



Modelos predictivos de producción de resina en *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., en Michoacán, México

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Abstract

Pinus pseudostrobus is a conifer widely used in the state of Michoacán for the extraction of resin; however, current resin extraction methods are empirical and without knowledge of the potential production. Based on mensuration variables and using the ordinary least squares (OLS) method and mixed effects models (MEM), a predictive model for estimating resin production was evaluated. The normal diameter, crown diameter and total height of 215 resin trees were measured; in addition, the resin production per face (2 186 faces) was quantified in an altitudinal range of 2 226 to 2 785 m. After debugging the database and constructing the combined variable (d^2tH), a logarithmic linear model was adjusted under two statistical approaches —OLS and MEM—, using the R® software. By including the altitude covariate in the MEM as a grouping variable, there is an average statistical gain of 17 % with respect to the OLS approach. No issues of non-compliance with the normality regression or homoscedasticity assumptions were observed. A model with global parameters is proposed to estimate the average resin yield for the region and three variants with random parameters, where the altitude of 2 500 m has the highest production. The estimated productivity and its relationship with the altitudinal ranges can be a guideline for the establishment of forest plantations for resin extraction purposes or the development of forest management plans for the species in the Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

Key words: Forest management, mathematical model, *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., prediction, production, pine resin.

Resumen

Pinus pseudostrobus es una conífera ampliamente aprovechada en el estado de Michoacán para la extracción de resina; sin embargo, los métodos actuales de resinación son empíricos y sin conocimiento de la producción potencial. A partir de variables dasométricas y con el uso del método de mínimos cuadrados ordinarios (MCO) y modelos de efectos mixtos (MEM), se evaluó un modelo de predicción para estimar la producción de resina. A 215 árboles resineros, se les midió el diámetro normal, diámetro de copa y altura total, además se cuantificó la producción de resina por cara (2 186 caras) en un intervalo altitudinal de 2 226 a 2 785 m. Posterior a depurar

la base de datos y a construir la variable combinada (d^2At), se ajustó un modelo lineal de tipo logarítmico en el programa R® bajo dos enfoques estadísticos: MCO y MEM. Al incluir la covariante de altitud en los MEM como variable de agrupación, se tiene una ganancia estadística promedio de 17 % con respecto a MCO. No hubo incumplimiento de los supuestos de regresión de normalidad y homocedasticidad. Se propone un modelo con parámetros globales para estimar el rendimiento de resina promedio y tres variantes con parámetros aleatorios, en las cuales la altitud de 2 500 m presenta la mayor producción. La productividad estimada y su relación con los intervalos altitudinales puede utilizarse para el establecimiento de plantaciones forestales resineras o en la elaboración de planes de gestión forestal para la especie en la Comunidad Indígena de Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

Palabras clave: Manejo forestal, modelo matemático, *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., predicción, producción, resina de pino.

Introduction

Worldwide, 1 300 000 t of pine resin is extracted and used mainly as resin, rosin, and turpentine in the market (Cunningham, 2009). Resin production is concentrated in three countries: China, Brazil and Indonesia (92 %), 8% of the total came from Argentina, Russia, India, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Vietnam and Fiji (Cunningham, 2009; Conafor, 2013). In Mexico, resin is harvested in the states of *Jalisco*, *Oaxaca*, State of Mexico and *Michoacán*, the latter occupying first place with 22 408 t per year, equivalent to 82.7 % of national production (Semarnat, 2016).

In the country, after timber products, pine resin is the most secure and permanent source of income for the poorest rural population in areas with pine and pine-oak forests, particularly in the aforementioned entities (Ayala, 2011).

Pine resin extraction has been practiced in Mexico since pre-Hispanic times (Mas and Prado, 1981); however, its use for commercial purposes began in 1920. Normally, it is carried out according to the norm NOM-026-Semarnat-1996 and current regulations which include the General Law for Sustainable Forest Development and its Regulations (Semarnat, 2016).

The resination system utilized is the Traditional French method modified for Mexico and implemented in 1937 by official regulations; it was first applied in the state of

Michoacán, in 1954 (Reyes-Ramos *et al.*, 2019). This system is applicable for trees larger than 30 centimeters in diameter (d), determining the number of cuts (faces) that the tree can support, which are made when the trees reach an age of 20 years (Romahn, 1992).

