

**Table S1. Regression analysis for predictors of scaffold NG50.**

Predictor Variables	Model 1	Model 2
Intercept	0.822 (0.768)	0.850 (0.745)
COVERAGE	1.63e-03 (4.90e-03)	
HETEROZYGOSITY	-0.420 *** (8.69e-02)	-0.413 *** (8.17e-02)
REPEAT CONTENT	-0.747 ** (0.242)	-0.763 ** (0.231)
Multiple $R^2$	0.76	0.76
Adjusted $R^2$	0.72	0.73

N=21 for all models. Standard errors in parentheses.

.  $p \leq 0.10$ , \*  $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $p \leq 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p \leq 0.001$

Scaffold NG50 =  $\log_{10}(\text{Scaffold NG50})$

COVERAGE = total sequenced bases (after decontamination) / estimated genome size

HETEROZYGOSITY =  $\log_{10}(\text{frequency of variant branches in de Bruijn graph, } k=41)$

REPEAT CONTENT =  $\log_{10}(\text{frequency of repeat branches in de Bruijn graph, } k=41)$

Estimated genome sizes and the frequency of variant / repeat branches were calculated by SGA Preqc (Simpson 2014).

**Table S2. Regression analysis for predictors of the percentage of the estimated genome size that was assembled.**

Predictor Variables	Model 1	Model 2
Intercept	5.77 (25.5)	4.65 (24.8)
COVERAGE	-6.50e-02 (0.163)	
HETEROZYGOSITY	5.43 . (2.89)	5.13 . (2.72)
REPEAT CONTENT	-30.1 ** (8.04)	-29.4 ** (7.69)
Multiple $R^2$	0.46	0.45
Adjusted $R^2$	0.36	0.39

N=21 for all models. Standard errors in parentheses.

.  $p \leq 0.10$ , \*  $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $p \leq 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p \leq 0.001$

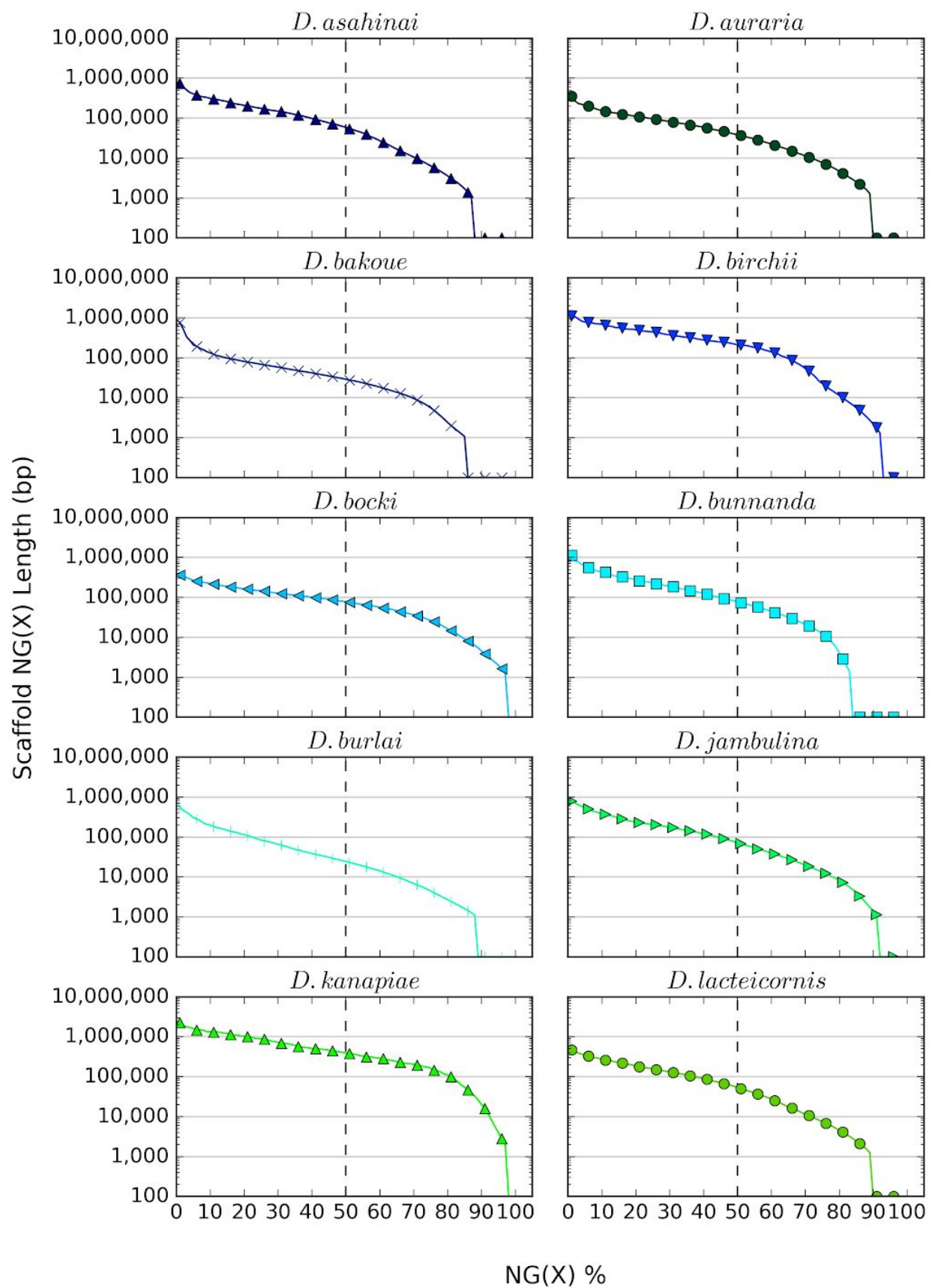
% of est. genome size assembled = (assembly length / estimated genome size) \* 100

