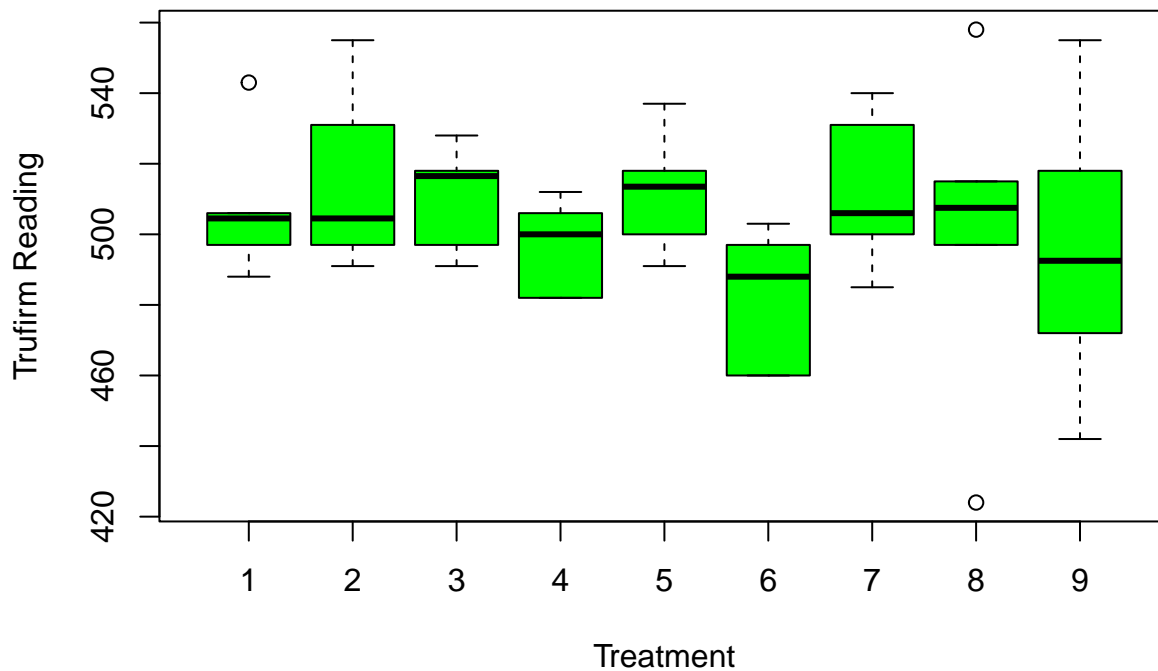


Table 53: Analysis of Variance Model Day 123

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5174 | 646.8 | 1.016 | 0.4381 |
| Residuals | 45 | 28653 | 636.7 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.16 Trufirm Reading 130 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-17)

Turf Quality 130 Days post Treatment

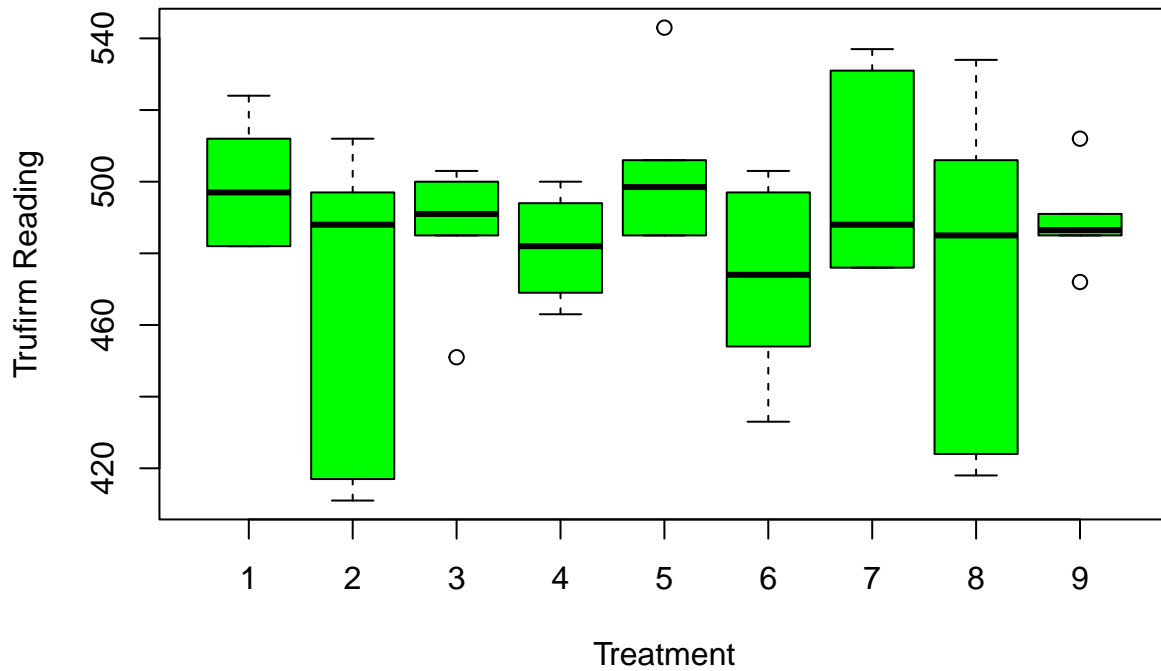


Table 54: Analysis of Variance Model 130 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7456 | 932 | 1.199 | 0.3214 |
| Residuals | 45 | 34987 | 777.5 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.17 Trufirm Reading 137 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-24)

Trufirm Reading 137 Days post Treatment

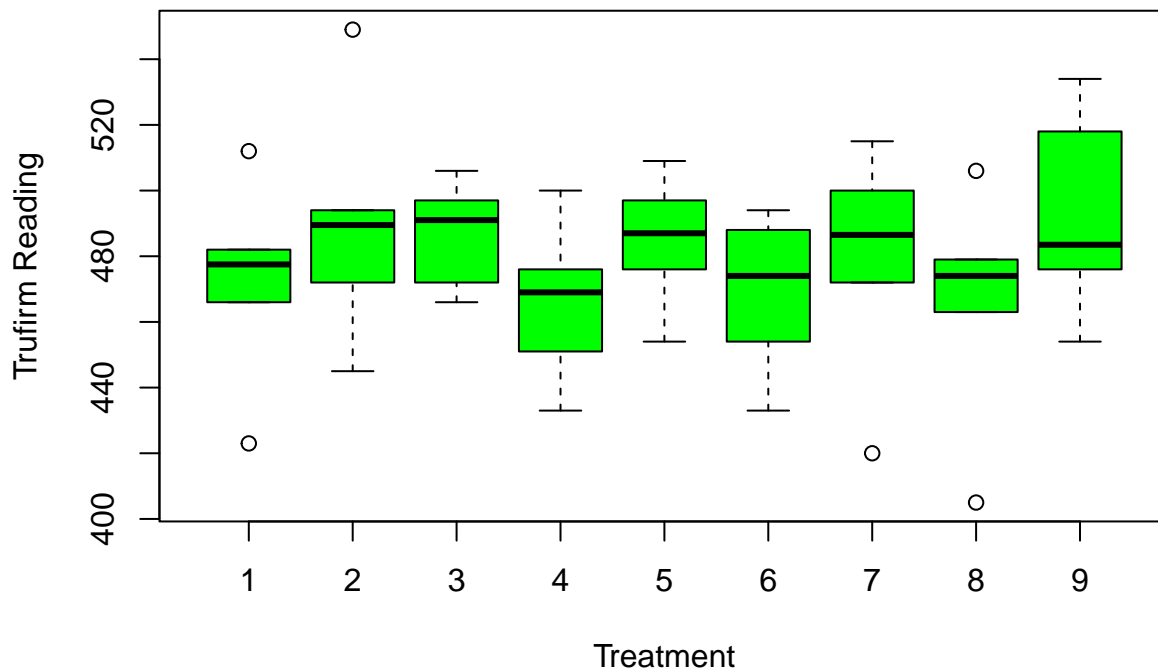


Table 55: Analysis of Variance Model 137 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 4870 | 608.7 | 0.8079 | 0.5991 |
| Residuals | 45 | 33905 | 753.4 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.18 Trufirm Reading 144 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-31)

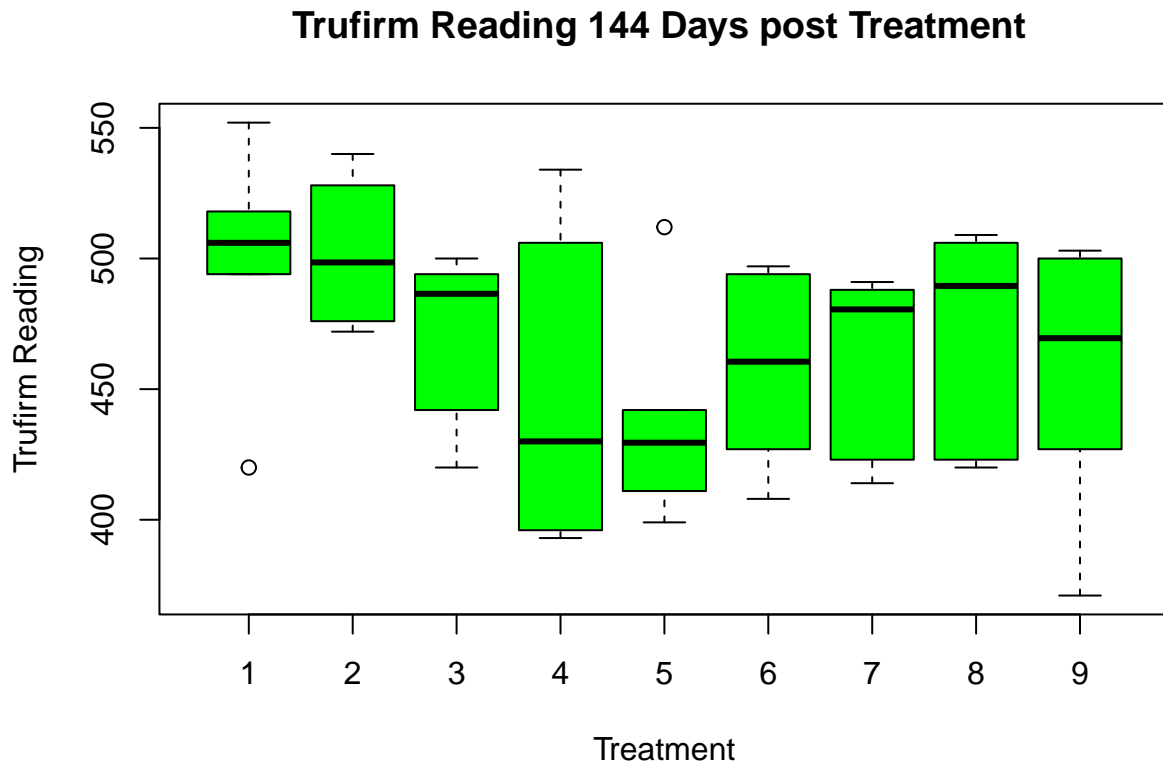


Table 56: Analysis of Variance Model 144 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 22716 | 2839 | 1.603 | 0.151 |
| Residuals | 45 | 79731 | 1772 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.19 Trufirm Reading 151 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-06)

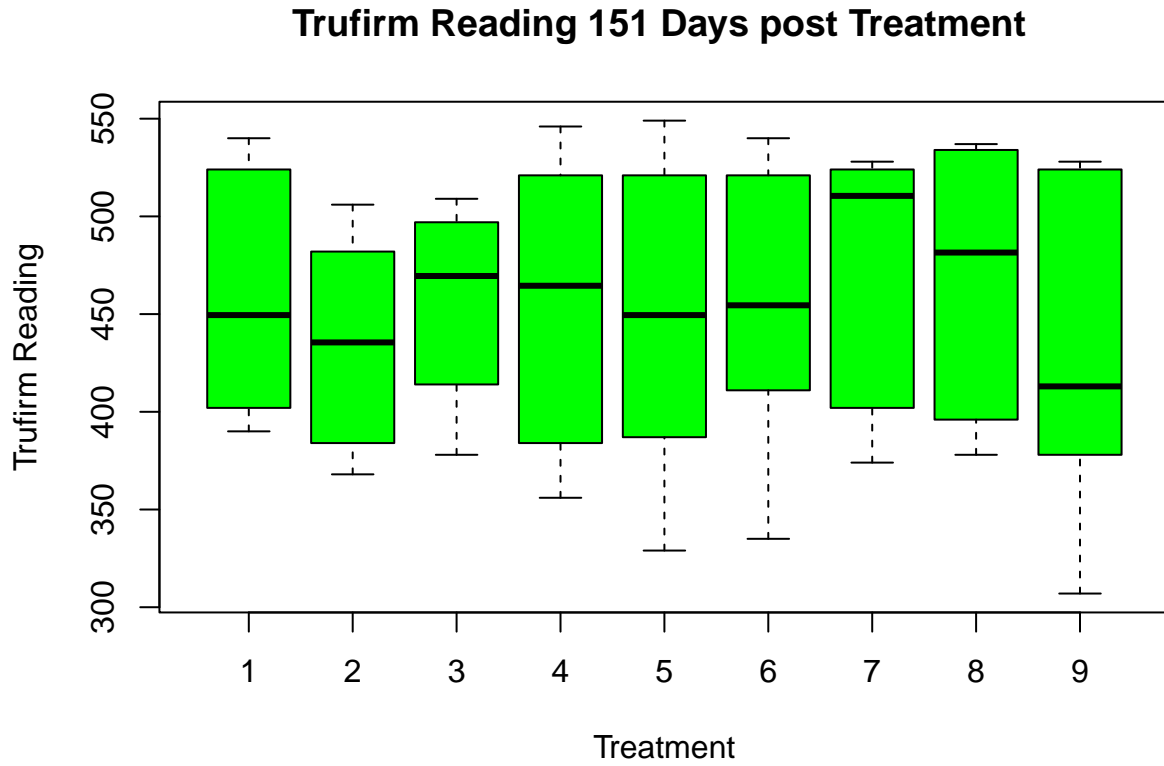


Table 57: Analysis of Variance Model 151 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 10647 | 1331 | 0.2506 | 0.9782 |
| Residuals | 45 | 239009 | 5311 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.20 Trufirm Reading 159 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-14)

Trufirm Reading 159 Days post Treatment

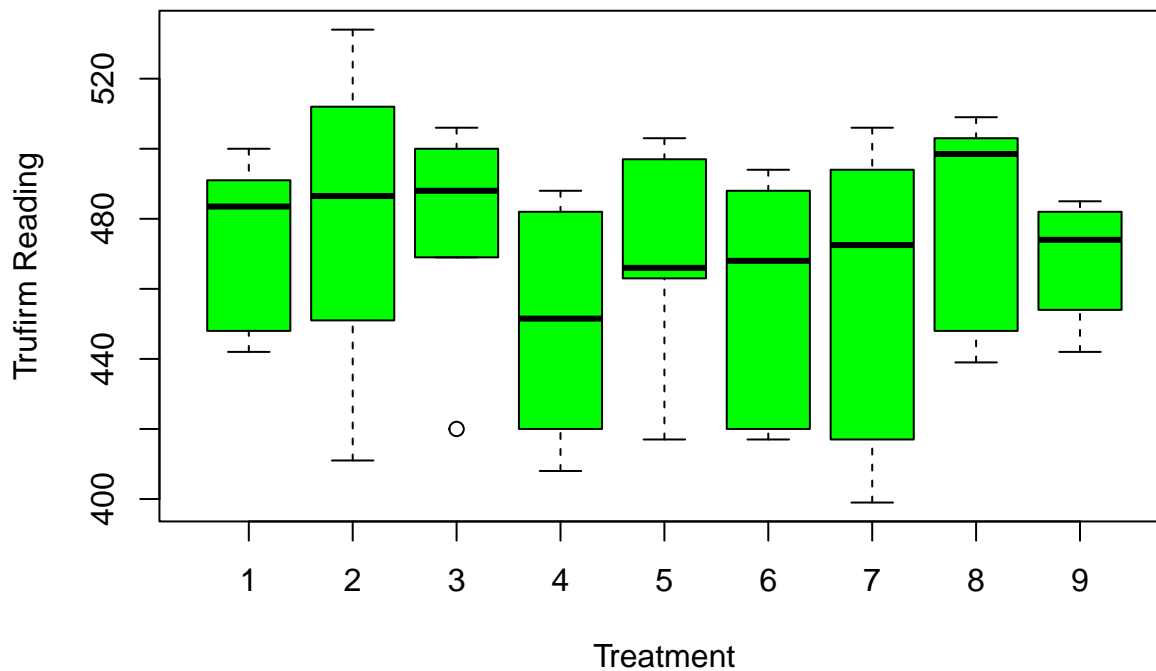


Table 58: Analysis of Variance Model 159 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 5780 | 722.5 | 0.6562 | 0.7264 |
| Residuals | 45 | 49544 | 1101 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.21 Trufirm Reading 165 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-20)

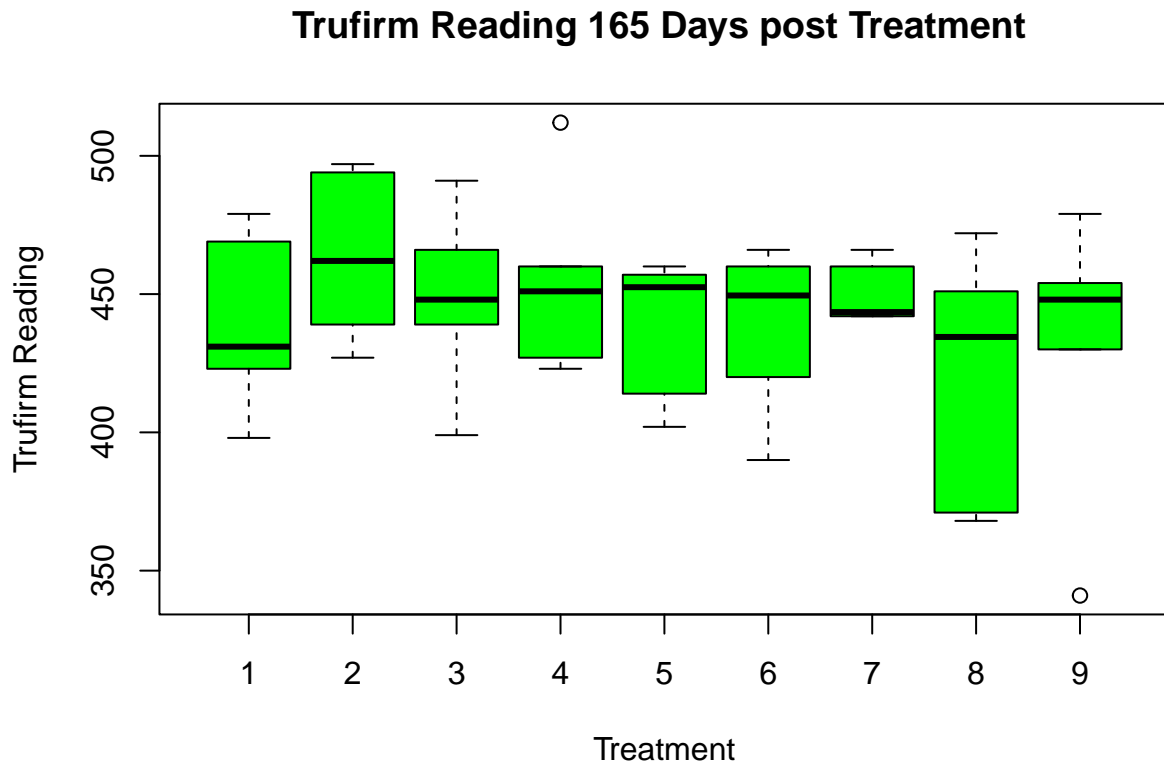


Table 59: Analysis of Variance Model 165 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7207 | 900.9 | 0.8491 | 0.5654 |
| Residuals | 45 | 47744 | 1061 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.22 Trufirm Reading 173 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-28)

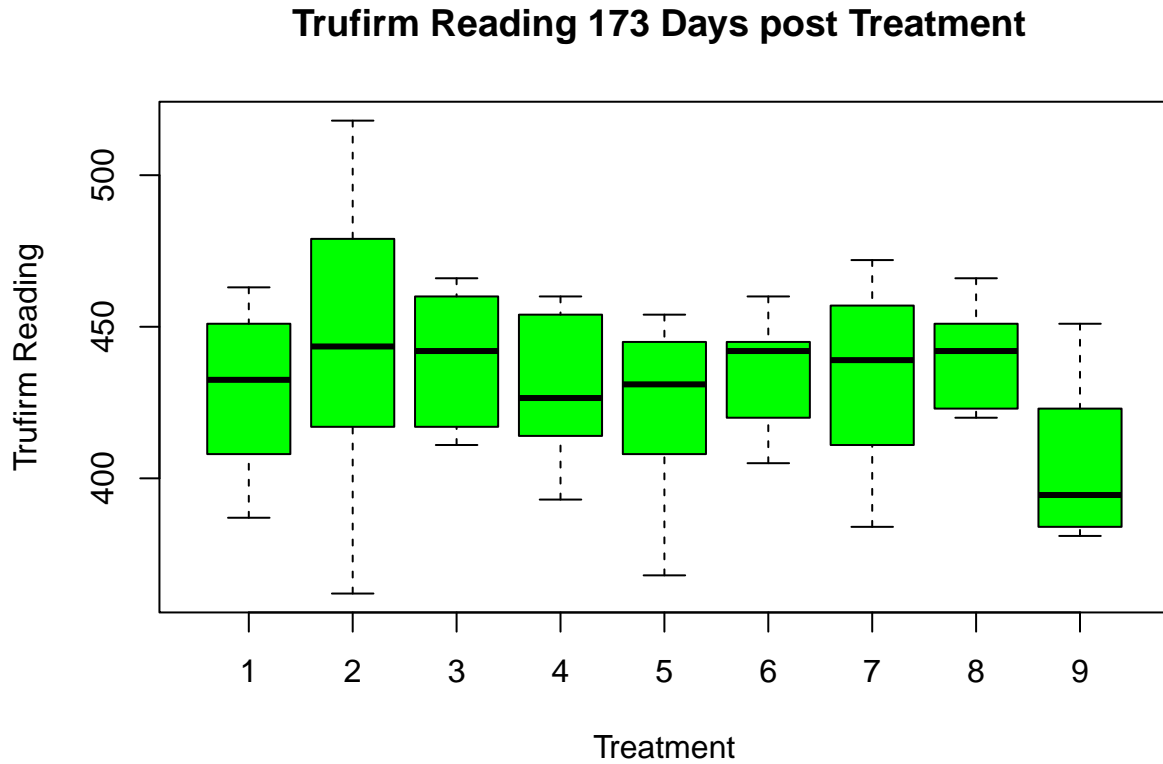


Table 60: Analysis of Variance Model 173 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6782 | 847.7 | 0.9064 | 0.5197 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42084 | 935.2 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.23 Trufirm Reading 180 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-05)

Trufirm Reading 180 Days post Treatment

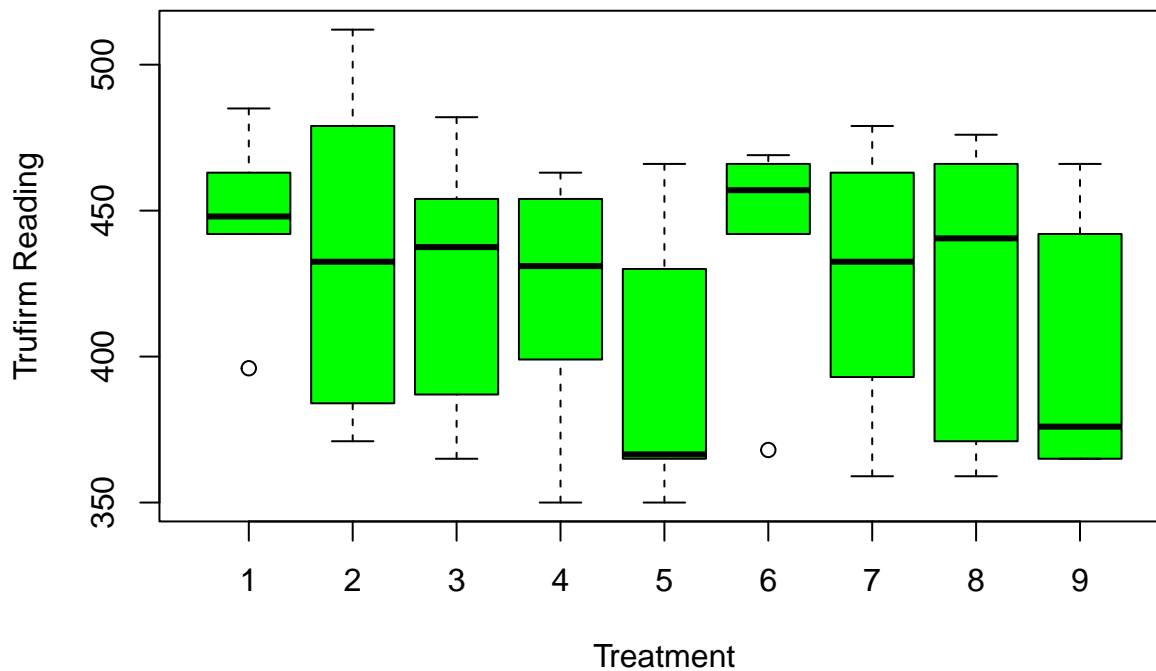


Table 61: Analysis of Variance Model 180 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 16899 | 2112 | 1.057 | 0.4096 |
| Residuals | 45 | 89941 | 1999 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.24 Trufirm Reading 187 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-12)

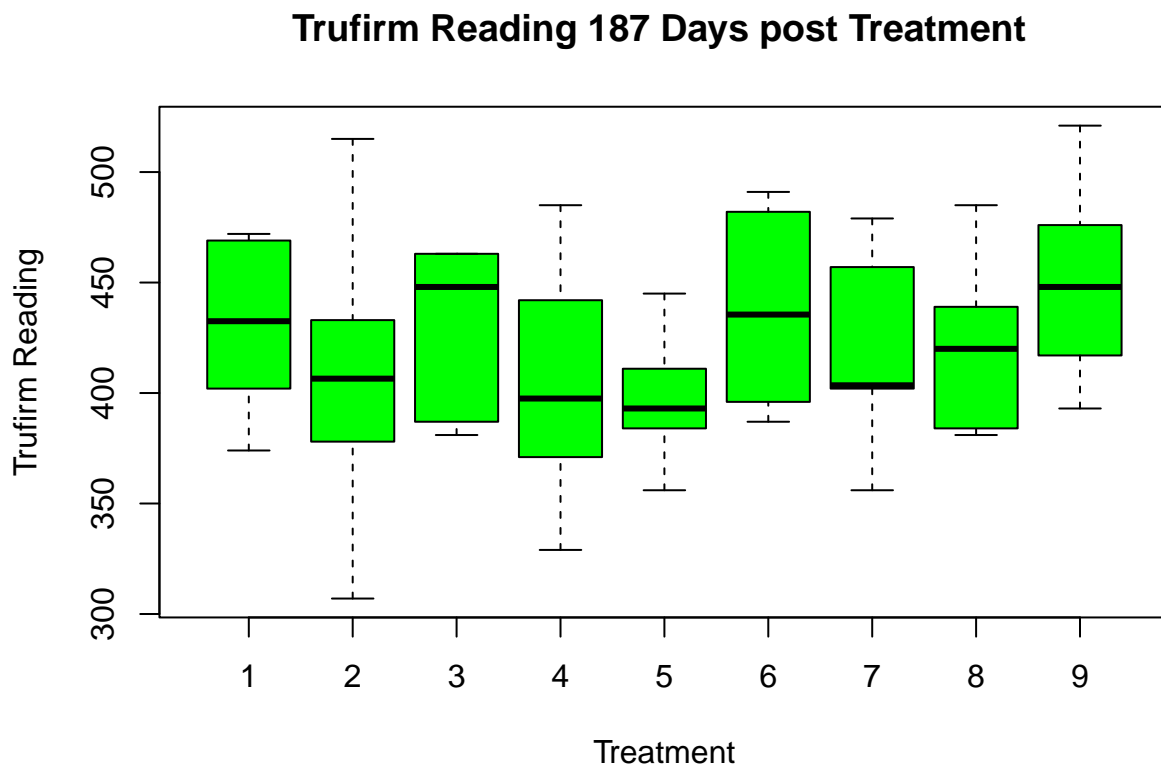


Table 62: Analysis of Variance Model 187 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 14515 | 1814 | 0.8428 | 0.5705 |
| Residuals | 45 | 96876 | 2153 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.25 Trufirm Reading 194 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-19)

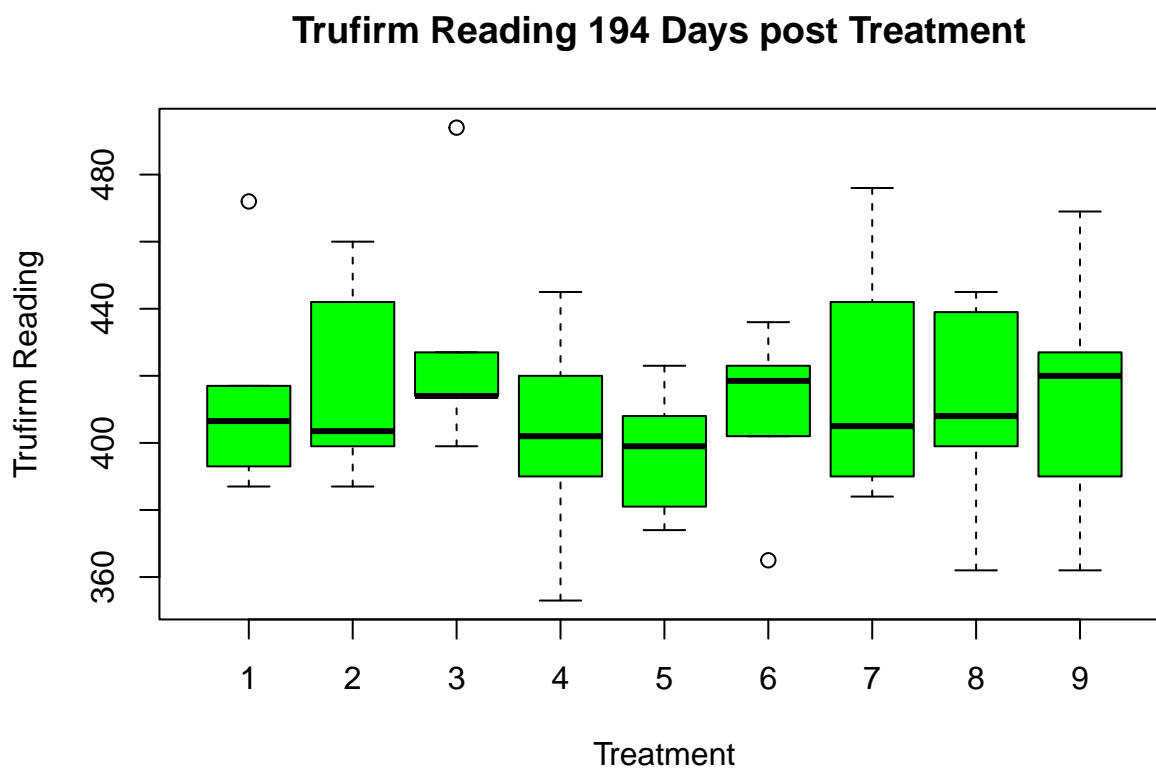


Table 63: Analysis of Variance Model 194 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 3572 | 446.5 | 0.4854 | 0.8601 |
| Residuals | 45 | 41393 | 919.8 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

