

## **Supplemental Materials:**

**Supplemental Figure 1:** Bayesian analyses of chromosomal make-up across vertebrate taxa. (A) Gecko: *Sphaerodactylus townsendi*, (B) Wall lizard: *Podarcis muralis*, (C) Chinese alligator: *Alligator sinensis*, (D) Human: *Homo sapiens*, (E) Crocodile lizard: *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*, (F) Argentine black and white tegu: *Salvator merianae*, (G) Indian cobra: *Naja naja*, (H) Yellowpond turtle: *Mauremys mutica*, (I) Chicken: *Gallus gallus*, (J) Zebra finch: *Taeniopygia guttata*, (K) Black swan: *Cygnus atratus*, (L) Southern platyfish: *Xiphophorus maculatus*.

# A

## Results

## Gecko: *Sphaerodactylus townsendi*

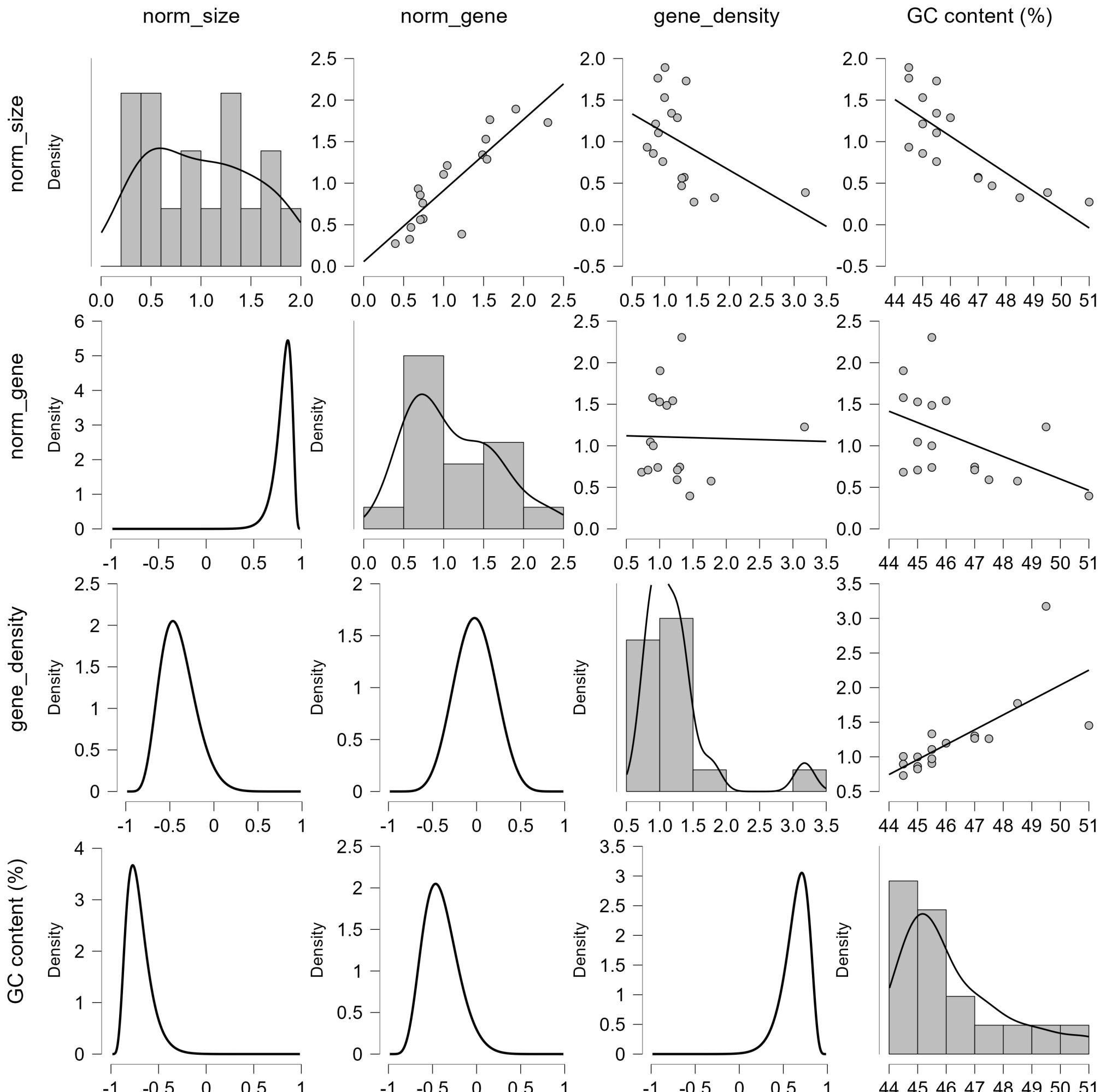
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	$BF_{10}$
norm_size	- norm_gene	17	0.865***	2879.882
norm_size	- gene_density	17	-0.477	1.702
norm_size	- GC content (%)	17	-0.781***	161.651
norm_gene	- gene_density	17	-0.024	0.301
norm_gene	- GC content (%)	17	-0.476	1.688
gene_density	- GC content (%)	17	0.721**	40.141

\*  $BF_{10} > 10$ , \*\*  $BF_{10} > 30$ , \*\*\*  $BF_{10} > 100$

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



# B

## Results

Wall lizard: *Podarcis muralis*

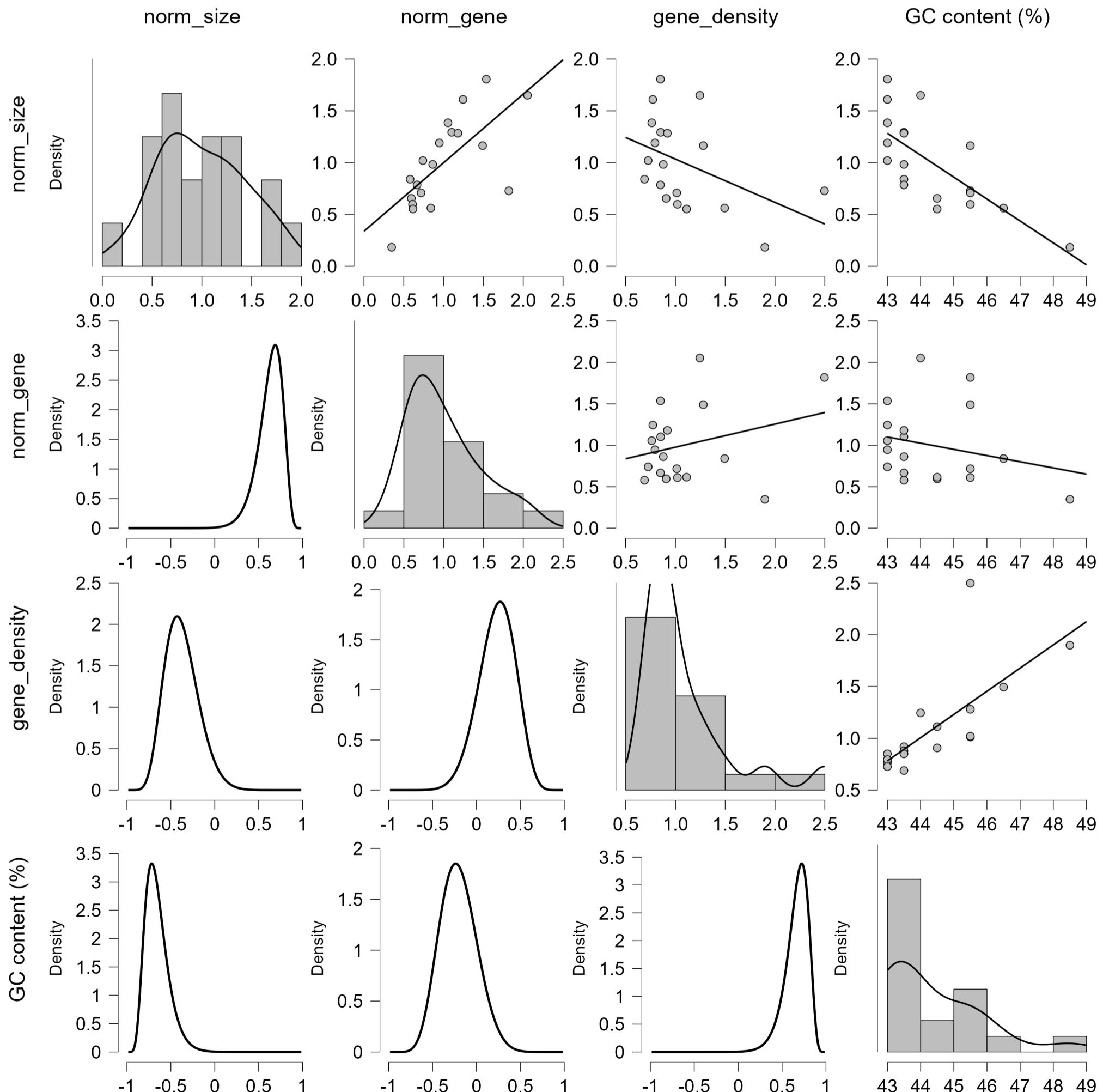
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	$BF_{10}$
norm_size	- norm_gene	19	0.699**	48.582
norm_size	- gene_density	19	-0.438	1.464
norm_size	- GC content (%)	19	-0.727**	90.447
norm_gene	- gene_density	19	0.277	0.525
norm_gene	- GC content (%)	19	-0.243	0.454
gene_density	- GC content (%)	19	0.734***	105.664

\*  $BF_{10} > 10$ , \*\*  $BF_{10} > 30$ , \*\*\*  $BF_{10} > 100$

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



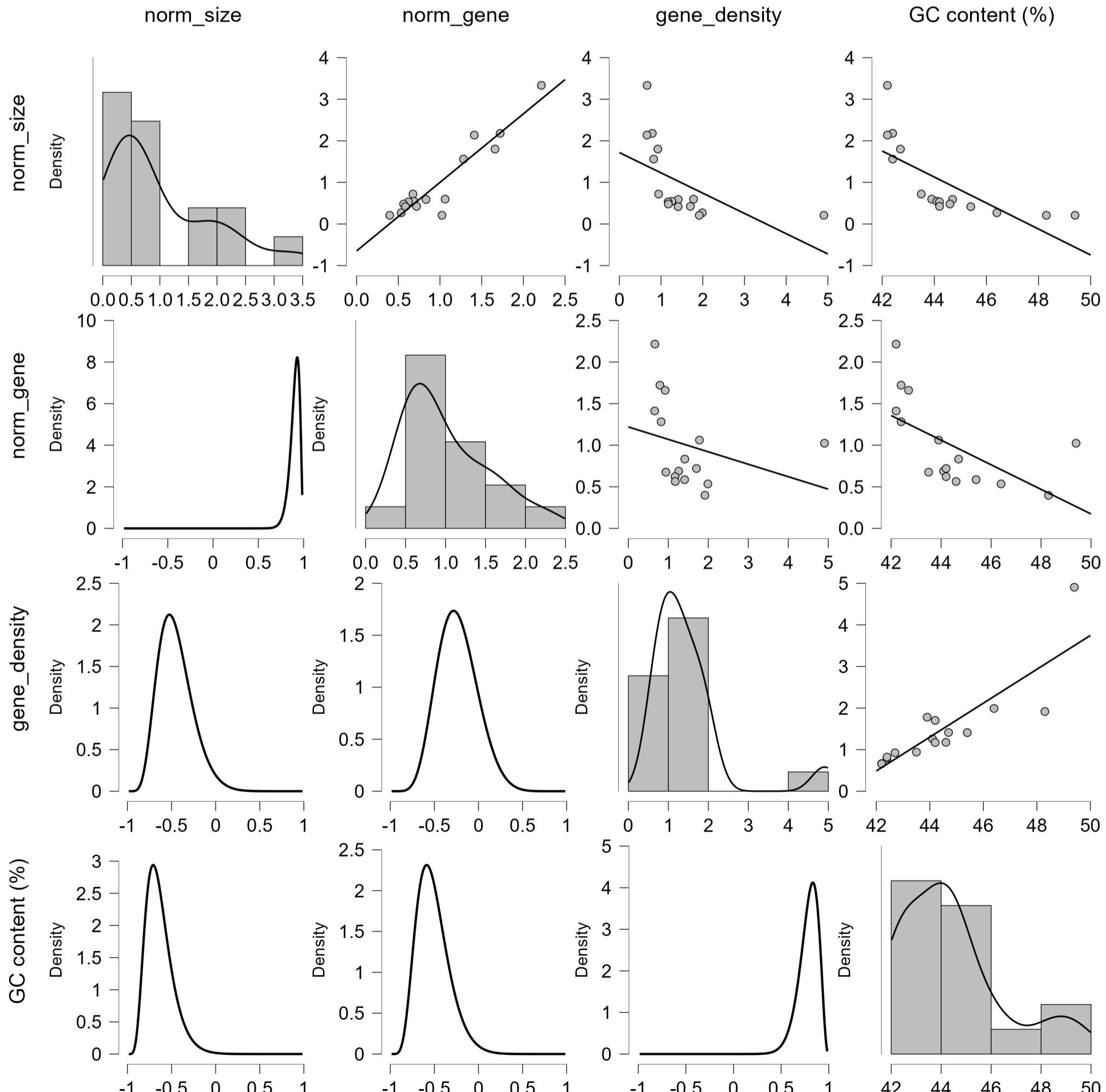
## C

**Results**Chinese alligator: *Alligator sinensis***Bayesian Correlation**

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

			Pearson's r	$BF_{10}$
norm_size	-	norm_gene	0.936***	111257.209
norm_size	-	gene_density	-0.538	2.591
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	-0.720*	28.773
norm_gene	-	gene_density	-0.291	0.536
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	-0.600	4.958
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	0.850***	847.880

