

# Linear Modelling 3

Starting point:

- Clarity about what is your response variable and what are explanatory variables
- Scientific questions about the relationship between response and explanatory variables
- Data in a long-form dataframe or tibble

# Example Experiment – variables

- Classic experiment giving vitamin C to look at tooth growth in guinea pigs

- Three variables:

- Cell length (numeric, continuous)
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- Roles in experiment

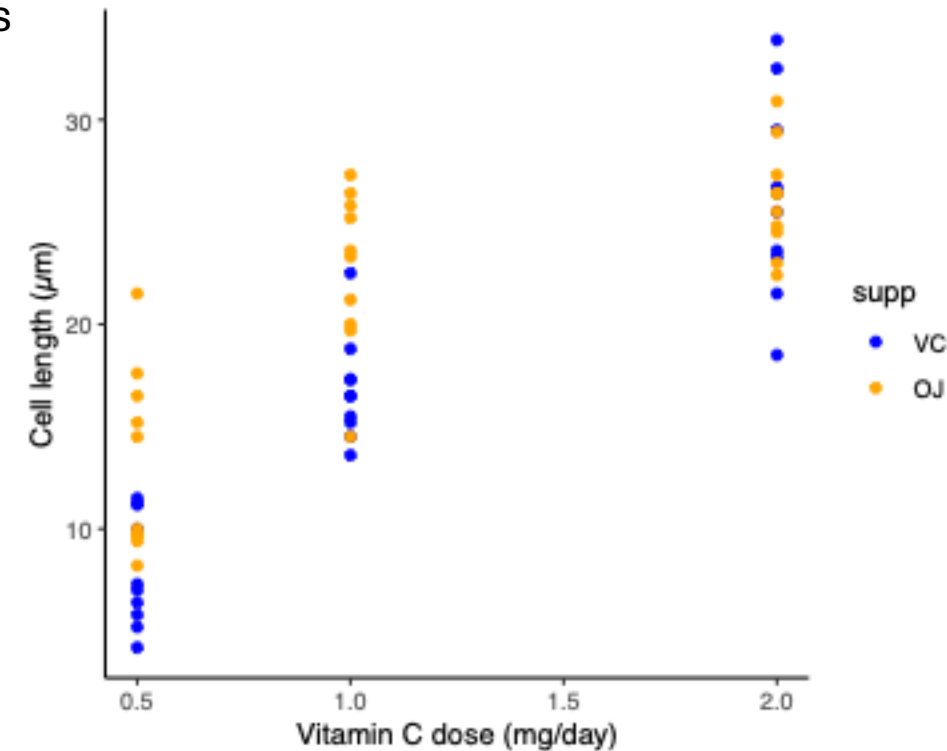
- **Response variable**

- What we care about
- What we measured
- Want to know if it responds to explanatory variables
- Not set as part of experiment
- Biological and technical '**noise**' in the measurement

- **Explanatory variable**

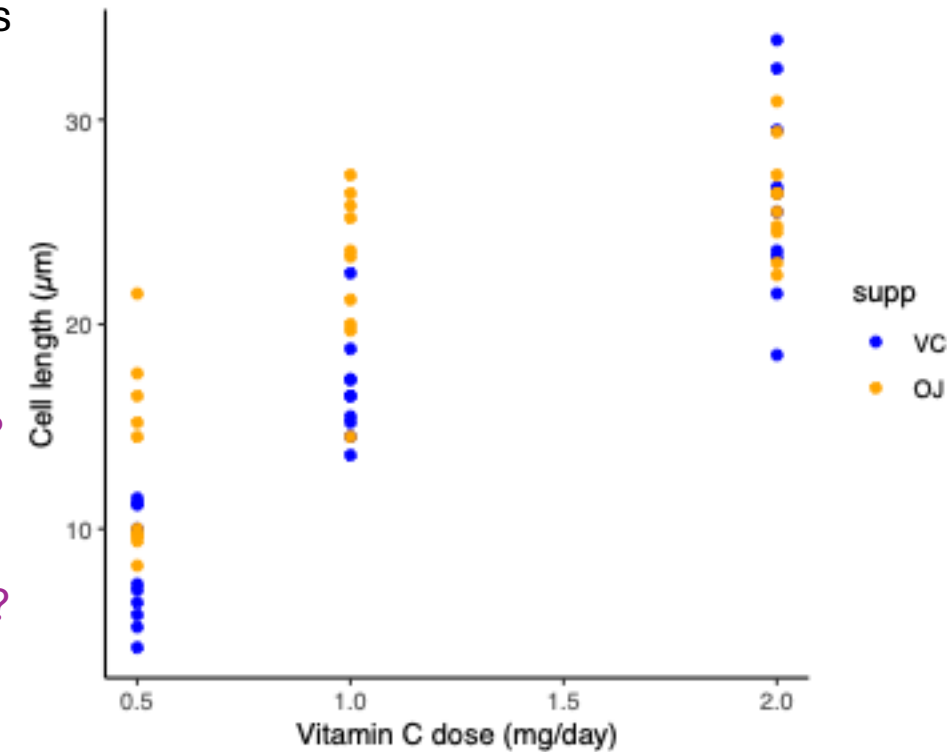
- Something we can manipulate
- What we manipulated
- Want to know if it affects the response variable
- Set precisely as part of the experiment
- Little or no '**noise**' in the value

