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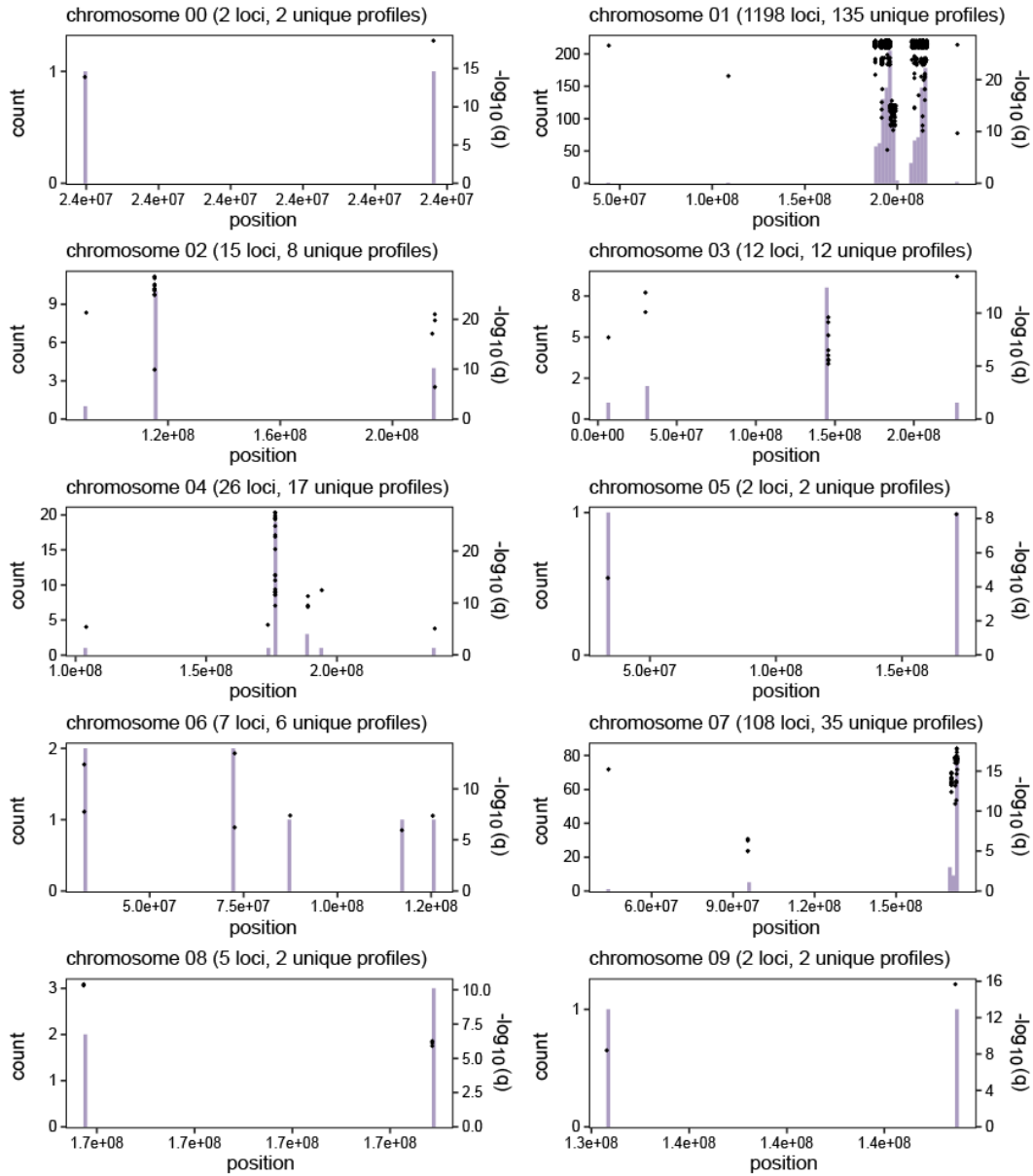
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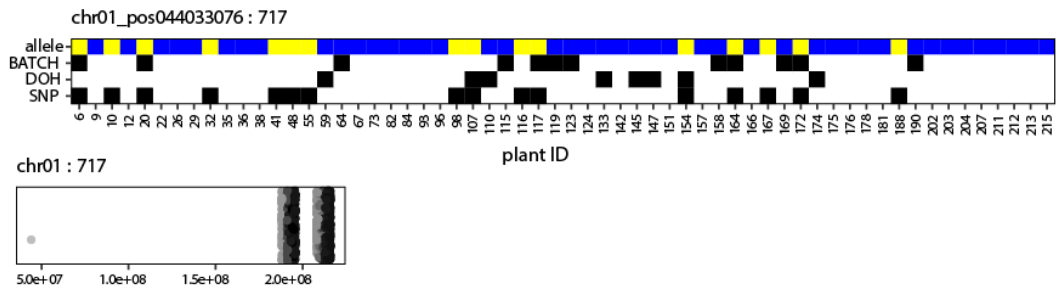