\*  $BF_{10} > 10$ , \*\*  $BF_{10} > 30$ , \*\*\*  $BF_{10} > 100$

**Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot**

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Human: *Homo sapiens*

## Results

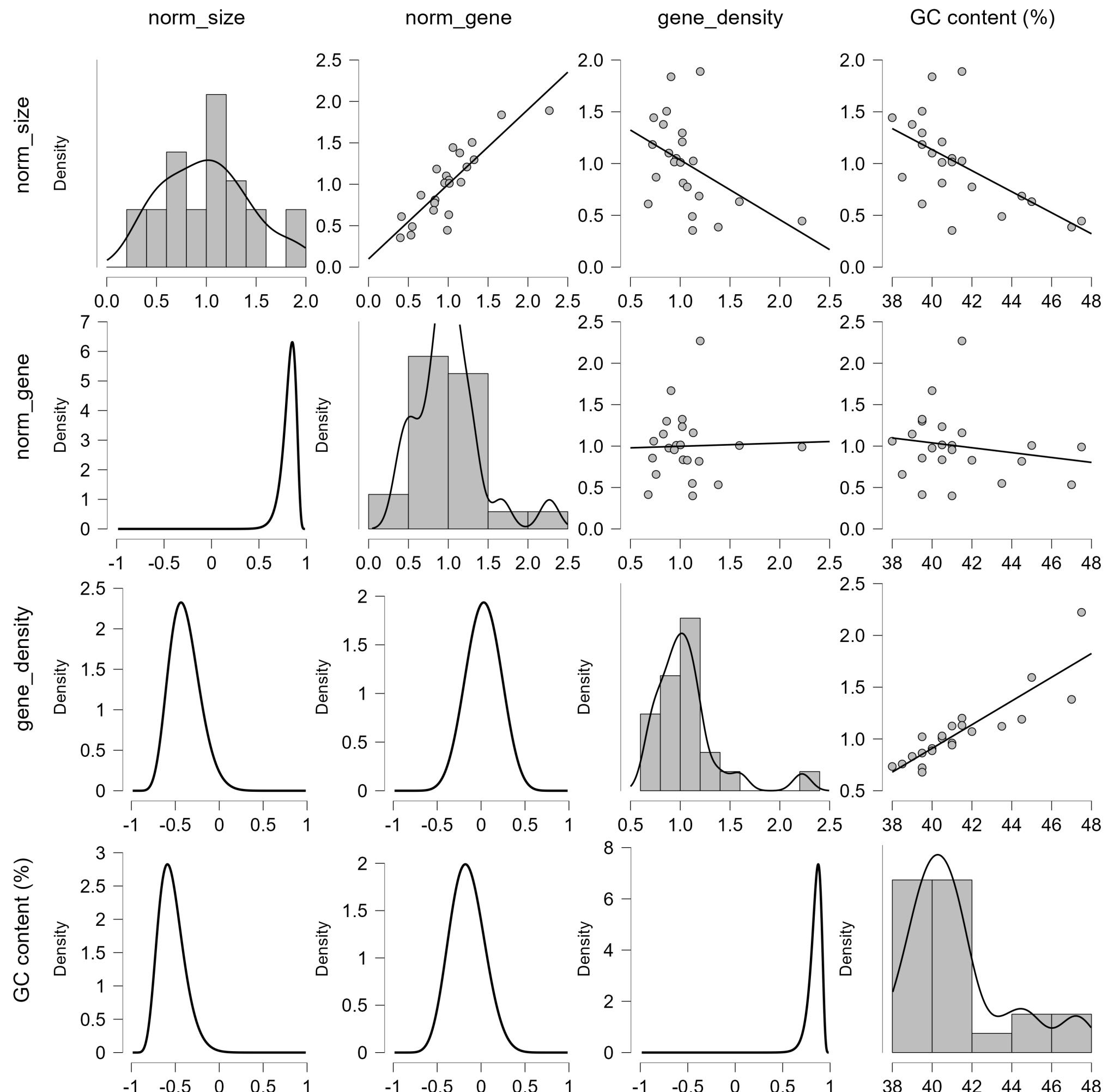
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	$BF_{10}$
norm_size	-	norm_gene	23	0.857***
norm_size	-	gene_density	23	-0.443
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	23	-0.598*
norm_gene	-	gene_density	23	0.031
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	23	-0.183
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	23	0.879***

\*  $BF_{10} > 10$ , \*\*  $BF_{10} > 30$ , \*\*\*  $BF_{10} > 100$ 

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



## E

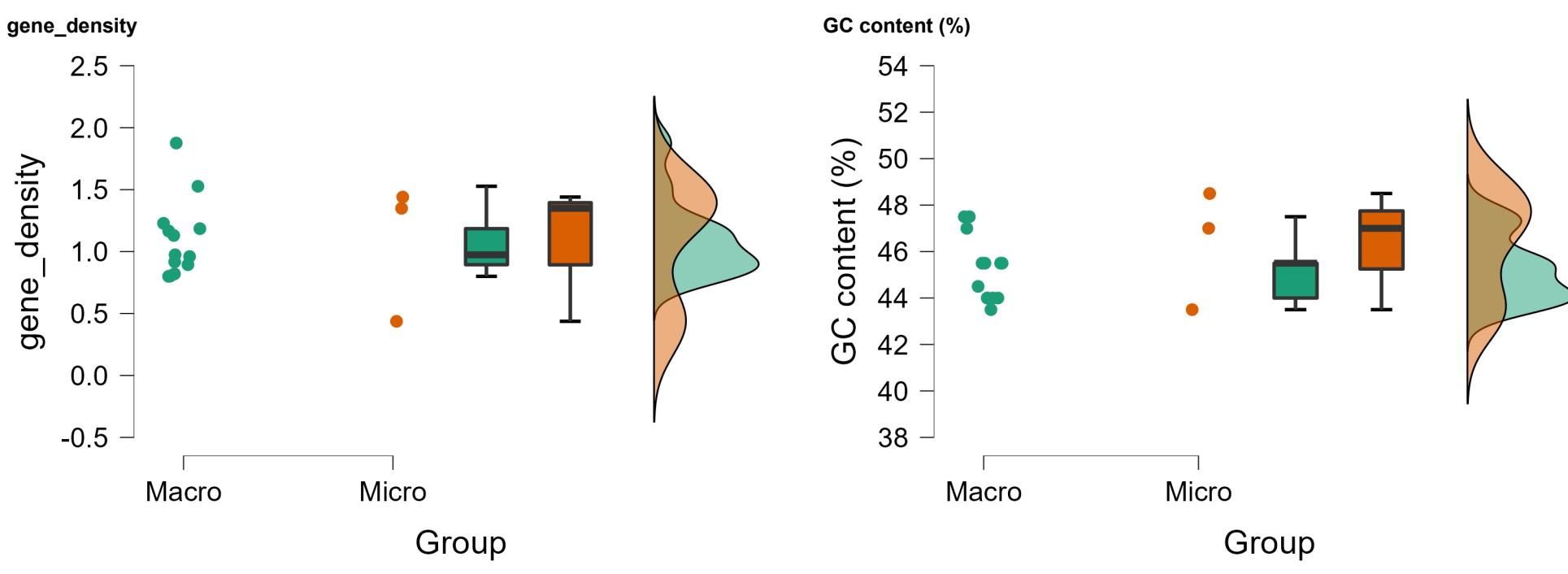
**Results****Crocodile lizard: *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*****Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test**

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

	BF <sub>01</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	0.508	17.000	1.006
GC content (%)	0.703	15.000	1.000

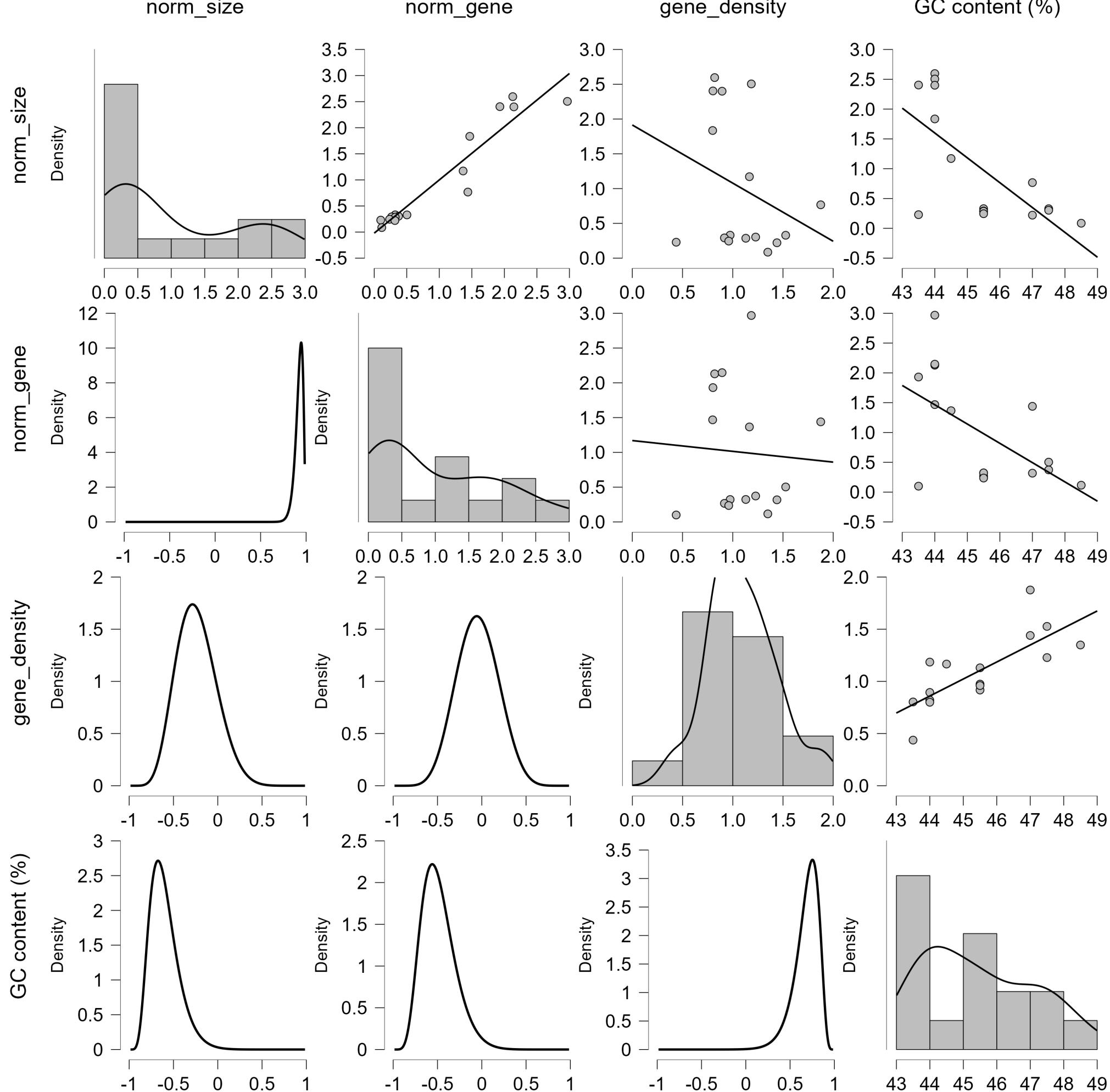
Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