11.26 Trufirm Reading 200 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-25)

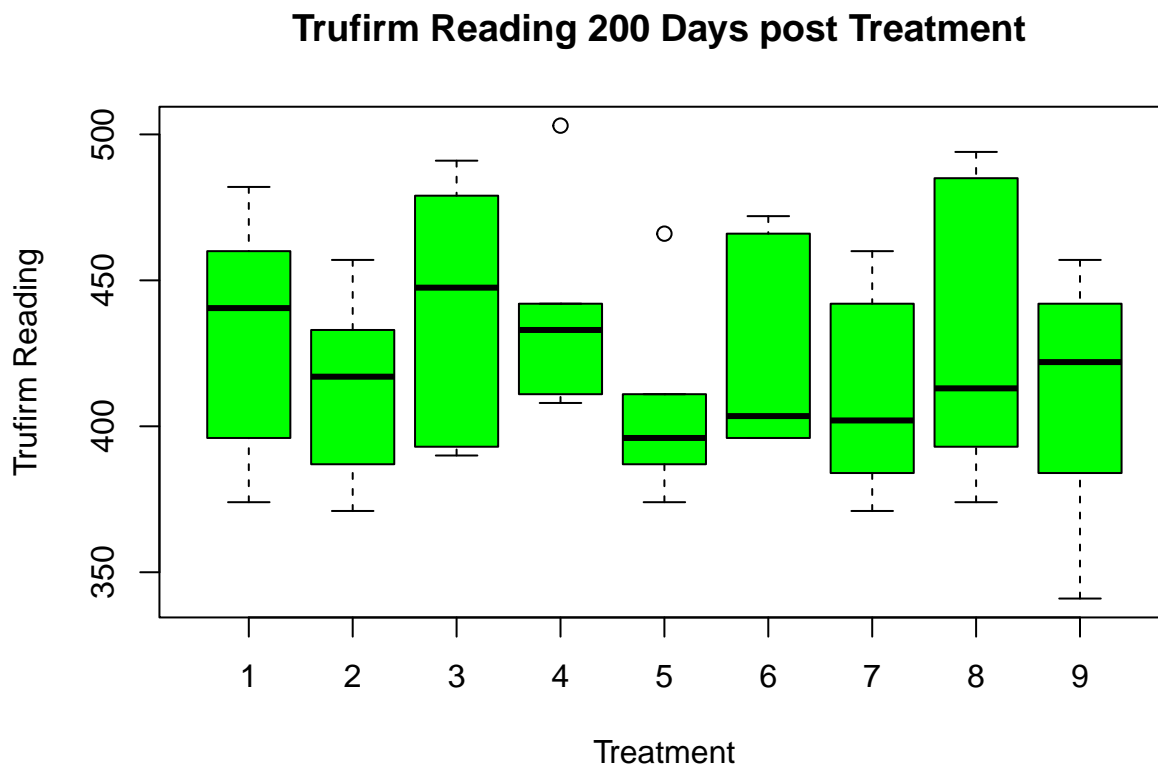


Table 64: Analysis of Variance Model 200 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 8388 | 1048 | 0.6786 | 0.7077 |
| Residuals | 45 | 69525 | 1545 | NA | NA |

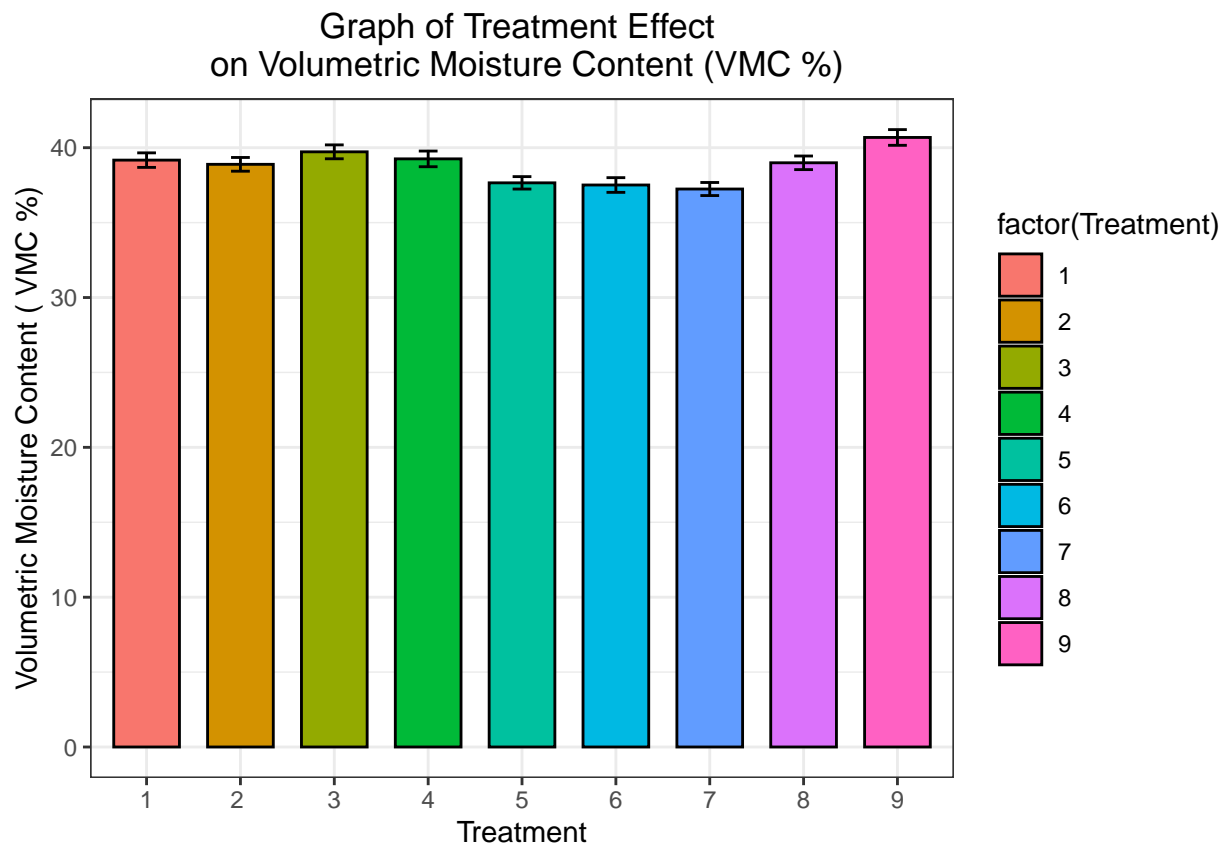
In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12 Volumetric Moisture Content (VMC %)

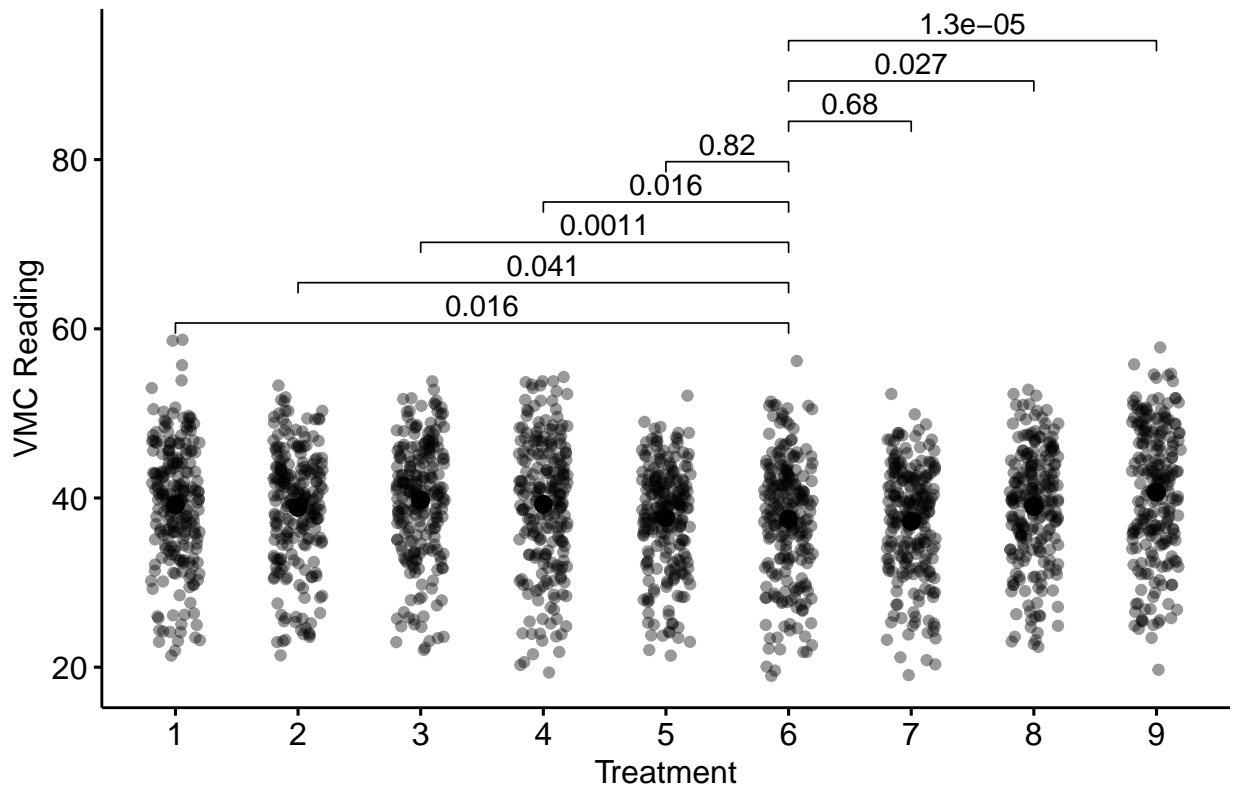
Table 65: Volumetric Moisture Content % by Treatment

| Treatment | n | VWC | sd | se | ci |
|-----------|-----|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 222 | 39.17 | 7.224 | 0.4849 | 0.9556 |
| 2 | 222 | 38.89 | 6.839 | 0.459 | 0.9046 |
| 3 | 222 | 39.72 | 6.904 | 0.4633 | 0.9131 |
| 4 | 222 | 39.25 | 7.802 | 0.5237 | 1.032 |
| 5 | 222 | 37.65 | 6.184 | 0.415 | 0.818 |
| 6 | 222 | 37.51 | 7.311 | 0.4907 | 0.967 |
| 7 | 222 | 37.24 | 6.495 | 0.4359 | 0.8591 |
| 8 | 222 | 38.99 | 6.759 | 0.4536 | 0.894 |
| 9 | 222 | 40.68 | 7.82 | 0.5248 | 1.034 |

The lowest mean moisture content was Treatment 6 (untreated control) and the highest was Treatment 9.

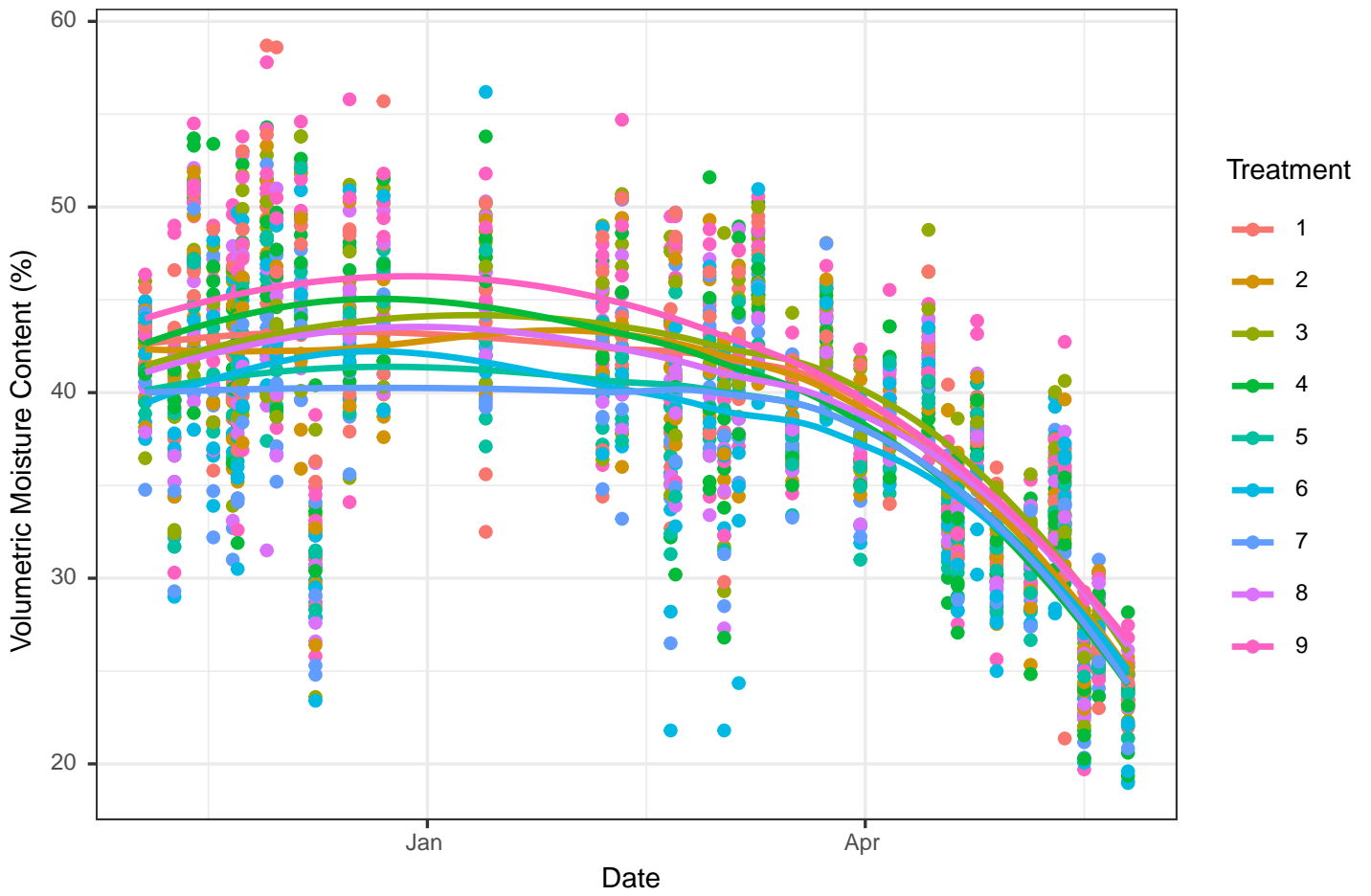


Significance between Treatments vs Control by VWC



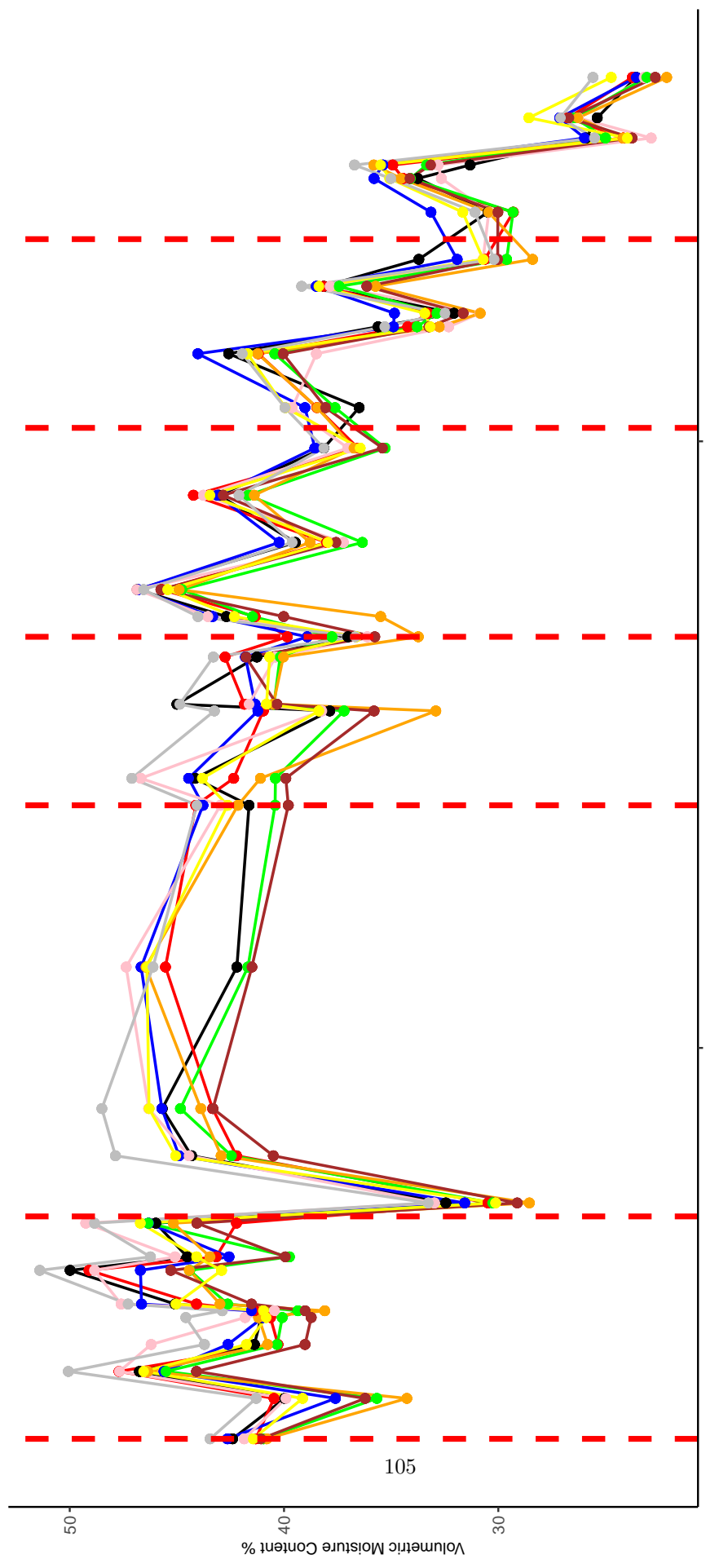
When we look at the between treatment effects we can see significant differences existed between all of the Treatments and the untreated control apart from Treatments 5 and Treatment 7 (half rates of Hydroforce Ultra).

Comparative variations in Soil Moisture over Time



Over the trial duration soil moisture contents all fell.

Variations in VMC % over Time



Apr

Jan

Days After Initial Treatment

- Treatment
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9

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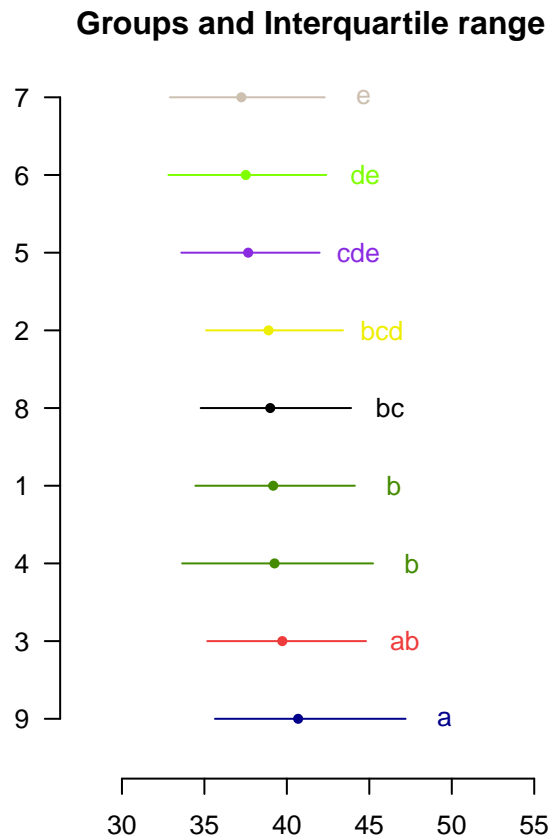
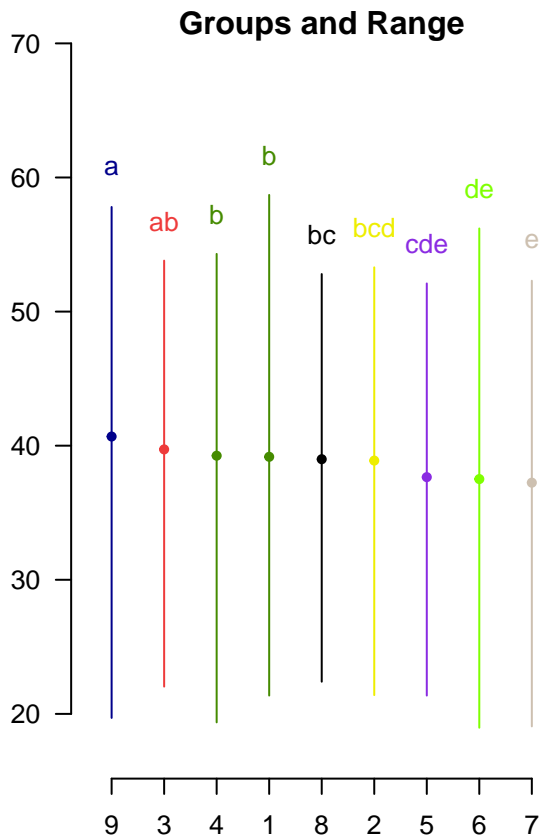
Analysis showed that the Treatment has a significant effect in relation to soil moisture content.

Table 66: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|--------------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| factor(Treatment) | 8 | 2262 | 282.8 | 5.679 | 3.705e-07 |
| Residuals | 1989 | 99056 | 49.8 | NA | NA |

Table 67: Analysis of Variance Table

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|-----------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| Block | 5 | 1122 | 224.3 | 7.047 | 1.54e-06 |
| Treatment | 8 | 2262 | 282.8 | 8.884 | 5.069e-12 |
| Date | 1 | 34457 | 34457 | 1083 | 1.126e-189 |
| Treatment:Date | 8 | 611.3 | 76.41 | 2.4 | 0.01413 |
| Residuals | 1975 | 62866 | 31.83 | NA | NA |



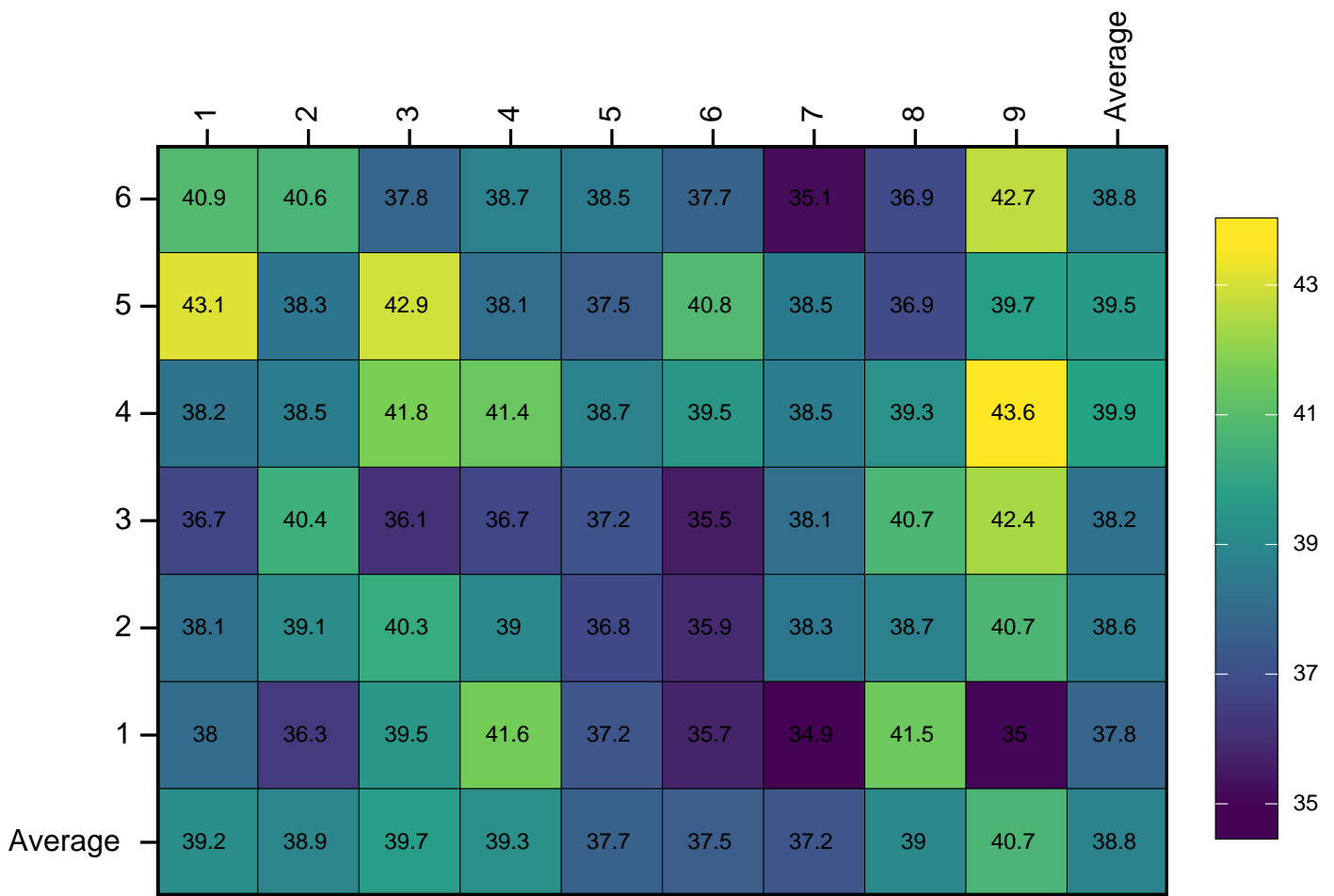
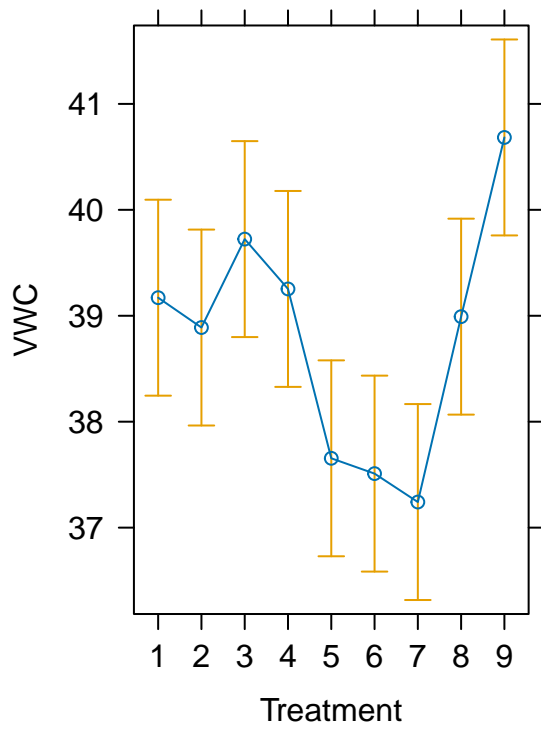


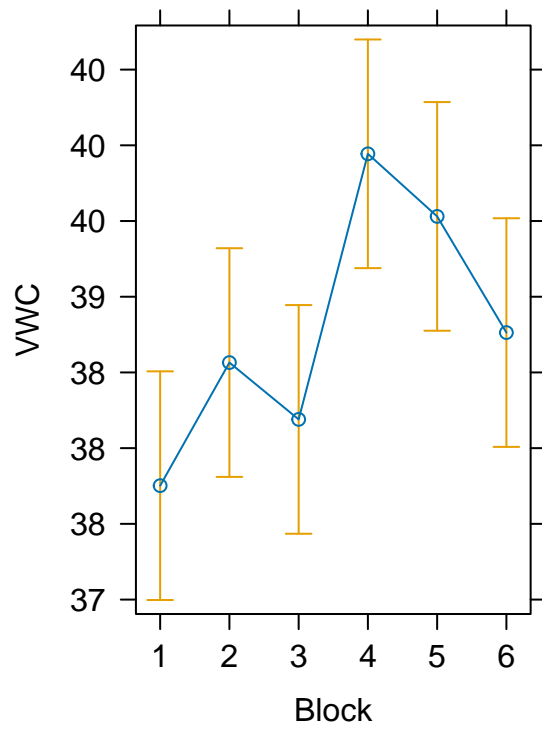
Figure 15: Volumetric Moisture Content plot means for Treatment and block

12.1 Block Effect with Treatment on VWC

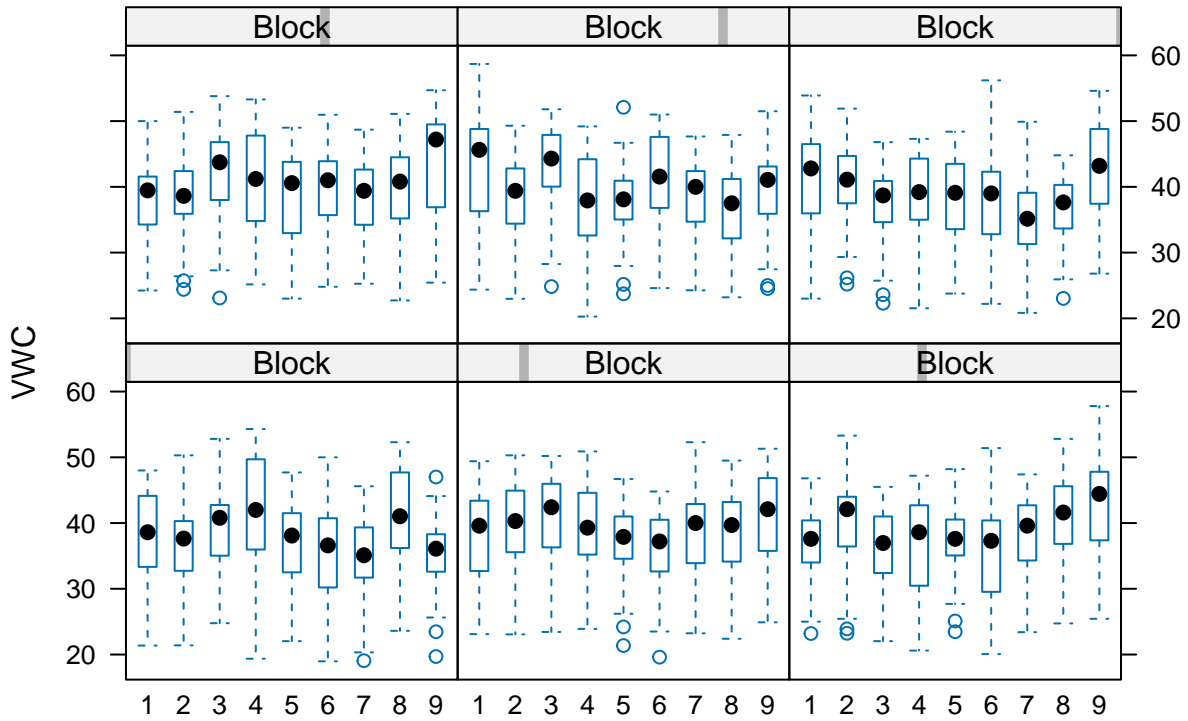
Treatment predictor effect plot



Block predictor effect plot



In all the Blocks the distinct variations in soil moisture content were evident.