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# Example Experiment – questions

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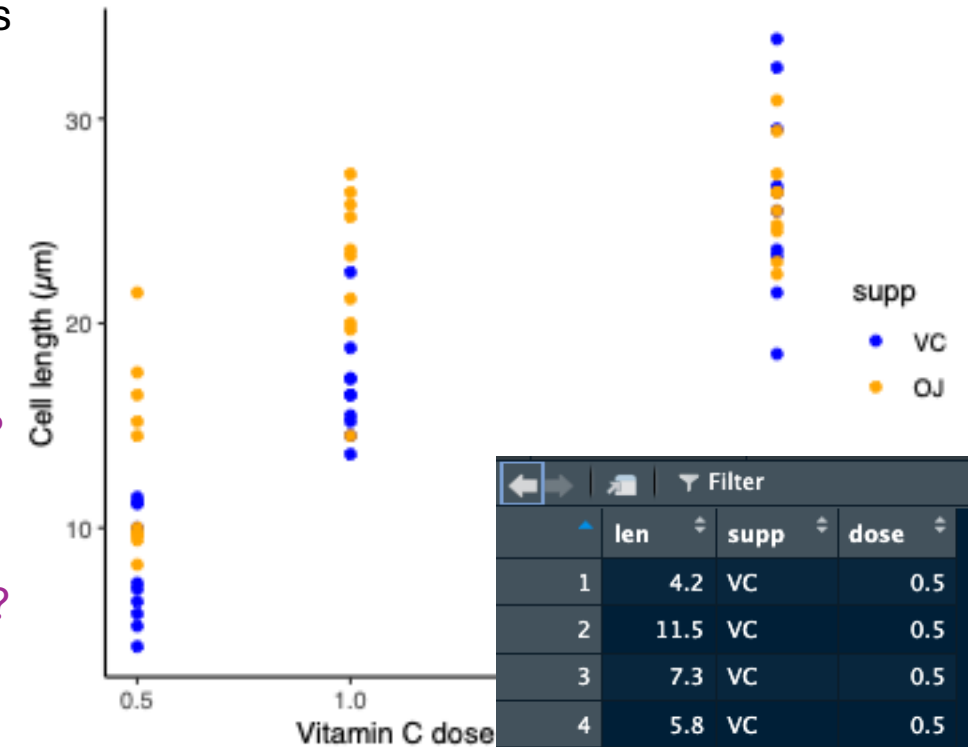