**Descriptives****Raincloud Plots****Bayesian Correlation**

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>
norm_size	-	norm_gene	16	0.950***
norm_size	-	gene_density	16	-0.294
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	16	-0.687*
norm_gene	-	gene_density	16	-0.058
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	16	-0.572
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	16	0.764**

\* BF<sub>10</sub>>10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>>30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>>100**Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot**

## F

## Results

Argentine black and white tegu: *Salvator merianae*

## Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

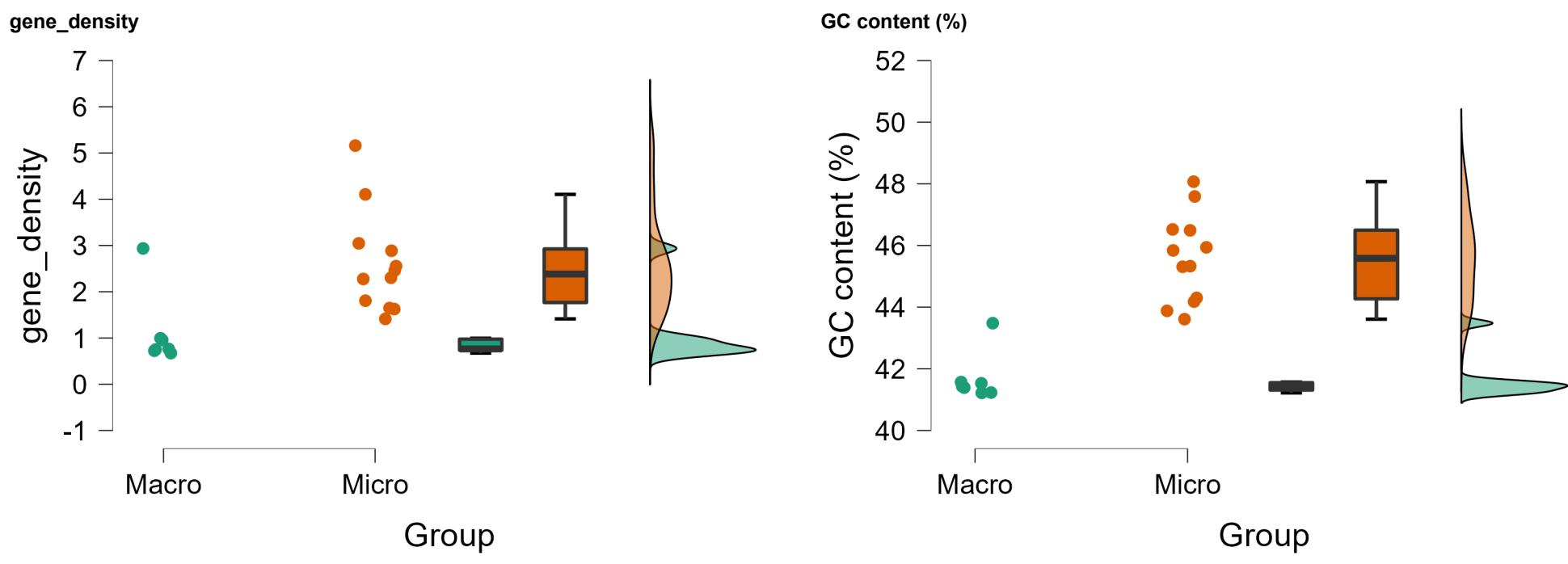
	BF <sub>0</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	5.712	9.000	1.004
GC content (%)	15.370	0.000	1.001

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

## Descriptives

## Raincloud Plots



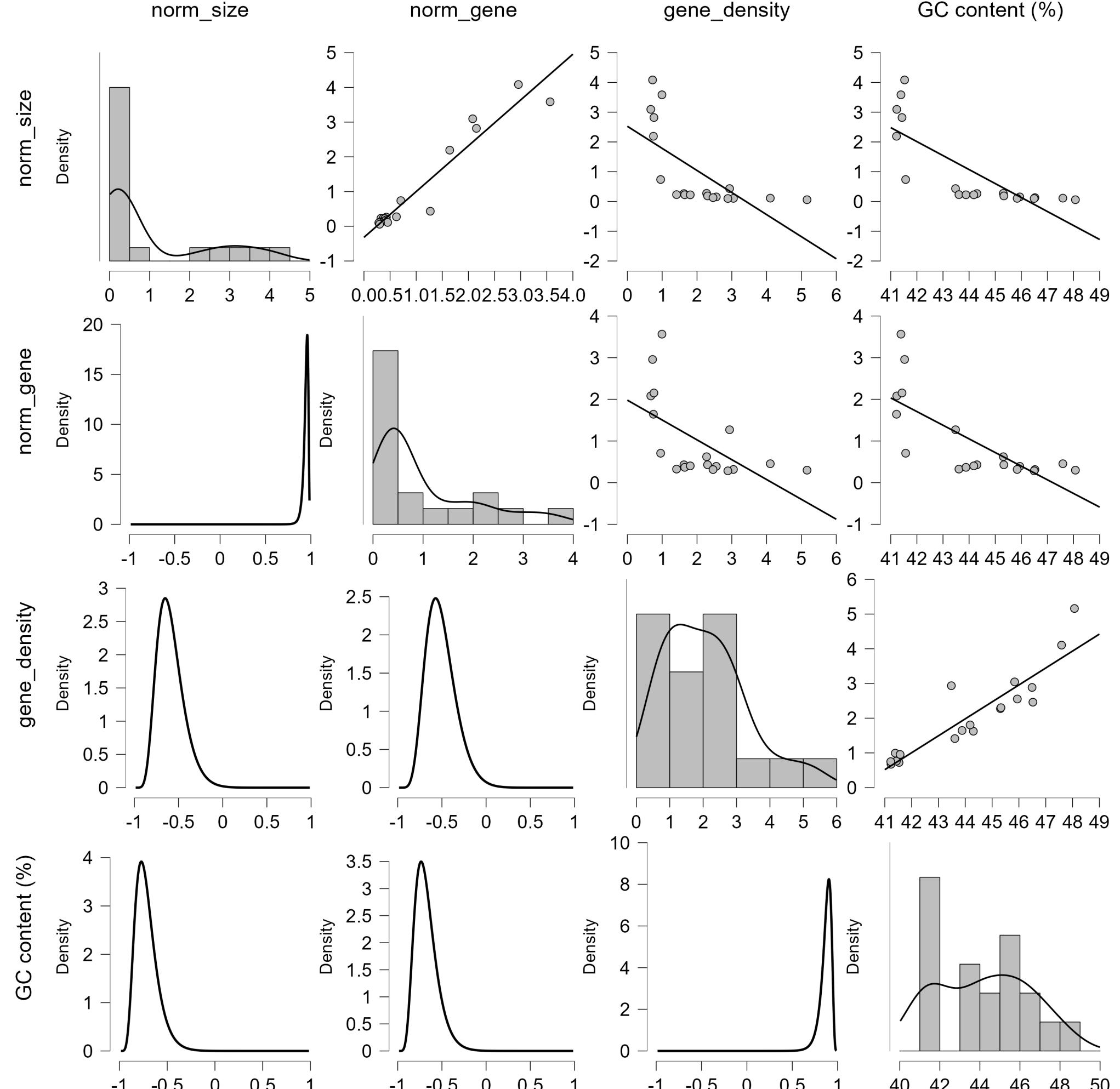
## Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>
norm_size	-	norm_gene	19	0.962***
norm_size	-	gene_density	19	-0.662*
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	19	-0.780***
norm_gene	-	gene_density	19	-0.582
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	19	-0.745***
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	19	0.908***

\* BF<sub>10</sub>>10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>>30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>>100

## Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



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## Results

Indian cobra: *Naja naja*

### Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

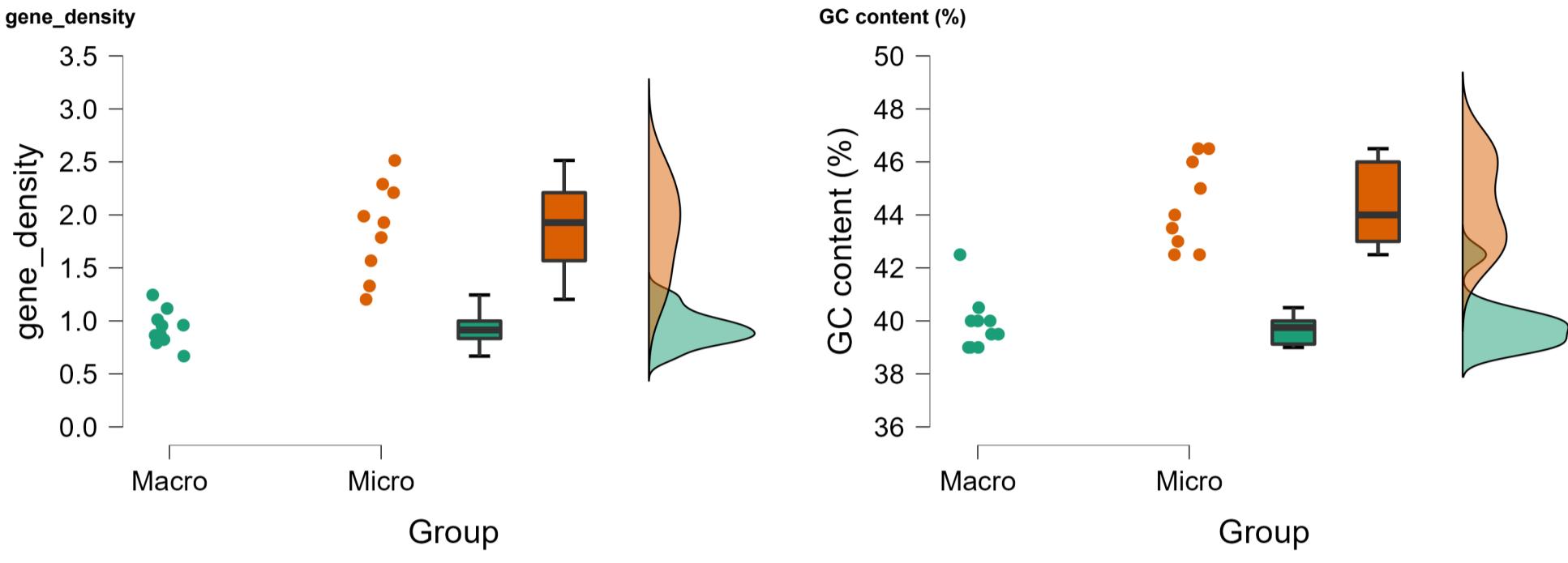
	BF <sub>0</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	21.345	1.000	1.005
GC content (%)	24.951	1.000	1.000