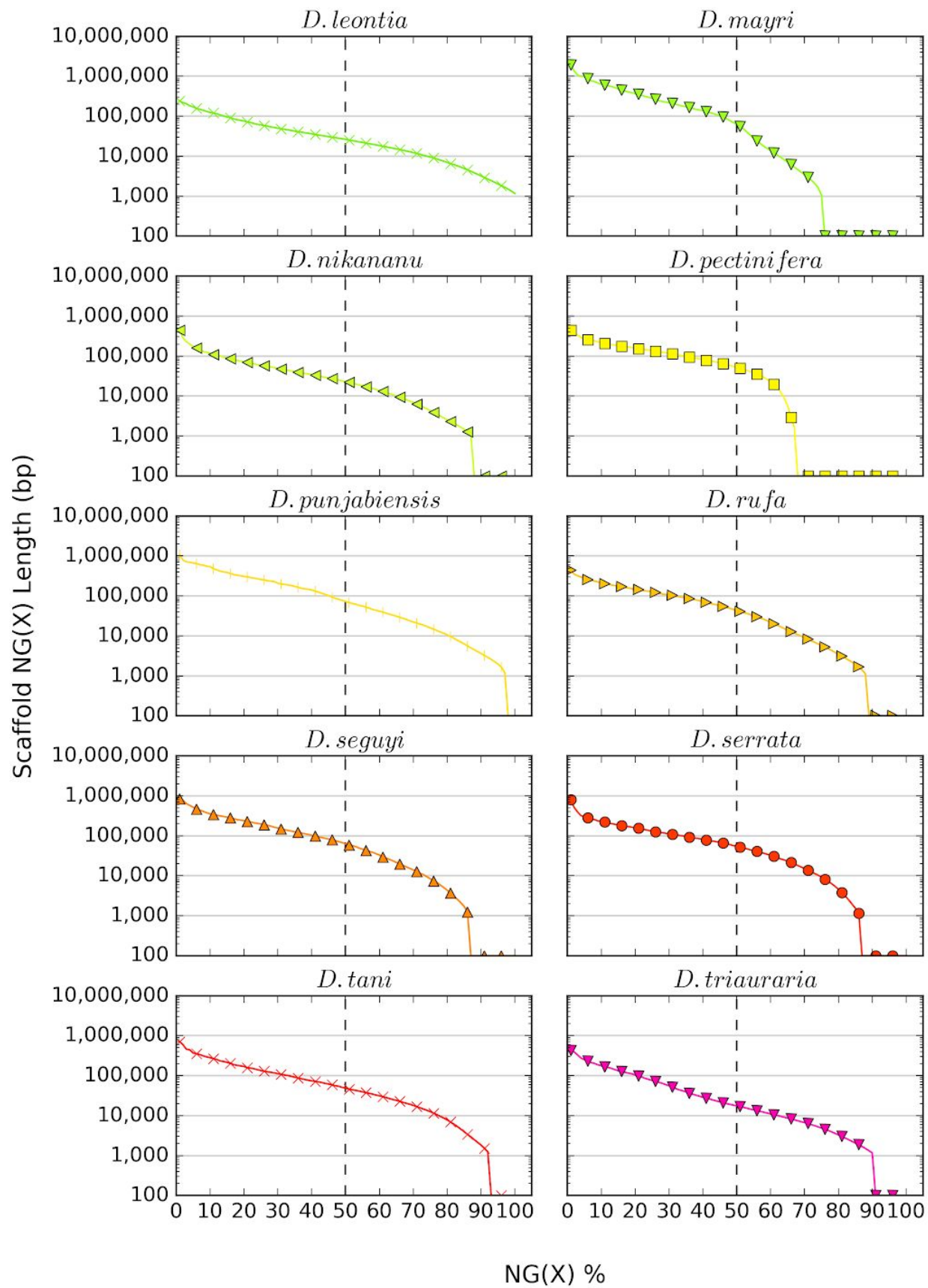
COVERAGE = total sequenced bases (after decontamination) / estimated genome size