There appeared to be an interaction between both the Treatment and Block factors

Table 68: Significance of Results by Treatment, Block and Days after Initial Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|----------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 1 | 448.1 | 448.1 | 36.13 | 2.269e-09 |
| Treatment | 8 | 2262 | 282.8 | 22.8 | 2.505e-33 |
| DAT | 36 | 74760 | 2077 | 167.4 | 0 |
| Treatment:DAT | 288 | 3210 | 11.14 | 0.8985 | 0.8748 |
| Residuals | 1664 | 20639 | 12.4 | NA | NA |

12.2 VMC Reading 0 Days Pre Treatment (2022-11-04)

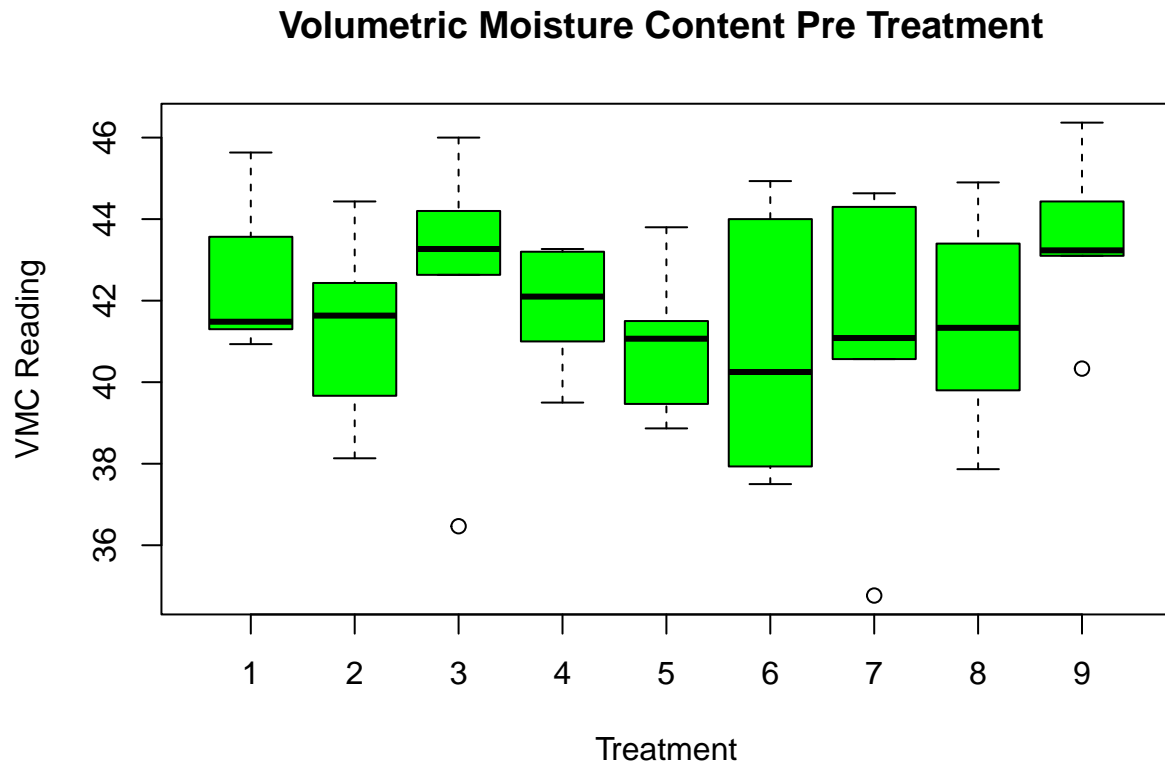


Table 69: Analysis of Variance Model Pre Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 38.12 | 4.765 | 0.7375 | 0.658 |
| Residuals | 45 | 290.7 | 6.461 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in soil moisture levels prior to treatment.

12.3 VMC Reading 3 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-10)

Volumetric Moisture Content 3 Days post Treatment

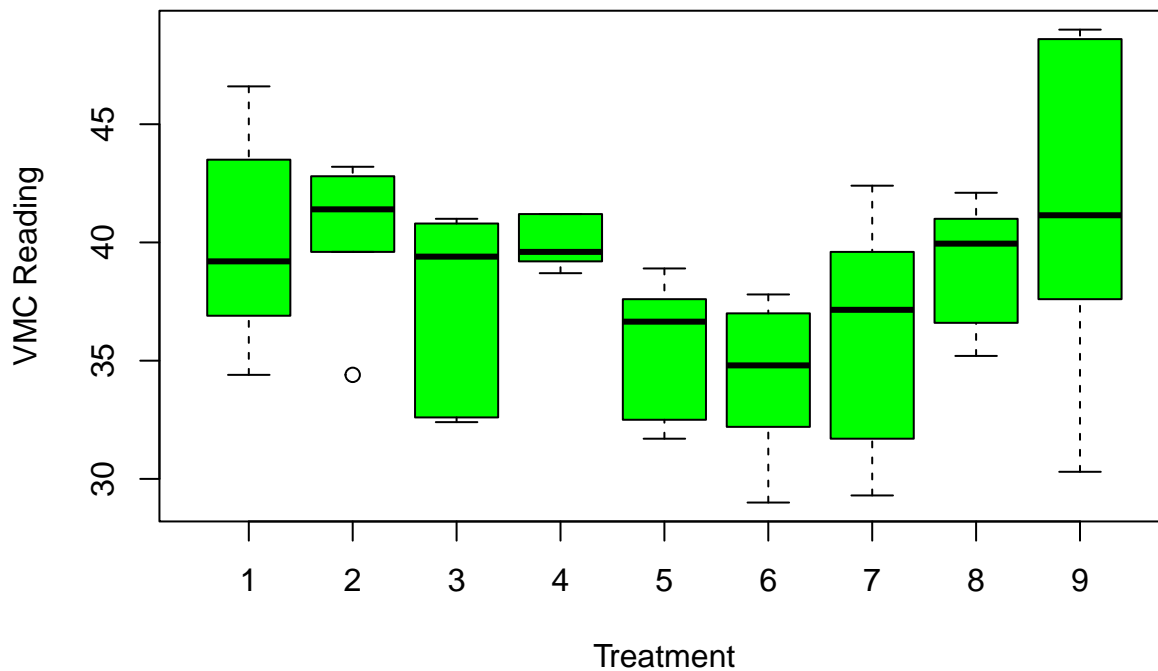
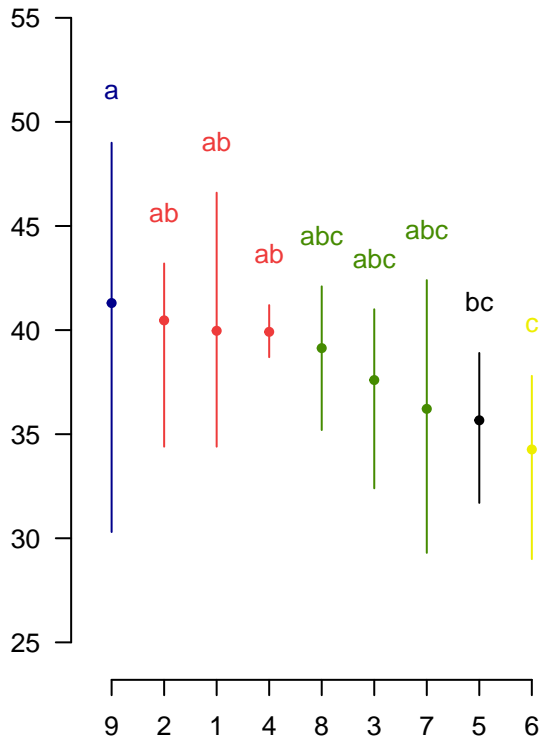


Table 70: Analysis of Variance Model 3 Days post Treatment

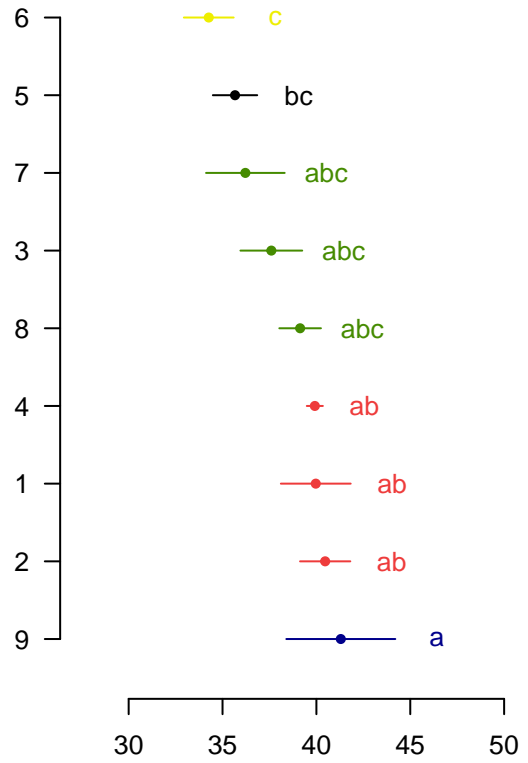
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 286.9 | 35.86 | 2.121 | 0.05324 |
| Residuals | 45 | 760.6 | 16.9 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



12.4 VMC Reading 7 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-14)

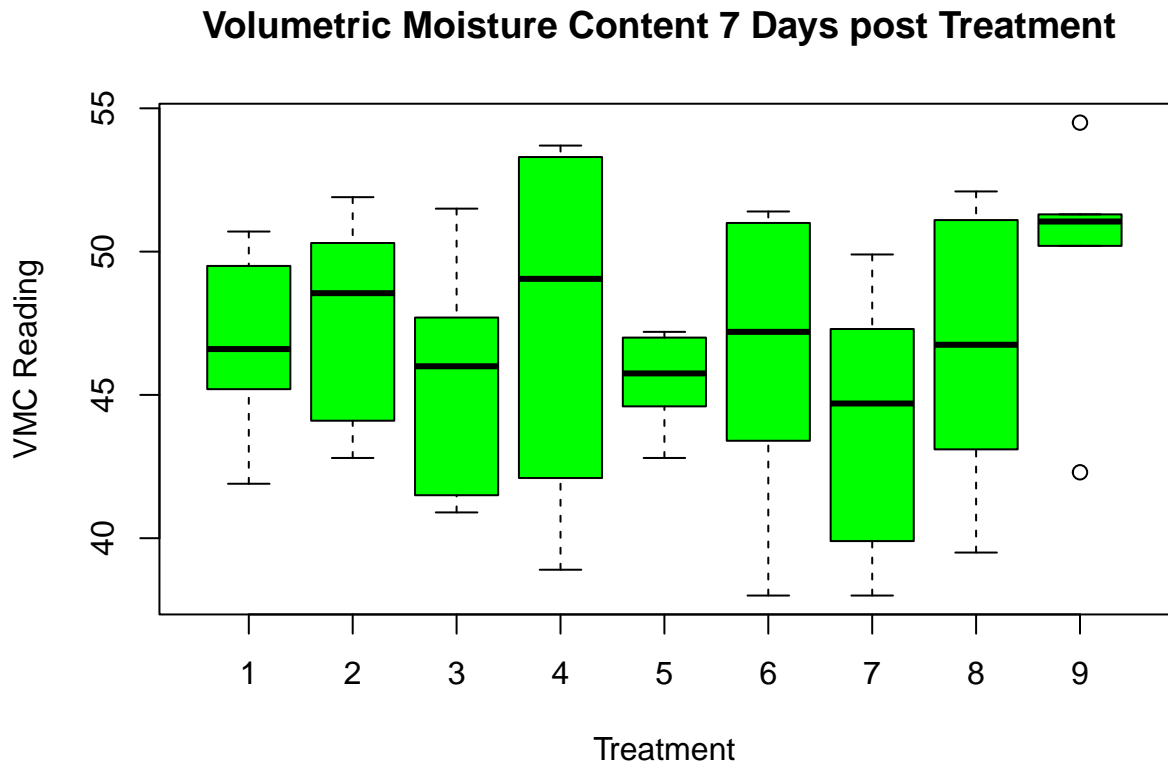


Table 71: Analysis of Variance Model 7 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 137.4 | 17.17 | 0.9075 | 0.5188 |
| Residuals | 45 | 851.4 | 18.92 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.5 VMC Reading 11 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-18)

Volumetric Moisture Content 11 Days post Treatment

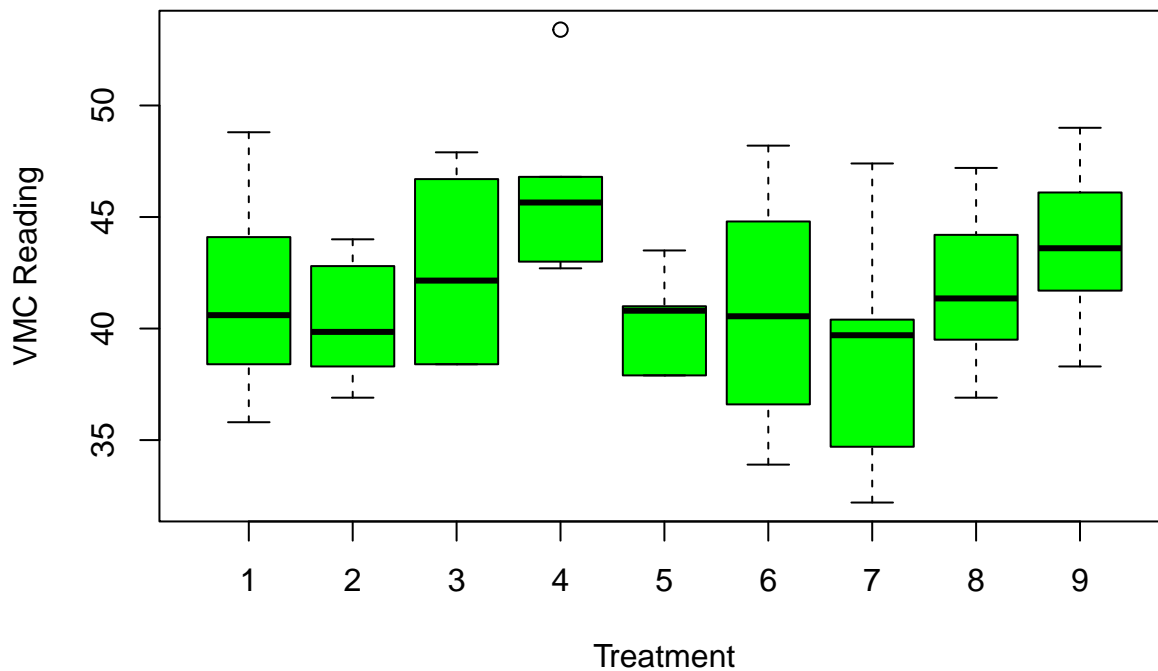


Table 72: Analysis of Variance Model 11 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 223.1 | 27.89 | 1.613 | 0.1479 |
| Residuals | 45 | 777.9 | 17.29 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.6 VMC Reading 15 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-22)

Volumetric Moisture Content 15 Days post Treatment

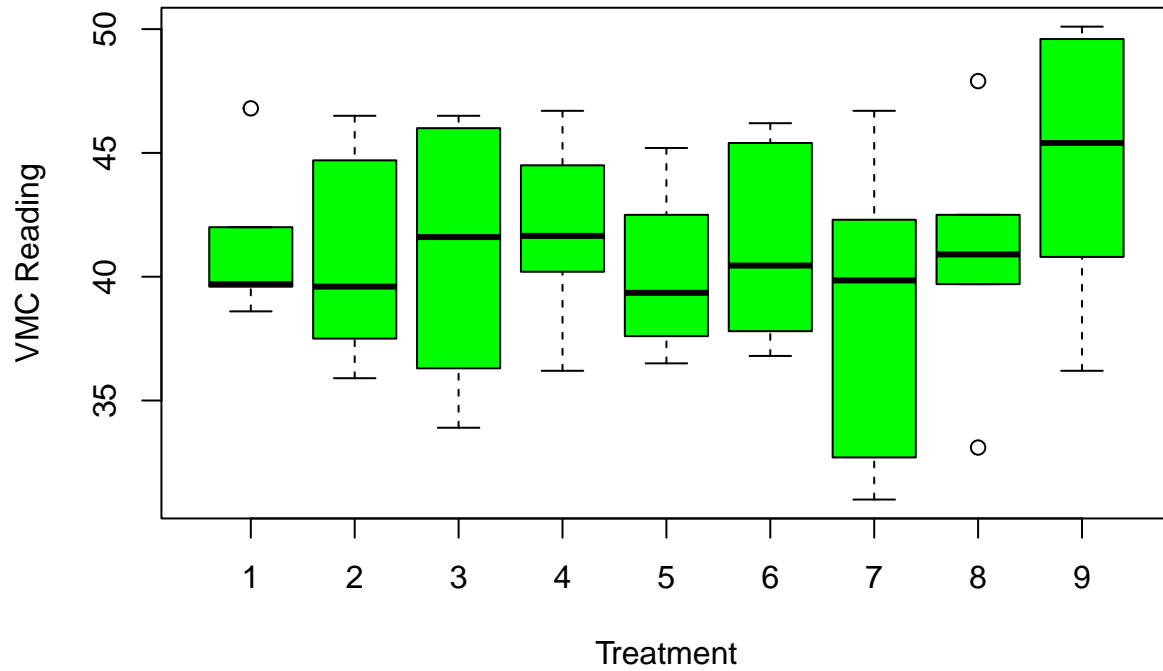


Table 73: Analysis of Variance Model 15 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 117.6 | 14.69 | 0.7271 | 0.6668 |
| Residuals | 45 | 909.4 | 20.21 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.7 VMC Reading 16 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-23)

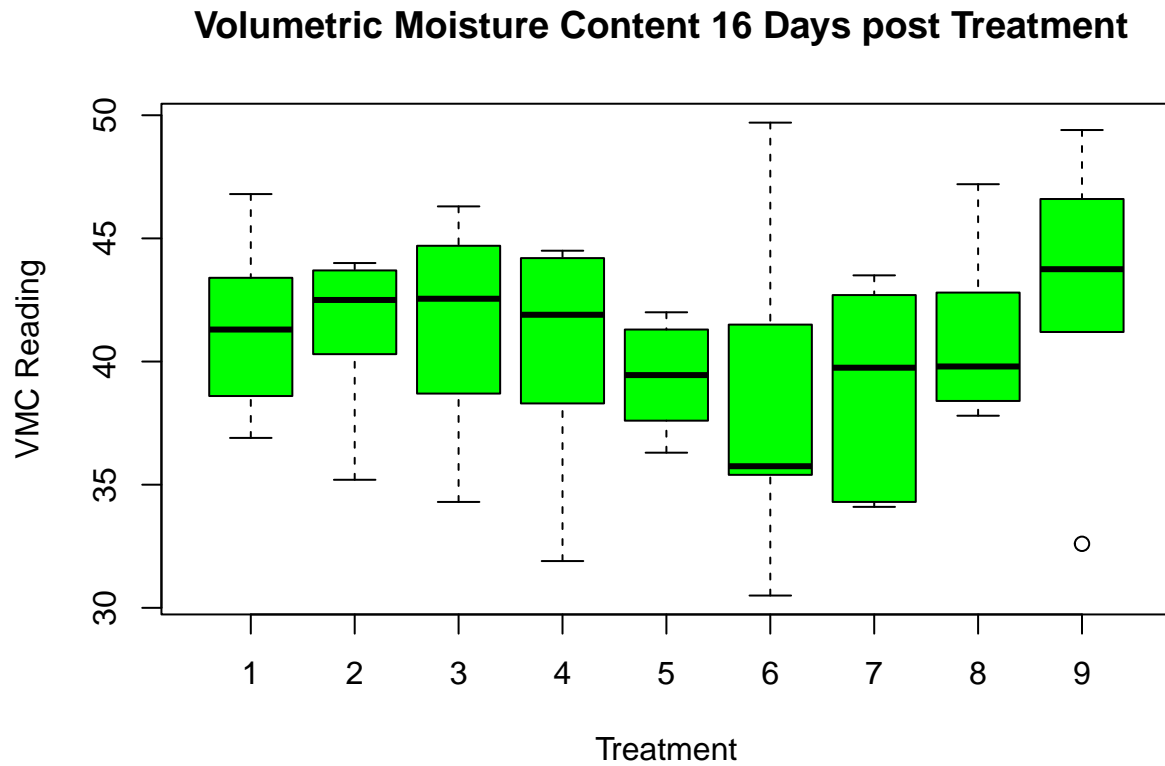


Table 74: Analysis of Variance Model Pre Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 106.3 | 13.29 | 0.666 | 0.7183 |
| Residuals | 45 | 897.8 | 19.95 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.8 VMC Reading 17 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-24)

Volumetric Moisture Content 17 Days post Treatment

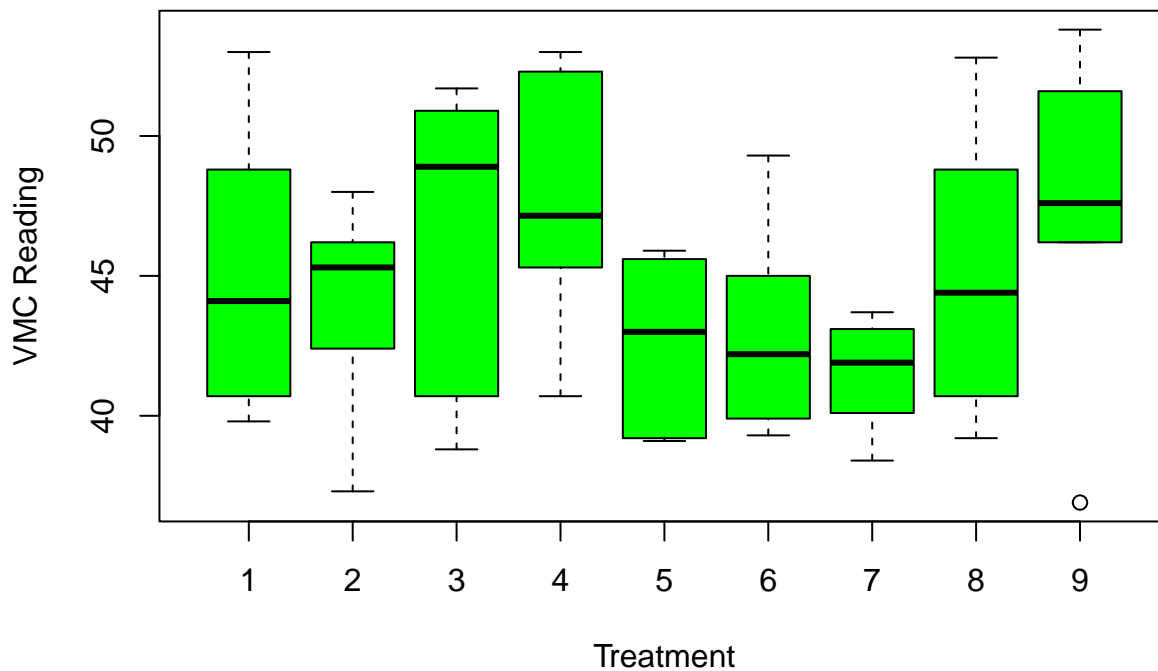


Table 75: Analysis of Variance Model 17 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 221.1 | 27.64 | 1.339 | 0.2495 |
| Residuals | 45 | 928.8 | 20.64 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.9 VMC Reading 22 Days Post Treatment (2022-11-29)

Volumetric Moisture Content 22 Days post Treatment

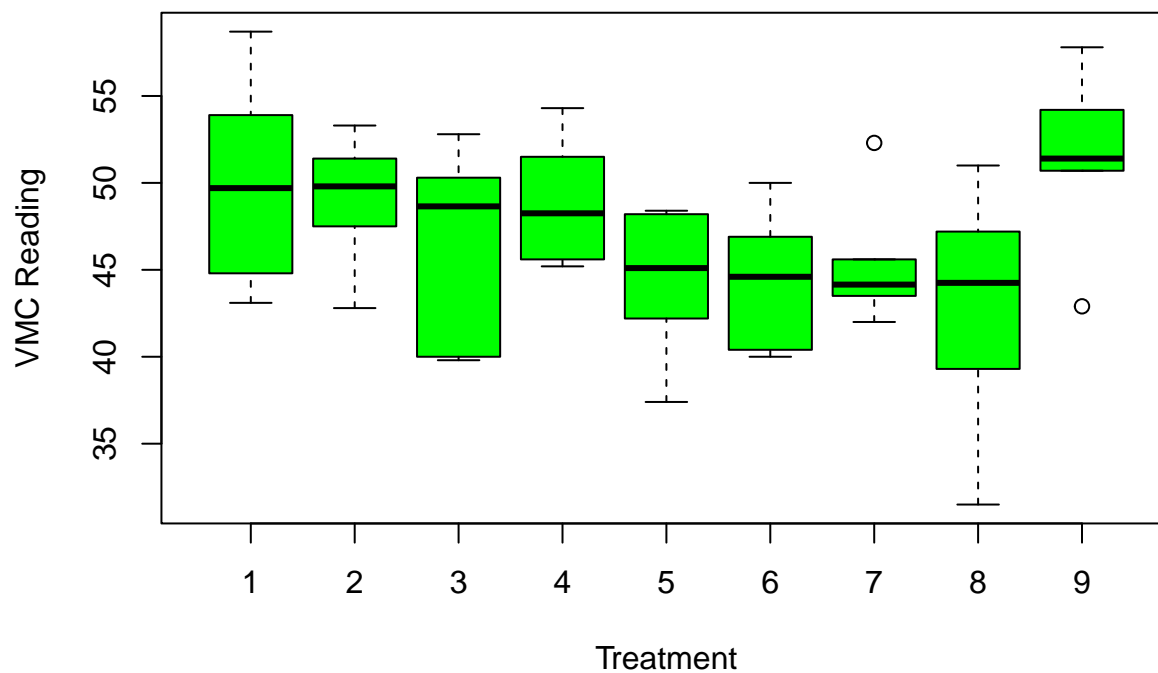
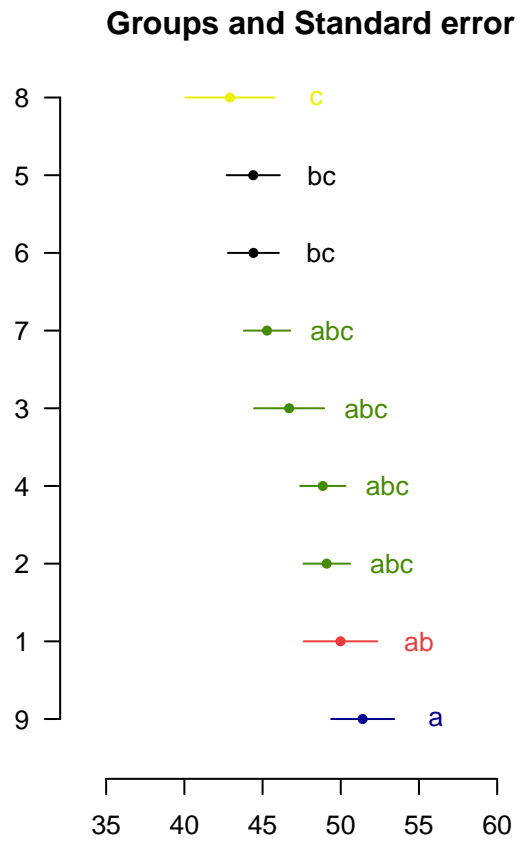
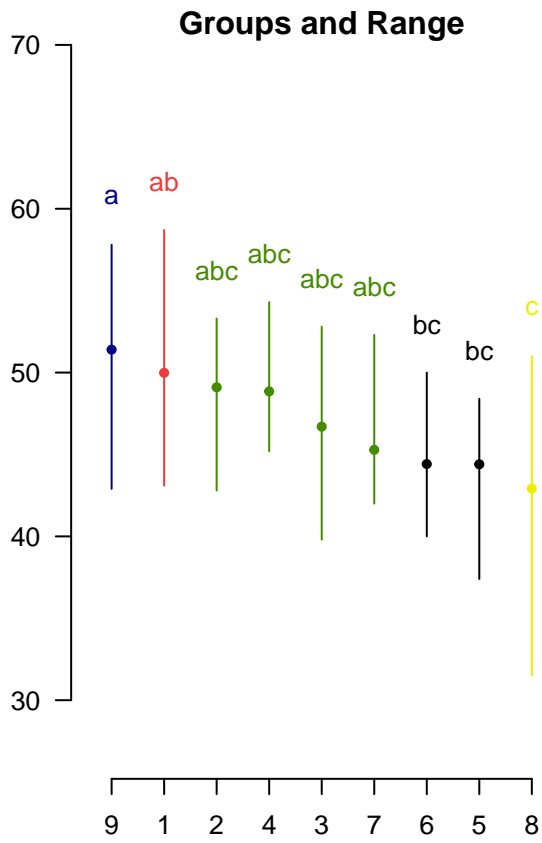


Table 76: Analysis of Variance Model 22 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 415.4 | 51.93 | 2.24 | 0.04177 |
| Residuals | 45 | 1043 | 23.18 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.



