Supplemental Material 7: Sqh and Zip Data Analysis Report

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This file performs the statistical analyses on the pixel intensity of sqh and zip flies cells. In this document, we group by fly number to compute one Ratio_35TOperiphery value (termed "score") for the fly for each genotype.

Data description

The dataset columns have the following descriptions.

Column Name	Description
Fly_number	Unique identifier for each fly
Туре	MRLC (i.e. Sqh) or ZIP
Genotype	Genotype classification
Cell_number	Cell number sampled
35by35_area	Area (in pixels) of the 35x35 pixel region centered on the cell
35by35_mean	Mean pixel intensity within the 35x35 region
45by45_area	Area (in pixels) of the 45x45 pixel region centered on the cell
45by45_mean	Mean pixel intensity within the 45x45 region
35A*M	Product of area and mean intensity for the 35x35 region
45A*M	Product of area and mean intensity for the 45x45 region
periphery_mean	Mean pixel intensity in the peripheral region around the cell
Ratio_35TOperiphery	Ratio of the 35by35_mean to the periphery_mean, indicating relative intensity

The key columns are the Genotype and the Ratio_35TOperiphery. The Ratio_35TOperiphery is a single value for each cell that signifies the ratio of the pixel intensity of the inside of the cell to it's periphery.

Genotype description

Genotype	Description
MRLC_+_+	Sqh-GFP/+
$MRLC_{dv5}_{dv5}$	Gli^{dv5}/Gli^{dv5} ; Sqh-GFP/+
$MRLC_BxGal4_+$	Bx-Gal4/+; UAS-lacZ/+
$MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi$	Bx-Gal4/+; UAS-Gli-RNAi/+
$ZIPgfp_+_+$	$\operatorname{Zip-GFP}/+$
ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5	Zip-GFP, Gli^{dv5}/Gli^{dv5}

Load necessary libraries and do setup

```
library(tidyverse)
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.3.3
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr 1.1.4
                      v readr
                                 2.1.4
## v forcats 1.0.0 v stringr 1.5.0
## v ggplot2 3.5.2 v tibble 3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3
                    v tidyr
                                 1.3.0
             1.0.2
## v purrr
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become error
library(readxl)
library(ggplot2)
library(broom)
library(latex2exp)
## Warning: package 'latex2exp' was built under R version 4.3.3
```

Get data ready

Load and clean data

```
raw_sqh_zip_quant_data <- read_excel("data/sqh_zip_quantification.xlsx")</pre>
# Reorder and set Genotype factor
raw_sqh_zip_quant_data <- raw_sqh_zip_quant_data %>%
mutate(Genotype = factor(Genotype, levels = c('MRLC_+++', 'MRLC_dv5_dv5',
                                          'MRLC BxGal4 +', 'MRLC BxGal4 GliRNAi',
                                           'ZIPgfp_+_+', 'ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5')))
# Print out summary of the data
str(raw_sqh_zip_quant_data)
## tibble [150 x 12] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ Fly_number : num [1:150] 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                      : chr [1:150] "MRLC" "MRLC" "MRLC" "MRLC" ...
## $ Type
## $ Genotype
## $ Cell_number
                     : Factor w/ 6 levels "MRLC_+_+", "MRLC_dv5_dv5",...: 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 3 ...
                     : num [1:150] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ 35by35_area
                      : num [1:150] 67.3 49.3 56.1 60.6 54.1 ...
## $ 35by35_mean
## $ 45by45 area
                     : num [1:150] 1597 1597 1597 1597 1597 ...
                     : num [1:150] 61.3 46.2 53.7 57.6 51.6 ...
## $ 45by45_mean
```

```
## $ 35A*M
                         : num [1:150] 65515 47973 54624 58962 52596 ...
## $ 45A*M
                         : num [1:150] 97966 73722 85792 91997 82348 ...
## $ periphery mean
                        : num [1:150] 52 41.3 49.9 52.9 47.7 ...
  $ Ratio_35TOperiphery: num [1:150] 1.29 1.19 1.12 1.14 1.13 ...
head(raw_sqh_zip_quant_data)
## # A tibble: 6 x 12
     Fly_number Type Genotype
                                    Cell_number '35by35_area' '35by35_mean'
##
          <dbl> <chr> <fct>
                                           <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
## 1
              1 MRLC MRLC_+_+
                                                           973
                                                                        67.3
                                               1
## 2
              1 MRLC MRLC + +
                                               2
                                                           973
                                                                        49.3
              1 MRLC MRLC_+_+
## 3
                                               3
                                                           973
                                                                        56.1
              1 MRLC MRLC + +
                                               4
                                                           973
                                                                        60.6
## 5
                     MRLC_+_+
                                                           973
                                                                        54.1
              1 MRLC
                                               5
## 6
              2 MRLC MRLC BxGal4 +
                                               6
                                                           973
                                                                        69.2
## # i 6 more variables: '45by45_area' <dbl>, '45by45_mean' <dbl>, '35A*M' <dbl>,
       '45A*M' <dbl>, periphery mean <dbl>, Ratio 35TOperiphery <dbl>
```