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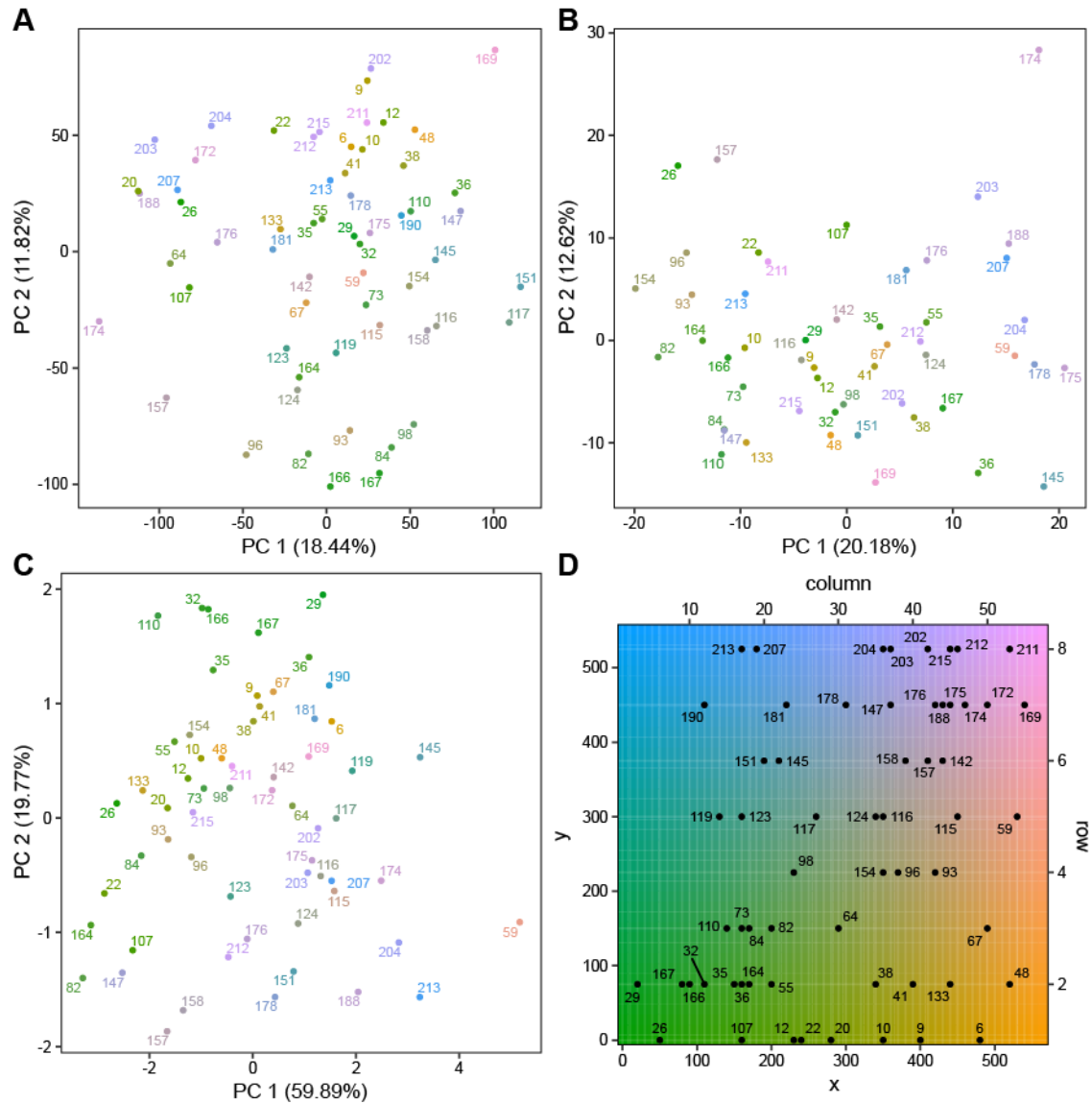


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