12.10 VMC Reading 24 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-01)

Volumetric Moisture Content 24 Days post Treatment

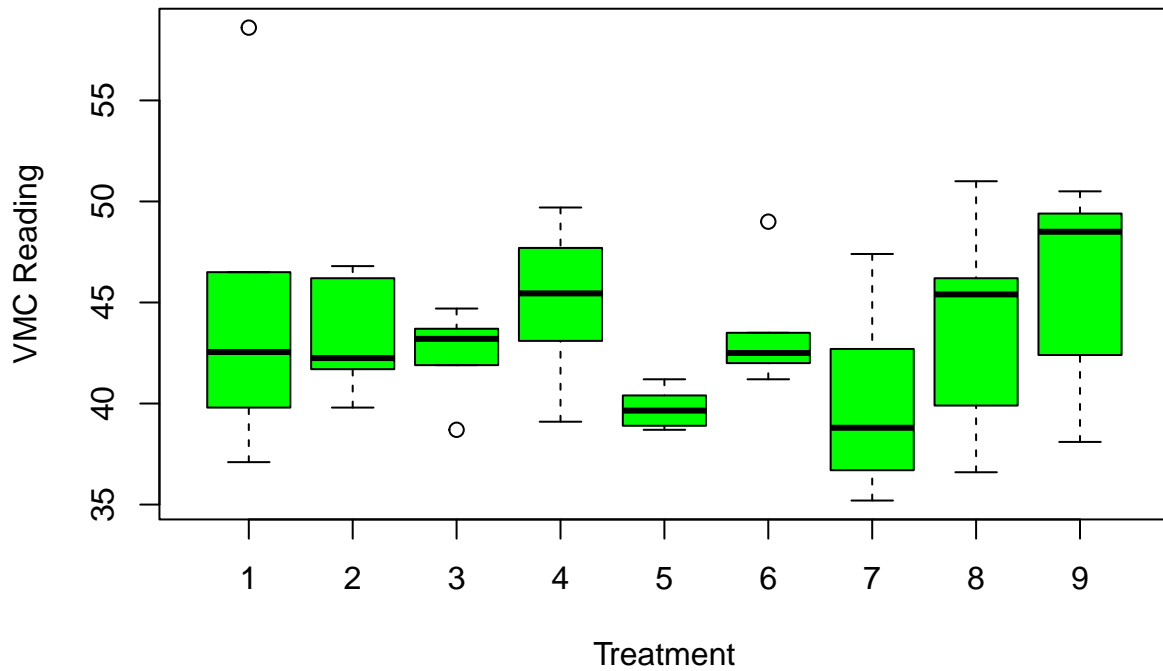


Table 77: Analysis of Variance Model 24 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 229.8 | 28.73 | 1.583 | 0.1569 |
| Residuals | 45 | 816.5 | 18.15 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.11 VMC Reading 29 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-06)

Volumetric Moisture Content 29 Days post Treatment

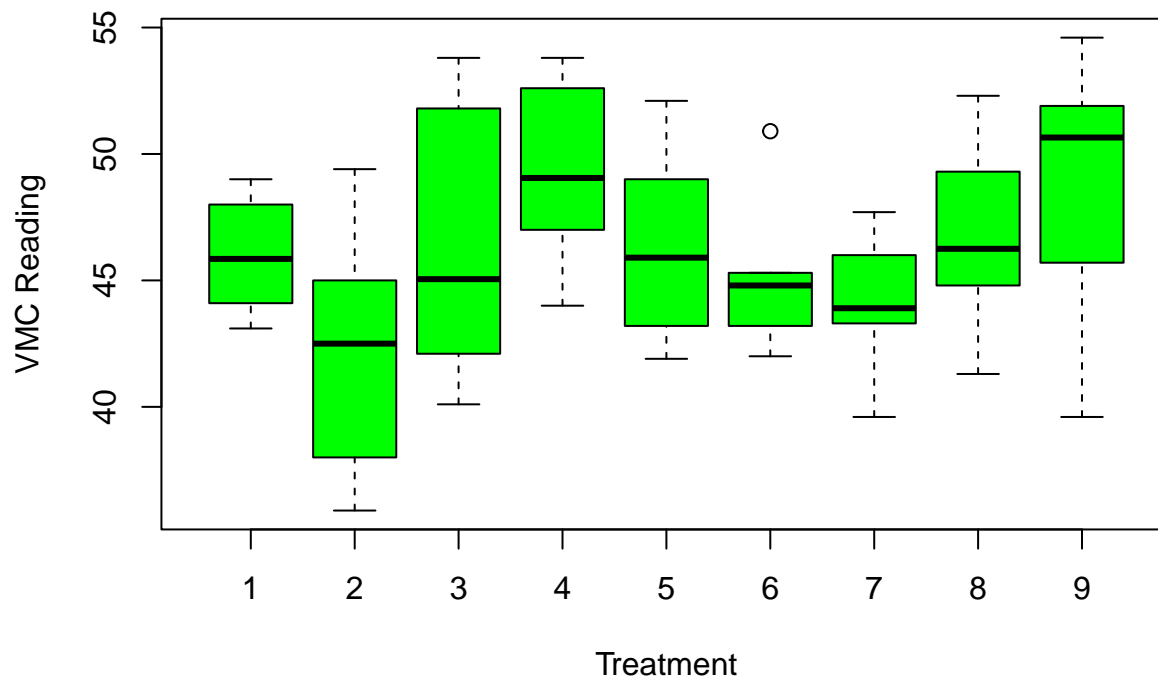


Table 78: Analysis of Variance Model 29 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 228.3 | 28.53 | 1.758 | 0.1111 |
| Residuals | 45 | 730.3 | 16.23 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.12 VMC Reading 32 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-09)

Volumetric Moisture Content 32 Days post Treatment

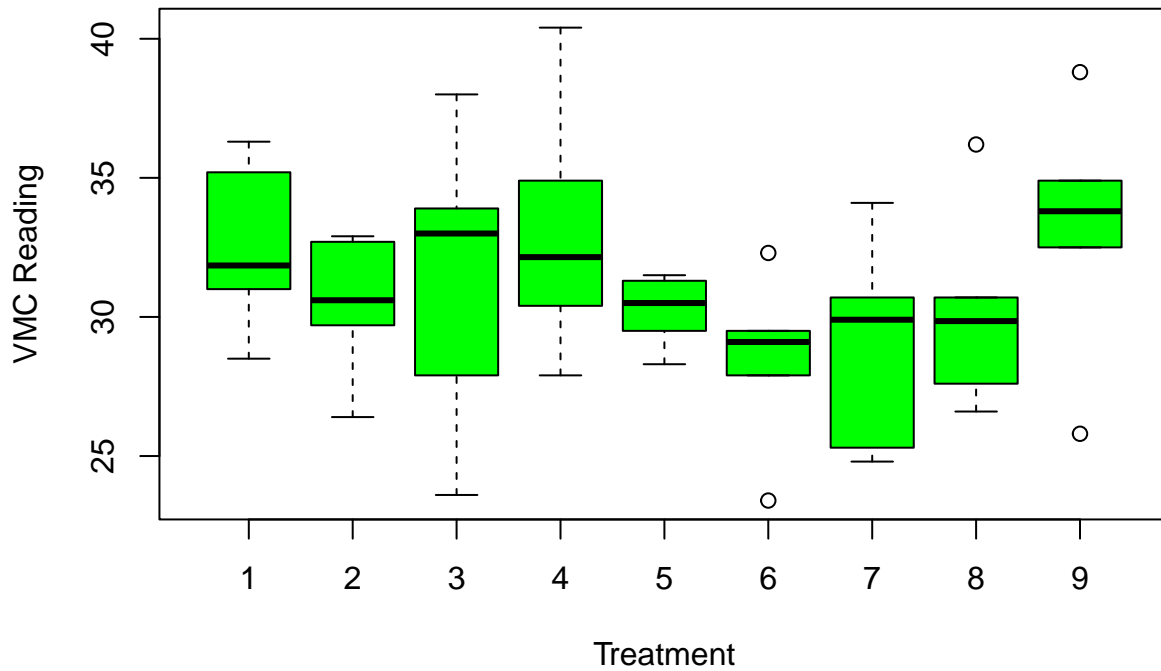


Table 79: Analysis of Variance Model 32 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 135.6 | 16.95 | 1.37 | 0.2357 |
| Residuals | 45 | 556.8 | 12.37 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.13 VMC Reading 39 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-16)

Volumetric Moisture Content 39 Days post Treatment

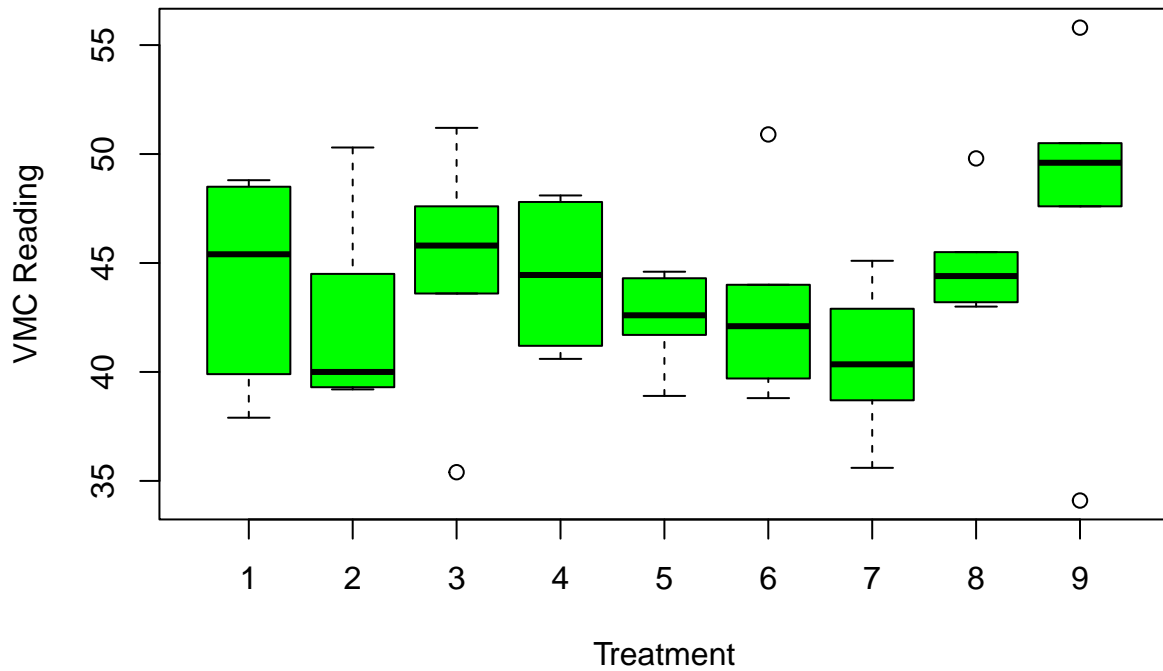


Table 80: Analysis of Variance Model 39 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 215.5 | 26.94 | 1.395 | 0.2246 |
| Residuals | 45 | 868.8 | 19.31 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.14 VMC Reading 46 Days Post Treatment (2022-12-23)

Volumetric Moisture Content 46 Days post Treatment

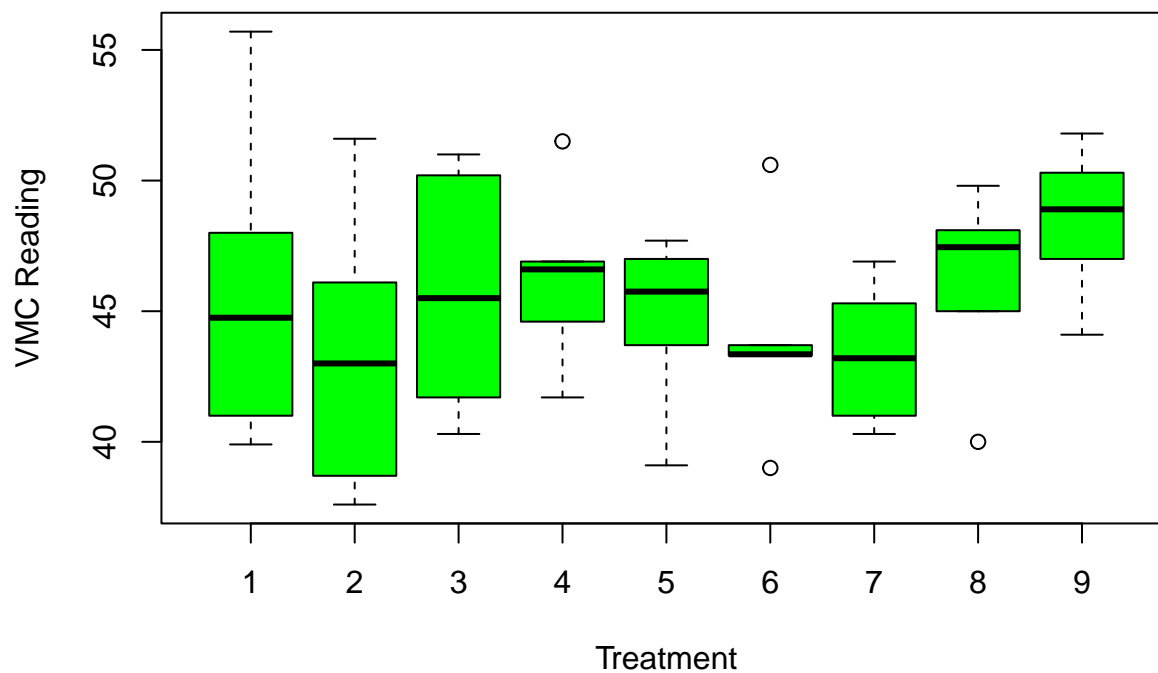


Table 81: Analysis of Variance Model 46 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 135.6 | 16.95 | 1.098 | 0.3825 |
| Residuals | 45 | 694.9 | 15.44 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.15 VMC Reading 67 Days Post Treatment (2023-01-13)

Volumetric Moisture Content 67 Days post Treatment

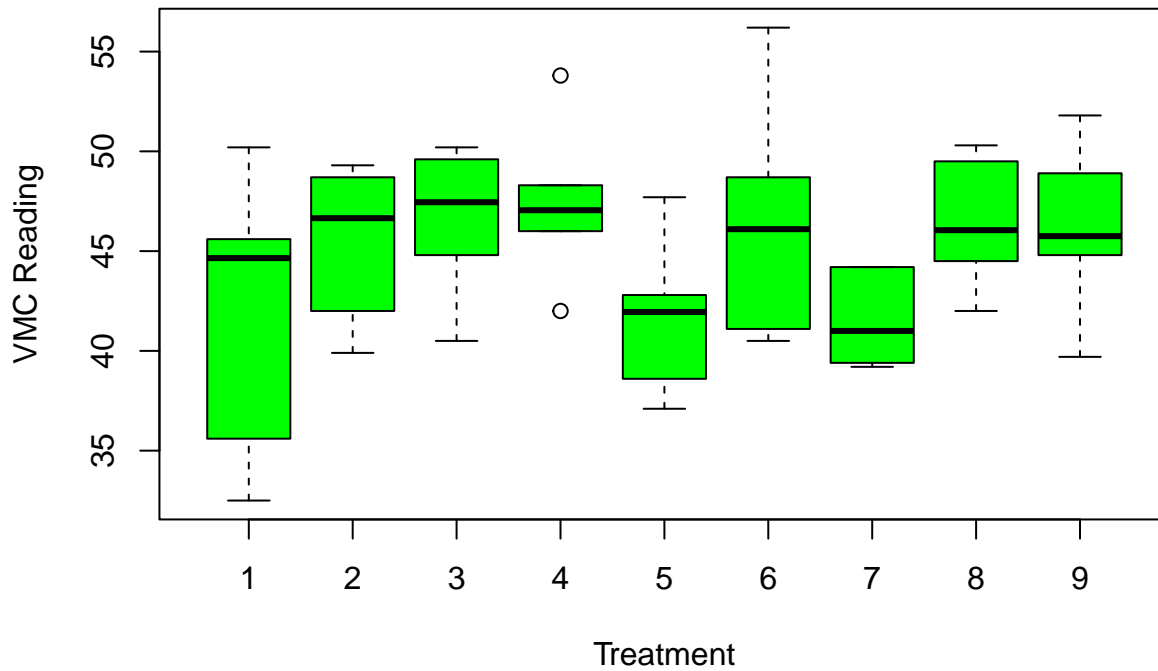


Table 82: Analysis of Variance Model 67 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 269.6 | 33.7 | 1.815 | 0.09911 |
| Residuals | 45 | 835.5 | 18.57 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.16 VMC Reading 91 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-06)

Volumetric Moisture Content 91 Days post Treatment

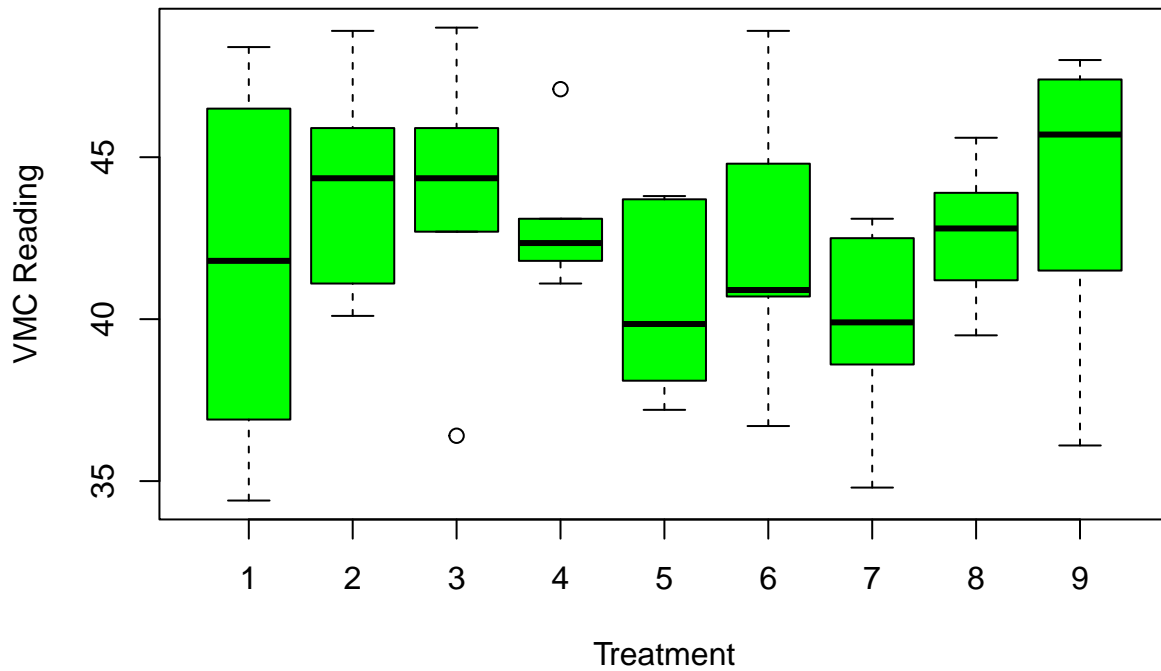


Table 83: Analysis of Variance Model 91 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 116.1 | 14.52 | 1.059 | 0.408 |
| Residuals | 45 | 616.7 | 13.71 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.17 VMC Reading 95 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-10)

Volumetric Moisture Content 95 Days post Treatment

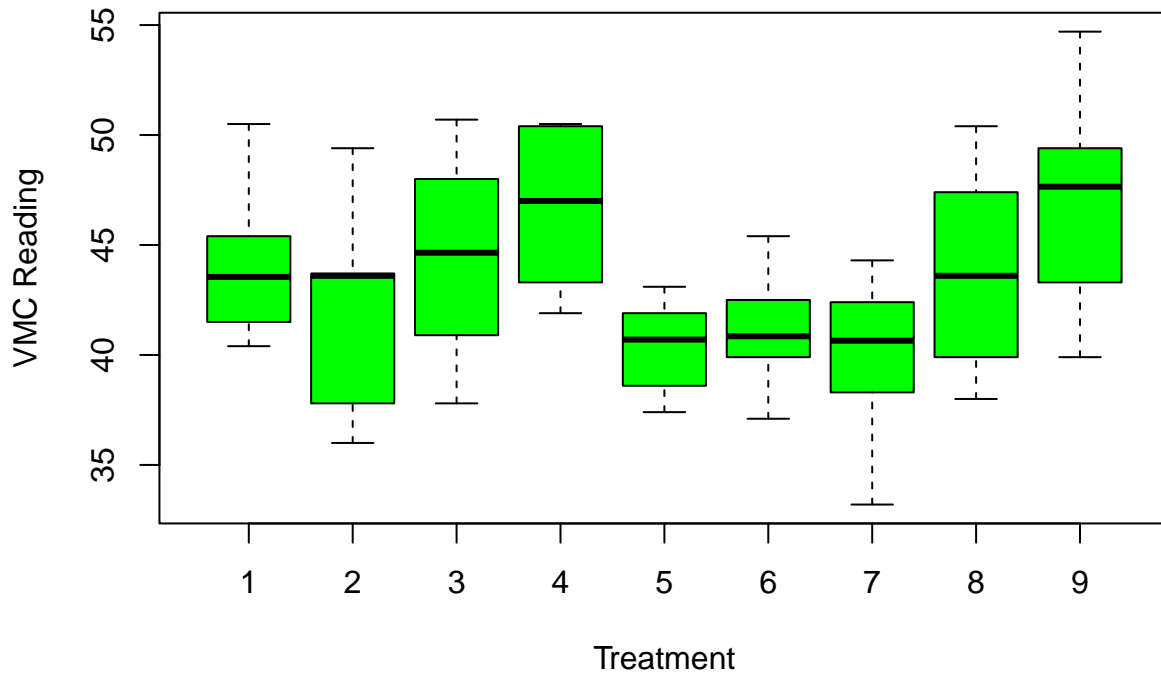
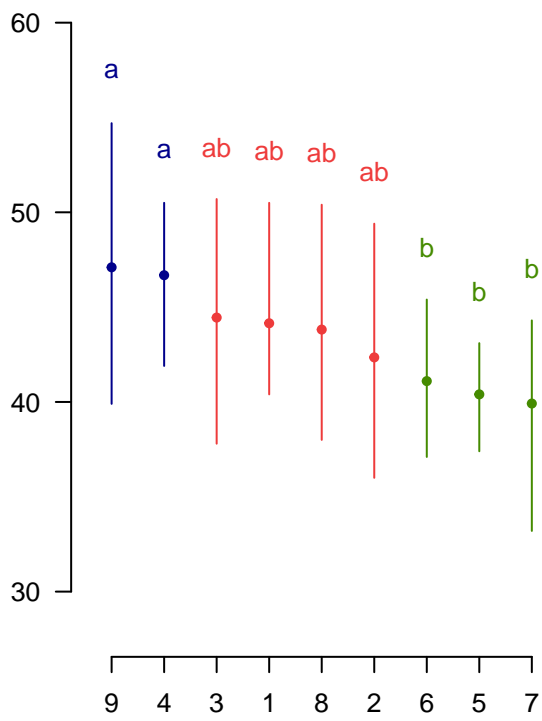


Table 84: Analysis of Variance Model 95 Days post Treatment

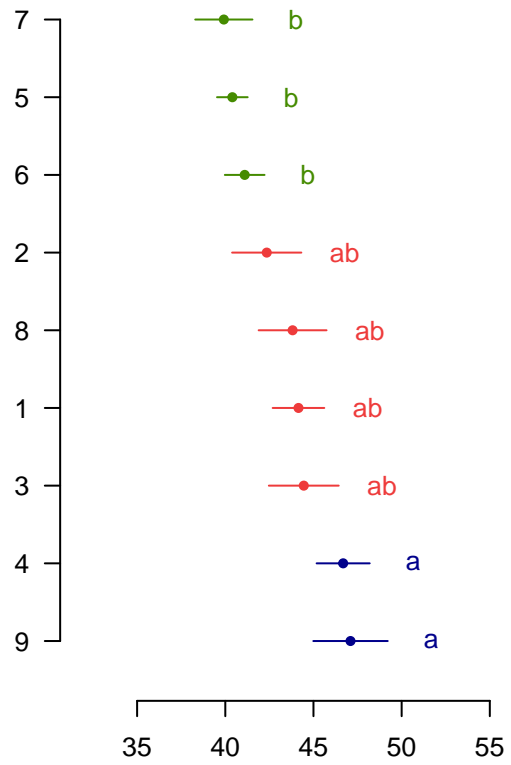
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 322.7 | 40.34 | 2.419 | 0.02886 |
| Residuals | 45 | 750.4 | 16.67 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



12.18 VMC Reading 105 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-20)

Volumetric Moisture Content 105 Days post Treatment

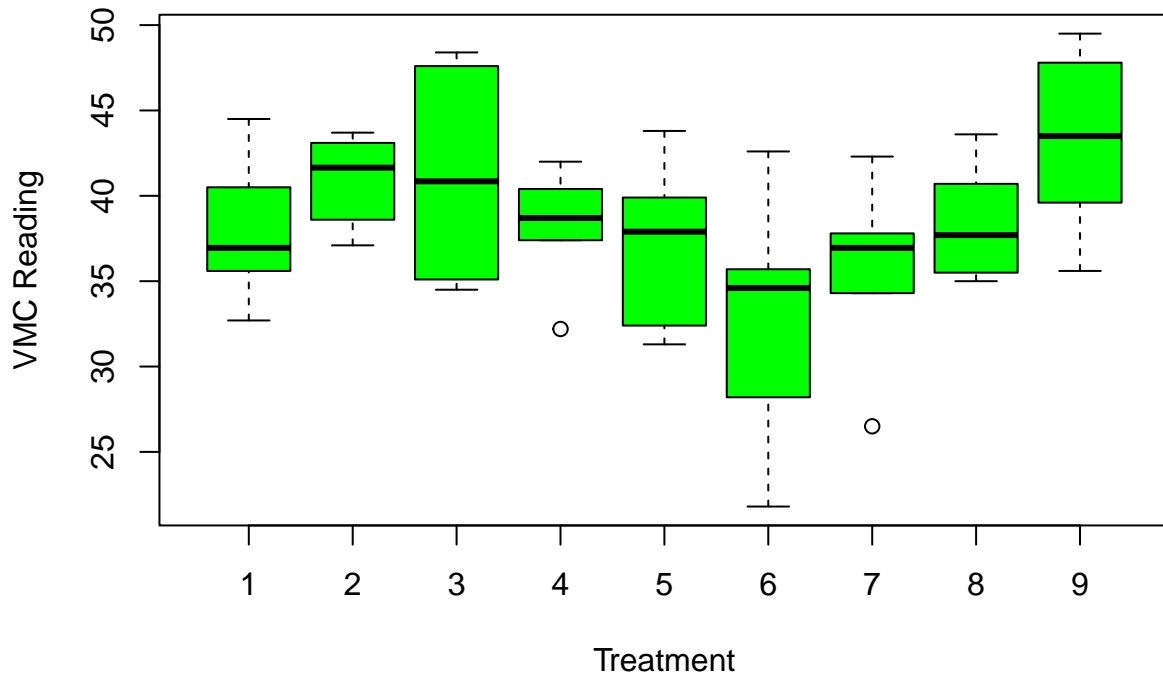
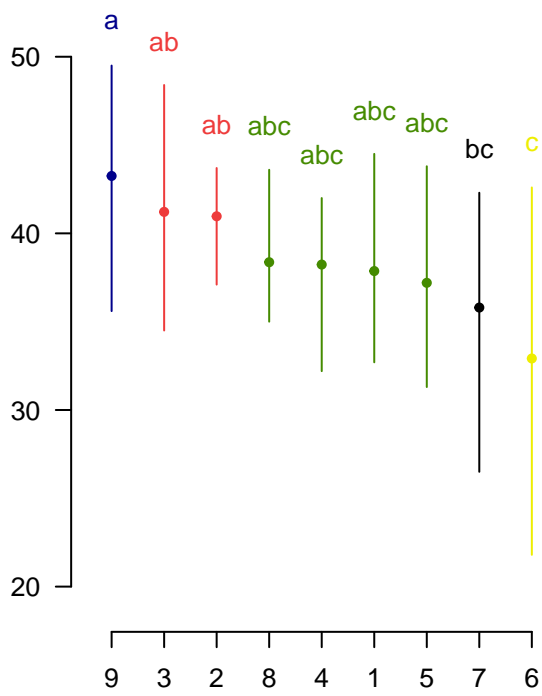


Table 85: Analysis of Variance Model 105 Days post Treatment

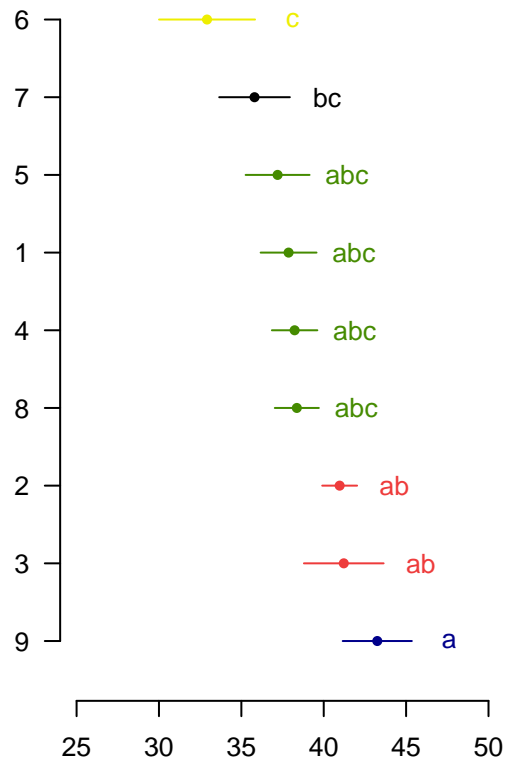
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 459.7 | 57.46 | 2.477 | 0.02564 |
| Residuals | 45 | 1044 | 23.2 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