Historically, resin production in *Michoacán* has had an outstanding participation with a value of between 70 000 t per year in the 1930s (Cofom, 2007), and 22 408 t in 2016 (Semarnat, 2016); in 2017, there was a rebound in production of just over 90 %. The state currently occupies the first place nationally, with a production of 24 141 t (Semarnat, 2017). The species with the highest resin production in the entity are: *Pinus oocarpa* Schiede ex Schltdl., *P. leiophylla* Schiede ex Schltdl. & Cham., *P. lawsonii* Roezl ex Gordon, *P. teocote* Schltdl. & Cham., *P. herrerae* Martínez, *Pinus tenuifolia* L., *P. montezumae* Lamb., *P. ponderosa* Douglas ex C. Lawson, *P. pringlei* Shaw and *P. pseudostrobus* Lindl (Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, 1973).

Some industries and organizations have taken up the task of increasing pine resin production through productive reforestation in resin forests and non-timber commercial forestry plantations, as permitted by current regulations, as is the case of the Indigenous Community of *Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro* (*Comunidad Indígena de Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, CINSJP*), where 70 % of the population is engaged in forestry activities, including sawmilling, transport and resin extraction. The area with commercial value for timber and resin owned by the *CINSJP* is 18 132 ha of forest; between 40 to 50 % is used for resin production, the extraction of which is focused on three species: *Pinus leiophylla* (Chihuahua pine), *P. pseudostrobus* (smooth-bark Mexican pine) and *P. oocarpa* (ocote) (Arias and Chávez, 2006). In addition, *CINSJP* has a resin distillation plant, with a capacity of 750 t year⁻¹ (Aguilar, 2008).

In the last few years, quantitative information has been generated for some non-timber forest resources (NTFR). Among the published studies, some models for estimating the production of edible wild mushrooms (*Tricholoma magnivelare* (Peck)

Redhead and *Cantharellus formosus* Corner) stand out in *Tlaxcala* (Zamora-Martínez et al., 2009; Velasco et al., 2010); of mescal agaves (*Agave karwinskii* Zucc. and *A. potatorum* Zucc.) in *Oaxaca* (Velasco et al., 2009b); of camedor palm (*Chamaedorea oblongata* Mart.) in *Escárcega, Campeche* (Zamora-Martínez et al., 2011); of *lechuguilla* (*Agave lechuguilla* Torr.) in *San Luis Potosí* (Velasco et al., 2009a); and of resin from *P. pseudostrobus* and *P. leiophylla* in *Michoacán* (Zamora-Martínez et al., 2013) and *P. oocarpa* in *Chiapas* (Reynoso-Santos et al., 2018; Cadena-Iñiguez et al., 2019).

To date, the use of pine resin has been carried out empirically, and there are no studies on the validation of predictive models that estimate the production potential of pine resin. Therefore, it is necessary to have a standardized method with quantitative techniques that will allow the producer to know the harvesting potential per unit area and the forestry technicians to evaluate the extraction process in a practical and reliable way. If there were a relationship between tree dendrometry (height, normal diameter and percentage of live crown) and resin yield, these parameters could be used to generate a mathematical model, as it requires less effort than direct resin flow measurements.

The study hypothesizes that certain dasometric characteristics of the tree are related to its resin yield potential, which allows more accurate estimates to be obtained. Therefore, the objective was to adjust a predictive model for resin production per tree, based on the variables normal diameter (d , cm), crown diameter (cd , m), and total height (tH , m) for *P. pseudostrobus* forests of the *CINSJP, Michoacán, Mexico*. The results are discussed in terms of identifying the best mathematical model that most accurately estimates resin yield in *P. pseudostrobus* stands.

Materials and Methods

The study was conducted in resin-producing areas within the natural forests of the *CINSJP, Michoacán*, which is located between 19°25'00" N and 102°06' and 102°17'46" W. The altitudinal range where the research was carried out was 2 226–2 785 m; the relief is of the *Sierra* type, with extrusive igneous geology and Andosol type soil; the climate is humid temperate (Cw), with a rainfall of 1 500 mm, and the temperature is 15 °C (INEGI, 2010; Inegi, 2017).

Through field trips, resin-producing trees were selected in 12 sites in the following areas. The selected individuals were representative of the resination quarters of each locality, and were measured for d , cd and tH . The resin production was measured for each side (*PredResina[g]*) of 215 trees (2 186 resination faces), with a periodicity of 45 days, during the 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2016–2017 and 2018–2019 periods. It is worth mentioning that the individuals evaluated in the different years were not the same and exhibited different stages of utilization.

Once the information was captured in an Excel® database, it was audited to discard the aberrant points in the sample, and the cd was grouped at each meter length (5, 6 and 18 m) to generate the classification variable by dimension or cup class (ClasCop), in order to reduce variability when included in a mixed-effects model adjustment. The basic statistics of the sample were then calculated, among which the values of kurtosis and skewness had to be in the interval between 3 and -3 in order to consider the information as normally distributed (Martínez *et al.*, 2006).