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

### Descriptives

#### Raincloud Plots



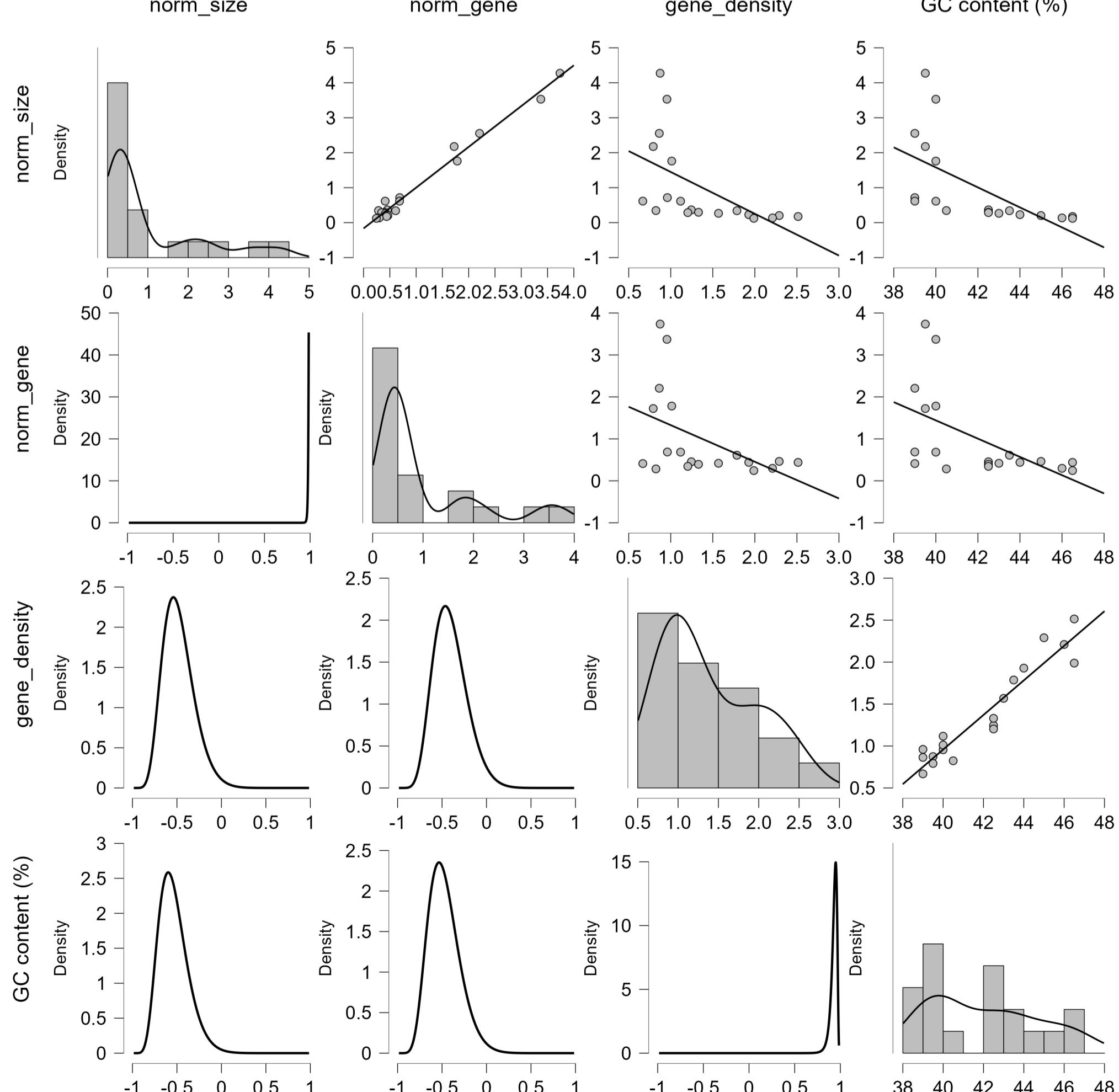
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

	n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>	
norm_size	-	norm_gene	19	0.992***
norm_size	-	gene_density	19	-0.551
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	19	-0.609
norm_gene	-	gene_density	19	-0.474
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	19	-0.545
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	19	0.952***

\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 100

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



# Results

# Yellowpond turtle: *Mauremys mutica*

## Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

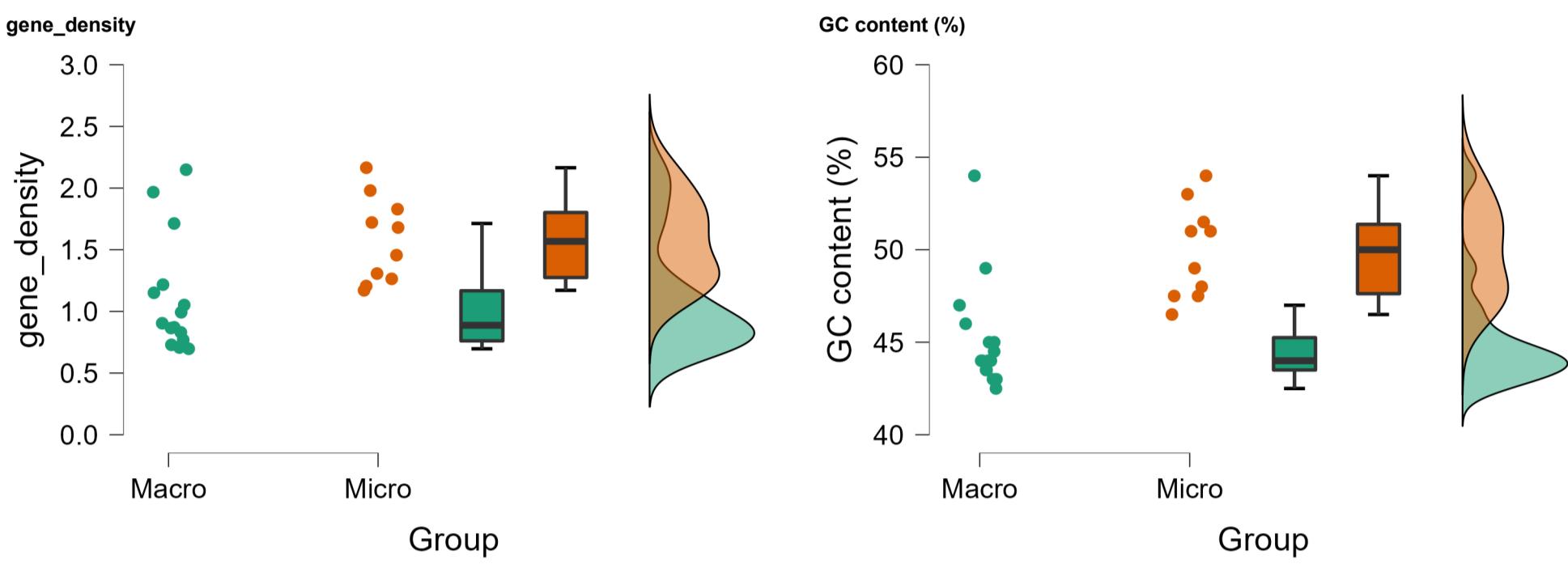
Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

	BF <sub>0</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	7.625	25.000	1.007
GC content (%)	17.355	15.000	1.003

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.  
Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

## Descriptives

### Raincloud Plots



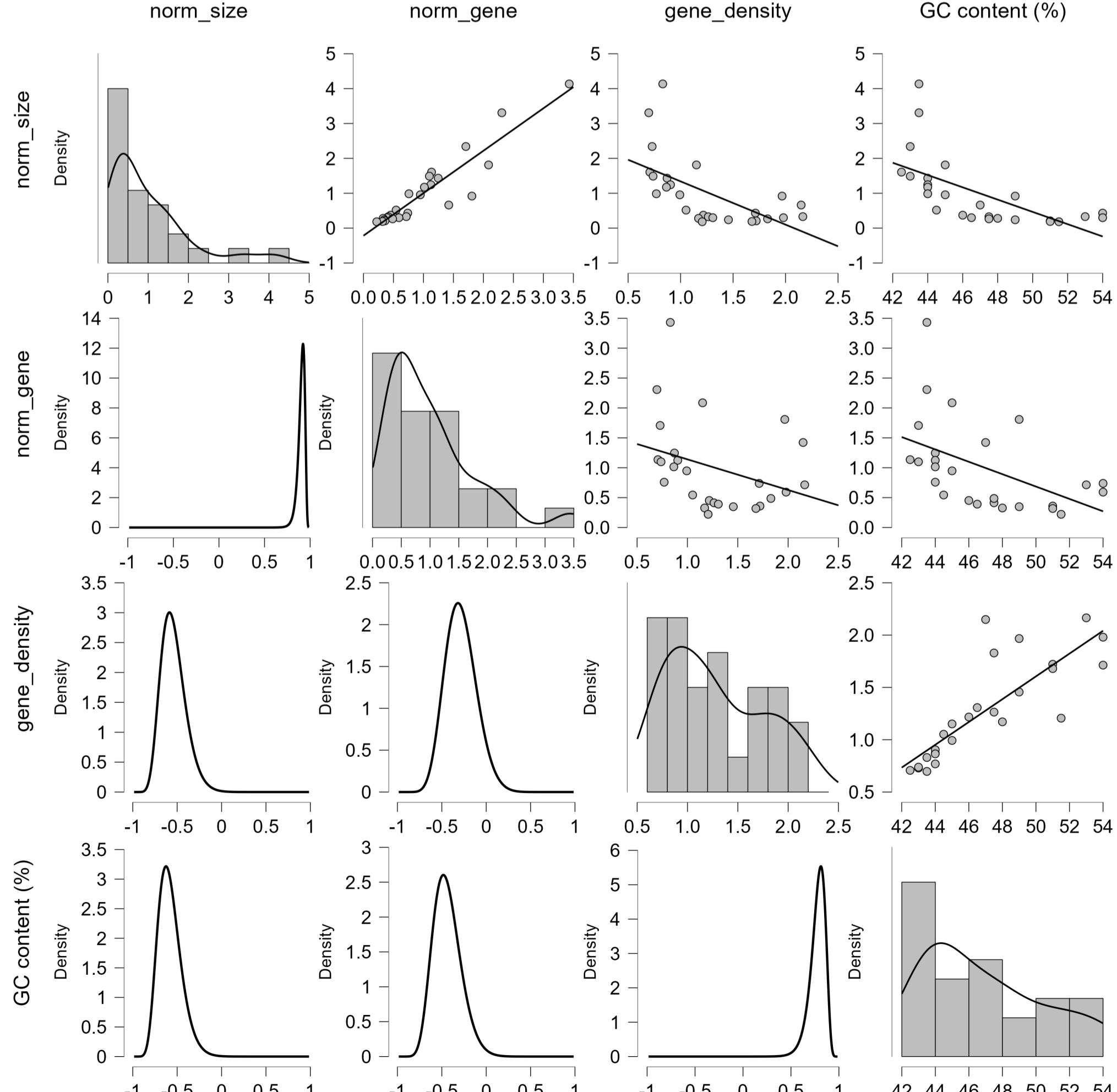
## Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

	n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>	
norm_size	-	norm_gene	26	0.925***
norm_size	-	gene_density	26	-0.595**
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	26	-0.633**
norm_gene	-	gene_density	26	-0.324
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	26	-0.490
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	26	0.817***

\* BF<sub>10</sub> > 10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub> > 30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub> > 100

## Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



## Results

Chicken: *Gallus gallus*

### Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

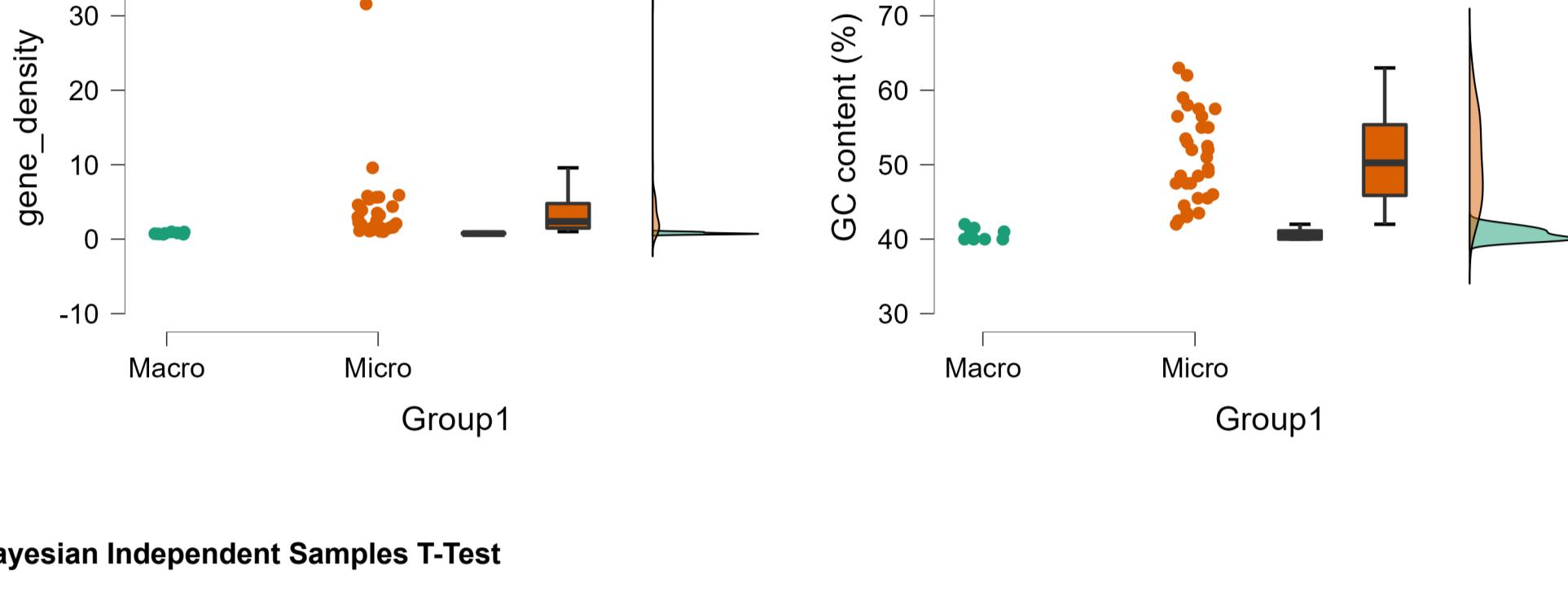
	BF <sub>01</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	20.169	0.000	1.007
GC content (%)	36.521	0.500	1.041

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group Macro is smaller than the location of group Micro.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

#### Descriptives

##### Raincloud Plots



### Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

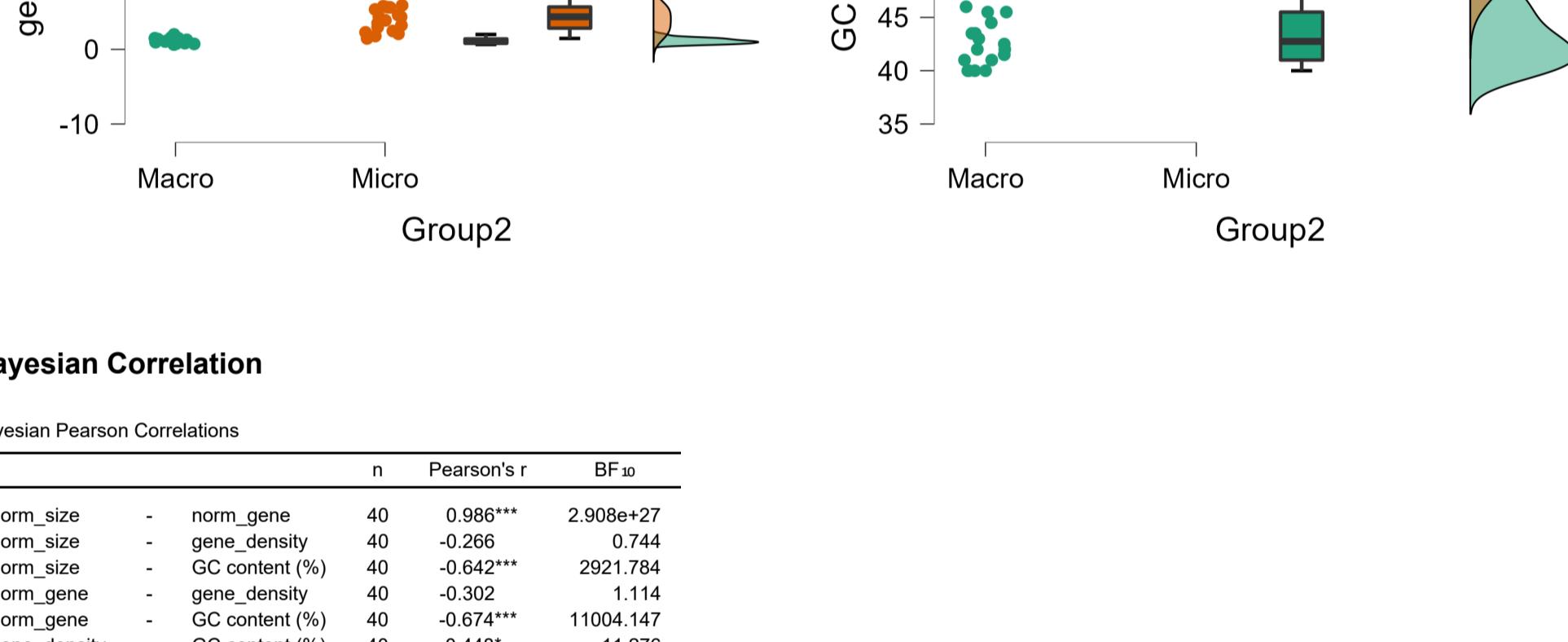
	BF <sub>01</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	1508.004	6.000	1.003
GC content (%)	378.898	2.500	1.006

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group Macro is smaller than the location of group Micro.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

#### Descriptives

##### Raincloud Plots



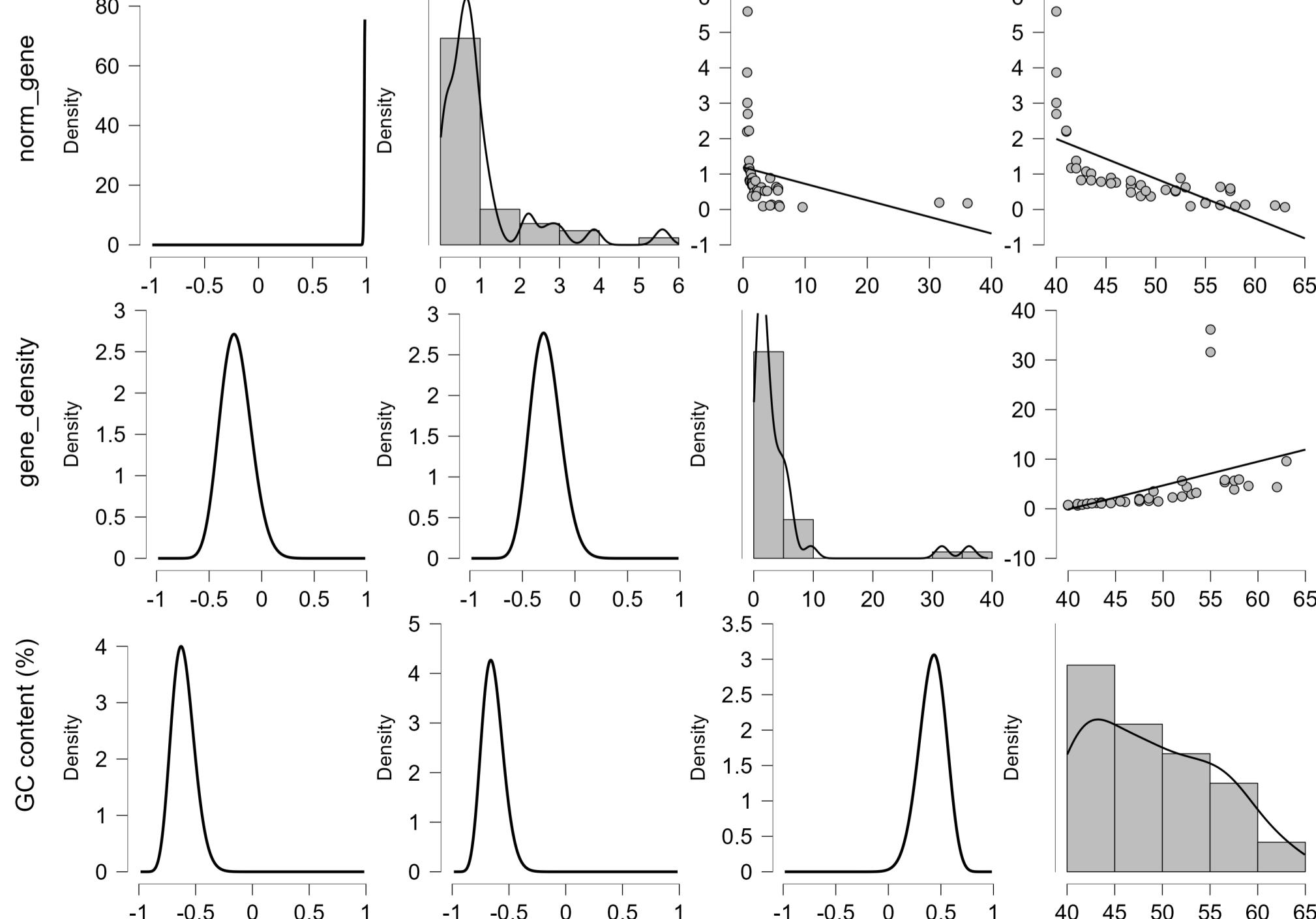
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>
norm_size	- norm_gene	40	0.986***	2.908e+27
norm_size	- gene_density	40	-0.266	0.744
norm_size	- GC content (%)	40	-0.642***	2921.784
norm_gene	- gene_density	40	-0.302	1.114
norm_gene	- GC content (%)	40	-0.674***	11004.147
gene_density	- GC content (%)	40	0.448*	11.276

\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 100

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



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## Results

## Zebra finch: *Taeniopygia guttata*

### Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

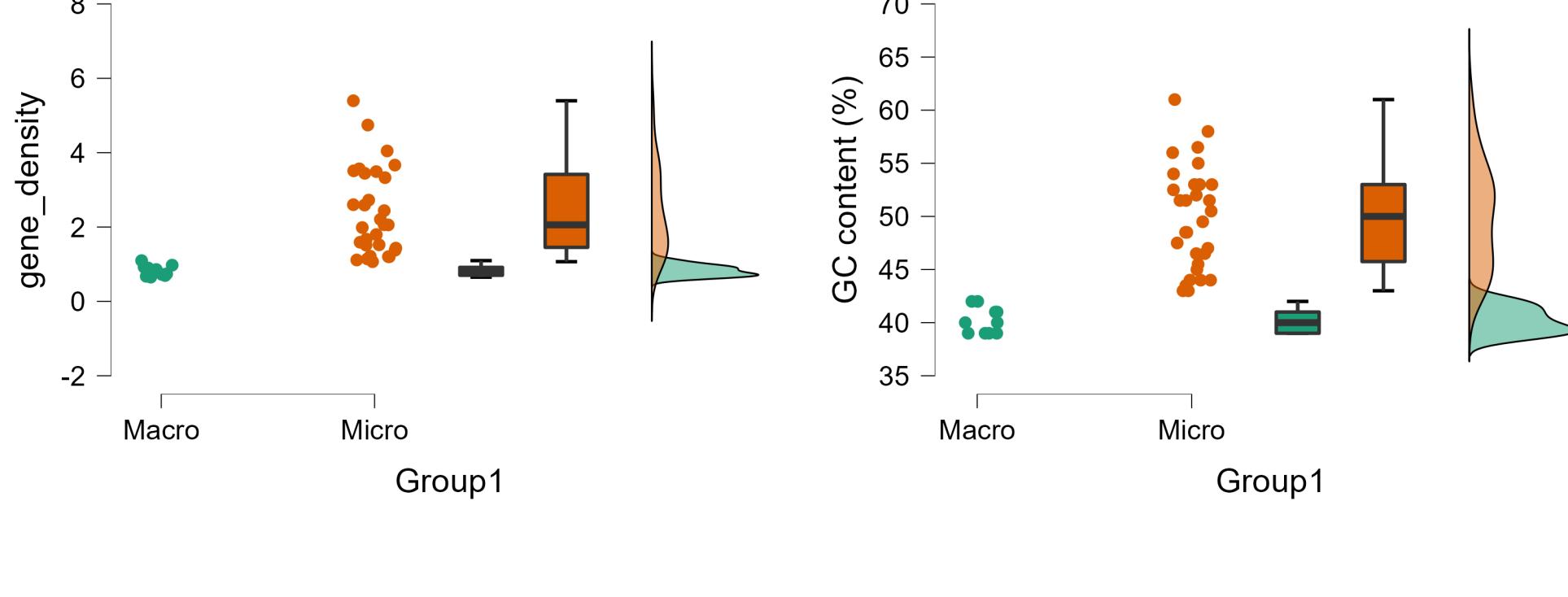
	BF <sub>0</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	50.297	1.000	1.062
GC content (%)	217.699	0.000	1.020