12.19 VMC Reading 106 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-21)

Volumetric Moisture Content 106 Days post Treatment

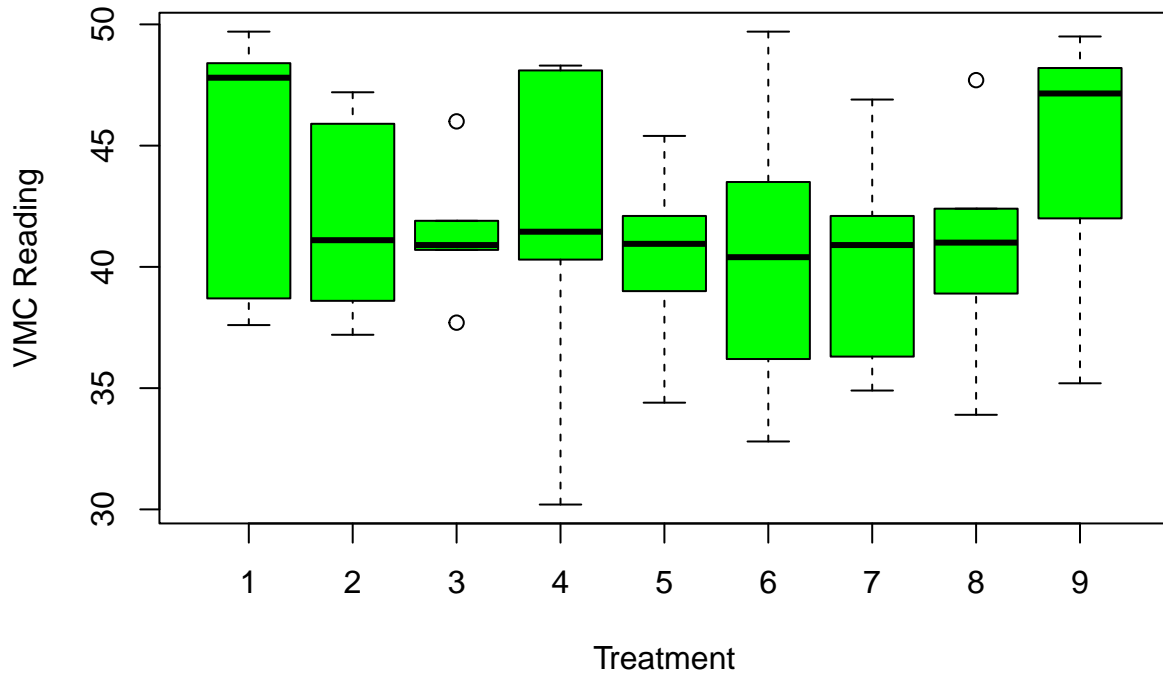


Table 86: Analysis of Variance Model 106 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 158.5 | 19.82 | 0.8371 | 0.5751 |
| Residuals | 45 | 1065 | 23.67 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.20 VMC Reading 113 Days Post Treatment (2022-02-28)

Volumetric Moisture Content 113 Days post Treatment

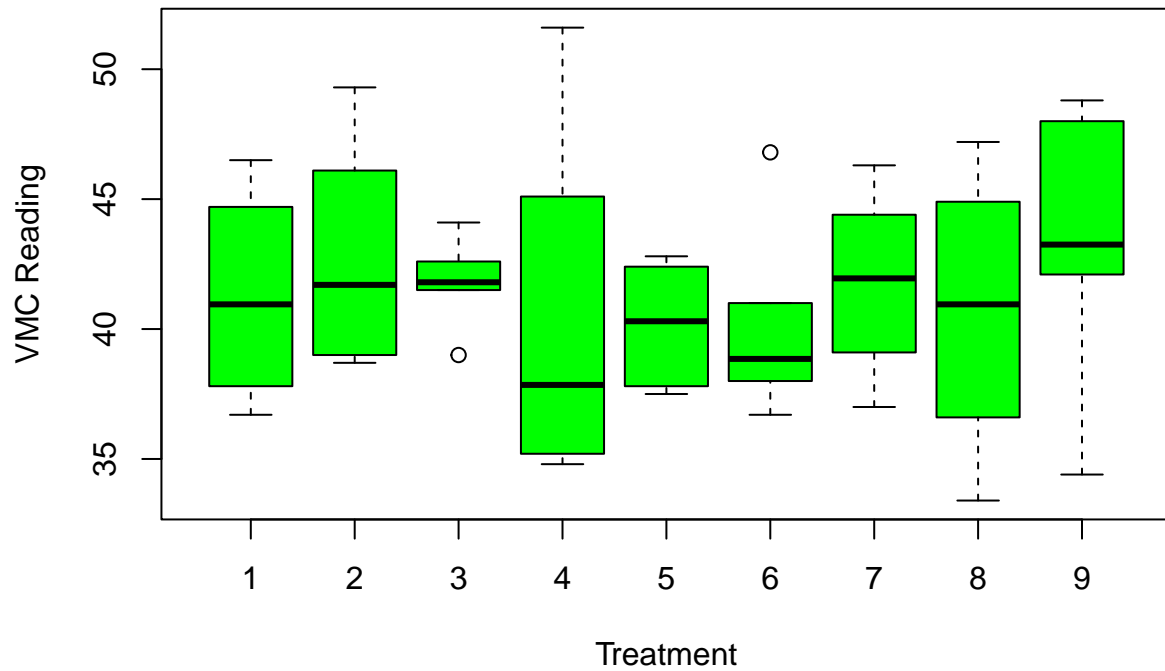


Table 87: Analysis of Variance Model 113 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 63.74 | 7.968 | 0.4286 | 0.8976 |
| Residuals | 45 | 836.5 | 18.59 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.21 VMC Reading 116 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-03)

Volumetric Moisture Content 116 Days post Treatment

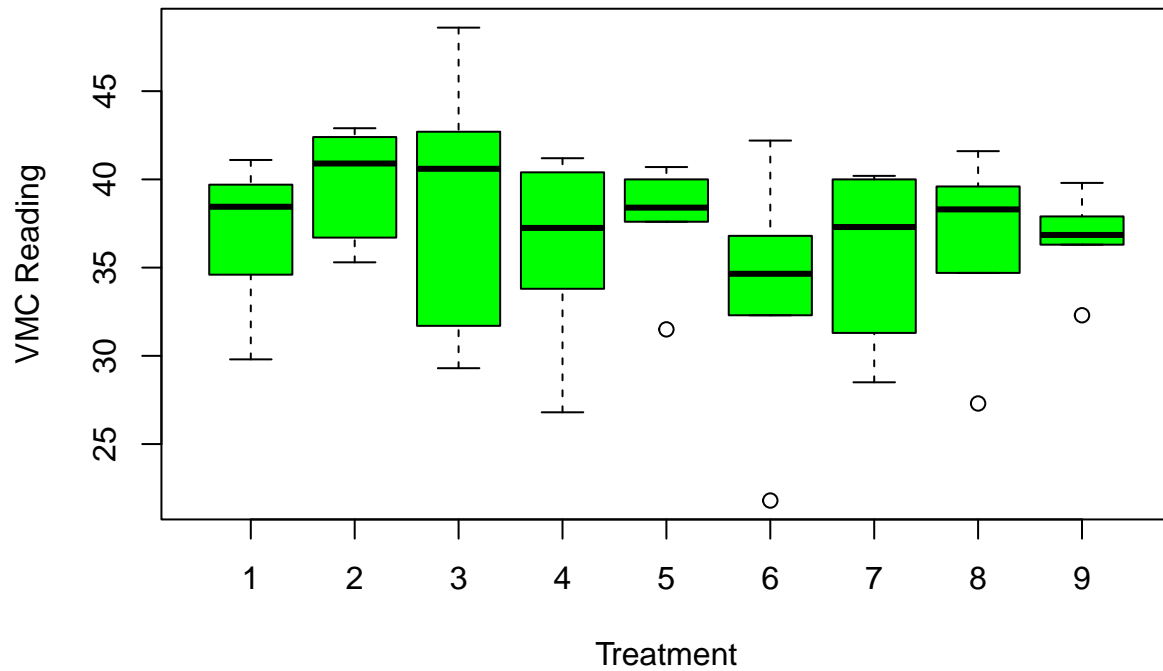


Table 88: Analysis of Variance Model 116 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 153.4 | 19.18 | 0.7795 | 0.6227 |
| Residuals | 45 | 1107 | 24.6 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.22 VMC Reading 123 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-10)

Volumetric Moisture Content 123 Days post Treatment

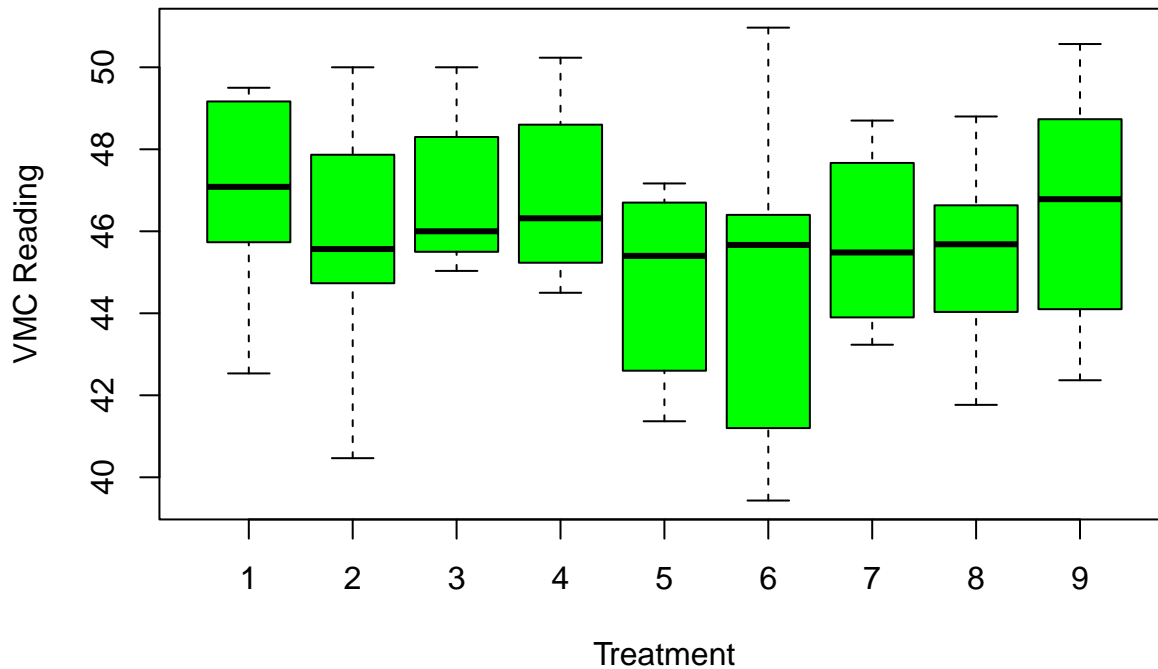


Table 89: Analysis of Variance Model 123 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 33.8 | 4.225 | 0.5681 | 0.7982 |
| Residuals | 45 | 334.7 | 7.437 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.23 VMC Reading 130 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-17)

Volumetric Moisture Content 130 Days post Treatment

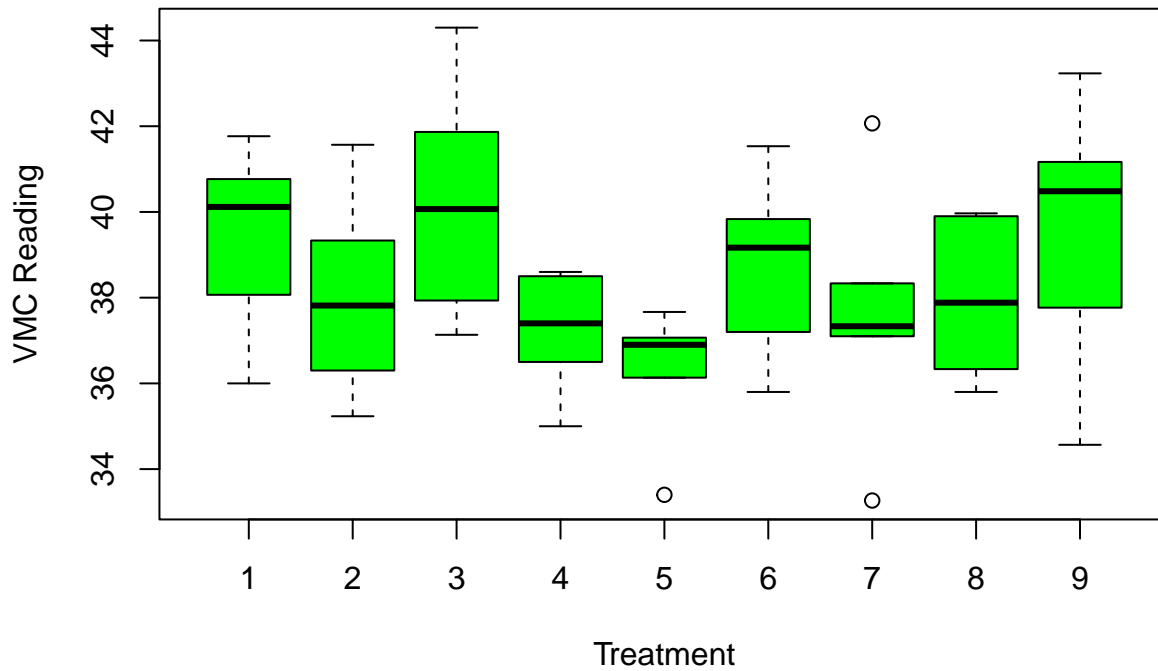


Table 90: Analysis of Variance Model 130 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 76.3 | 9.538 | 1.897 | 0.08399 |
| Residuals | 45 | 226.2 | 5.027 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.24 VMC Reading 137 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-24)

Volumetric Moisture Content 137 Days post Treatment

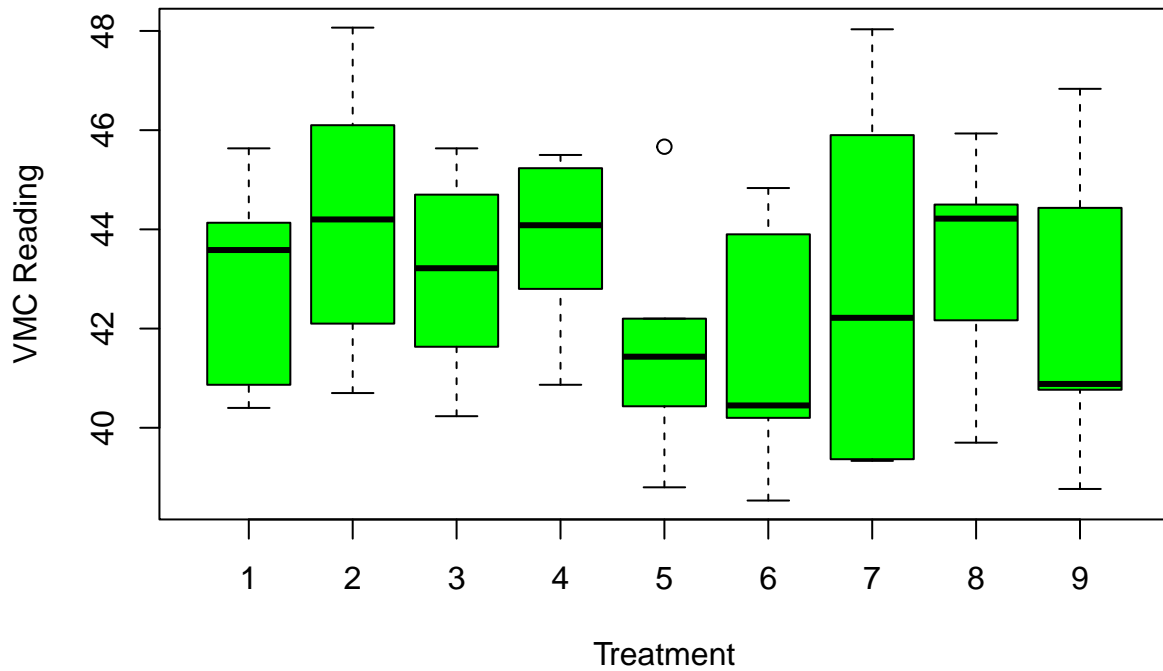


Table 91: Analysis of Variance Model 137 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 43.78 | 5.472 | 0.8768 | 0.5431 |
| Residuals | 45 | 280.9 | 6.241 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.25 VMC Reading 144 Days Post Treatment (2022-03-31)

Volumetric Moisture Content 144 Days post Treatment

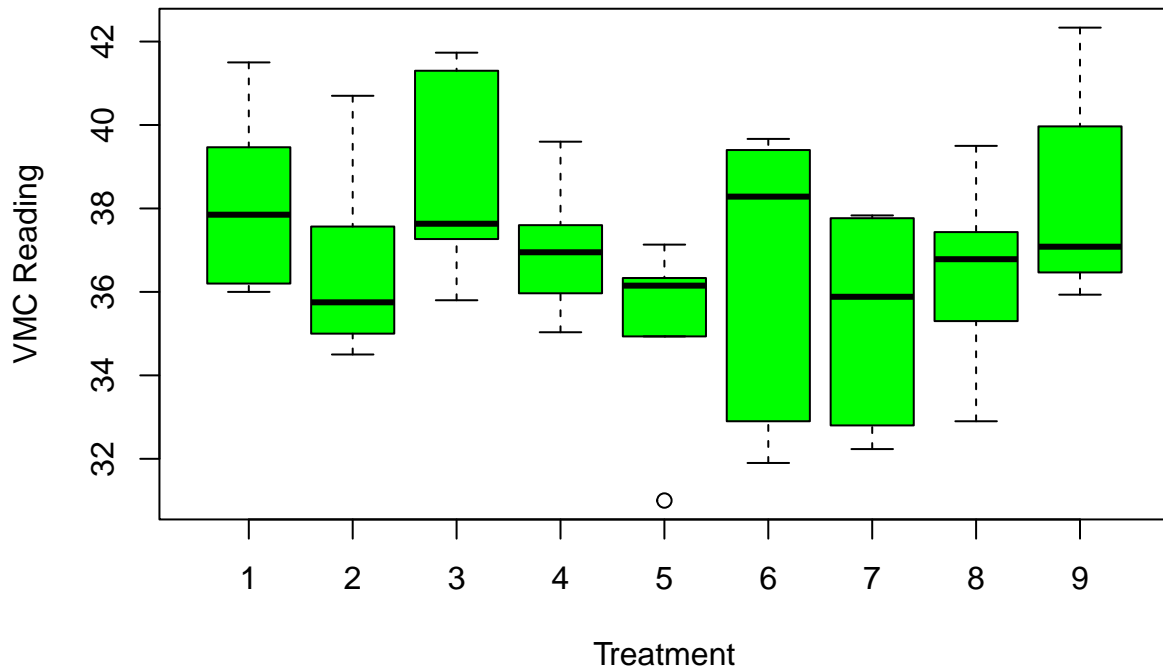


Table 92: Analysis of Variance Model 137 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 66.51 | 8.314 | 1.393 | 0.2255 |
| Residuals | 45 | 268.5 | 5.967 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.26 VMC Reading 151 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-06)

Volumetric Moisture Content 151 Days post Treatment

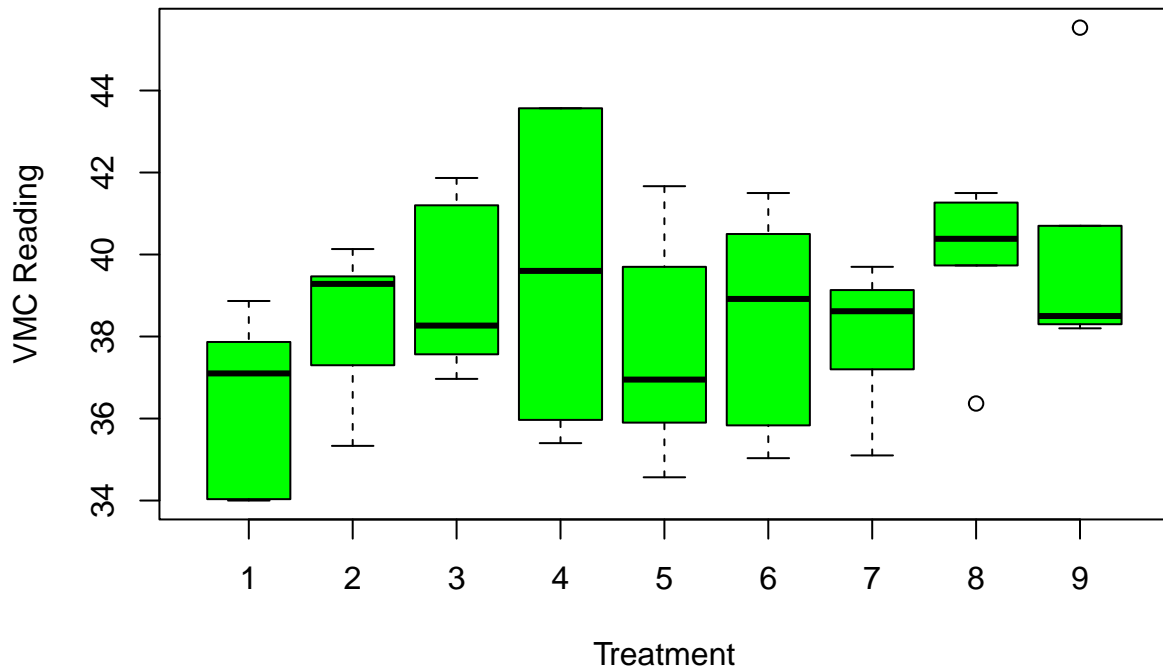


Table 93: Analysis of Variance Model 151 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 63.34 | 7.917 | 1.308 | 0.264 |
| Residuals | 45 | 272.4 | 6.053 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.27 VMC Reading 159 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-14)

Volumetric Moisture Content 159 Days post Treatment

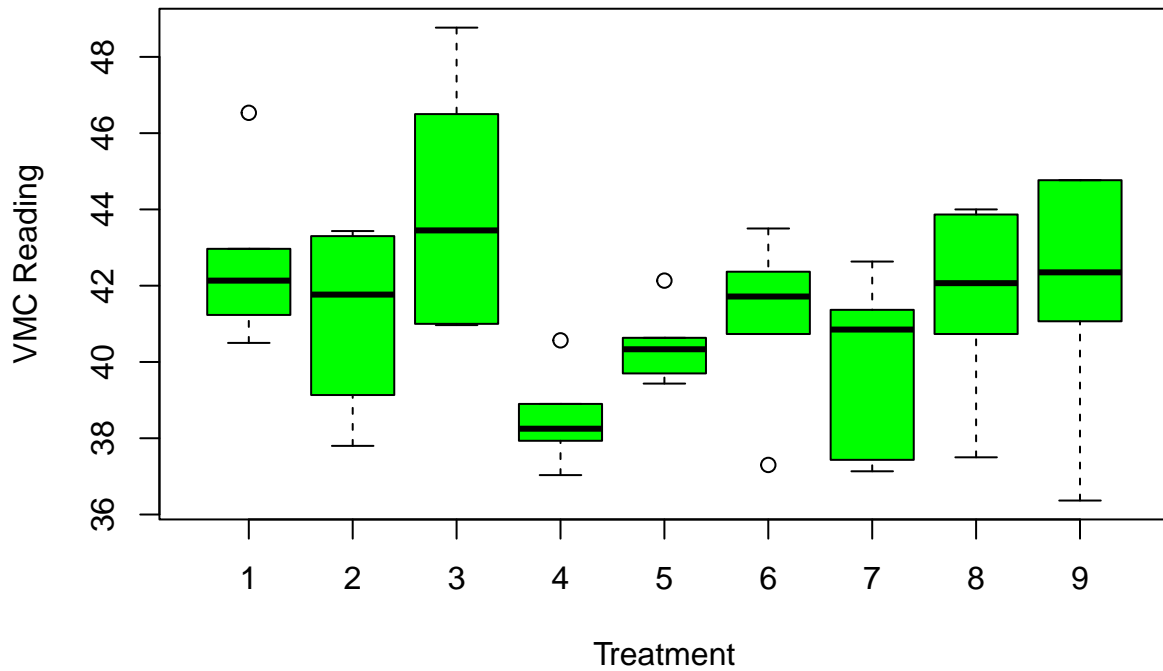
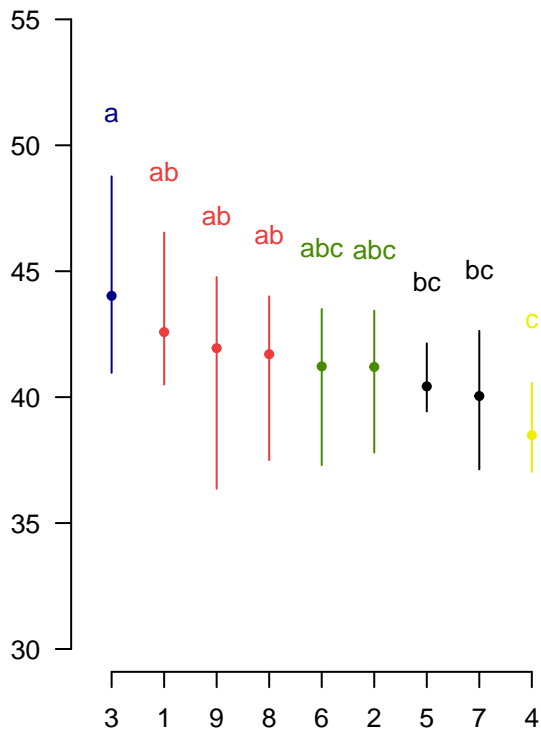


Table 94: Analysis of Variance Model 159 Days post Treatment

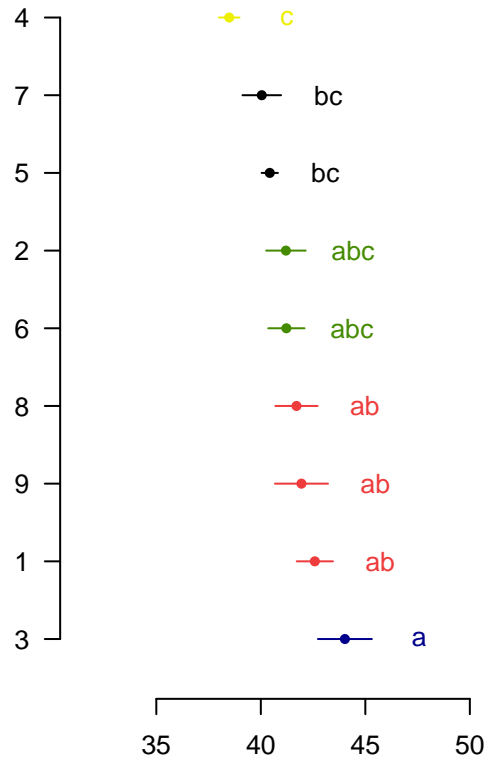
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 119.4 | 14.92 | 2.816 | 0.01277 |
| Residuals | 45 | 238.4 | 5.299 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



12.28 VMC Reading 163 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-18)

Volumetric Moisture Content 163 Days post Treatment

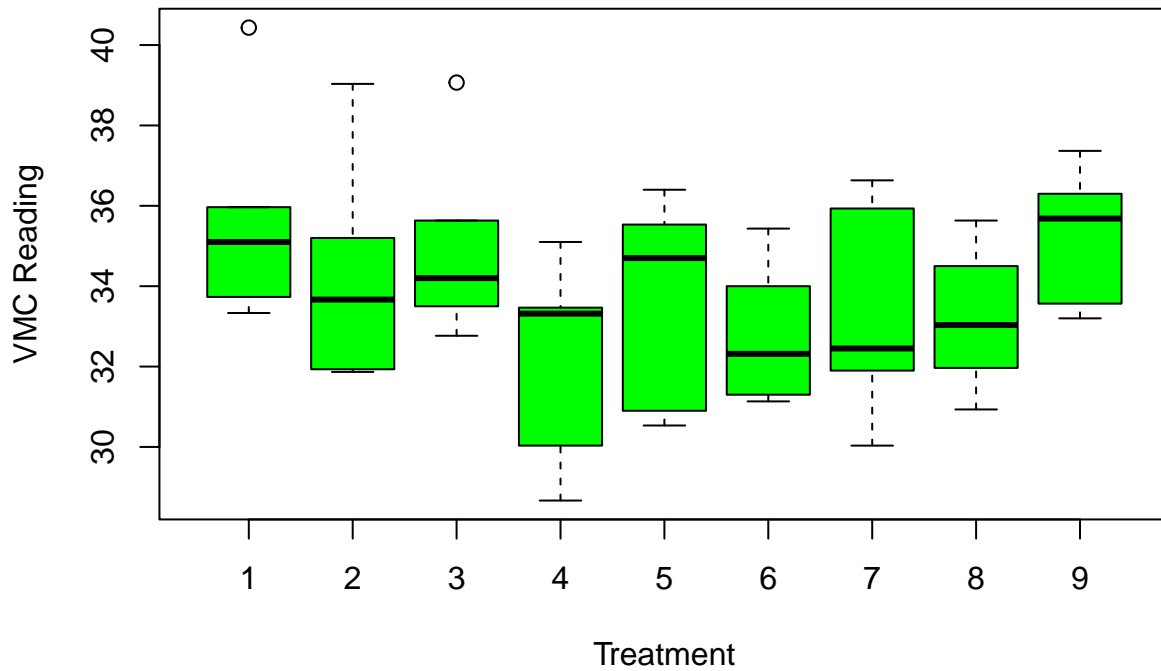


Table 95: Analysis of Variance Model 163 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 64.67 | 8.083 | 1.558 | 0.1648 |
| Residuals | 45 | 233.5 | 5.19 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.29 VMC Reading 165 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-20)