summary(raw_sqh_zip_quant_data)

```
##
      Fly_number
                                                       Genotype
                                                                  Cell_number
                        Type
##
    Min.
           : 1.0
                   Length: 150
                                       MRLC_+_+
                                                           :25
                                                                 Min.
                                                                        : 1.00
                                                                 1st Qu.: 38.25
##
    1st Qu.: 8.0
                   Class :character
                                       MRLC_dv5_dv5
                                                           :25
                                       MRLC_BxGal4_+
   Median:15.5
                   Mode :character
                                                           :25
                                                                 Median: 75.50
##
  Mean
          :15.5
                                       MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi:25
                                                                 Mean
                                                                        : 75.50
##
    3rd Qu.:23.0
                                       ZIPgfp_+_+
                                                           :25
                                                                 3rd Qu.:112.75
                                                           :25
##
  Max.
           :30.0
                                       ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5
                                                                 Max.
                                                                        :150.00
     35by35_area
                                                    45by45_mean
##
                   35by35_mean
                                     45by45 area
                        : 13.90
##
           :973
                                           :1597
                                                           : 12.99
  \mathtt{Min}.
                  \mathtt{Min}.
                                    \mathtt{Min}.
                                                   Min.
##
    1st Qu.:973
                  1st Qu.: 28.02
                                    1st Qu.:1597
                                                   1st Qu.: 26.03
##
   Median:973
                  Median : 42.96
                                    Median:1597
                                                   Median: 41.59
   Mean
           :973
                         : 43.18
                                           :1597
                                                   Mean
                                                           : 41.29
                  Mean
                                   Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:973
                  3rd Qu.: 51.83
                                    3rd Qu.:1597
                                                   3rd Qu.: 49.93
##
   Max.
           :973
                         :133.76
                                           :1597
                                                           :132.61
                  Max.
                                    Max.
                                                   Max.
##
        35A*M
                         45A*M
                                       periphery mean
                                                          Ratio 35TOperiphery
           : 13526
                            : 20748
##
  Min.
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                              : 8.386
                                                         Min.
                                                                 :0.7489
##
    1st Qu.: 27263
                     1st Qu.: 41575
                                       1st Qu.: 23.780
                                                          1st Qu.:1.0128
##
  Median : 41802
                     Median : 66422
                                       Median : 38.146
                                                         Median :1.1501
   Mean
          : 42019
                     Mean
                            : 65942
                                       Mean : 38.338
                                                         Mean
                     3rd Qu.: 79739
##
    3rd Qu.: 50429
                                       3rd Qu.: 47.186
                                                          3rd Qu.:1.2855
    Max.
           :130146
                     Max.
                            :211777
                                       Max.
                                              :130.819
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :2.0487
```