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group Macro is smaller than the location of group Micro.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

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#### Raincloud Plots



### Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

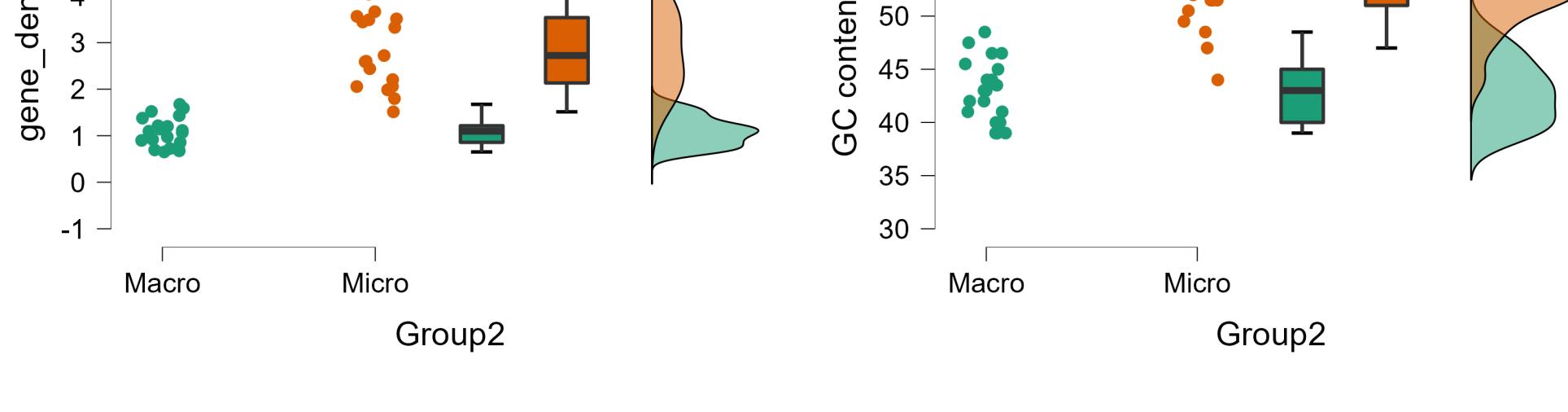
	BF <sub>0</sub>	W	Rhat
gene_density	574.148	3.000	1.005
GC content (%)	631.566	9.500	1.000

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group Macro is smaller than the location of group Micro.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

### Descriptives

#### Raincloud Plots



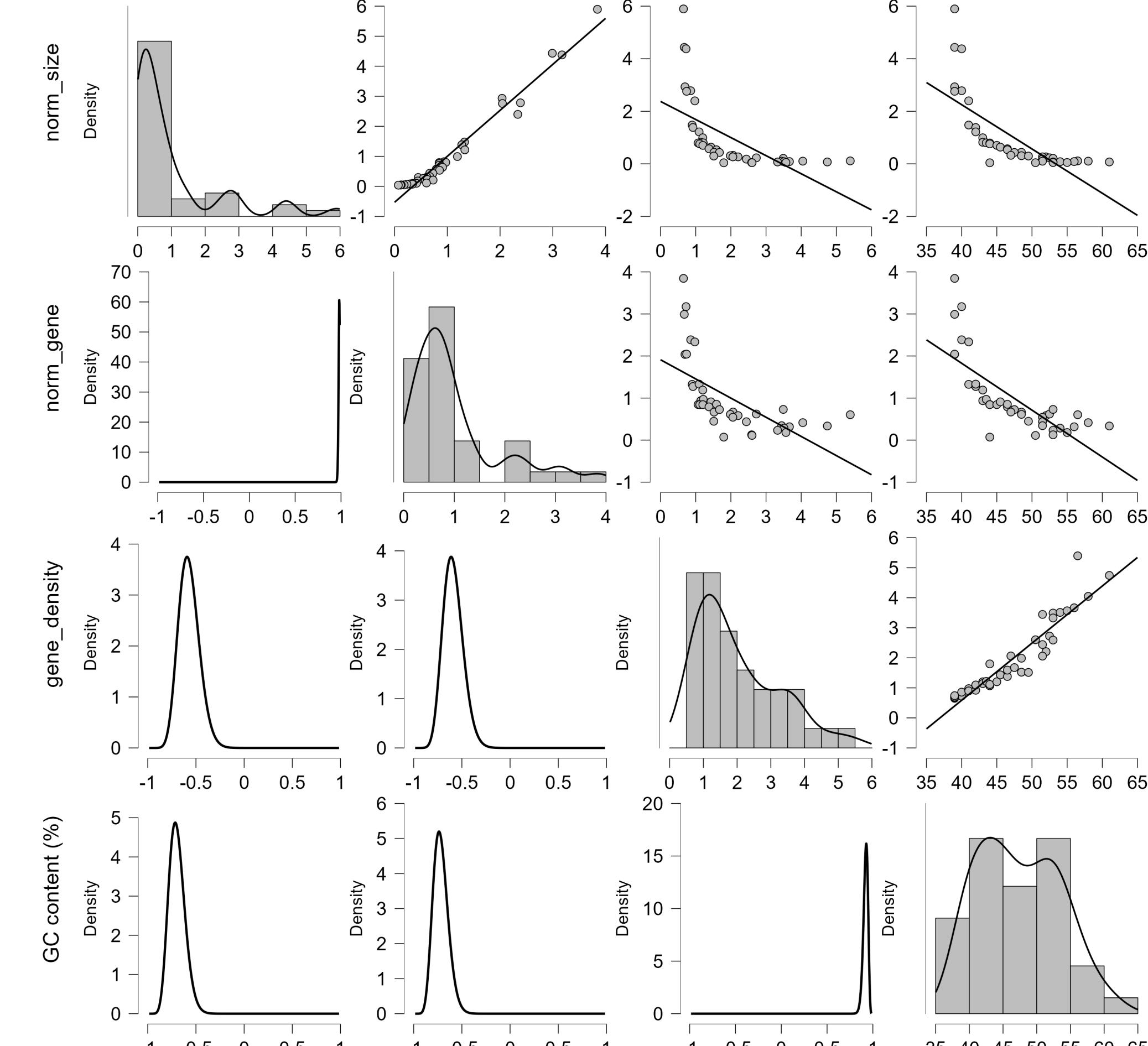
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

	n	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>	
norm_size	-	norm_gene	40	0.983***
norm_size	-	gene_density	40	-0.606***
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	40	-0.728***
norm_gene	-	gene_density	40	-0.626***
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	40	-0.749***
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	40	0.932***

\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 100

### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot



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**Results****Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test**

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

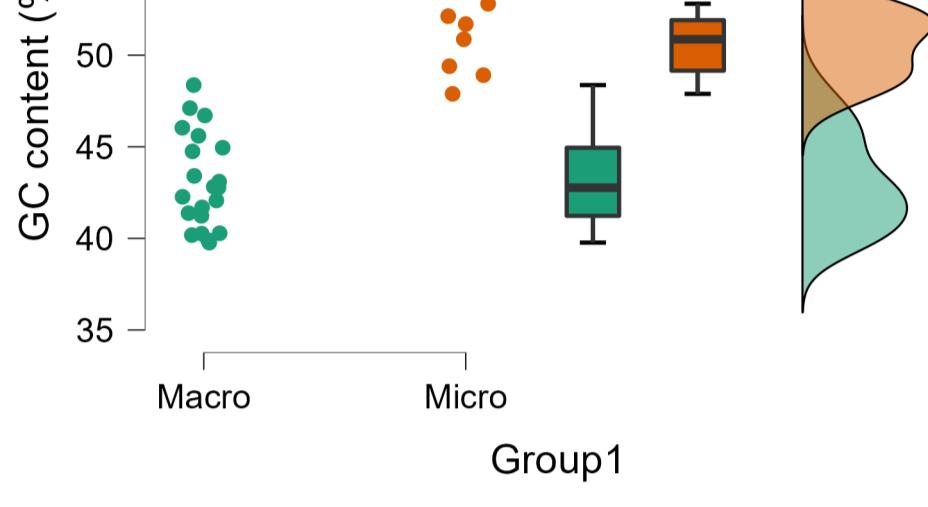
	BF <sub>01</sub>	W	Rhat
GC content (%)	20.148	1.000	1.005

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

**Descriptives****Raincloud Plots**

GC content (%)



Group1

**Bayesian Independent Samples T-Test**

Bayesian Mann-Whitney U Test

**Microchromosomes <30Mb**

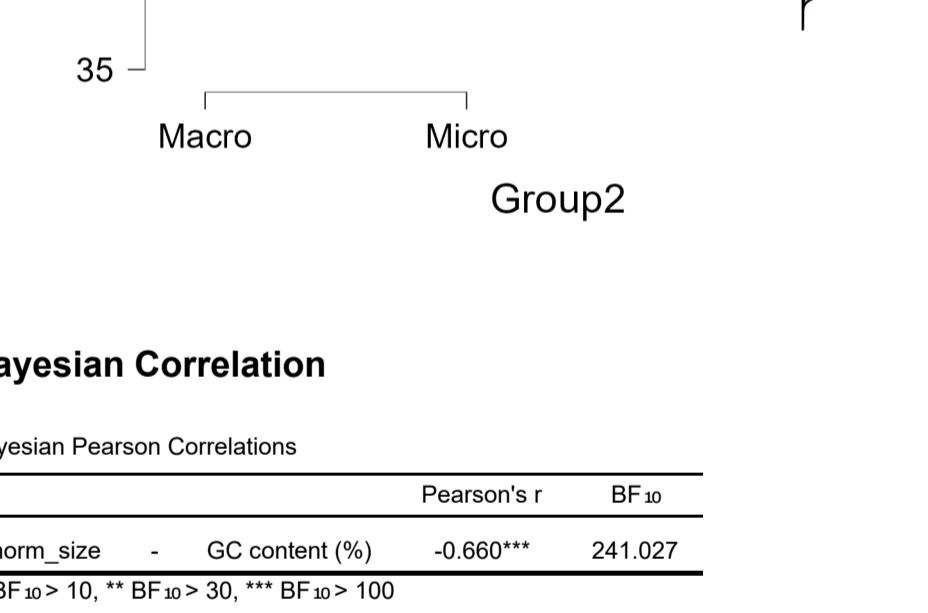
	BF <sub>01</sub>	W	Rhat
GC content (%)	56.836	0.000	1.010

Note. For all tests, the alternative hypothesis specifies that the location of group *Macro* is smaller than the location of group *Micro*.

Note. Result based on data augmentation algorithm with 5 chains of 1000 iterations.