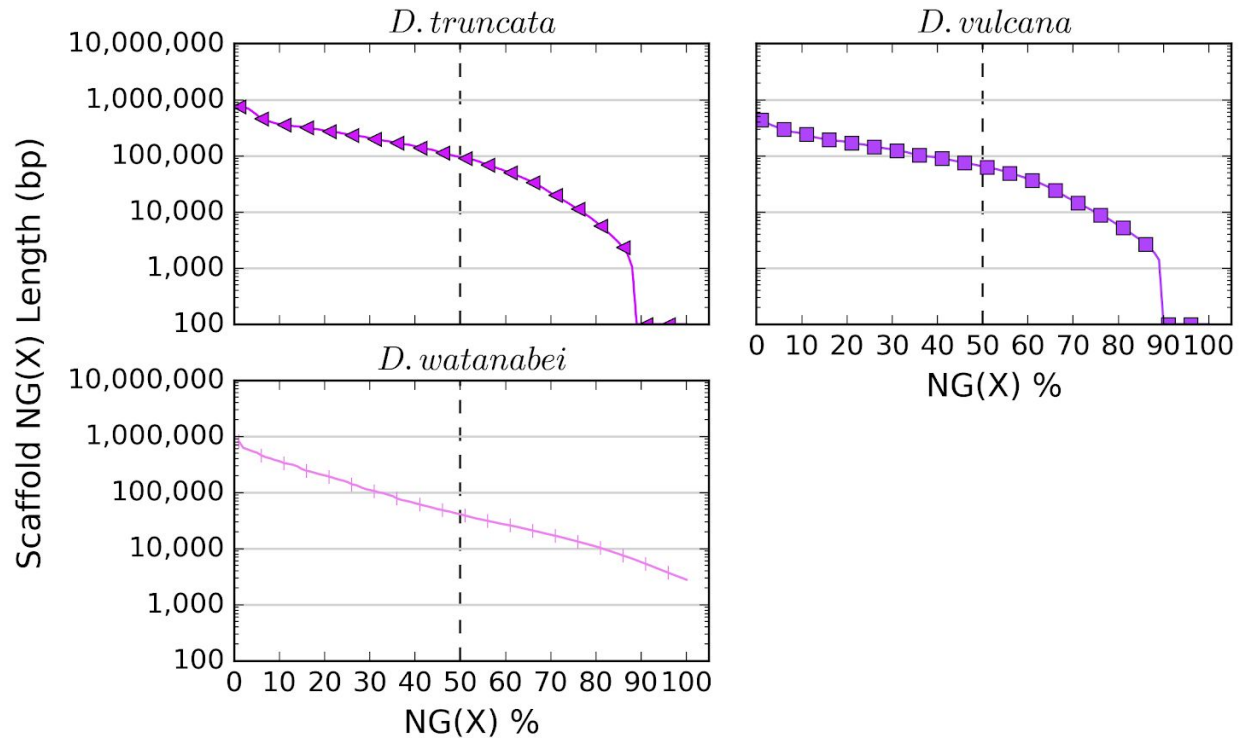
HETEROZYGOSITY =  $\log_{10}$ (frequency of variant branches in de Bruijn graph,  $k=41$ )

REPEAT CONTENT =  $\log_{10}$ (frequency of repeat branches in de Bruijn graph,  $k=41$ )

Estimated genome sizes and the frequency of variant / repeat branches were calculated by SGA Preqc (Simpson 2014).