Filter to just MRLC (sqh)

```
sqh_quant_data <- raw_sqh_zip_quant_data %>%
filter(Type == "MRLC") %>%
mutate(Genotype = droplevels(Genotype)) %>%
group_by(Fly_number, Genotype) %>%
summarize(score = mean(Ratio_35TOperiphery))
```

```
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'Fly_number'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
# Print out summary of the data
head(sqh_quant_data)
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
## # Groups: Fly_number [6]
    Fly_number Genotype
                                    score
##
         <dbl> <fct>
                                    <dbl>
## 1
             1 MRLC + +
                                    1.18
## 2
            2 MRLC_BxGal4_+
                                    1.25
## 3
             3 MRLC dv5 dv5
                                    0.991
## 4
             4 MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi 1.02
## 5
              7 MRLC + +
                                    1.15
## 6
              8 MRLC_BxGal4_+
                                    1.26
Filter to just ZIP (zip)
zip_quant_data <- raw_sqh_zip_quant_data %>%
  filter(Type == "ZIP") %>%
 mutate(Genotype = droplevels(Genotype)) %>%
  group_by(Fly_number, Genotype) %>%
  summarize(score = mean(Ratio 35TOperiphery))
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'Fly number'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
# Print out summary of the data
str(zip_quant_data)
## gropd_df [10 x 3] (S3: grouped_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ Fly_number: num [1:10] 5 6 11 12 17 18 23 24 29 30
## $ Genotype : Factor w/ 2 levels "ZIPgfp_+_+","ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5": 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2
               : num [1:10] 1.73 1.39 1.36 0.96 1.62 ...
## $ score
   - attr(*, "groups") = tibble [10 x 2] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
   ..$ Fly_number: num [1:10] 5 6 11 12 17 18 23 24 29 30
##
##
    ..$ .rows
                  : list<int> [1:10]
##
     .. ..$ : int 1
##
     .. ..$ : int 2
##
     .. ..$ : int 3
##
     .. ..$ : int 4
##
     .. ..$ : int 5
##
     .. ..$ : int 6
##
     .. ..$ : int 7
##
     .. ..$ : int 8
     .. ..$ : int 9
##
##
     .. ..$ : int 10
##
     .. .. @ ptype: int(0)
     ..- attr(*, ".drop")= logi TRUE
##
```

head(zip_quant_data)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
## # Groups:
               Fly_number [6]
    Fly_number Genotype
                                score
          <dbl> <fct>
##
                                <dbl>
## 1
              5 ZIPgfp_+_+
                                1.73
## 2
              6 ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5 1.39
## 3
             11 ZIPgfp_+_+
                                1.36
## 4
             12 ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5 0.960
## 5
             17 ZIPgfp_+_+
                                1.62
## 6
             18 ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5 1.21
```

summary(zip_quant_data)

```
##
      Fly_number
                               Genotype
                                             score
           : 5.00
                     ZIPgfp_+_+
                                    :5
##
    Min.
                                                :0.9602
                                         Min.
##
    1st Qu.:11.25
                     ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5:5
                                         1st Qu.:1.1370
##
   Median :17.50
                                         Median :1.2705
##
    Mean
           :17.50
                                         Mean
                                                :1.2881
    3rd Qu.:23.75
                                         3rd Qu.:1.3842
##
           :30.00
                                         Max.
                                                 :1.7253
##
    Max.
```

Notice that for the 5 randomly sampled cells from the wing of the same fly, we compute the mean of their Ratio_35TOperiphery values and call that the score for that fly. This should give a more accurate measurement of the change in the cells for that fly.

At this point, we work with BLANK_quant_data (where BLANK is either sqh or zip) that contains the following columns for the analysis:

Column name	Description
Fly_number	Unique identifier for each fly
Genotype score	Genotype classification Mean of the Ratio_35TOperiphery values for the 5 cells sampled from the same
50010	fly wing. This number is the single value that represents the Ratio_35TOperiphery of the "typical" cell in a wing of that fly.

MRLC (sqh) Analysis

This section just shows the MRLC analysis.

Explore

This subsection gives some summary statistics and initial visualizations of the dataset.

Means and Standard deviations of Score