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> ToothGrowth

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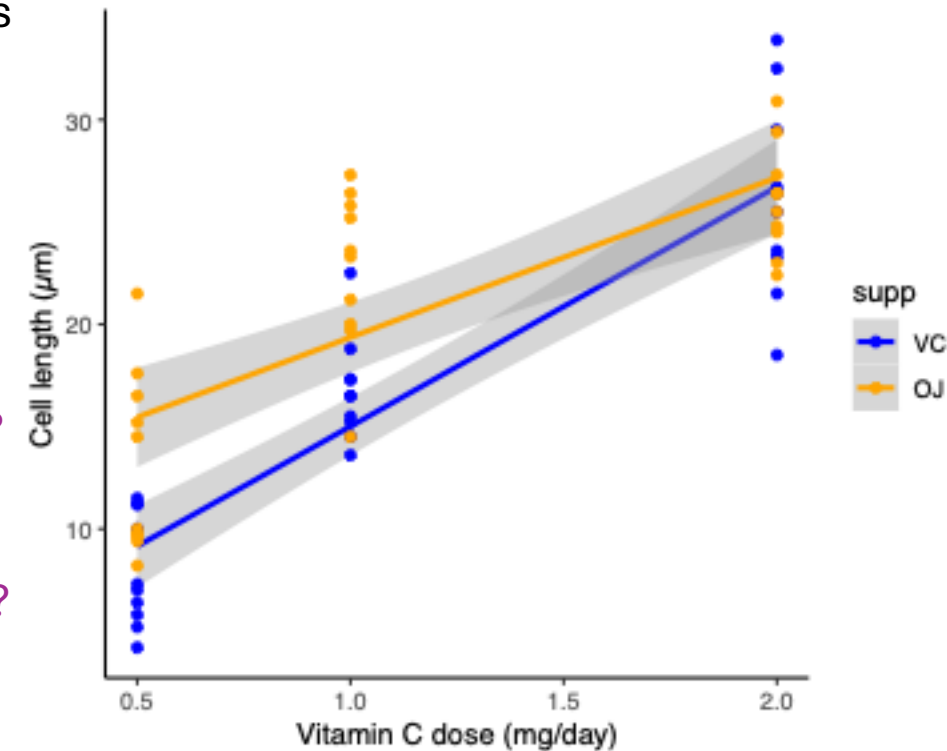
- Put lines through the data – can answer the questions:

- Are the lines **significantly** different from one another?
  - Are the slopes of each line significantly different from one another?
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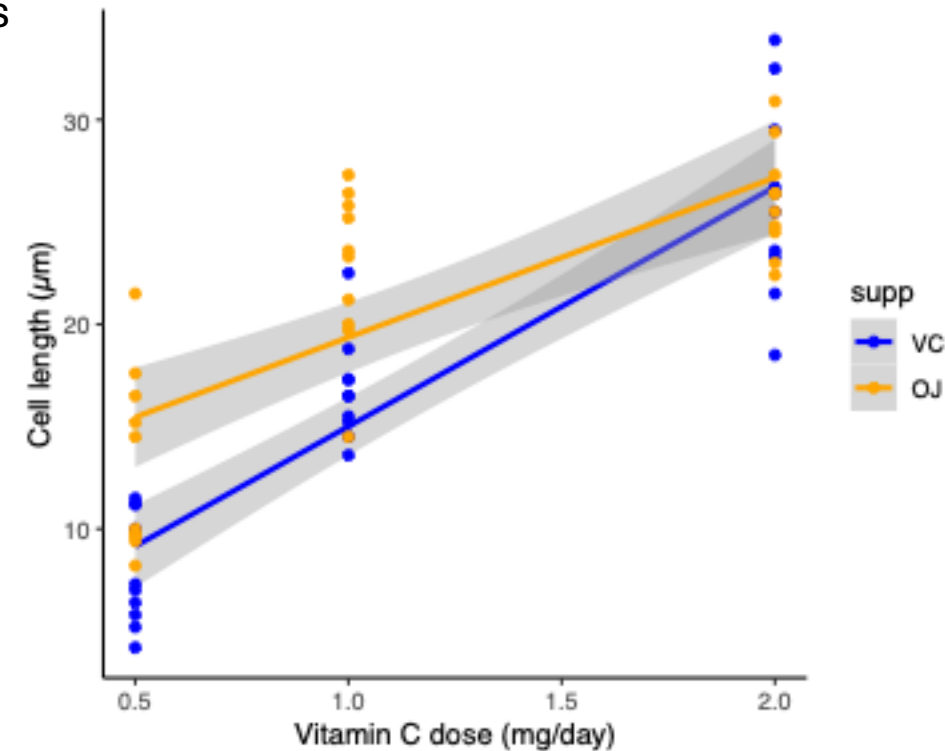
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```
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```

- Minimises the squared distance from points to lines
  - Only **'error'** in the response variable
  - Distance from the line the **'residual'**
  - Returns the value for one line and the differences to the other

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> summary(model)
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Call:

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lm(formula = len ~ supp * dose, data = ToothGrowth)
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Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-8.2264	-2.8462	0.0504	2.2893	7.9386