Volumetric Moisture Content 165 Days post Treatment

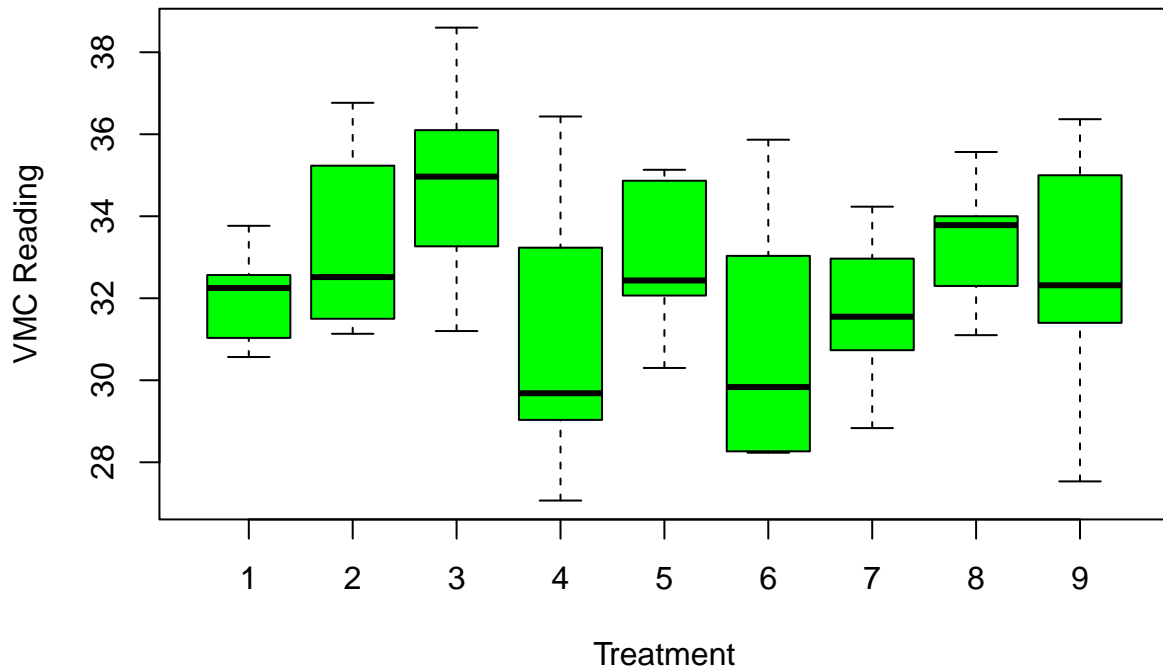


Table 96: Analysis of Variance Model 165 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 80.84 | 10.11 | 1.745 | 0.1139 |
| Residuals | 45 | 260.5 | 5.789 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.30 VMC Reading 169 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-24)

Volumetric Moisture Content 169 Days post Treatment

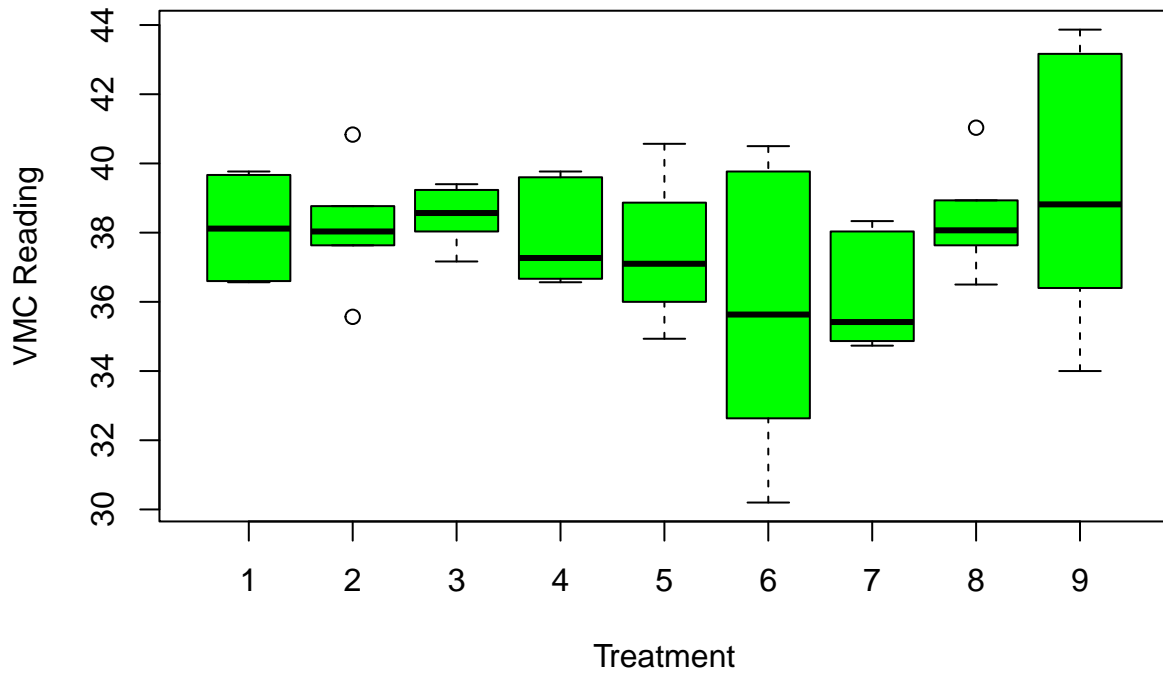


Table 97: Analysis of Variance Model 169 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 60.58 | 7.572 | 1.423 | 0.2134 |
| Residuals | 45 | 239.5 | 5.322 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.31 VMC Reading 173 Days Post Treatment (2022-04-28)

Volumetric Moisture Content 173 Days post Treatment

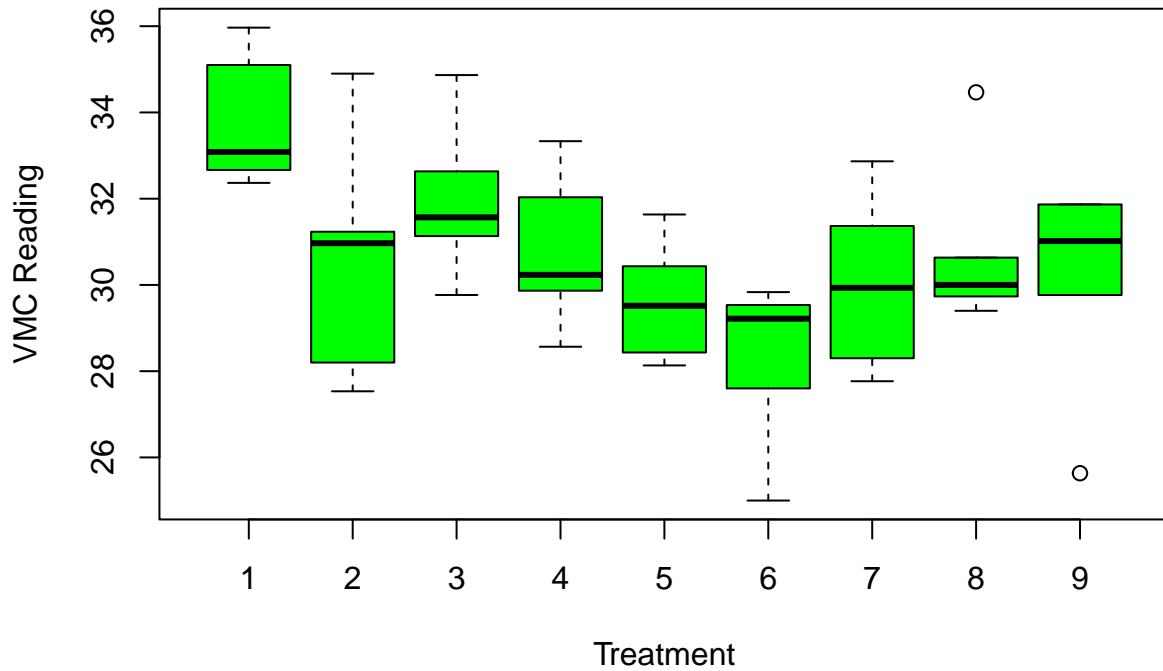
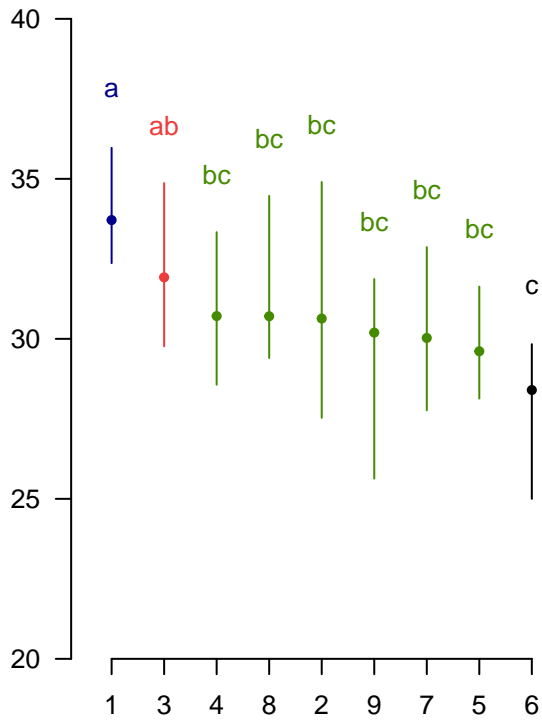


Table 98: Analysis of Variance Model 173 Days post Treatment

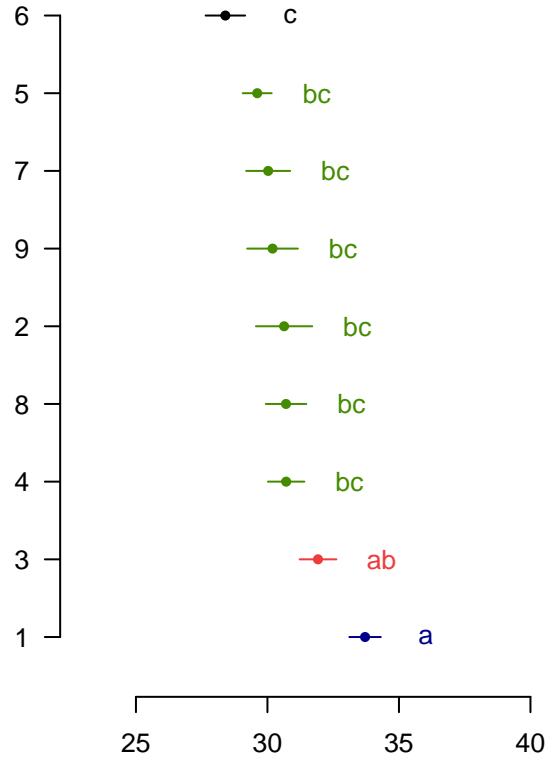
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Treatment | 8 | 106.4 | 13.3 | 3.583 | 0.002706 |
| Residuals | 45 | 167 | 3.712 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



12.32 VMC Reading 180 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-05)

Volumetric Moisture Content 180 Days post Treatment

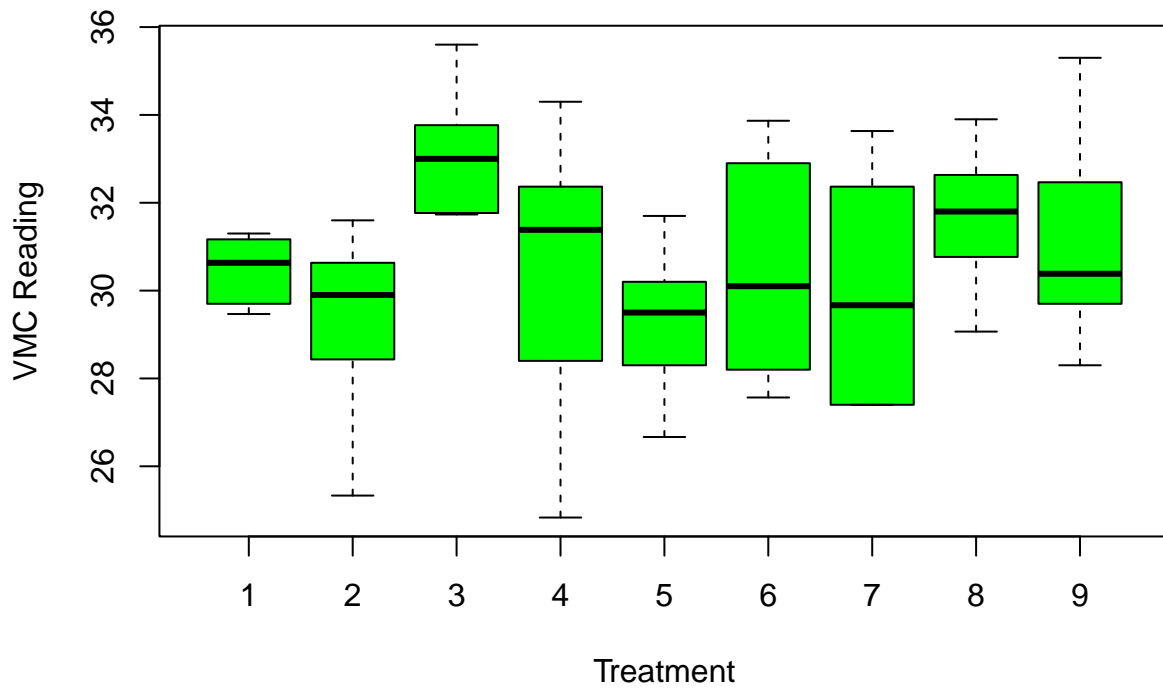


Table 99: Analysis of Variance Model 180 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 69.32 | 8.665 | 1.754 | 0.112 |
| Residuals | 45 | 222.3 | 4.94 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.33 VMC Reading 185 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-10)

Volumetric Moisture Content 185 Days post Treatment

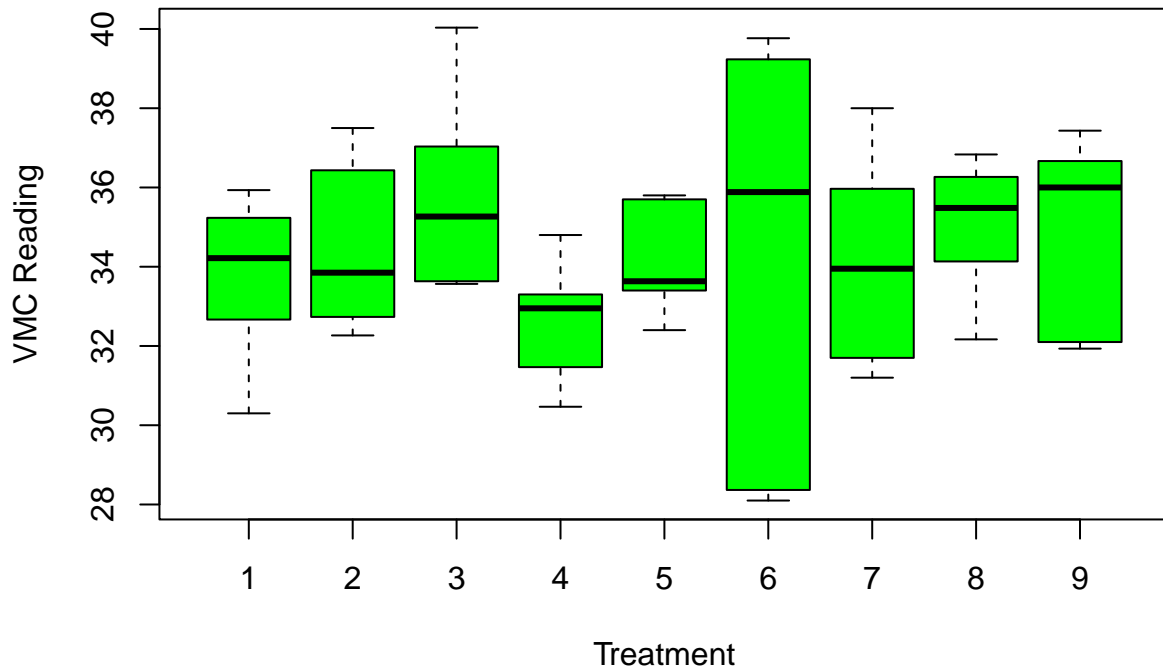


Table 100: Analysis of Variance Model 185 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 38.54 | 4.817 | 0.696 | 0.693 |
| Residuals | 45 | 311.4 | 6.921 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.34 VMC Reading 187 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-12)

Volumetric Moisture Content 187 Days post Treatment

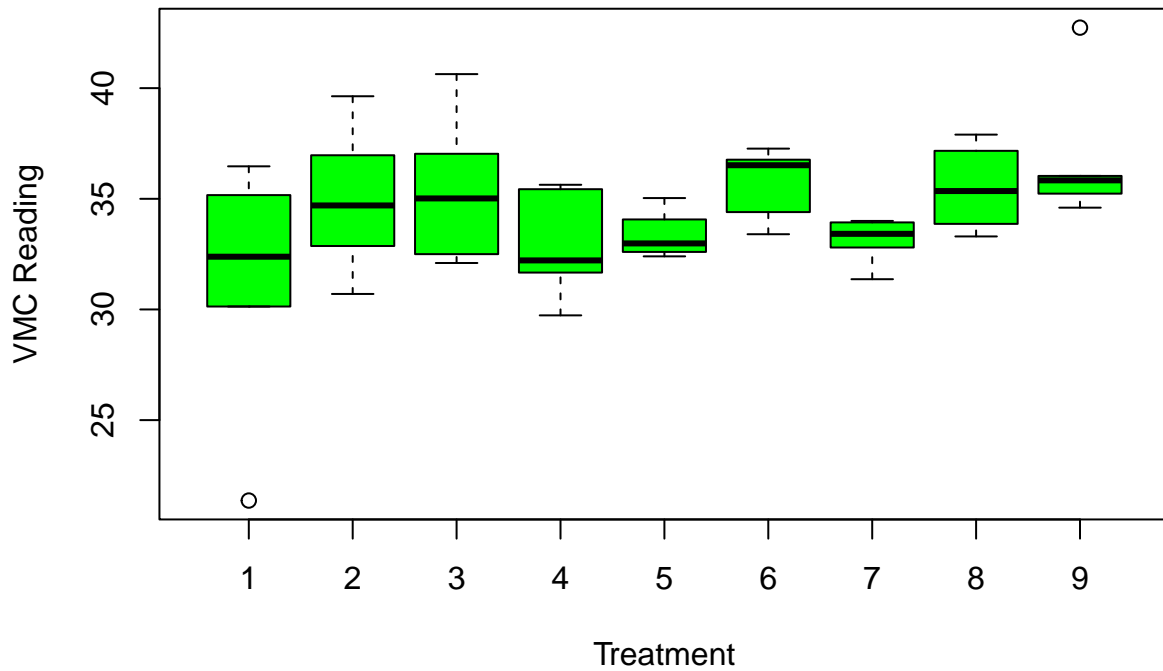
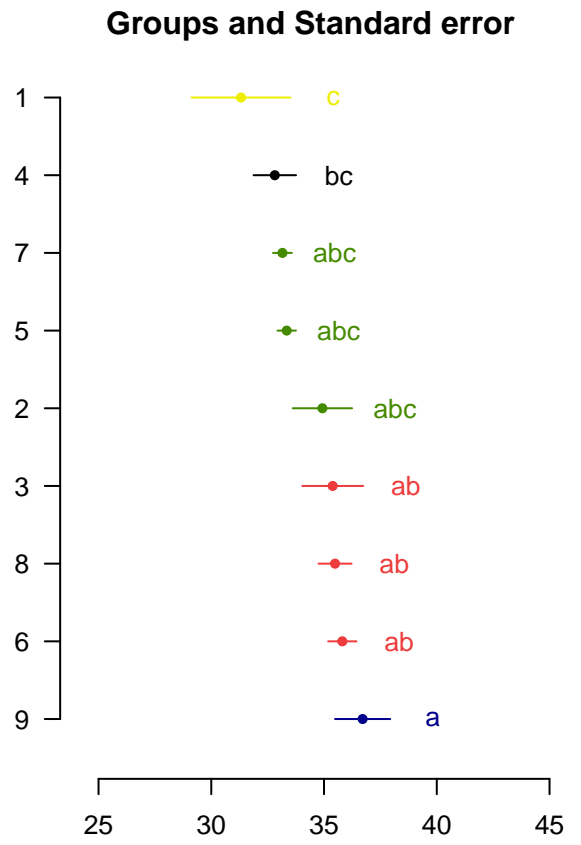
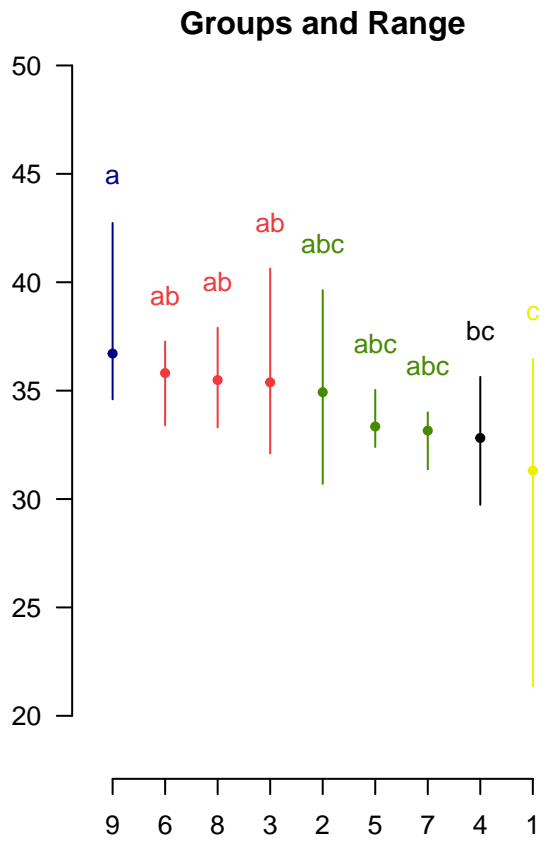


Table 101: Analysis of Variance Model 187 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 146.4 | 18.3 | 2.28 | 0.03845 |
| Residuals | 45 | 361.1 | 8.024 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is a significant difference in Treatment factor levels.



12.35 VMC Reading 191 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-16)

Volumetric Moisture Content 191 Days post Treatment

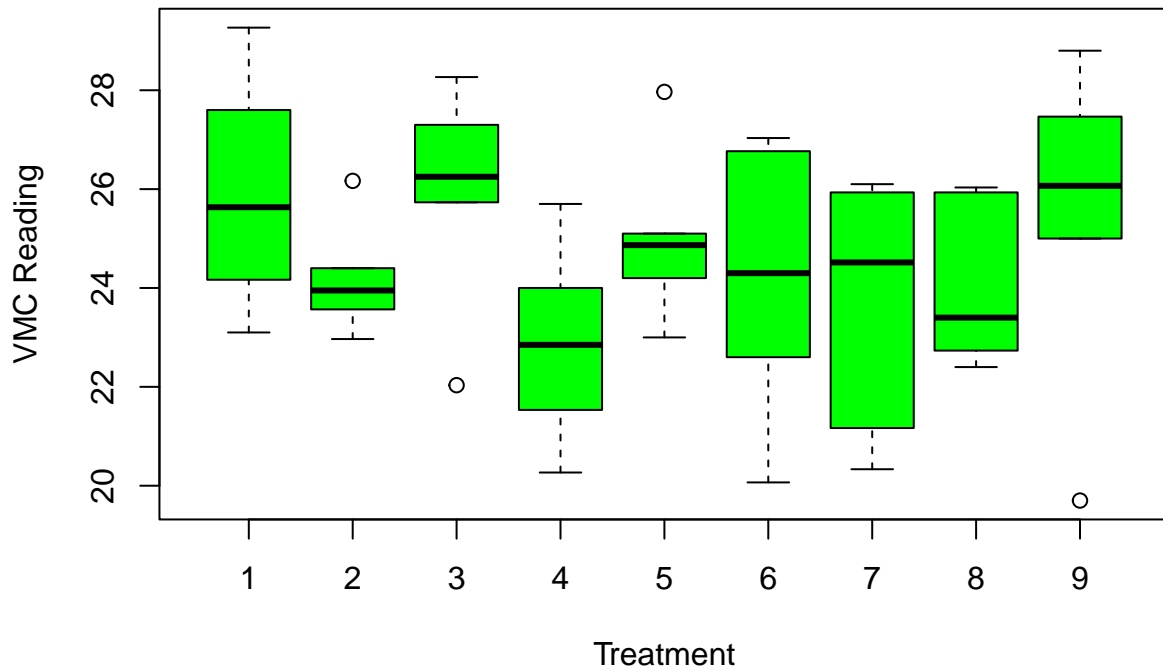


Table 102: Analysis of Variance Model 191 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 54.16 | 6.771 | 1.398 | 0.2234 |
| Residuals | 45 | 217.9 | 4.842 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.36 VMC Reading 194 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-19)

Volumetric Moisture Content 194 Days post Treatment

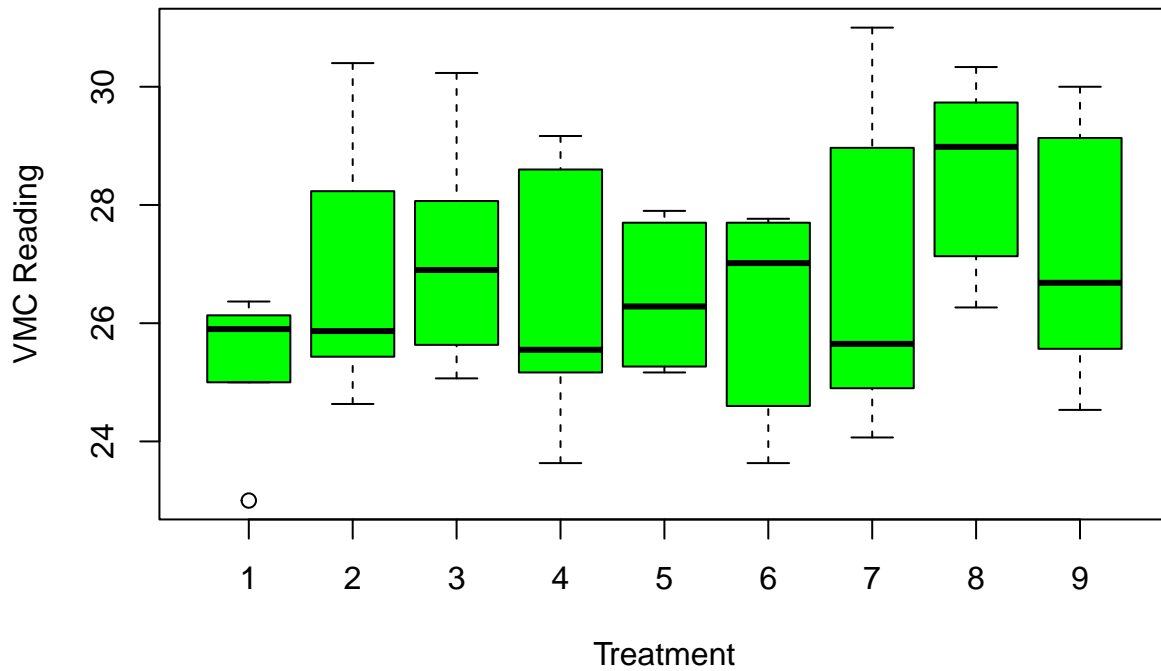


Table 103: Analysis of Variance Model 194 Days post Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 35.97 | 4.496 | 1.22 | 0.3094 |
| Residuals | 45 | 165.8 | 3.684 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

12.37 VMC Reading 200 Days Post Treatment (2022-05-25)

Volumetric Moisture Content 200 Days post Treatment

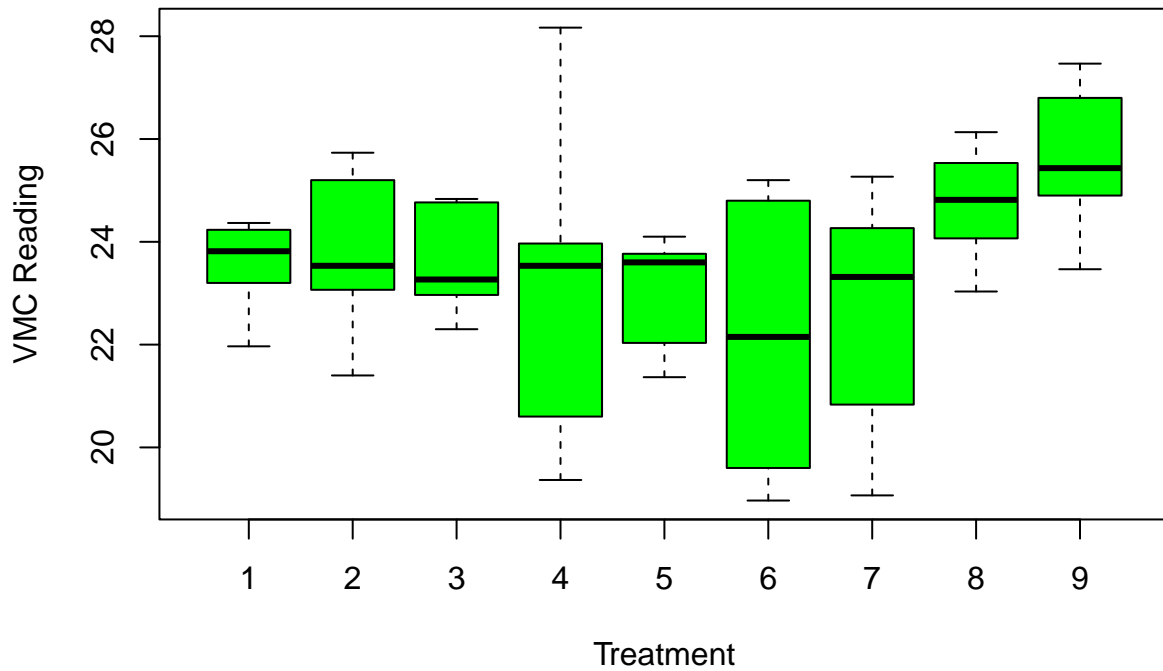
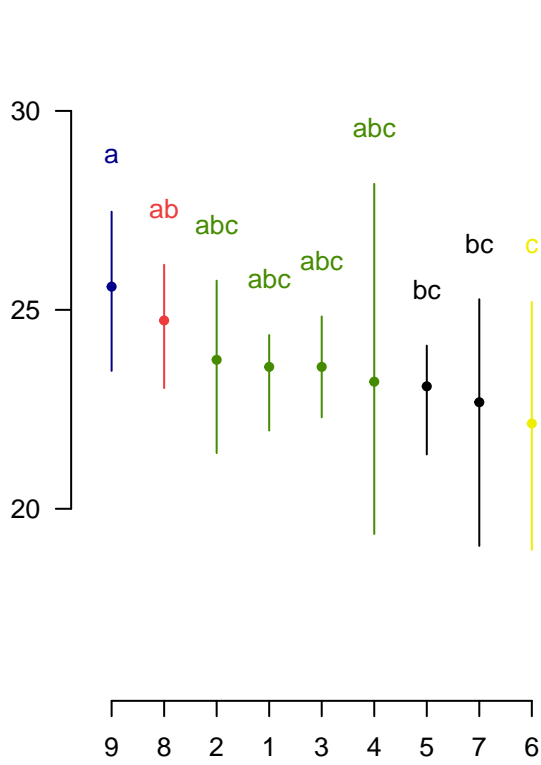


Table 104: Analysis of Variance Model 200 Days post Treatment

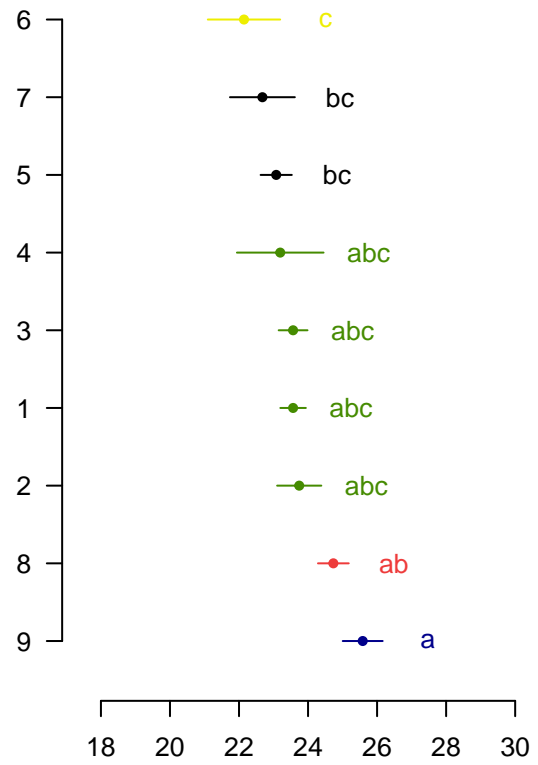
| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Treatment | 8 | 51.88 | 6.485 | 1.939 | 0.07716 |
| Residuals | 45 | 150.5 | 3.344 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference in Treatment factor levels.