```
summary_cell_val_data <- sqh_quant_data %>%
  group_by(Genotype) %>%
  summarize(mean_cell_val = mean(score, na.rm = TRUE),
            sd_cell_val = sd(score, na.rm = TRUE)
)
summary_cell_val_data
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
    Genotype
##
                         mean_cell_val sd_cell_val
     <fct>
                                  <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                  1.20
                                             0.0546
## 1 MRLC_+_+
## 2 MRLC_dv5_dv5
                                  1.00
                                            0.0618
## 3 MRLC_BxGal4_+
                                  1.26
                                            0.0360
## 4 MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi
                                  1.02
                                            0.0164
```

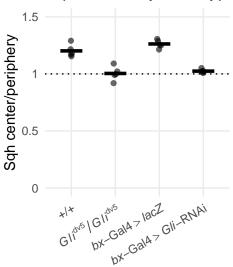
Plots of Score distributions

```
# Custom labels
custom_labels <- c(</pre>
 "MRLC + +" = TeX("+/+"),
 "MRLC_dv5_dv5" = TeX("$\\textit{Gli}^{dv5}/\\textit{Gli}^{dv5}"),
 "MRLC BxGal4 +" = TeX("\\textit{bx}-Gal4$>$\\textit{lacZ}"),
  "MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi" = TeX("\\textit{bx}-Gal4$>$\\textit{Gli}-RNAi")
# Set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(2)
# Plot
p <- ggplot(sqh_quant_data, aes(x = Genotype, y = score)) +</pre>
  geom_jitter(width = 0.05, alpha = 0.6) + # jittered points
  stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "crossbar", width = 0.5, color = "black",
               position = position_dodge(width = 1.0)) + # mean marker
 labs(title = "Sqh Scores by Genotype", x = NULL, y = "Sqh center/periphery") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted", color = "black") + # dotted line at y = 1
  scale_x_discrete(labels = custom_labels) +
  scale y continuous(
   breaks = seq(0.0, 1.5, by = 0.5), # Setting breaks for every unit
```

```
labels = seq(0.0, 1.5, by = 0.5), # Corresponding labels for the breaks
minor_breaks = NULL,
limits = c(0.0, 1.5)
) +
theme_minimal() +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 30, hjust = 1))

# Optional: Save the plot
# ggsave("figures/sqh_scores.tiff", plot = p, width = 7, height = 3, dpi = 300)
# ggsave("figures/sqh_scores.svg", plot = p, device="svg", width = 2.5, height = 3.1, dpi = 300)
P
```

Sqh Scores by Genotype



The plot above shows the distribution of the scores in each genotype category. The black points show the actual values and X shows the mean score for that genotype. The plot above shows that there appears to be a difference in the means for each genotype's score values. We investigate if these differences are statistically significant in the next section using an ANOVA test.

Analysis

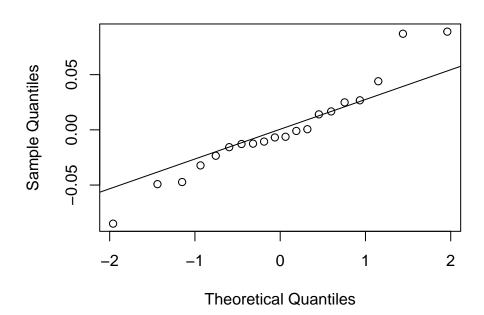
Check one-way ANOVA assumptions

We begin by first checking the ANOVA model assumptions. The plots and analyses below show that the residuals of the ANOVA model are roughly normally distributed (QQ-plot follows a straight-line pattern) and the variances of the score values for each genotype are roughly equal. Finally, since the cells were sampled randomly from different fruitflies, the samples in each genotype group are independent of the samples from the other genotype groups and mean of all cells from one fruitfly is independent from the mean of the cells from the other fruitflies within the same genotype group.