Coefficients:

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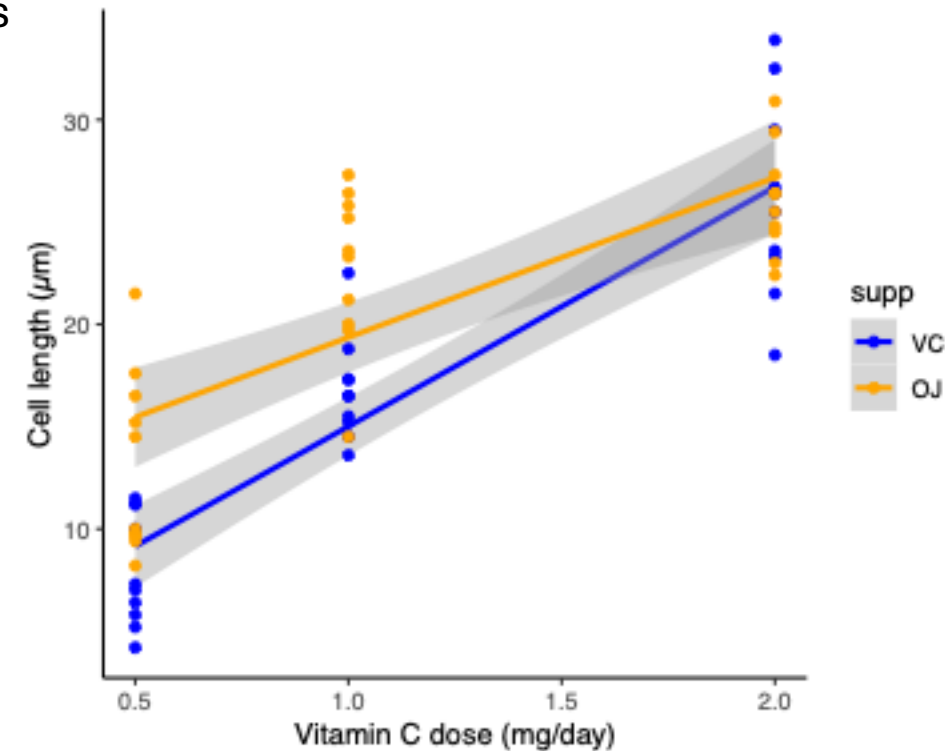
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Residual standard error: 4.083 on 56 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7296, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7151