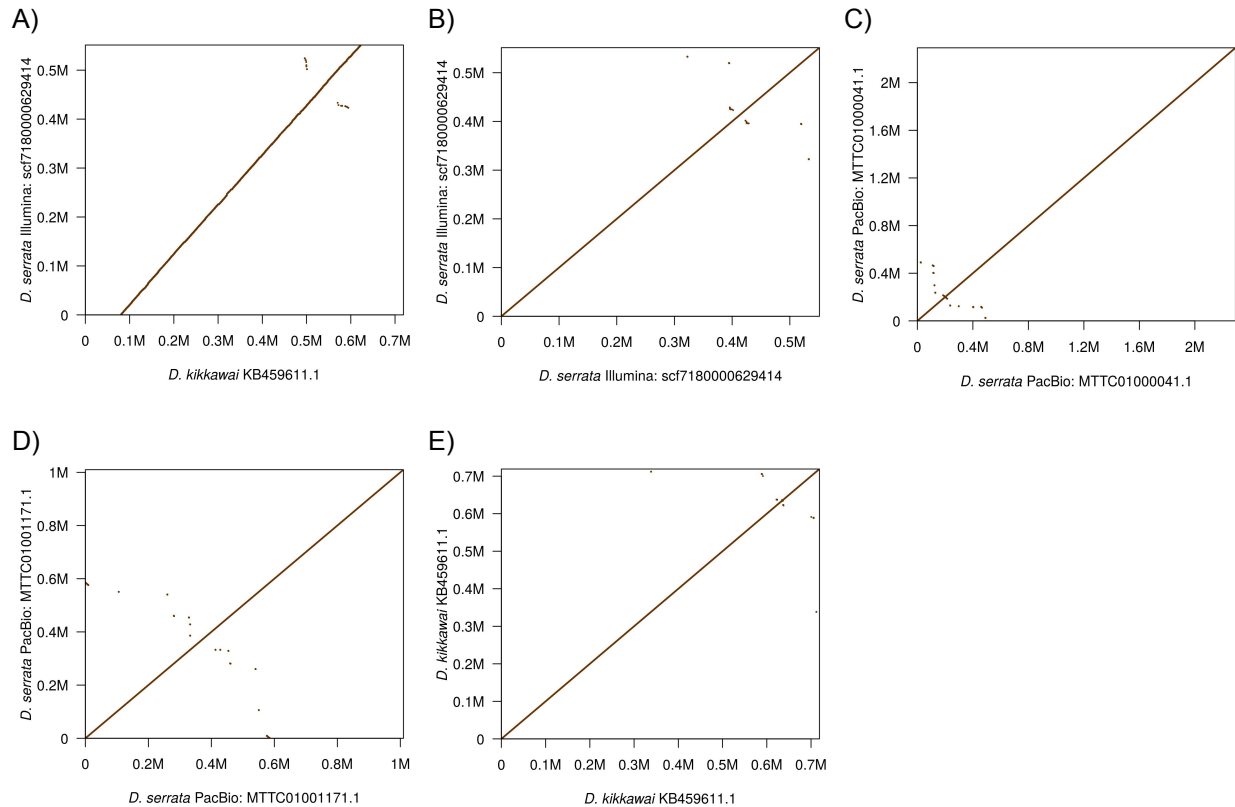






**Figure S1. NG graphs showing the distribution of scaffold lengths for 23 *montium* assemblies.**

To calculate the scaffold NG50 (Earl *et al.* 2011; Bradnam *et al.* 2013), scaffold lengths are ordered from longest to shortest and then summed, starting with the longest scaffold. The NG50 is the scaffold length that brings the sum above 50 % of the estimated genome size. When this calculation is repeated for all integers from 1 to 100, the result is an NG graph (Bradnam *et al.* 2013). NG graphs were constructed for each *montium* species using the corresponding genome size estimates from SGA Preqc (Simpson 2014). When a series intersects the x-axis, it means the total scaffold length is shorter than the estimated genome size. Similarly, if the series never touches the x-axis, then the assembly is longer than the estimated genome size. Due to filtering, the shortest scaffold present in any assembly is 1 kb.



## Figure S2. Additional dotplots.

A) The alignment of the fifth longest scaffold (scf7180000629414) from our Illumina *D. serrata* assembly (strain 14028-0681.02) to the orthologous scaffold from the previously published *D. kikkawai* assembly (Chen *et al.* 2014). The alignment is highly collinear, and our scaffold aligns end-to-end within the longer *D. kikkawai* scaffold. B) The alignment of scf7180000629414 to itself. C) and D) The alignment of contigs MTTC01000041.1 and MTTC01001171.1 from the previously published *D. serrata* assembly (strain Fors4) (Allen *et al.* 2017) to themselves. Portions of these contigs aligned to scf7180000629414. E) The alignment of scaffold KB459611.1 from the *D. kikkawai* assembly (Chen *et al.* 2014) to itself. This is the same *D. kikkawai* scaffold from Part A). All pairwise alignments were generated by LASTZ (Harris 2007).

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