```
anova_model <- aov(score ~ Genotype, data = sqh_quant_data)
#create Q-Q plot to compare this dataset to a theoretical normal distribution</pre>
```

```
qqnorm(anova_model$residuals)
qqline(anova_model$residuals)
```

Normal Q-Q Plot



```
bartlett.test(score ~ Genotype, data = sqh_quant_data)
```

```
##
## Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
##
## data: score by Genotype
## Bartlett's K-squared = 5.6955, df = 3, p-value = 0.1274
```

The one-way ANOVA model analysis

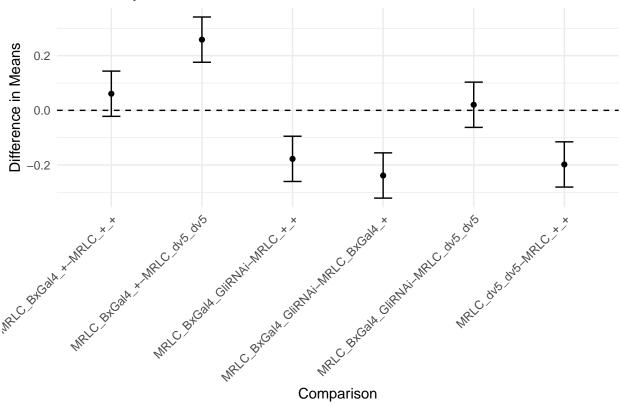
```
summary(anova_model)
```

```
## Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## Genotype   3 0.24808 0.08269   39.53 1.26e-07 ***
## Residuals   16 0.03347 0.00209
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

post_hoc_test <- TukeyHSD(anova_model)
post_hoc_test</pre>
```

```
##
     Tukey multiple comparisons of means
##
       95% family-wise confidence level
##
## Fit: aov(formula = score ~ Genotype, data = sqh_quant_data)
##
## $Genotype
##
                                             diff
                                                          lwr
                                                                      upr
                                                                              p adj
## MRLC_dv5_dv5-MRLC_+_+
                                     -0.19789628 -0.28065612 -0.11513643 0.0000215
## MRLC_BxGal4_+-MRLC_+_+
                                      0.06081786 - 0.02194198 \ 0.14357771 \ 0.1943225
## MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi-MRLC_+_+
                                     -0.17744081 -0.26020066 -0.09468096 0.0000772
## MRLC_BxGal4_+-MRLC_dv5_dv5
                                      0.25871414 0.17595429
                                                              0.34147398 0.0000007
## MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi-MRLC_dv5_dv5
                                      0.02045547 -0.06230438
                                                              0.10321531 0.8927902
## MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi-MRLC_BxGal4_+ -0.23825867 -0.32101852 -0.15549882 0.0000021
# Convert Tukey result to a tidy data frame
tukey_df <- tidy(post_hoc_test)</pre>
# Plot with rotated x-axis labels
ggplot(tukey_df, aes(x = contrast, y = estimate)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = conf.low, ymax = conf.high), width = 0.2) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +
  labs(title = "95% family-wise confidence level", y = "Difference in Means", x = "Comparison")
```

95% family-wise confidence level



The one-way ANOVA model shows that there is a statistically significant difference between the mean of the

score values across the 4 genotypes. A post-hoc analysis using Tukey's HSD reveals the pairs that show the most significant differences.

All pairings show significant differences except for the comparisons MRLC_BxGal4_+ to MRLC_+_+ (p = 0.194) and MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi to MRLC_dv5_dv5 (p = 0.893).

The comparisons of interest are as follows:

- Genotype MRLC_dv5_dv5 to MRLC_+_+ shows that the score values drop by 0.198 which is statistically significant.
- Genotype MRLC_BxGal4_GliRNAi to MRLC_BxGal4_+ shows that the score values drop by 0.238 which is statistically significant.

ZIP (zip) Analysis

This section just shows the ZIP analysis.

Explore

This subsection gives some summary statistics and initial visualizations of the dataset.

Means and Standard deviations of Score

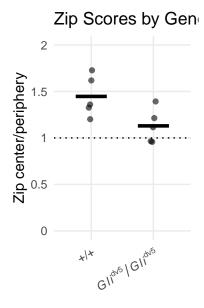
```
summary_cell_val_data <- zip_quant_data %>%
  group_by(Genotype) %>%
  summarize(mean_cell_val = mean(score, na.rm = TRUE),
            sd_cell_val = sd(score, na.rm = TRUE)
)
summary_cell_val_data
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##
   Genotype mean_cell_val sd_cell_val
##
    <fct>
                           <dbl>
                                       <dbl>
## 1 ZIPgfp + +
                            1.45
                                       0.217
## 2 ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5
                            1.13
                                       0.181
```

Plots of Score distributions