F-statistic: 50.36 on 3 and 56 DF, p-value: 6.521e-16



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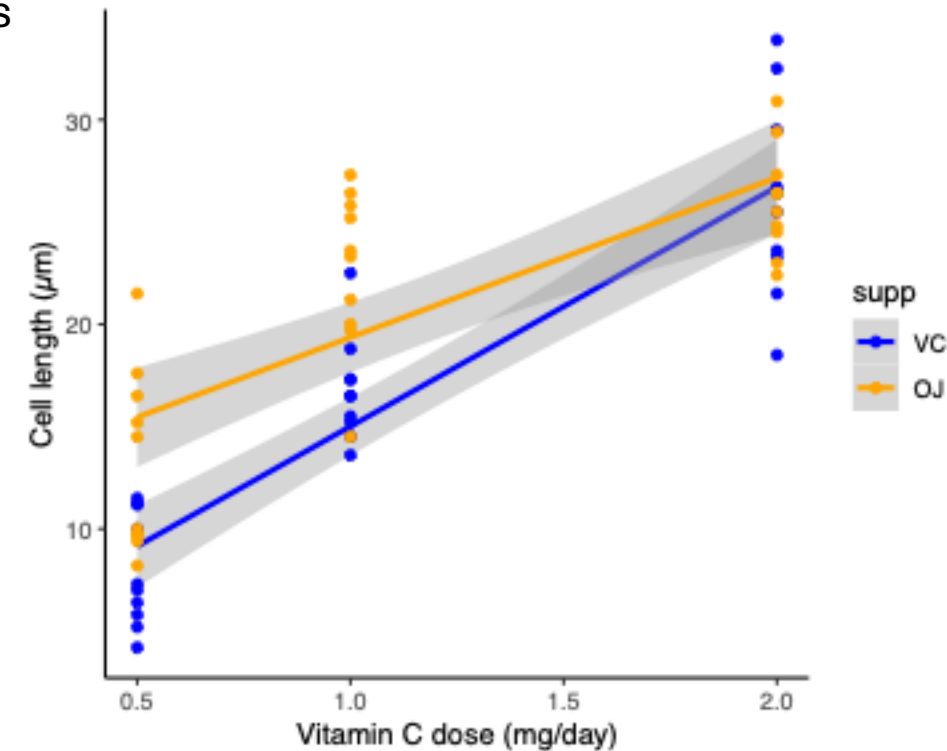
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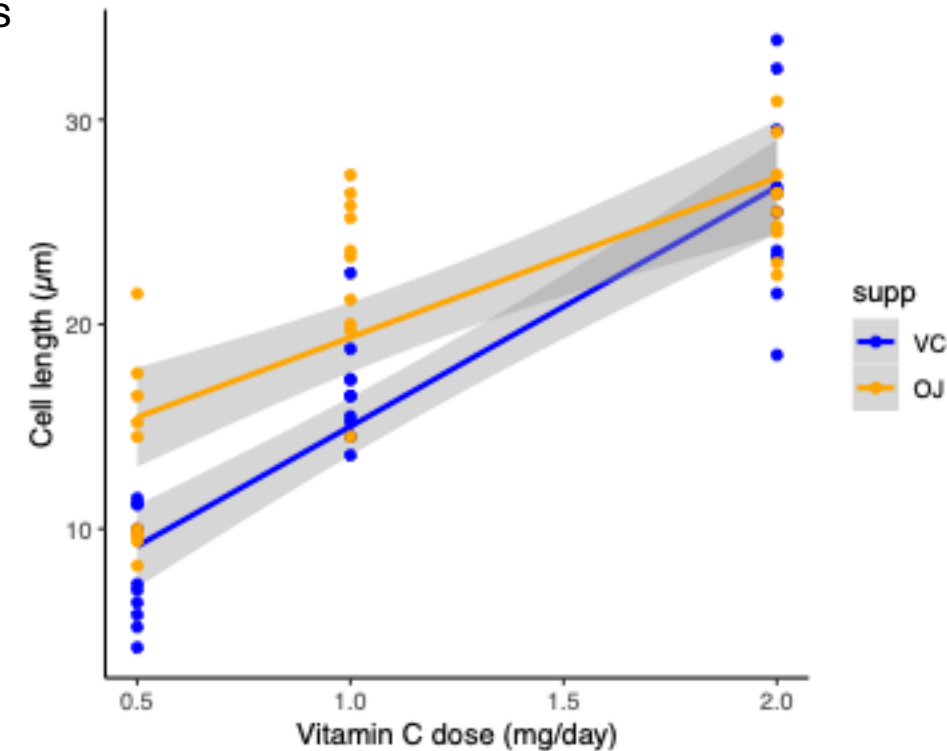


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- So for vitamin C (supp = "VC" i.e.  $x_1 = 0$ ) and dose = 1mg/day (i.e.  $x_2 = 1$ )
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 $= 3.295 + 0 + 11.716 + 0 = \mathbf{15.011}$  Check with plot!
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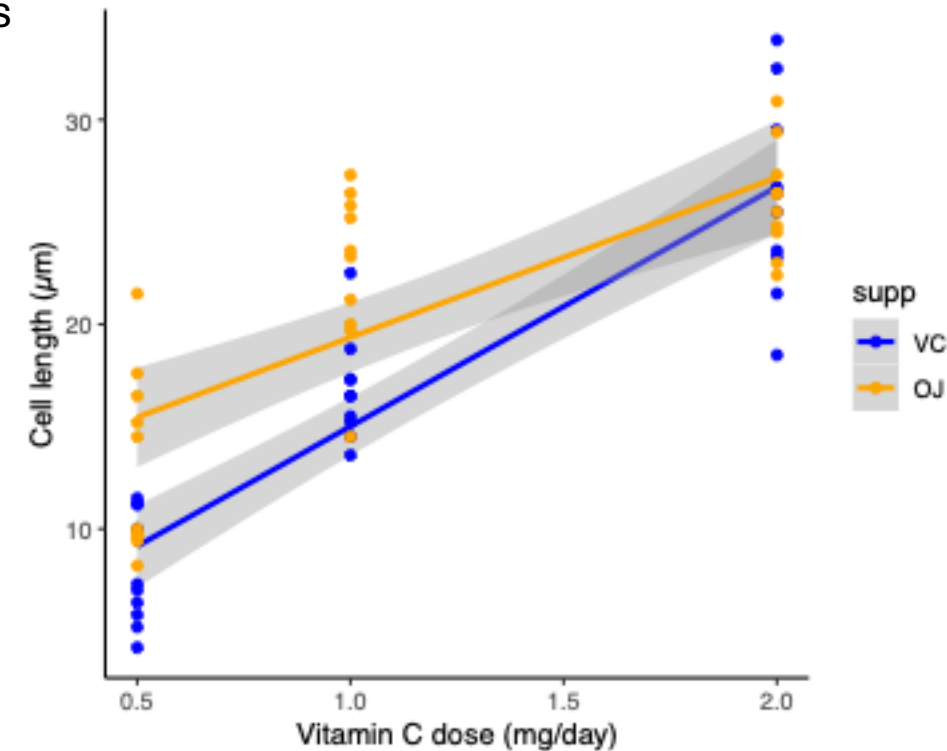
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$$= 3.295 + 8.255 + 11.716 + -3.94 = \mathbf{19.326}$$