Groups and Range



Groups and Standard error



13 Dollar Spot Infection Centres - DSIC

Table 105: Statistics by Treatment

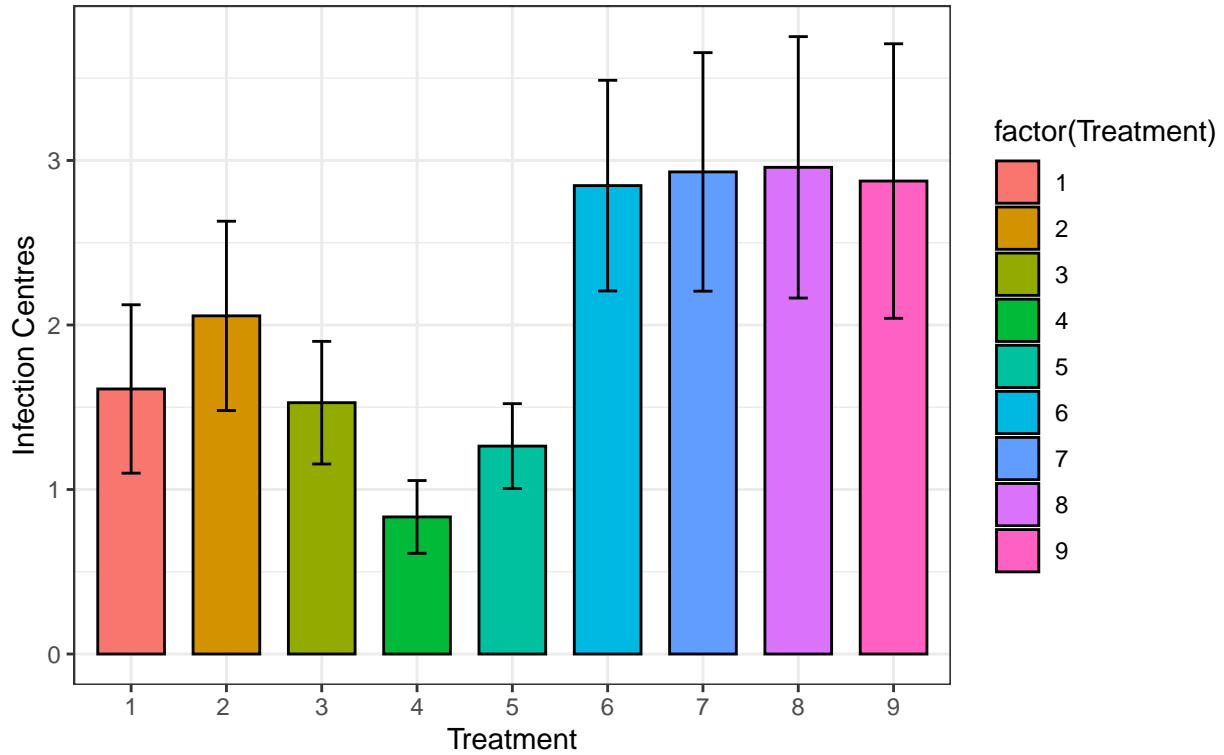
| Treatment | n | DSIC | sd | se | ci |
|-----------|----|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 72 | 1.611 | 4.343 | 0.5118 | 1.021 |
| 2 | 72 | 2.056 | 4.881 | 0.5753 | 1.147 |
| 3 | 72 | 1.528 | 3.162 | 0.3727 | 0.7431 |
| 4 | 72 | 0.8333 | 1.876 | 0.2211 | 0.4409 |
| 5 | 72 | 1.264 | 2.188 | 0.2579 | 0.5142 |
| 6 | 72 | 2.847 | 5.432 | 0.6402 | 1.277 |
| 7 | 72 | 2.931 | 6.151 | 0.725 | 1.446 |
| 8 | 72 | 2.958 | 6.742 | 0.7945 | 1.584 |
| 9 | 72 | 2.875 | 7.079 | 0.8343 | 1.663 |

The following table shows that dollar spot infection centres ranged from a mean low of 0.8333 (Treatment 4) to a high of 2.958 (Treatment 8).

| Treatment | DSIC |
|-----------|--------|
| 1 | 1.611 |
| 2 | 2.056 |
| 3 | 1.528 |
| 4 | 0.8333 |
| 5 | 1.264 |
| 6 | 2.847 |
| 7 | 2.931 |
| 8 | 2.958 |
| 9 | 2.875 |

When this are shown graphically it can be seen that the Treatments can be divided into two distinct groups. Those that cause a reduction in dollar spot infection centres (Treatments 1,2,3,4 and 5) and those that don't cause any reduction compared to the untreated control.

Graph of Treatment Effect on Dollar Spot Infection Centres



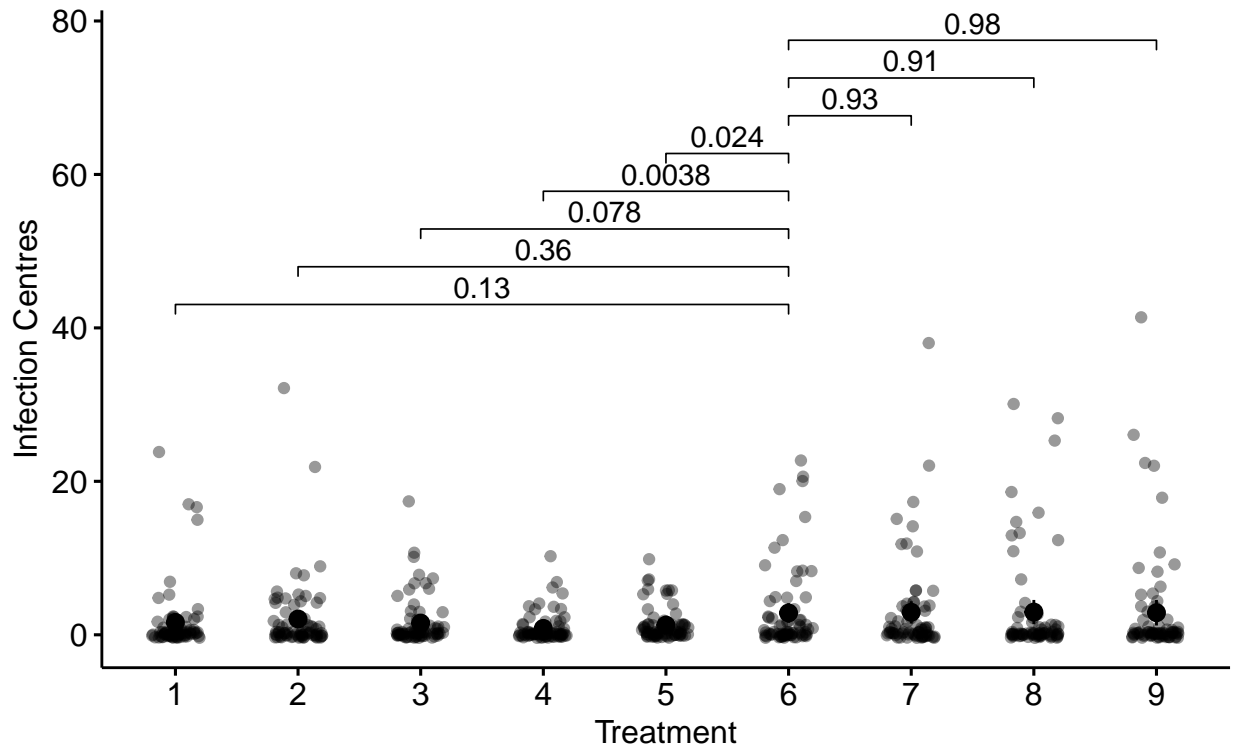
Statistically significant differences between the treatments and the control were apparent with Treatments 4,5 showing less dollar spot infection centres.

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|--------------------|----------|------------|---------|----------|
| (Intercept) | 1.159 | 0.7321 | 1.583 | 0.1139 |
| Treatment2 | 0.4444 | 0.8301 | 0.5354 | 0.5926 |
| Treatment3 | -0.08333 | 0.8301 | -0.1004 | 0.9201 |
| Treatment4 | -0.7778 | 0.8301 | -0.9369 | 0.3492 |
| Treatment5 | -0.3472 | 0.8301 | -0.4183 | 0.6759 |
| Treatment6 | 1.236 | 0.8301 | 1.489 | 0.137 |
| Treatment7 | 1.319 | 0.8301 | 1.589 | 0.1125 |
| Treatment8 | 1.347 | 0.8301 | 1.623 | 0.1051 |
| Treatment9 | 1.264 | 0.8301 | 1.522 | 0.1284 |
| Block2 | 0.1944 | 0.6778 | 0.2869 | 0.7743 |
| Block3 | 1.13 | 0.6778 | 1.667 | 0.09609 |
| Block4 | 0.5556 | 0.6778 | 0.8196 | 0.4127 |
| Block5 | -0.2222 | 0.6778 | -0.3279 | 0.7431 |
| Block6 | 1.056 | 0.6778 | 1.557 | 0.1199 |

Table 108: Significance of Results by Treatment

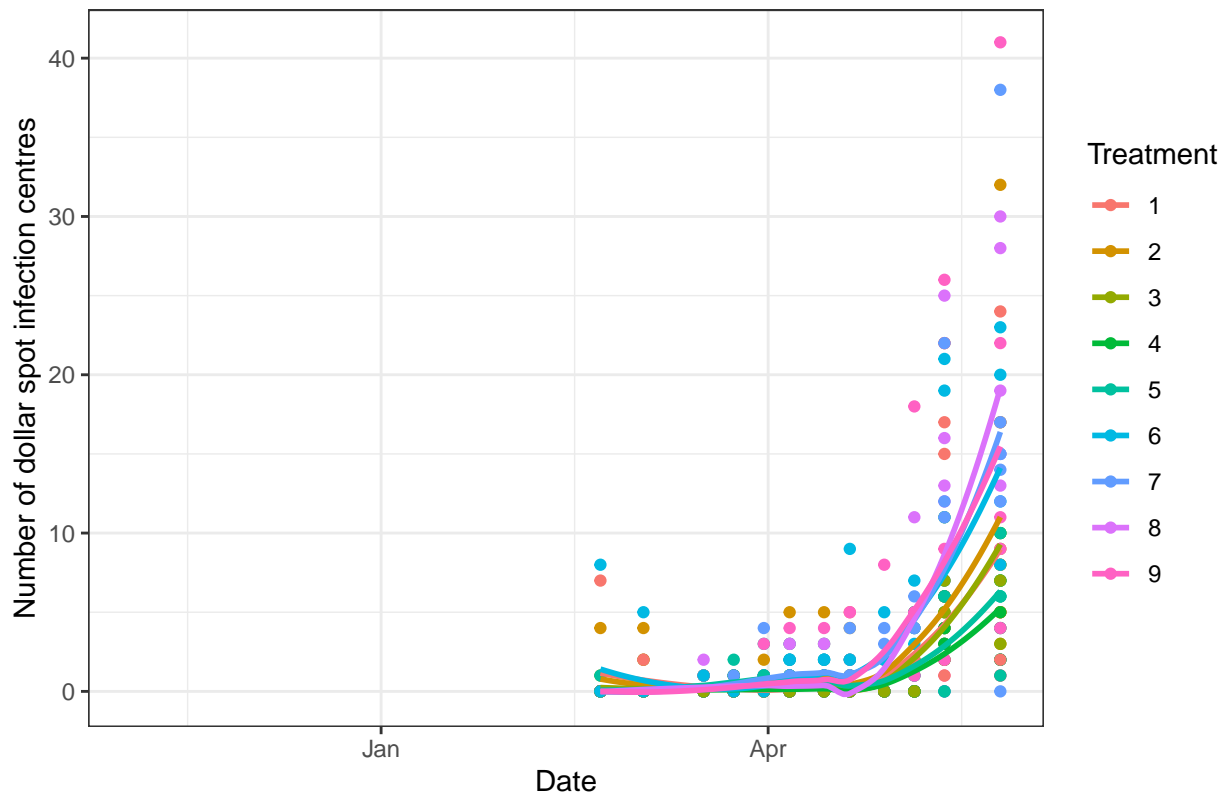
| Observations | Residual Std. Error | R^2 | Adjusted R^2 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|----------------|
| 648 | 4.981 | 0.03446 | 0.01466 |

Significance between Treatments vs Control by Number Infection centres



When we look at the between treatment effects we can see significant differences existed between the treatments in regard to leaf area.

Comparative variations in Quality over Time



Not surprisingly as time increased the incidence of dollar spot did also.

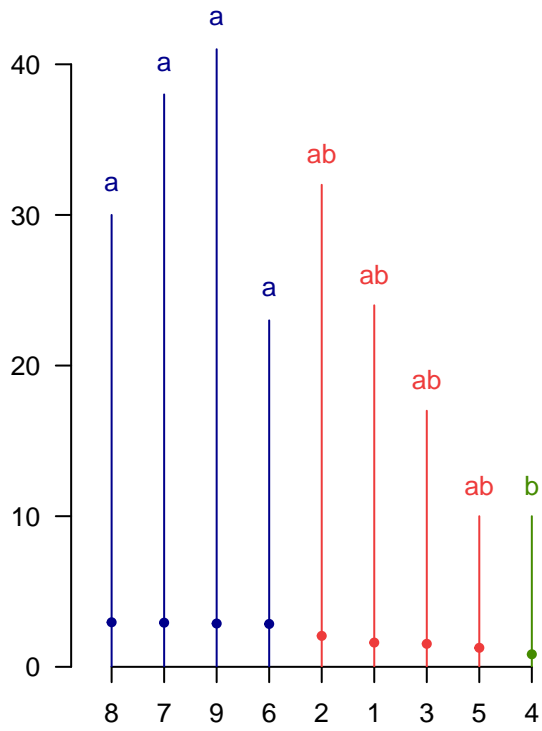
Table 109: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| factor(Treatment) | 8 | 392.9 | 49.12 | 1.974 | 0.04727 |
| Residuals | 639 | 15898 | 24.88 | NA | NA |

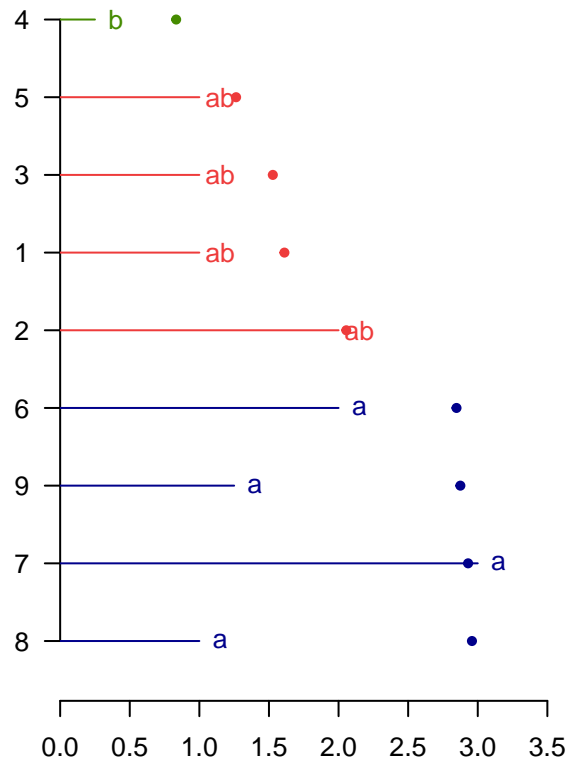
Table 110: Analysis of Variance Table

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 5 | 168.4 | 33.68 | 1.88 | 0.09579 |
| Treatment | 8 | 392.9 | 49.12 | 2.742 | 0.005587 |
| Date | 1 | 3863 | 3863 | 215.6 | 3.716e-42 |
| Treatment:Date | 8 | 668.7 | 83.58 | 4.665 | 1.469e-05 |
| Residuals | 625 | 11197 | 17.92 | NA | NA |

Groups and Range



Groups and Interquartile range



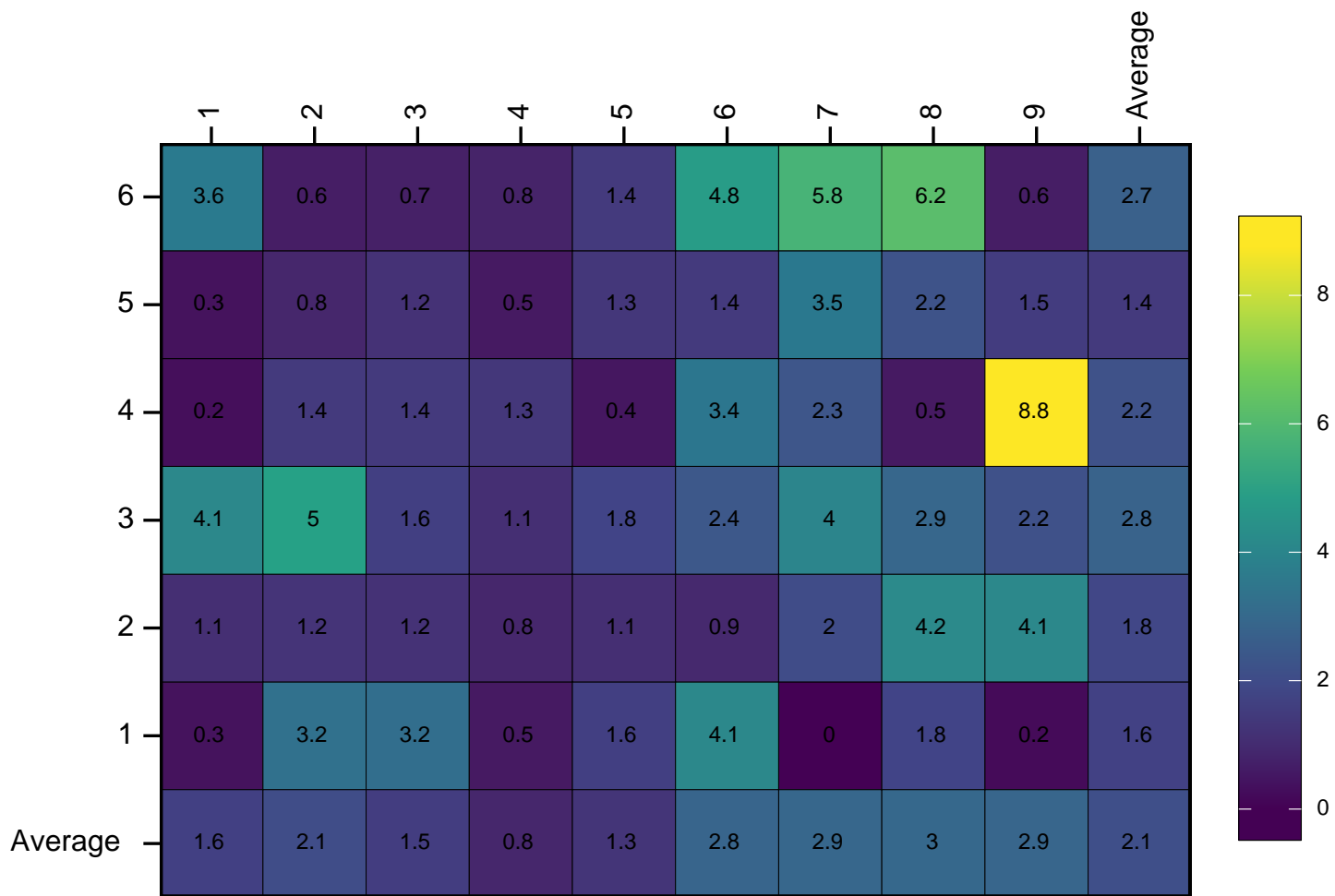
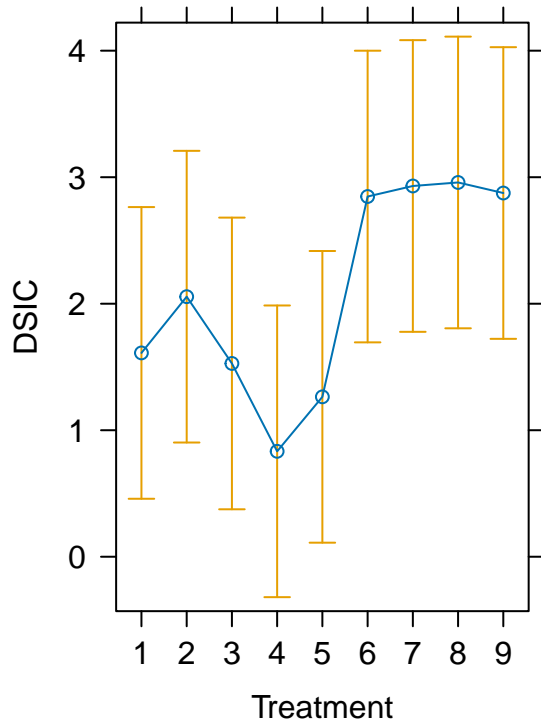


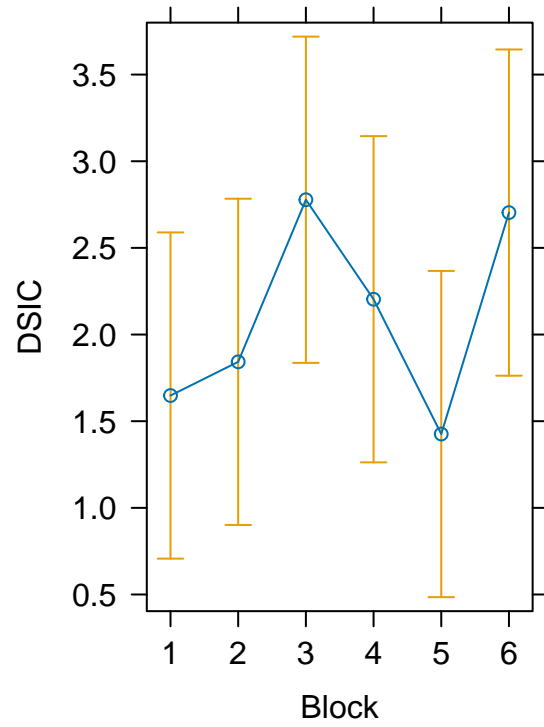
Figure 16: Dollar Spot Infection Centre plot means for Treatment and block

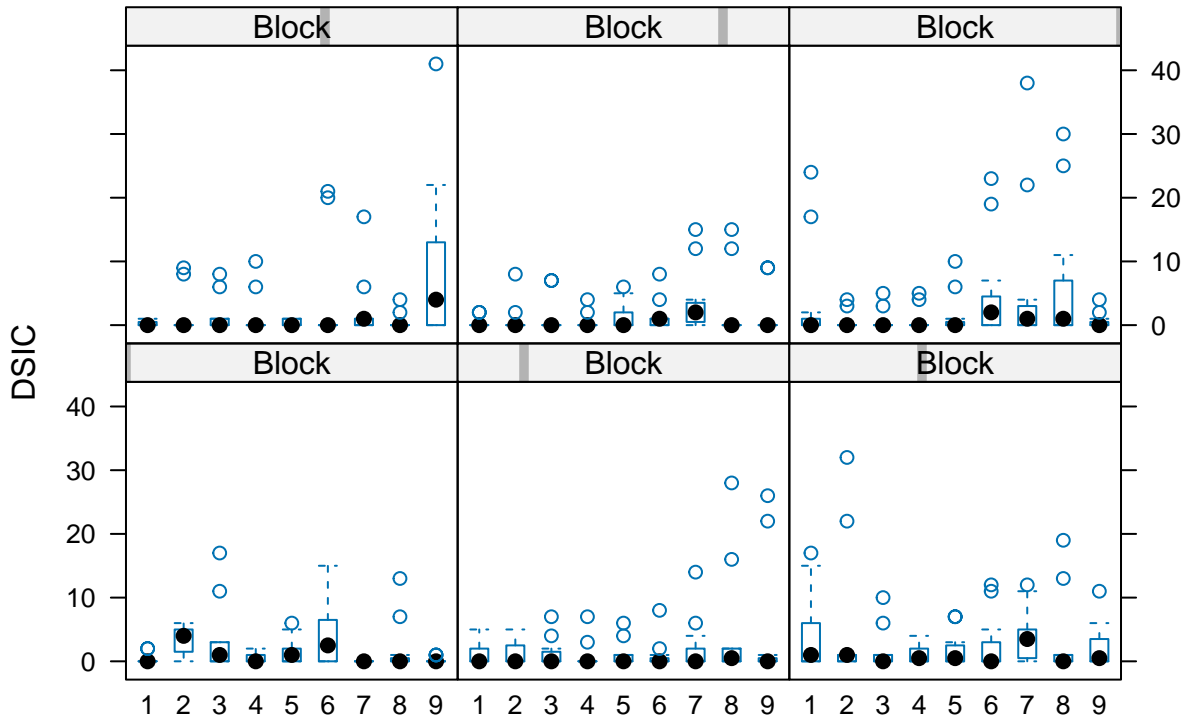
14 Block Effect with Treatment on Infection Centres

Treatment predictor effect plot



Block predictor effect plot





There appeared to be an interaction between both the Treatment and Block factors

Table 111: Significance of Results by Treatment, Block and Days after Initial Treatment

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|----------------------|-----|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Block | 1 | 18.4 | 18.4 | 1.415 | 0.2347 |
| Treatment | 8 | 392.9 | 49.12 | 3.778 | 0.000252 |
| DAT | 11 | 7621 | 692.8 | 53.29 | 6.809e-79 |
| Treatment:DAT | 88 | 1250 | 14.2 | 1.092 | 0.2783 |
| Residuals | 539 | 7008 | 13 | NA | NA |

14.1 DSIC Reading 106 Days post first Treatment (2023-02-21)

Number of Infection Centres 106 Days post first Treatment

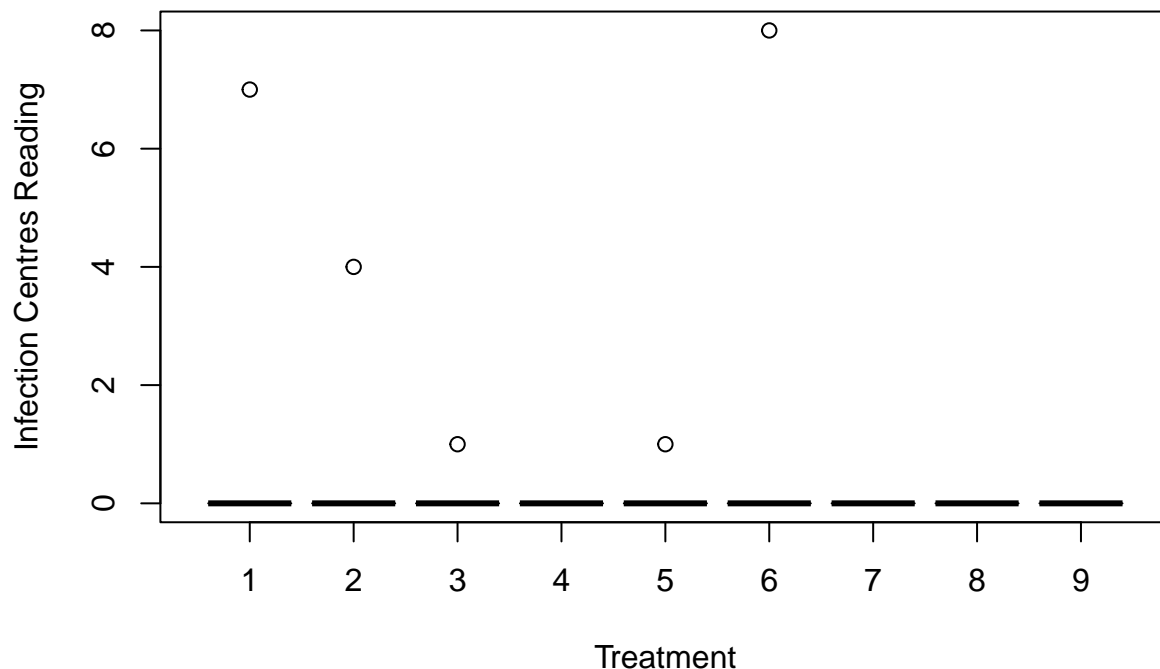


Table 112: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 13.67 | 1.708 | 0.7042 | 0.6861 |
| Residuals | 45 | 109.2 | 2.426 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.2 DSIC Reading 116 Days post first Treatment (2023-03-03)