**Descriptives****Raincloud Plots**

GC content (%)

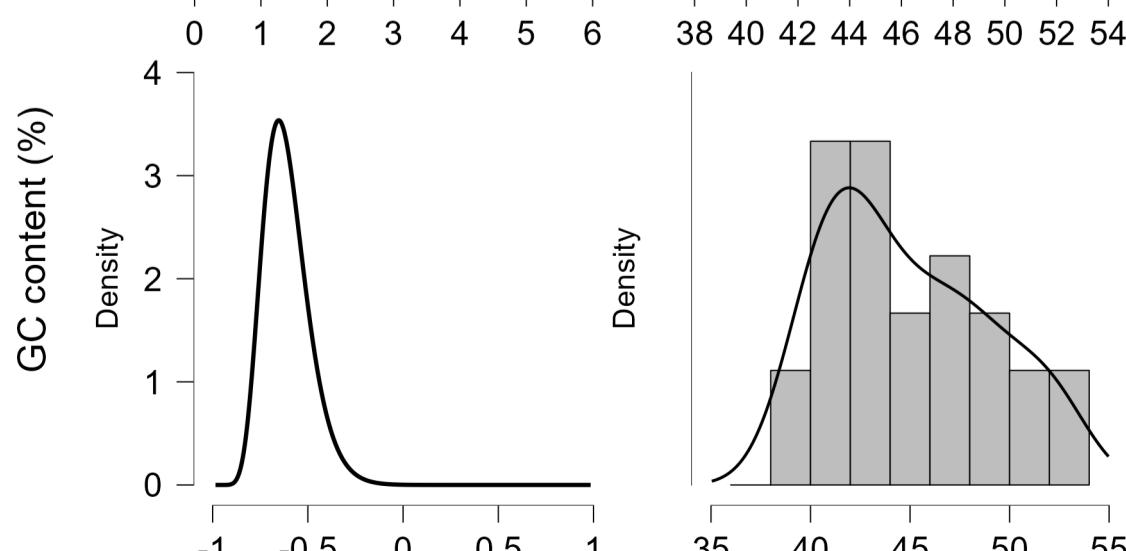


Group2

**Bayesian Correlation**

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

	Pearson's r	BF <sub>10</sub>
norm_size	-0.660***	241.027

\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 10, \*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 30, \*\*\* BF<sub>10</sub>> 100**Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot**

## Results

# Southern platyfish: *Xiphophorus maculatus*

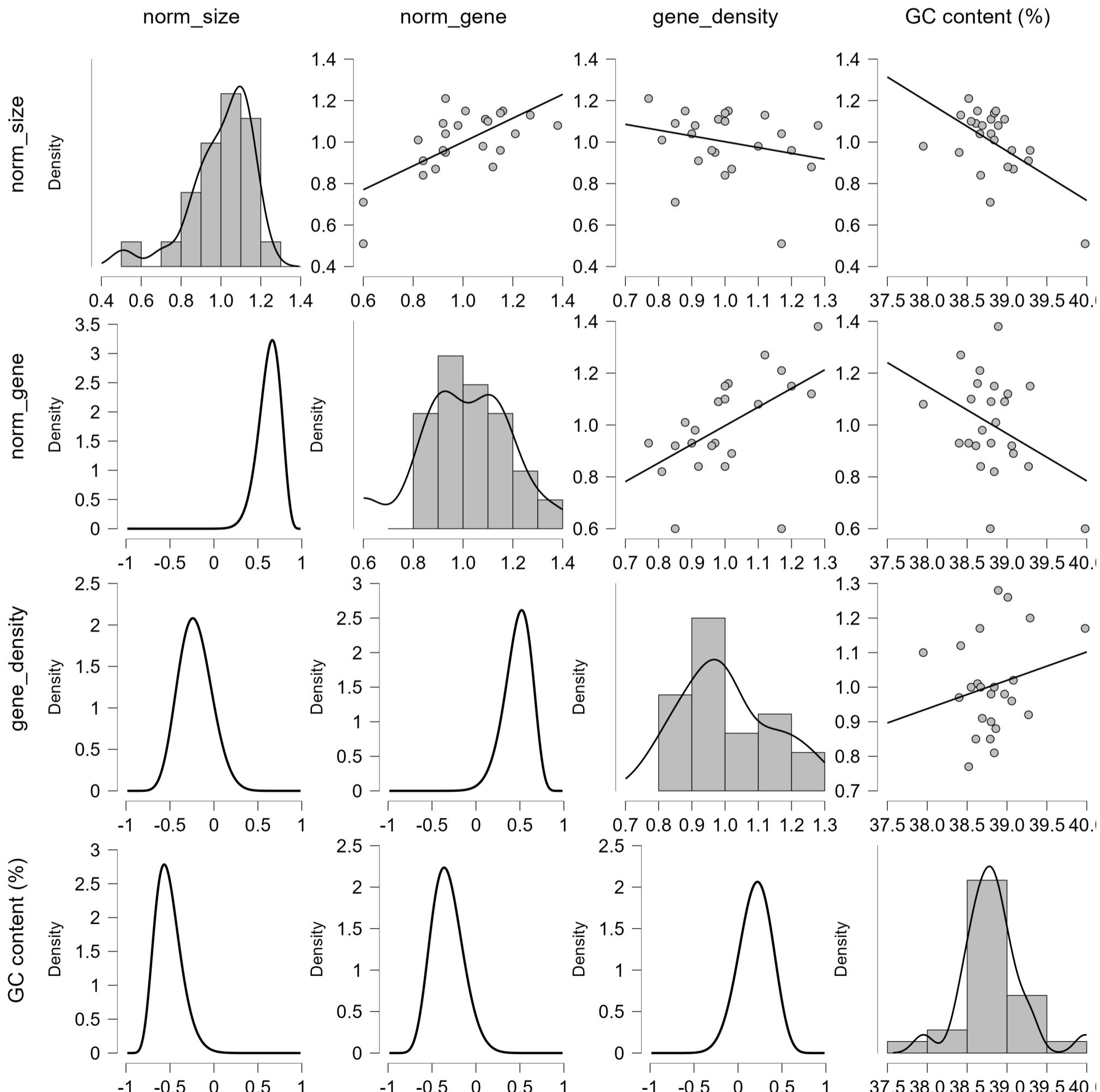
### Bayesian Correlation

Bayesian Pearson Correlations

		n	Pearson's r	$BF_{10}$
norm_size	-	norm_gene	24	0.685***
norm_size	-	gene_density	24	-0.245
norm_size	-	GC content (%)	24	-0.574*
norm_gene	-	gene_density	24	0.528
norm_gene	-	GC content (%)	24	-0.369
gene_density	-	GC content (%)	24	0.226

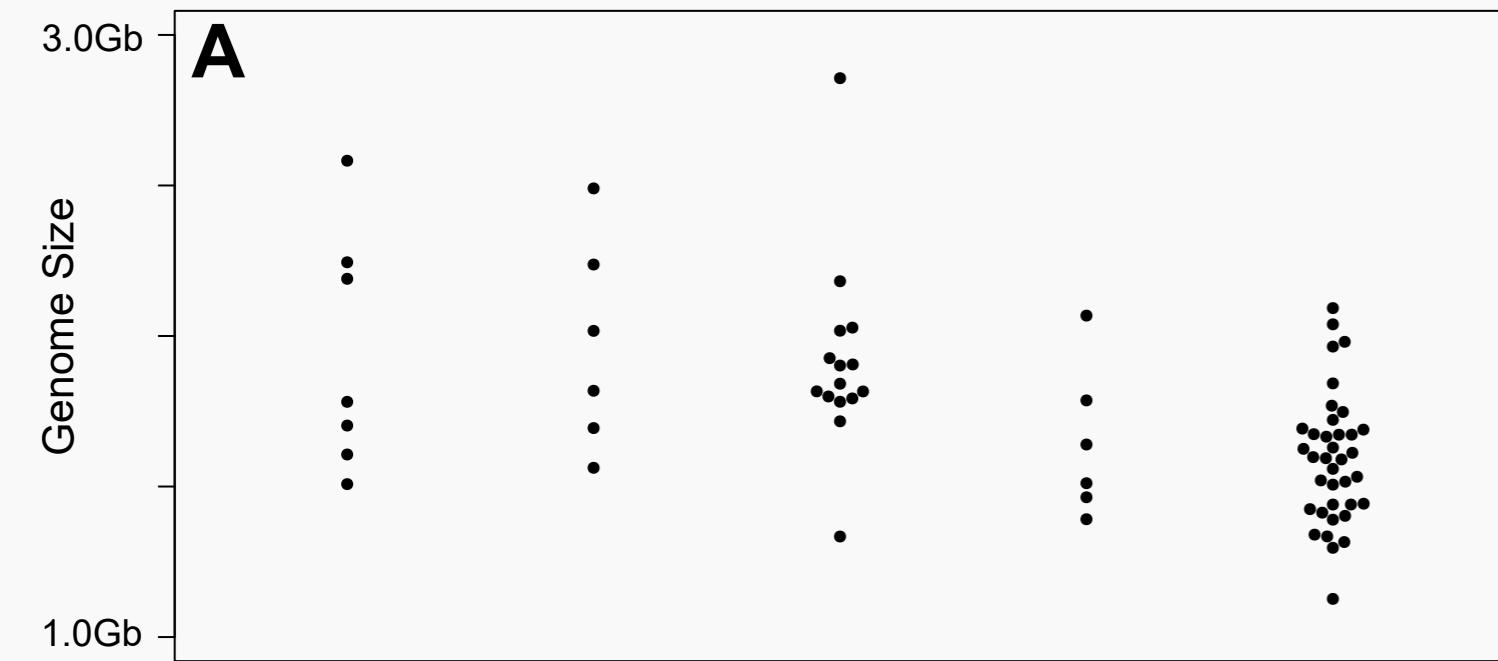
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### Bayesian Correlation Matrix Plot