Once the database was constructed and refined, a combined variable was included, which was constructed by squaring the d and multiplying it by the tH (d^2tH). After that, the d^2tH and PredResin variables were transformed to natural logarithm ($nl[d^2At]$ and $nl[PredResina]$). In a first adjustment, they were incorporated into a linear model (1) (Ayala *et al.*, 1992) and two of its variants, (2) and (3), by means

of ordinary least squares (OLS), using the *lm* procedure of the free-license software R® (R Core Team, 2016).

$$nl(y) = a + b(d^2At) + c(nl(d^2At)) + e \quad (1)$$

$$nl(y) = a + b(d^2tH) + e \quad (2)$$

$$nl(y) = a + b(nl(d^2tH)) + e \quad (3)$$

Where:

y = Resin production per side (g)

d = Normal diameter (cm)

tH = Total height (m)

nl = Natural logarithm

a , b and c = Parameters to be estimated

e = Error term

In a second adjustment approach and by not correcting the model for the effect of the mean, as proposed by Ayala *et al.* (1992), ClasCop's classification or grouping variables altitude and month of collection were included in a mixed effects model (MEM= $nl(y) = (a + u) + b(d^2tH) + c(nl(d^2tH)) + e$; $nl(y) = a + (b + u)(d^2tH) + e$) and $nl(y) = a + (b + u)(nl(d^2tH)) + e$], in addition to all its variants) by varying the inclusion in each of its parameters ($+u$). The altitude range was grouped as 2 300 m (2 200–2 400 m), 2 500 m (2 401–2 600 m) and 2 700 m (2 601–2 800 m).

This modeling, under MEM including the grouping variables, assumes specific variance for each classification group and generalizes the fit for the utilized data (Santana and Mateos, 2014; R Core Team, 2016); at the same time, it also adjusts the values of the specific parameters for each specific level, therefore, the error, variance and value will be unique for each group (Pinheiro *et al.*, 1994; Castedo *et al.*, 2006). Zero variance and normal distribution were assumed in the modeling, however, a variance-covariance matrix was included for each level as proposed by Littell *et al.* (2006), applied by means of the EBLUP technique by Corral *et al.* (2019). The normality of the residuals was also verified graphically by means of a graphical test (SAS Institute Inc., 2014).

The Akaike (4) and Bayesian (5) information criteria (AIC and BIC, respectively) and the model's likelihood value (*logLik*) were used as parametric criteria for selecting the best model, these evaluate the likelihood and parsimony of each expression, where the lowest value represents the most adequate model, in addition to the significance of all its parameters ($p=0.05$) (Bolker *et al.*, 2009; Cayuela, 2014; Correa y Salazar, 2016; R Core Team, 2016).

$$\text{AIC} = -2\log\text{Lik} + 2k \quad (4)$$

$$\text{BIC} = -2\log\text{Lik} + k \log(n) \quad (5)$$

Where

AIC and BIC = Akaike and Bayesian information criteria

logLik = Log-likelihood value of the model

k = Penalty value for excess parameters

n = Number of model parameters

log= Logarithm base ten

Results and Discussion

Based on 1 761 resin production records per face, the descriptive statistics of the final sample indicate that the range of the *d* was 37 to 109 cm, while that of the *tH* was 19 to 45 m and the average *cd* was 10 m. In addition, the three variables exhibited a mesokurtic and symmetric distribution of the information. However, the resin yield per face exhibited a leptokurtic distribution (Kurtosis=16.153) and a positive skewness (Skewness Coefficient=3.339) —a situation that was corrected with the logarithmic transformation of this variable (Table 1).

Table 1. Descriptive statistics of the sample utilized to adjust the predictive models of resin of *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., in the Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

Statistics /Variables	Normal diameter (cm)	Total height (m)	Crown diameter (m)	Resin yield (g face ⁻¹)	<i>nI</i> Resin yield (g face ⁻¹)
Minimum	37.00	19.00	4.65	250.00	5.52
Maximum	109.00	45.00	18.25	1 420.00	7.91
Mean	66.43	35.38	10.38	518.81	6.15
Standard deviation	13.849	5.481	2.837	293.245	0.415
Sample variance	191.803	30.042	8.047	85 992.900	0.172

Kurtosis	-0.876	-0.054	-0.569	16.153	1.689
Skewness Coefficient	0.147	-0.318	0.379	3.339	1.062

It was observed that, when the combined variable was included by itself (without the logarithmic transformation) in the OLS adjustment, the parameter b was not significant ($p>0.05$), and only the expression (1) showed adequate results. In the MEM approach, the value of the intercept (a) turned out to be zero and the parameter related to this variable was also not significant in all the combinations of inclusion of the classification variables in its parameters. Similarly, the values of AIC, BIC and logLik were higher than the OLS fitted model, indicating that there was no improvement in fit (Table 2).