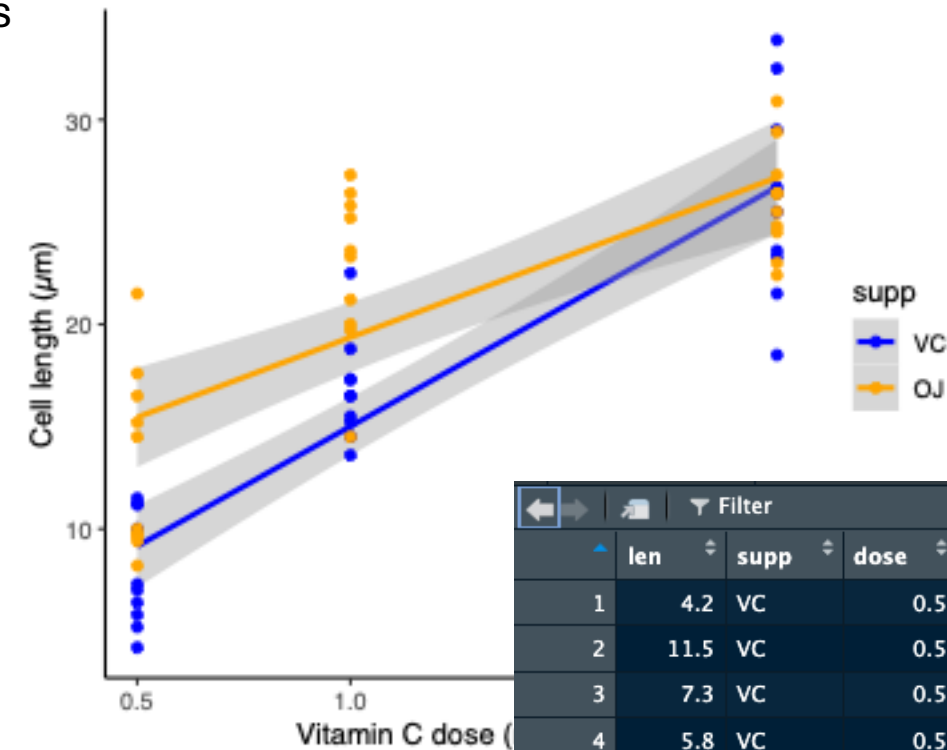
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- How much does cell length change with dose for each supplement? Need to look closely
  - When the supplement is vitamin C, the change with dose is  $12 \mu\text{l}/(\text{mg}/\text{day})$
  - When the supplement is OJ, the change with dose is  $11.7 - 3.9 = 7.8 \mu\text{l}/(\text{mg}/\text{day})$
- Vitamin C ('VC') is described as the 'reference level' of the categorical variable (supp)
  - Change with `relevel()` or `factor()` functions
- Describe it as an **Analysis of Co-Variance**, ANCOVA, or just a **linear model** (many other sorts too)

Crampton, E. W. **The growth of the odontoblasts of the incisor tooth as a criterion of the vitamin C intake of the guinea pig.** *J Nutr* 33, 491-504 (1947). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jn/33.5.491>