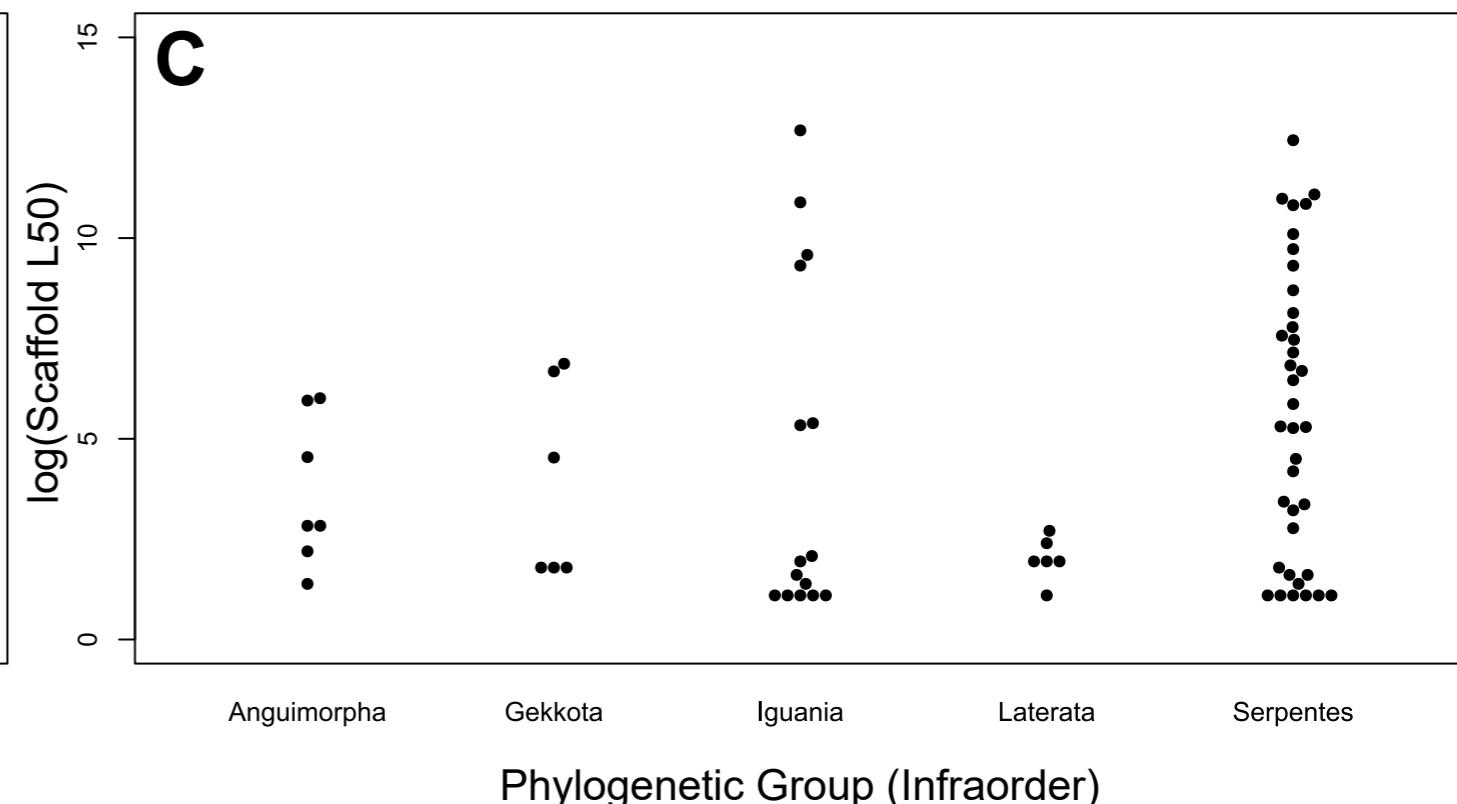
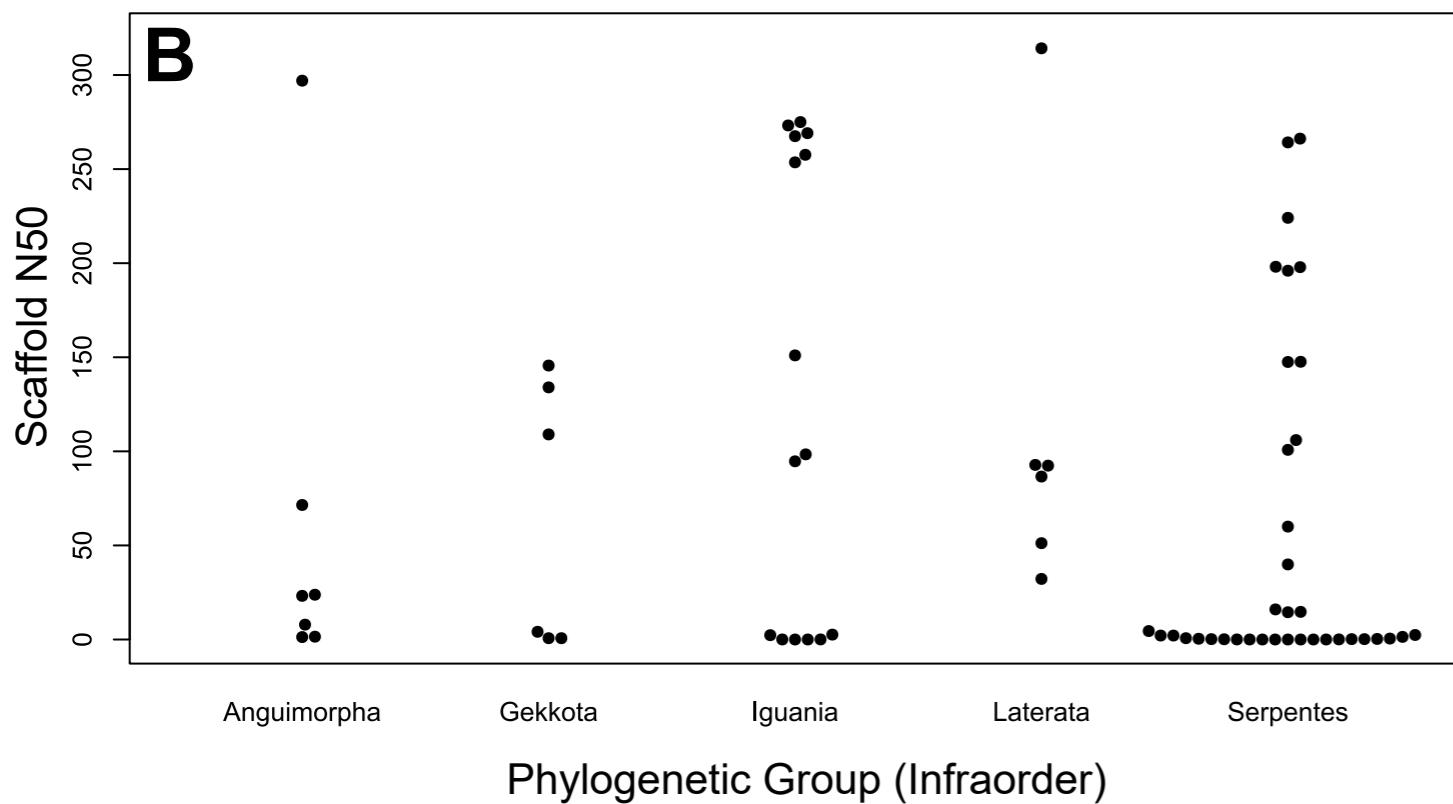


**Supplemental Figure 2:** Beeswarm plots splitting genome assemblies by phylogenetic group (Infraorder). (A) Genome size per group for all assemblies (left panel) and long-read only assemblies (right panel). (B) Scaffold N50 and (C) scaffold L50 for all assemblies in each group. Scaffold N50/L50 statistics are capped by physical chromosome sizes within the species in high-quality assemblies, i.e. taxa with macro-/microchromosomes have larger potential N50's and lower potential L50's.

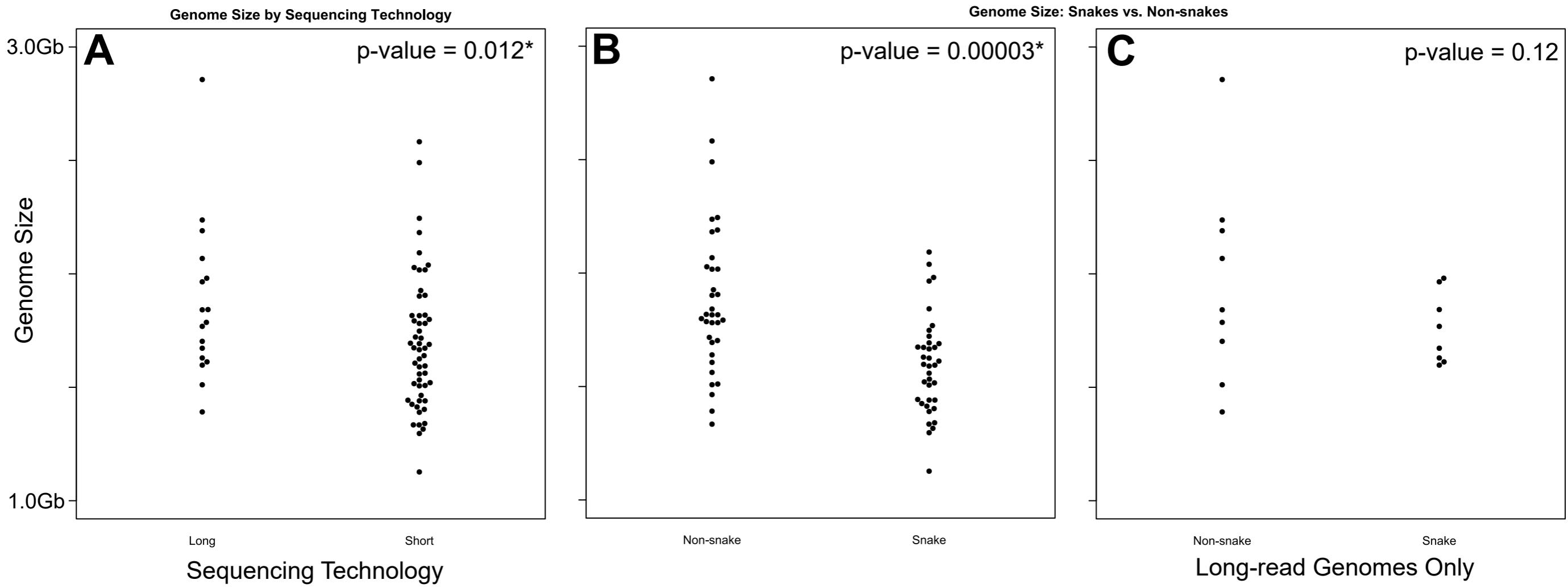
Genome Size by Phylogenetic Group



Long-read Genomes Only



**Supplemental Figure 3:** Beeswarm plots splitting genome sizes by technology used to generate the primary assembly (contigs). According to total assembly data (B), snakes appear to have significantly smaller genomes than other squamates. However, (C) when accounting for the extreme bias of short-read assemblies in snakes, this difference disappears. *Long = PacBio and/or ONT, Short = Illumina, Sanger, 454, etc.*



**Supplemental Table 1:** Squamates vs mammal funding source comparison. (A) Most high-quality squamate genomes are generated using soft money from start-up/personal funds or (generally smaller) basic science foundation grants, compared to mammals that receive most of their funding from health and agricultural funding agencies rather than basic/personal funding sources. (B) Breakdown of genomes and references used to generate the funding information shown in A.

<b>A. Total Numbers</b>			
Taxon	Basic Science*	Applied Science**	Private/Personal***
Squamate	10	4	6
Mammal	2	18	0
<b>B. Numbers Breakdown</b>			
Squamates	Funding	Citation	
<i>Sphaerodactylus townsendi</i>	Personal***	Pinto et al. 2022	
<i>Eublepharis macularius</i>	Personal***	Pinto et al. 2022	
<i>Paroedura picta</i>	Personal***	Hara et al. 2018	
<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>	Personal***	Georges et al. 2015	
<i>Phrynosoma platyrhinos</i>	Personal***	Koochekian et al. 2022	
<i>Pantherophis guttatus</i>	Personal***	Ullate-Agote and Tzika, 2020	
<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	Applied**	Alföldi et al. 2011	
<i>Lacerta agilis</i>	Applied**	VGP, <i>unpublished</i>	
<i>Python bivittatus</i>	Applied**	Castoe et al. 2013	
<i>Thamnophis elegans</i>	Applied**	VGP, <i>unpublished</i>	
<i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i>	Basic*	Xie et al. 2022	
<i>Sceloporus tristichus</i> (SNOW)	Basic*	Bedoya & Leache, 2021	
<i>Sceloporus tristichus</i> (HOL)	Basic*	Bedoya & Leache, 2021	
<i>Sceloporus undulatus</i>	Basic*	Westfall et al. 2021	
<i>Anolis sagrei</i>	Basic*	Geneva et al. 2021	
<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	Basic*	Andrade et al. 2019	
<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>	Basic*	Yurchenko et al. 2020	
<i>Crotalus viridis</i>	Basic*	Schield et al. 2019	
<i>Hydrophis cyanocinctus</i>	Basic*	Li et al. 2021	
<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	Basic*	Li et al. 2021	
Mammals	Funding	Citation	
<i>Ochotona princeps</i>	Basic*	Sjodin et al. 2021	
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Basic*	Armstrong et al. 2022	
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	Applied**	London et al. 2022	
<i>Bos taurus</i>	Applied**	Zimin et al. 2009	
<i>Mus musculus</i>	Applied**	European Bioinformatics Institute, 2002	
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Applied**	Nurk et al. 2022	
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Applied**	Weiss et al. 2004	
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Applied**	Carneiro et al. 2014	
<i>Equus caballus</i>	Applied**	Wade et al. 2009	
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Applied**	Lindblad-Toh et al. 2005	
<i>Felis catus</i>	Applied**	Pontius et al. 2007	
<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Applied**	Chimpanzee Sequencing and Analysis Consortium, 2005	
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Applied**	Gibbs et al. 2007	
<i>Ovis aries</i>	Applied**	Jiang et al. 2014	

<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Applied**	Groenen et al. 2012
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	Applied**	Mikkelsen et al. 2007
<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	Applied**	Harringmeyer and Hoekstra, 2022
<i>Capra hircus</i>	Applied**	Bickhart et al. 2017
<i>Pongo abelii</i>	Applied**	Kronenberg et al. 2018
<i>Microcebus murinus</i>	Applied**	Larsen et al. 2017

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\* National Science Foundation, USA (NSF) or equivalent.

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