Table 2. Models, estimated parameters and goodness-of-fit statistics for predictive models of resin production in logarithmic form ($nl(PredResin)$) of *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., in the Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

Model	Classification variable	Effect parameter	Parameter	Estimation	Ase	t Value	Pr > t	AIC	BIC	logLik
(1)	Altitude		a	3.4370000	8.71E-01	3.948	<0.0001	1 290.54	1 310.90	-641.27
			b	0.2502000	8.01E-02	3.124	0.00183			
			c	-0.0000016	5.11E-07	-3.050	0.00234			
	(3)		a	5.9686200	2.63E-01	22.733	<0.0001	1 297.83	1 313.09	-645.91
			b	0.0153000	2.20E-02	0.694	0.48800			
(1)	Crown class		a	5.1963720	8.13E-01	6.393	<0.0001	1 095.79	1 131.40	-540.89
			b	-0.0000010	5.00E-07	-1.314	0.18890			
			c	0.1060970	7.28E-02	1.457	0.14540			
	(3)	a	a	5.7304590	2.81E-01	20.380	<0.0001	1 068.47	1 098.99	-528.23
			b	0.0527240	2.00E-02	2.634	0.00860			
(1)	Collection month		a	3.4303940	8.98E-01	3.822	0.00010	1 325.09	1 360.70	-655.55
			b	-0.0000020	5.00E-07	-2.859	0.00430			
			c	0.2499670	8.24E-02	3.033	0.00250			
	(3)	a	a	3.3335510	8.75E-01	3.808	0.00010	1 327.47	1 363.08	-656.74
			b	-0.0000020	5.00E-07	-3.223	0.00130			
			c	0.2597660	8.05E-02	3.227	0.00130			
(1)	a	a	a	6.0033800	3.42E-01	17.533	<0.0001	1 307.76	1 338.29	-647.88
			b	0.0119820	2.83E-02	0.423	0.67230			
		b	a	4.1428180	8.77E-01	4.722	<0.0001	1 287.60	1 323.21	-636.80
	b	c	b	-0.0000010	5.00E-07	-2.149	0.03190			
	b	c	c	0.1846210	8.05E-02	2.294	0.02200			

Ase = Approximate standard error; Pr > |t| = Probability $p=0.05$; AIC and BIC = Akaike and Bayesian information criteria; logLik = Log-likelihood value of the model; a, b and c = Estimated parameters.

In the MEM adjustment, when using the variable $n/(PredResin)$ and including the different effects by classification variable, we obtain non-significant values in certain parameters (i.e. [1] > classification variable=altitude > Effect parameter=b > non-significant parameter=b and c; and [3] > classification variable=Crown class > Effect parameter=a > non-significant parameter=b), and when the crown class effects were included, the AIC, BIC and logLik values did not improve (increase in value) and were therefore discarded for selection (Table 2). By including the classification variables in parameter b (related to the independent variable) of altitude and month of collection, improvements in the values of the parametric criteria for the selection of the best model were evidenced; in this model, the values of AIC, BIC and logLik decreased, while the expression with random effects by altitude of resin collection per face in *P. pseudostrobus* trees was statistically superior (Table 2).

The model selected as the best fit by MEM=[3] > classification variable=altitude > Effect parameter=a (Table 2) showed a statistical improvement of 17.21 % (222.07), 16.16 % (211.90) and 17.63 % (113.04) in the values of the parametric selection criteria for AIC, BIC and logLik, respectively, with respect to the traditional OLS adjustment. In addition, when the regression assumptions of normality and homoscedasticity of the residuals are checked graphically, the quantile plot tends to a straight line, which is desirable (Martínez *et al.*, 2006); and the residuals do not increase in relation to the increase in the explanatory variable, therefore, there are no issues of non-compliance with the regression assumptions (Martínez *et al.*, 2006) (Figure 1 and 2). For this reason, it is claimed that the model is statistically robust and superior to the other models.