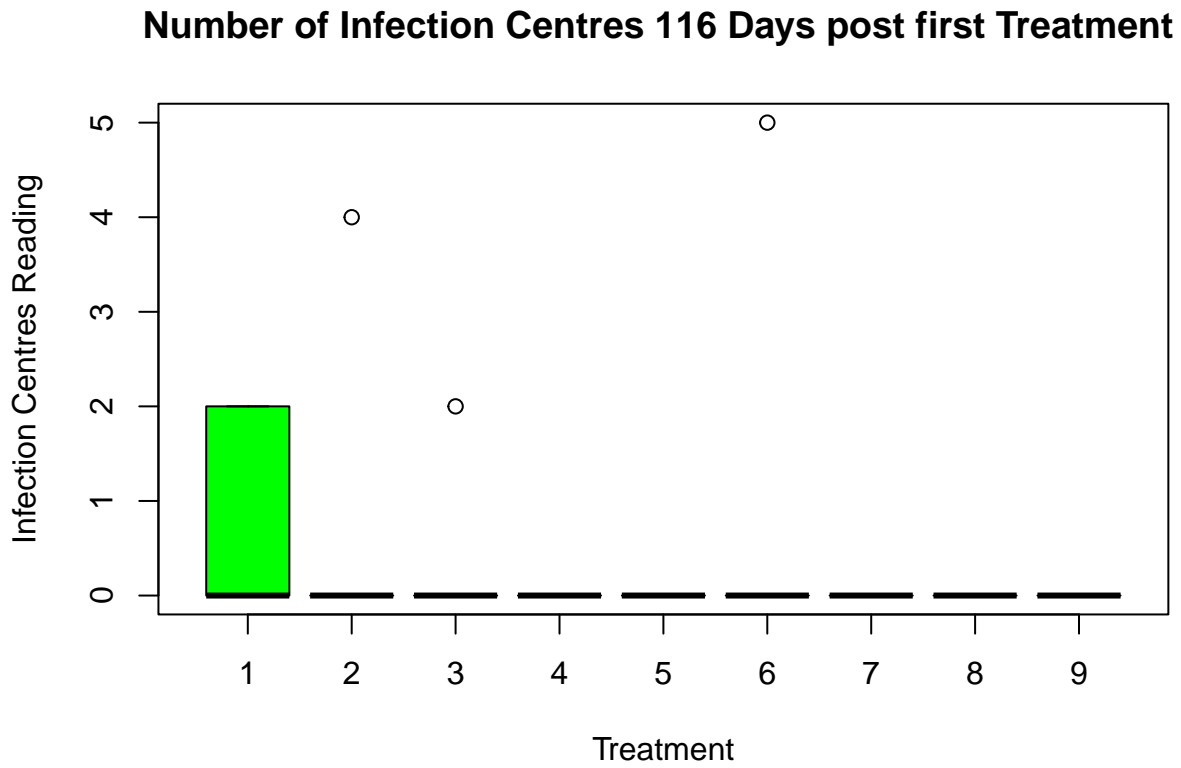


Table 113: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6 | 0.75 | 0.7879 | 0.6157 |
| Residuals | 45 | 42.83 | 0.9519 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.3 DSIC Reading 130 Days post first Treatment (2023-03-17)

Number of Infection Centres 130 Days post first Treatment

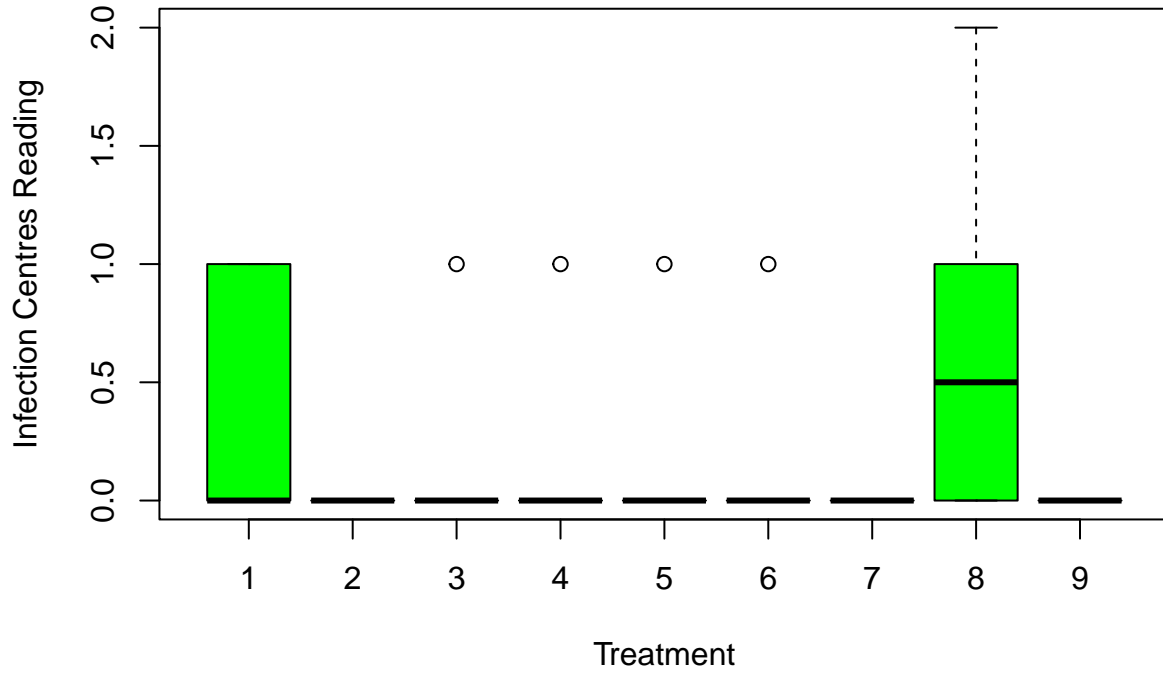


Table 114: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 2.148 | 0.2685 | 1.51 | 0.1806 |
| Residuals | 45 | 8 | 0.1778 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.4 DSIC Reading 137 Days post first Treatment (2023-03-24)

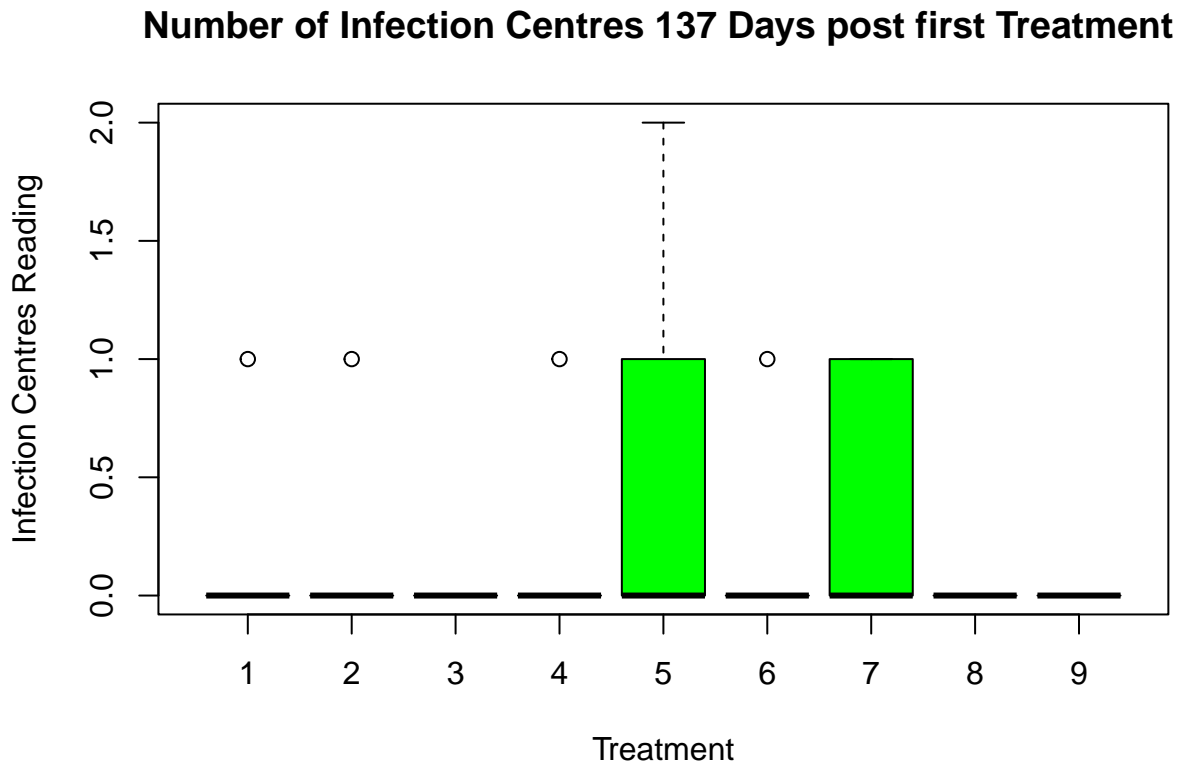


Table 115: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 1.333 | 0.1667 | 0.9184 | 0.5104 |
| Residuals | 45 | 8.167 | 0.1815 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.5 DSIC Reading 144 Days post first Treatment (2023-03-31)

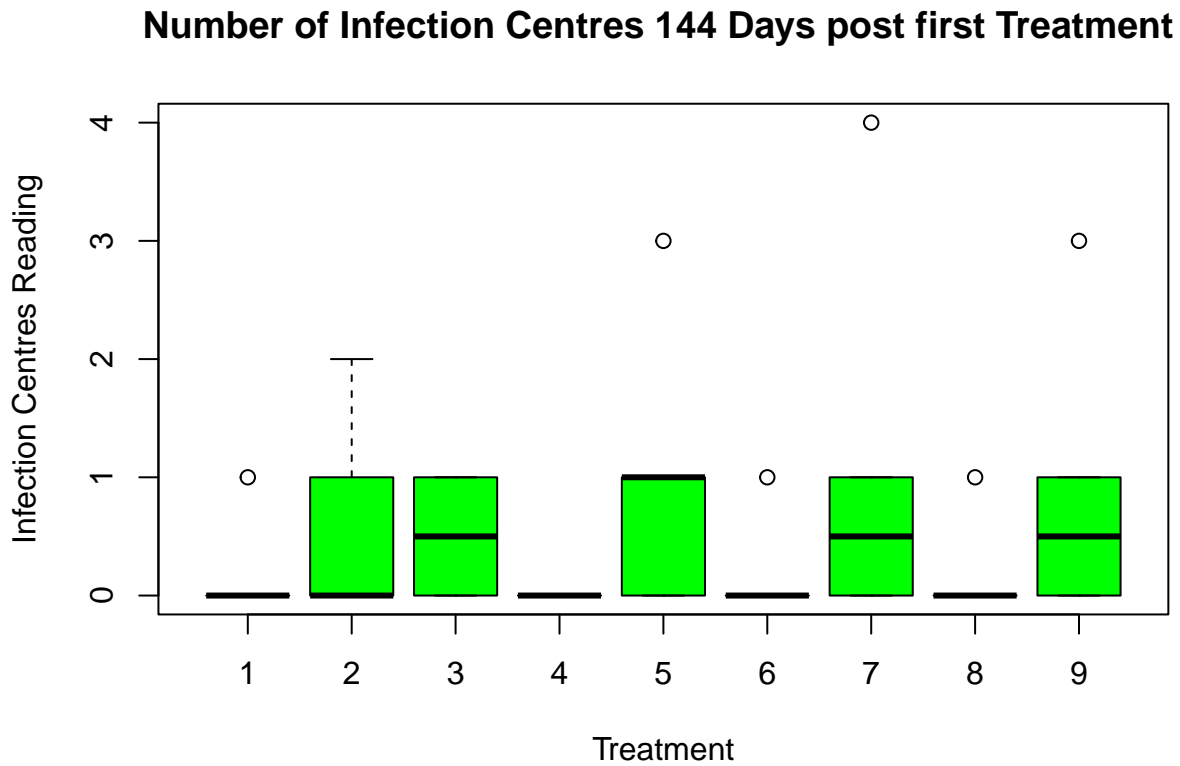


Table 116: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 7.148 | 0.8935 | 1.244 | 0.2968 |
| Residuals | 45 | 32.33 | 0.7185 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.6 DSIC Reading 151 Days post first Treatment (2023-04-06)

Number of Infection Centres 151 Days post first Treatment

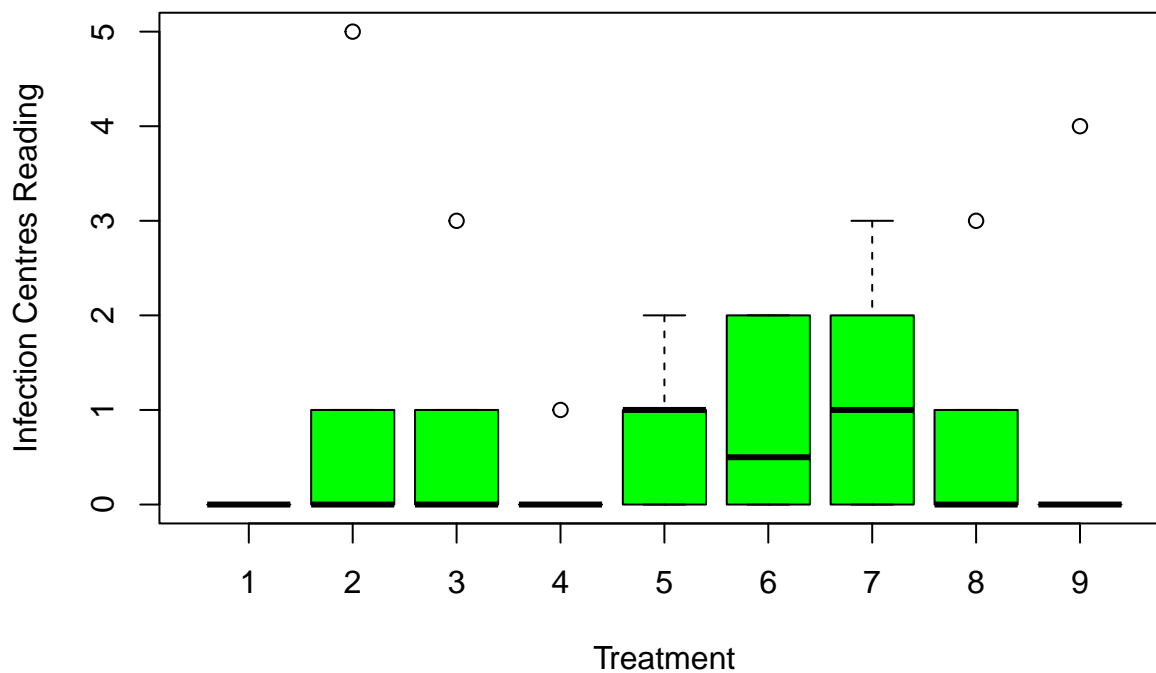


Table 117: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6.667 | 0.8333 | 0.5921 | 0.7791 |
| Residuals | 45 | 63.33 | 1.407 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.7 DSIC Reading 159 Days post first Treatment (2023-04-14)

Number of Infection Centres 159 Days post first Treatment

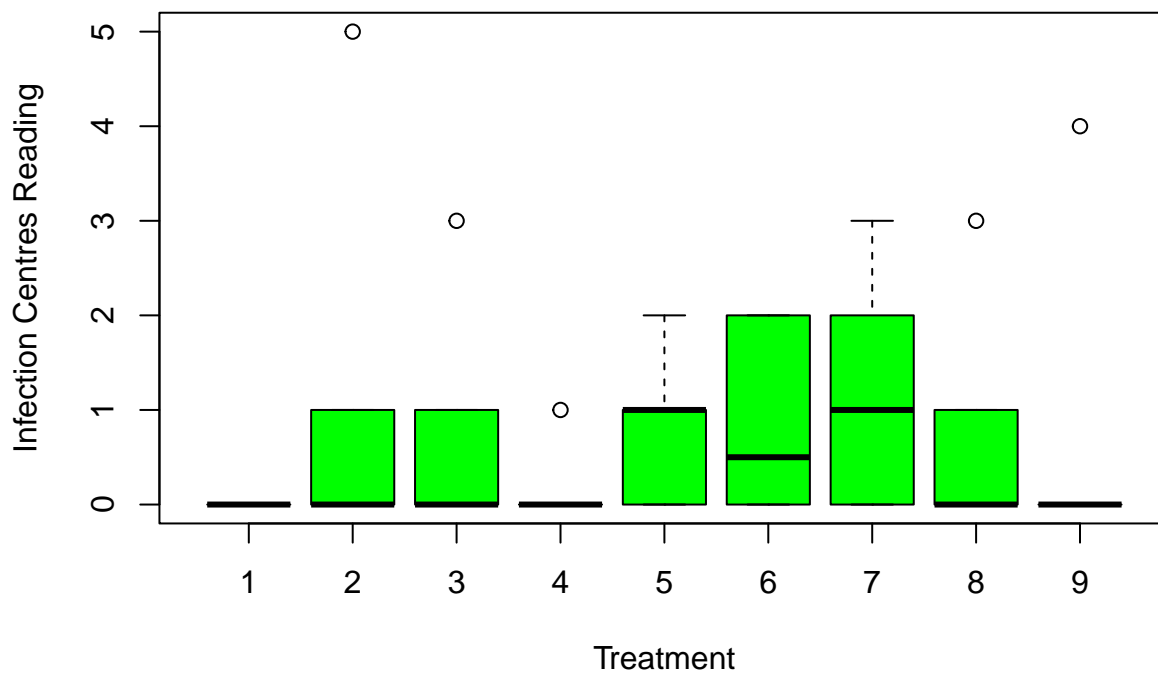


Table 118: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 6.667 | 0.8333 | 0.5921 | 0.7791 |
| Residuals | 45 | 63.33 | 1.407 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.8 DSIC Reading 165 Days post first Treatment (2023-04-20)

Number of Infection Centres 165 Days post first Treatment

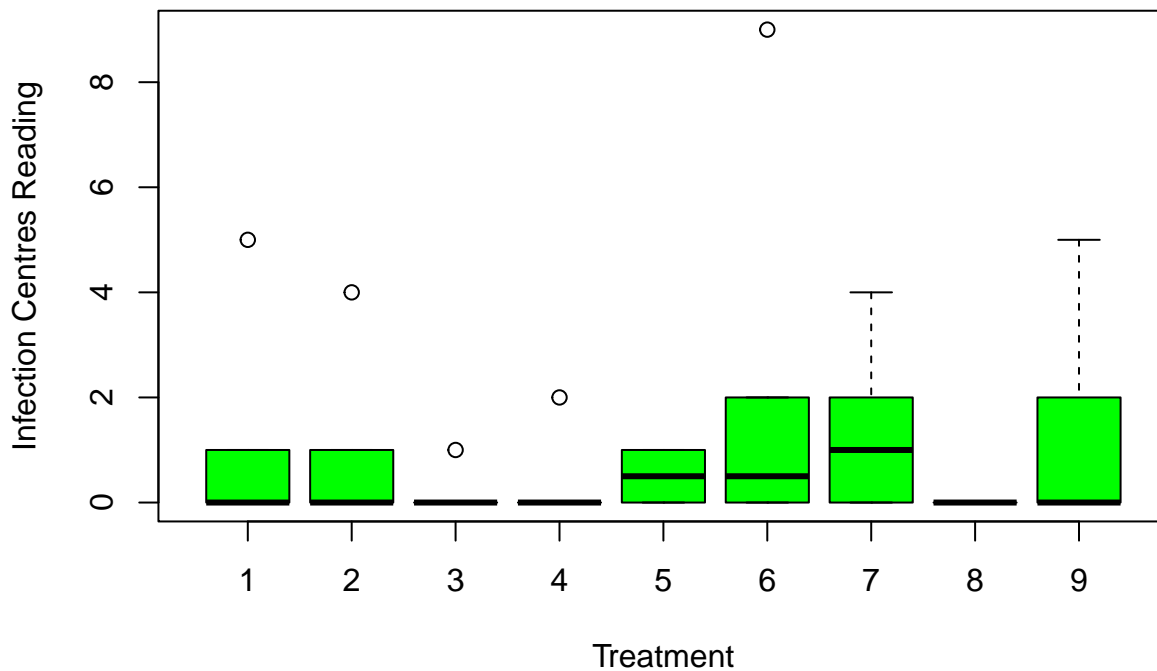


Table 119: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 19.48 | 2.435 | 0.826 | 0.5842 |
| Residuals | 45 | 132.7 | 2.948 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.9 DSIC Reading 173 Days post first Treatment (2023-04-28)

Number of Infection Centres 173 Days post first Treatment

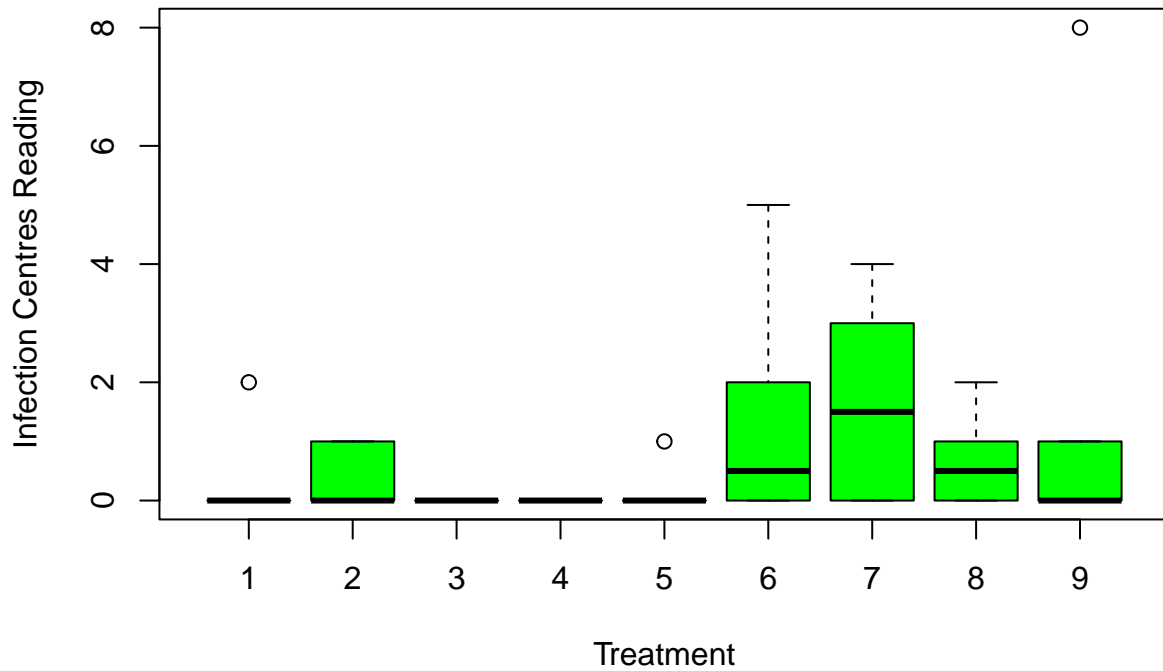


Table 120: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 21 | 2.625 | 1.27 | 0.2829 |
| Residuals | 45 | 93 | 2.067 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.10 DSIC Reading 180 Days post first Treatment (2023-05-05)

Number of Infection Centres 180 Days post first Treatment

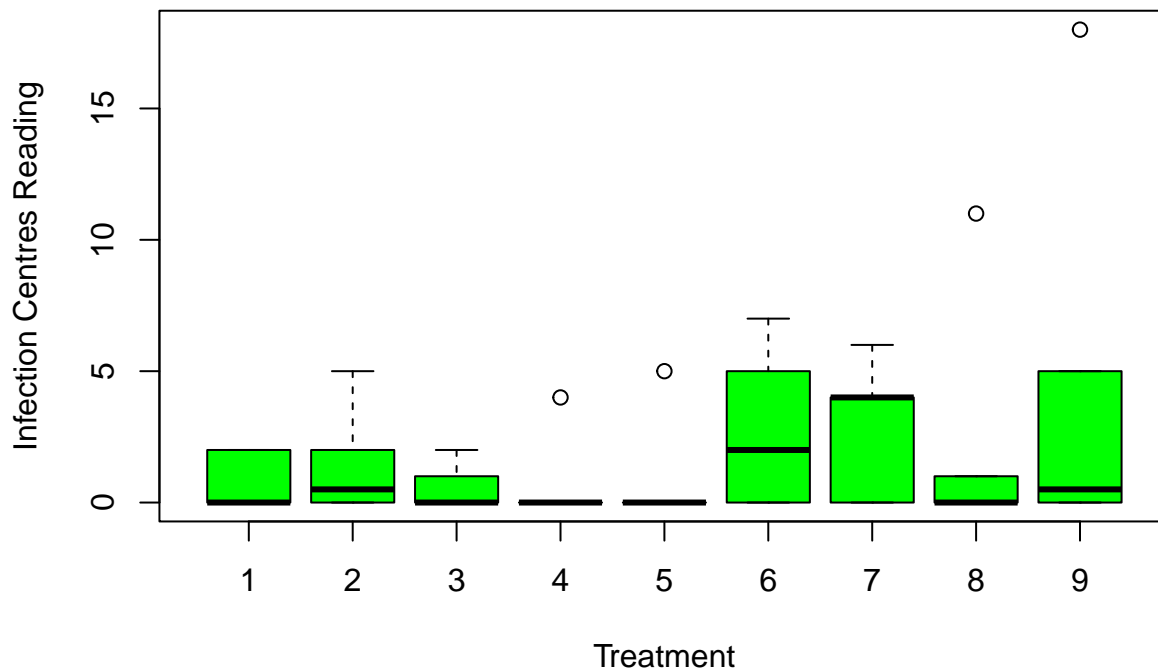


Table 121: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 74.7 | 9.338 | 0.8652 | 0.5524 |
| Residuals | 45 | 485.7 | 10.79 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.11 DSIC Reading 187 Days post first Treatment (2023-05-12)

Number of Infection Centres 187 Days post first Treatment

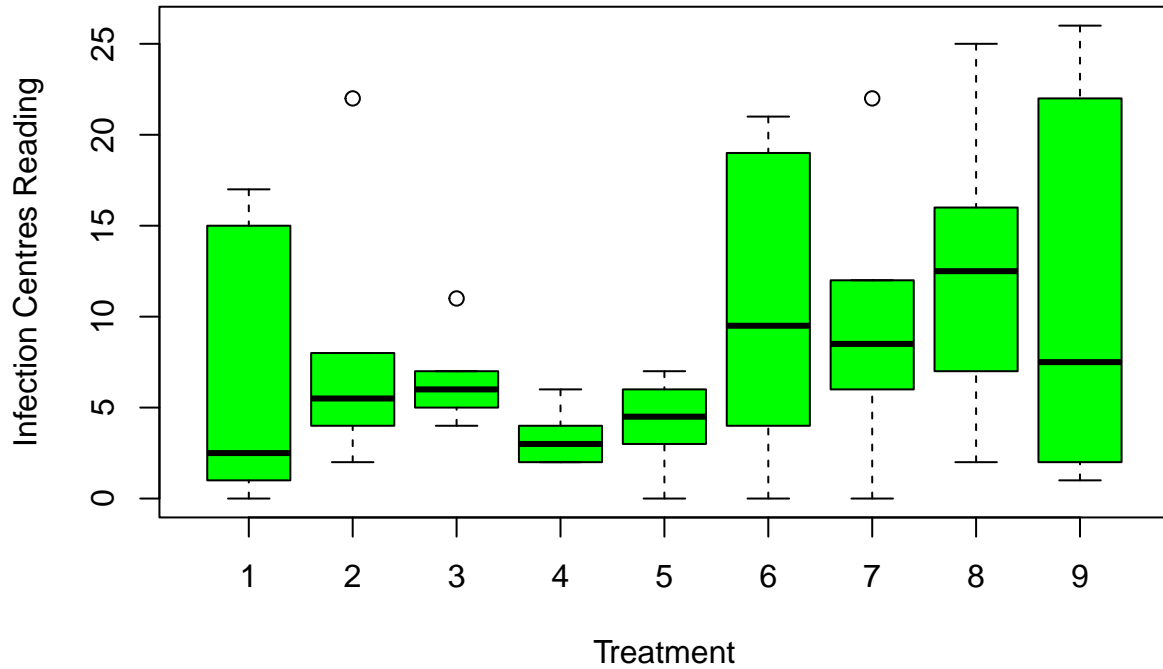


Table 122: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 475.6 | 59.45 | 1.27 | 0.2829 |
| Residuals | 45 | 2106 | 46.81 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

14.12 DSIC Reading 200 Days post first Treatment (2023-05-25)

Number of Infection Centres 200 Days post first Treatment

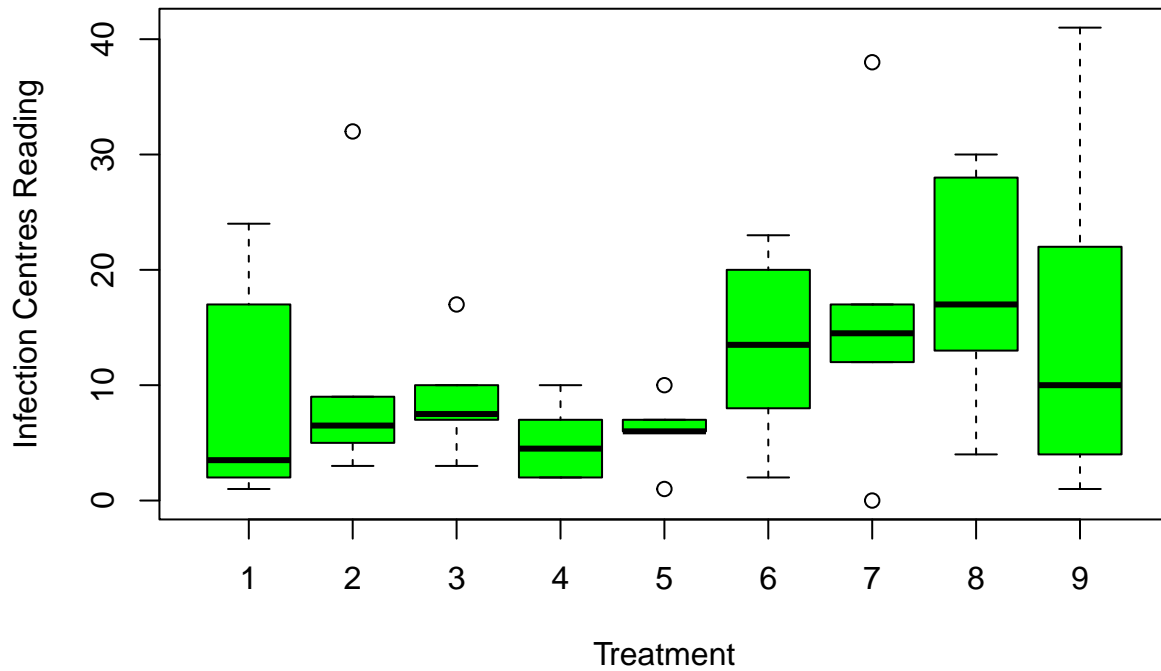


Table 123: Analysis of Variance Model

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Treatment | 8 | 1008 | 126.1 | 1.461 | 0.1983 |
| Residuals | 45 | 3882 | 86.26 | NA | NA |

In the resulting ANOVA table above, the F-tests show that there is no significant difference between treatments before the trial starts.

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