```
# Custom labels for ZIP data
custom labels <- c(</pre>
  "ZIPgfp + +" = TeX("+/+"),
  "ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5" = TeX("$\times \{Gli}^{dv5}/\textit\{Gli}^{dv5})")
# Set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(2)
# Plot
p <- ggplot(zip_quant_data, aes(x = Genotype, y = score)) +</pre>
  geom_jitter(width = 0.05, alpha = 0.6) + # jittered points
  stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "crossbar", width = 0.5, color = "black",
               position = position_dodge(width = 1.0)) + # mean marker
  labs(title = "Zip Scores by Genotype", x = NULL, y = "Zip center/periphery") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted", color = "black") + # dotted line at y = 1
  scale_x_discrete(labels = custom_labels) +
  scale_y_continuous(
   breaks = seq(0.0, 2, by = 0.5), # Setting breaks for every unit
   labels = seq(0.0, 2, by = 0.5), # Corresponding labels for the breaks
   minor breaks = NULL,
   limits = c(0.0, 2)
 ) +
```

```
theme_minimal() +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 30, hjust = 1))

# Optional: Save the plot
# ggsave("figures/zip_scores.tiff", plot = p, width = 7, height = 3, dpi = 300)
# ggsave("figures/zip_scores.svg", plot = p, device="svg", width = 2, height = 3.1, dpi = 300)
p
```



The plot above shows the distribution of the scores in each genotype category. The black points show the actual values and X shows the mean score for that genotype. The plot above shows that there appears to be a difference in the means for each genotype's score values. We investigate if these differences are statistically significant in the next section using an ANOVA test.

Analysis

Check Welch's t-test assumptions

We begin by first checking Welch's t-test assumptions. The plots and analyses below show that the variances of the score values for each genotype are roughly equal. Finally, since the cells were sampled randomly from different fruitflies, the samples in each genotype group are independent of the samples from the other genotype groups and mean of all cells from one fruitfly is independent from the mean of the cells from the other fruitflies within the same genotype group.

```
ttest_model <- t.test(score ~ Genotype, data = zip_quant_data)
bartlett.test(score ~ Genotype, data = zip_quant_data)</pre>
```

```
##
## Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
##
## data: score by Genotype
## Bartlett's K-squared = 0.11228, df = 1, p-value = 0.7376
```

The t-test model analysis

```
ttest_model
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: score by Genotype
## t = 2.5055, df = 7.7588, p-value = 0.0375
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group ZIPgfp_++ and group ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5 i
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.02363927 0.61008659
## sample estimates:
## mean in group ZIPgfp_++ mean in group ZIPgfp_dv5_dv5
## 1.446577 1.129714
```

The t-test shows that there is a statistically significant difference (at the 0.05 level of significance) between the mean of the score values across the 2 genotypes for the ZIP.