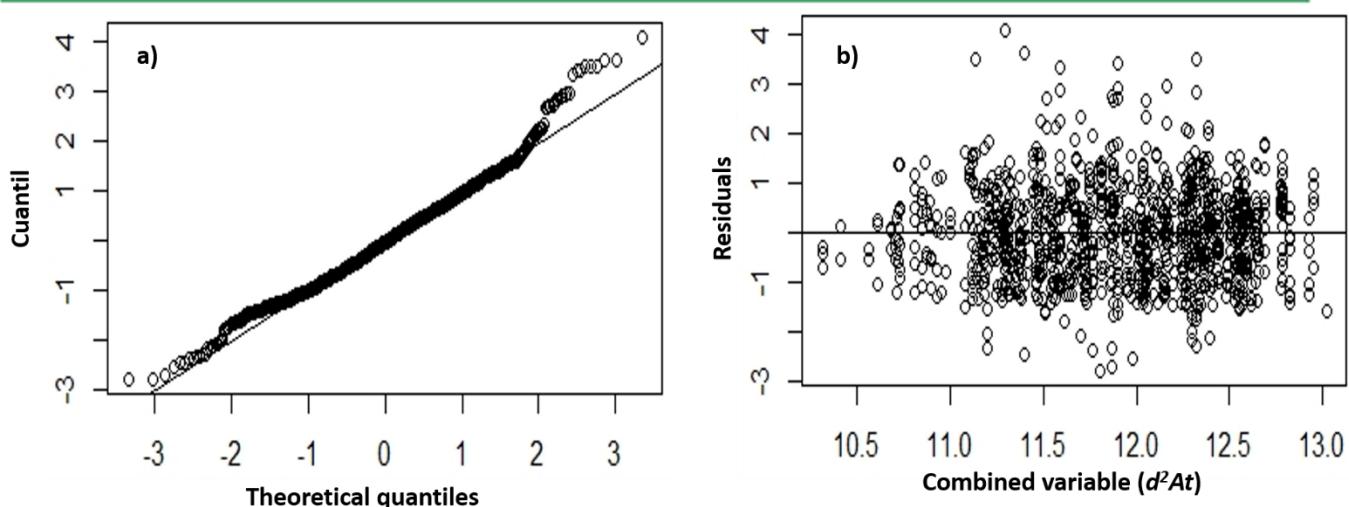


Figure 1. Compliance with the assumptions of normality (a) and homoscedasticity of residuals (b) in the model selected to predict resin in *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., in the Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

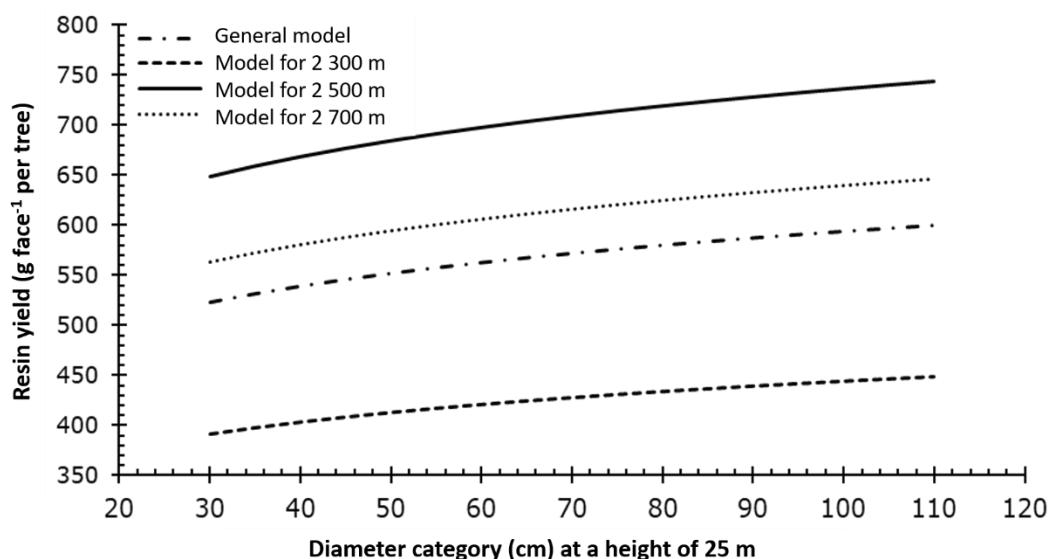


Figure 2. Projection of resin yield (g face⁻¹ per tree) by diameter category at a standard height of 25 m of *Pinus pseudostrobus* Lindl., in the Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán.

Once the best model was chosen and using the summary(coef()) function of the R® software, the specific values of the ordinate to the origin (parameter a) were extracted for each grouping level, obtaining values of 5.440657, 5.945814 and 5.804905 at altitudes of 2 300, 2 500 and 2 700 m, respectively; while the parameter related to the variable d^2tH was constant in all cases ($b=0.05272409$). The proposed expressions and the form of implementation were as follows:

General model:

$$\exp(nl(y)) = 5.730459 + 0.052724 \cdot (nl(d^2tH)) + e$$

Model for an altitude of 2 300 m:

$$\exp(nl(y)) = 5.440657 + 0.05272409 \cdot (nl(d^2tH)) + e$$

Model for an altitude of 2 500 m:

$$\exp(nl(y)) = 5.945814 + 0.05272409 \cdot (nl(d^2tH)) + e$$

Model for an altitude of 2 700 m:

$$\exp(nl(y)) = 5.804905 + 0.05272409 \cdot (nl(d^2tK)) + e$$

Where:

y = Resin yield per side (g)

d = Normal diameter (cm)

tH = Total height (m)

nl = Natural logarithm

exp = Exponential function

e = Error term

When substituting the values of the parameters by specific altitude in expression (3) and applying them to trees with an average height of 25 m and diameter categories from 30 to 110 cm, higher values were observed for the best resin yield (g face^{-1}): in *P. pseudostrobus* trees, the highest resin yield occurred at an altitude of 2 500 m, followed by 2 700 m and the lowest occurred at 2 300 m. Furthermore, in a tree with a diameter of 60 cm, a tH of 25 m, and a single face, when considering at least five collections per production year, the yield varied from 2 103.90 g face^{-1} per tree at 2 300 m altitude to 3 486.68 g face^{-1} per tree at 2 700 m (Figure 2).

In light of the evidence observed in Figure 2 and in order to verify whether the results were statistically different, it was decided to perform an analysis of variance (ANOVA) between the three estimates of resin productivity by diameter category at a standard height of 25 m, considering them as independent populations. For this purpose, an ANOVA was used to compare means utilizing the t-test with a reliability level of 99 % ($p=0.01$) (Martínez et al., 2006) in which the hypotheses of equality of means (null hypothesis: H_0) were proposed, at least one of which was established to be different from the others (alternative hypothesis: H_a).

The ANOVA results showed significant differences between the estimates ($F=387.5$, $p=<0.001$), therefore H_0 is rejected and H_a is accepted. The separation of means with the t-test and graphing confirmed that resin production was higher at an altitude

of 2 500 m, followed by individuals in the interval considering 2 700 m, and the area with the lowest productivity corresponded to the altitude of 2 300 m (Figure 3). Figure 3 shows that the general model (mean production) overestimates the yield at 2 300 m and underestimates the resin production at the 2 500 and 2 700 m altitudinal ranges.

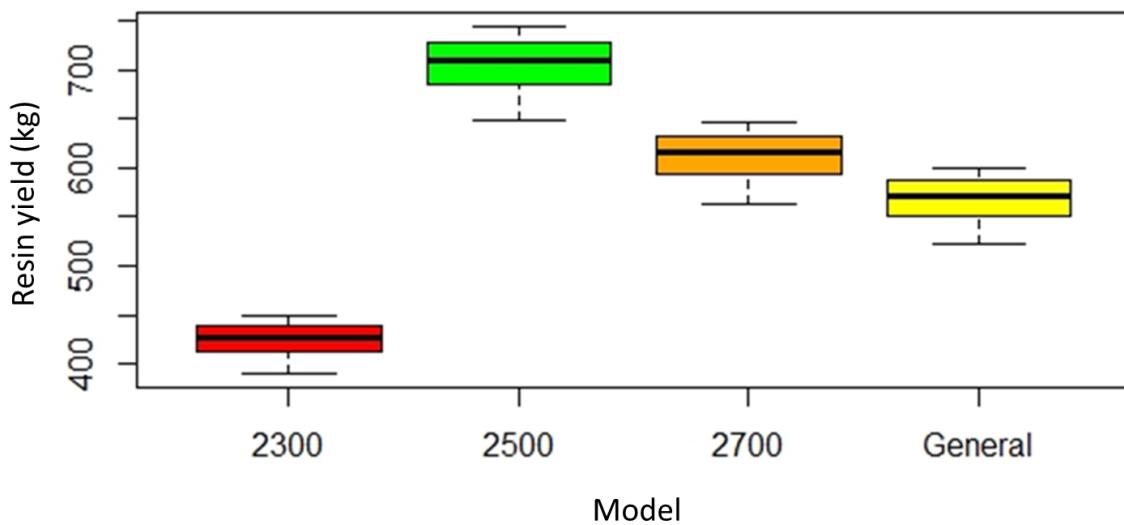


Figure 3. Separation of means (t) for the estimates made between the 30–110 cm diameter categories at a standard height of 25 m with the different models proposed.

With the validation of the ANOVA, it was observed that the Shapiro-Wilk and Bartlett's tests indicated lack of sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis (Moore, 2005), the normality of the residuals and that the variances are equal, respectively, at a significance level of $p=0.01$ (99 %), given that $W=0.9623$ and $p=0.3759$, while $K^2=3.9137$ and $p=0.2709$. The above is ratified by the q-q plots of normality (Figure 4a) and by those of the homoscedasticity of the residuals by group (Figure 4b).

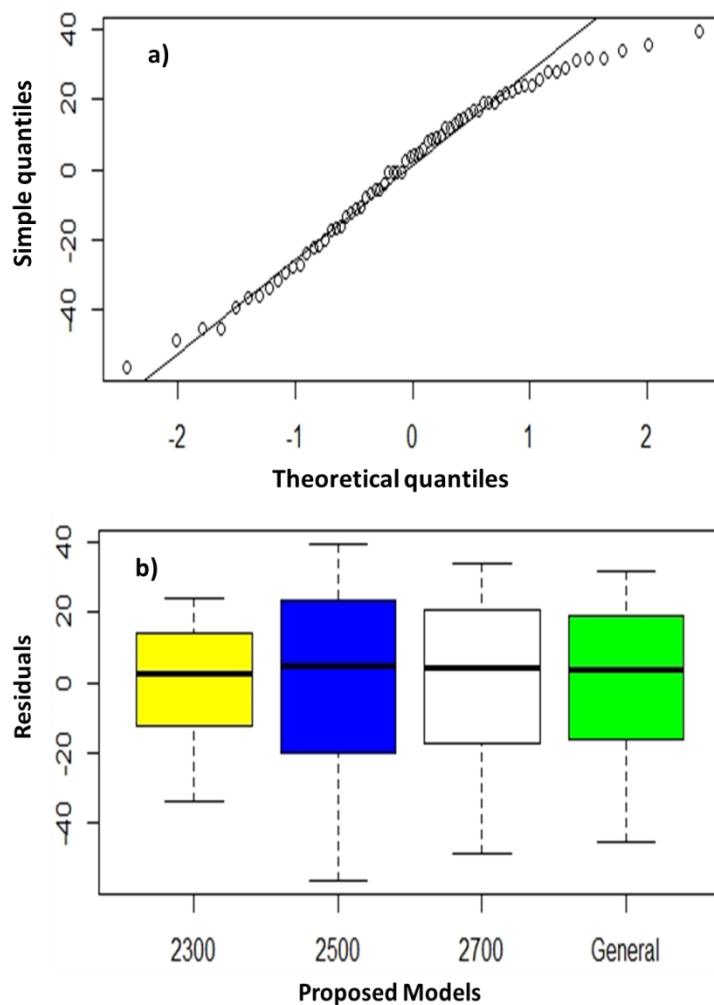


Figure 4. Graphical validation tests of analysis of variance (ANOVA) for normality (a) and homoscedasticity (b).

The altitudinal distribution sampled for *P. pseudostrobus* in CINSJP was 2 200–2 800 m, with altitudinal intervals of 200 m, including the optimum of development of the species (2 400–2 600 m), which was considered as the one with the highest resin production (g face^{-1}), the first one was obtained at an altitude of 2 500 m, the next one at 2 700 m, and the lowest one, at an altitude of 2 300 m. In a similar work with *P. oocarpa*, the trees selected as good resin producers were recorded at altitudes of 1 192–1 789 m (1 780–1 880 ft) (Reyes et al., 2019). It is worth mentioning that the optimum development this species is observed at altitudes

of 1 200–1 800 m above sea level (Dvorak *et al.*, 2000a). In this regard, there are few studies that support the ideal altitude for a better resin production; however, certain authors (Nanos *et al.*, 2001; Calama *et al.*, 2010; Rodríguez-García *et al.*, 2014) recognize that the combination of environmental factors in space and time, and their interaction with stand dynamics, have been identified as causes of variability in resin yield. These results can be explained by the different site index conditions present at different altitudes. The site index constitutes the main driver of empirical growth and yield models, dedicated to timber production, which is related to dasometric variables such as d and tH (Calama *et al.*, 2010).

The average monthly resin production obtained (0.250–1.420 kg, on average 0.518 kg) was lower than that cited by Plesníková (2014) for *P. pringlei*, with 0.3 to 4.3 kg of resin per month, at an altitudinal distribution of 1 500 to 2 500 m (Dvorak *et al.*, 2000b). Or than that documented by Reyes-Ramos *et al.* (2019), who obtained an average of 0.5 kg to 4.5 kg of resin per month from *P. oocarpa*. However, the monthly resin production behaved similarly to that reported by *Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales* (1973), who estimated an average annual production of 5.5 kg (0.4 kg month⁻¹) for *P. oocarpa* and of 3.5–3.8 kg tree⁻¹year⁻¹ for *Pinus pinaster* Aiton (Tadesse *et al.*, 2001; Rodríguez-García *et al.*, 2014).

Only for the classification variables of altitude and month of collection, the values of the parametric criteria for the selection of the best model showed improvements, and the best model was (3) when including altitude, because it was statistically robust and optimum to the others. The results showed that trees with an average height of 25 m and diameter categories of 30–110 cm exhibited a higher resin production (g face⁻¹) than at other altitudes (2 300 and 2 700 m).

Similar works on other pine species have shown that the clean stem height and the number of live faces per individual are variables that determine resin yield (Reyes *et al.*, 2019). Thus, Reynoso-Santos *et al.* (2018) state that the models developed on the basis of the combined variables d and tH explain a good proportion of pine resin

yield. Other variables selected by the model were the crown class and the collection period, which is understandable, considering that the resin yield may increase or decrease as the crown size increases and depending on the collection season or period (Rodríguez-García et al., 2014).

According to Conafor (2013), resin production takes place during two seasons per year: the high season from March to June, and the low season from July to February. The monthly production is 2.2 t month⁻¹ in the dry season and 1 t month⁻¹ in the low season. For Michoacán, the dry season (especially from March to June) is the best time for harvesting and, on average, a resin pine produces one kilogram of resin per month –an amount that may vary depending on the number of vertical cuts or faces made on the stem (Zamora-Martínez et al., 2013).

For *Pinus tecunumanii* F. Schwerdtf. ex Eguiluz & J. P. Perry in resinated areas, Dvorak et al. (2002) register average yields of 0.599 kg tree⁻¹ month⁻¹; report an average monthly production of 0.476 kg tree⁻¹ month⁻¹ in *P. caribaea* var. *hondurensis* (Sénécl.) W. H. Barrett & Golfari and *P. oocarpa* during the dry season.

The production of resin in the different species exhibits non-constant yields during the course of the year, these are conditioned to diverse factors such as the influence of the climate (mainly, temperature, precipitation, and humidity), natural factors (complex physiological processes such as the allocation of carbohydrates for growth), or tree-specific factors related to the genetic characteristics of the species, among them, the variability within the tree proper (Nanos et al., 2001; Tadesse et al., 2001; Calama et al., 2010), as well as tree age, crown diameter, stem diameter, distribution and density of resin canals, and soil (Tadesse et al., 2001; Reynoso-Santos et al., 2018; Reyes-Ramos et al., 2019).

Considering that the average annual resin production at national level is 2.0 kg tree⁻¹, and 3.5 kg tree⁻¹ for purely resin species such as *P. oocarpa* (Reyes-Ramos et al., 2019), *P. pseudostrobus* trees located at an altitude of 2 500 m in the CINSJP are individuals that due to their high productivity in the area, can be regarded as a

selection variable at the initial stage of a program aimed at genetic improvement for resin production.

The models generated differ from those developed for other non-timber forest products, such as mescal agaves (*A. karwinskii* and *A. potatorum*) (Velasco *et al.*, 2009b); edible wild mushrooms (Zamora-Martínez *et al.*, 2009; Velasco *et al.*, 2010); camedor palm in *Escárcega, Campeche* (Zamora-Martínez *et al.*, 2011); *lechuguilla agave* (*Agave lechuguilla*) in *San Luis Potosí* (Velasco *et al.*, 2009a); *P. pseudostrobus* and *P. leiophylla* resin in *Michoacán* (Zamora-Martínez *et al.*, 2013) and *P. oocarpa* in *Chiapas* (Reynoso-Santos *et al.*, 2018; Cadena-Iñiguez *et al.*, 2019), as this study integrated into the analysis the altitudinal range of distribution of the species in *Michoacán*, located in the *Purépecha* mountain range, which includes the *CINSJP*, where it occurs at altitudes of 2 200 to 3 000 m (Madrigal, 1982).

Conclusions

The proposed model considers easily measured dasometric variables such as normal diameter and total tree height, as well as the global parameters that result from the regression under the mixed effects model approach; therefore, it is robust and statistically reliable for estimating resin production per face and subsequently per individual. Given that it utilizes the random values of its parameters by grouping level, it can be used specifically by altitudinal gradient.

The altitude with the highest apparent resin production ranges between 2 400 and 2 600 m; thus, the yield is lower as the level above sea level of the topography decreases. Consequently, this information can be used for non-timber forest management planning in the forests of the Indigenous Community of *Nuevo San*

Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán, where *P. pseudostrobus* grows and develops. It is also a tool for determining the production potential per unit area or in the establishment of commercial non-timber forest plantations for resin production.

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The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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