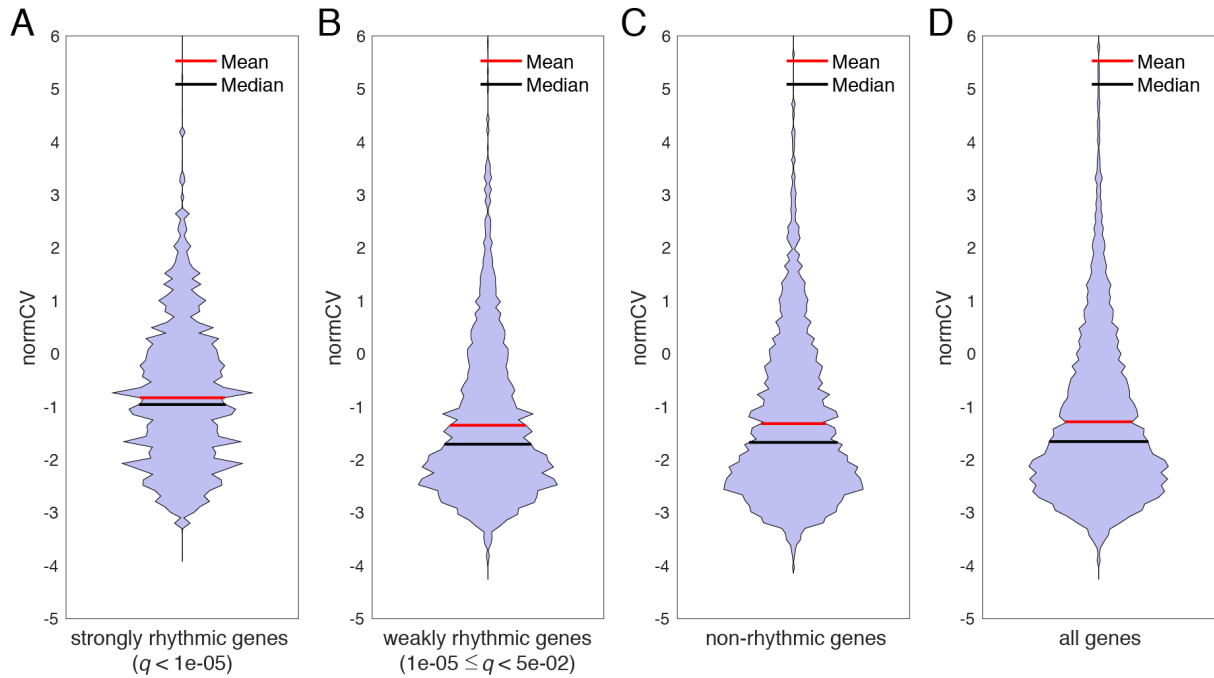


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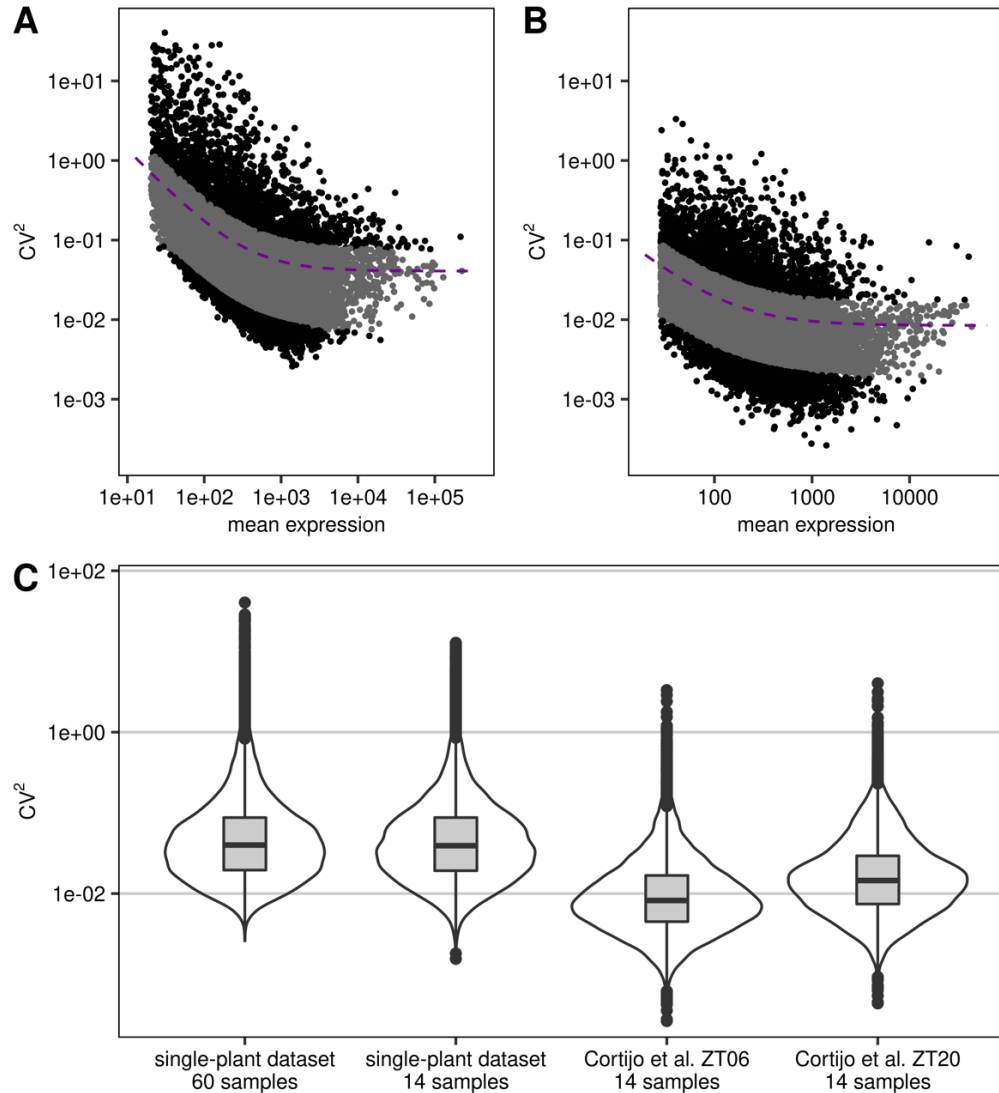
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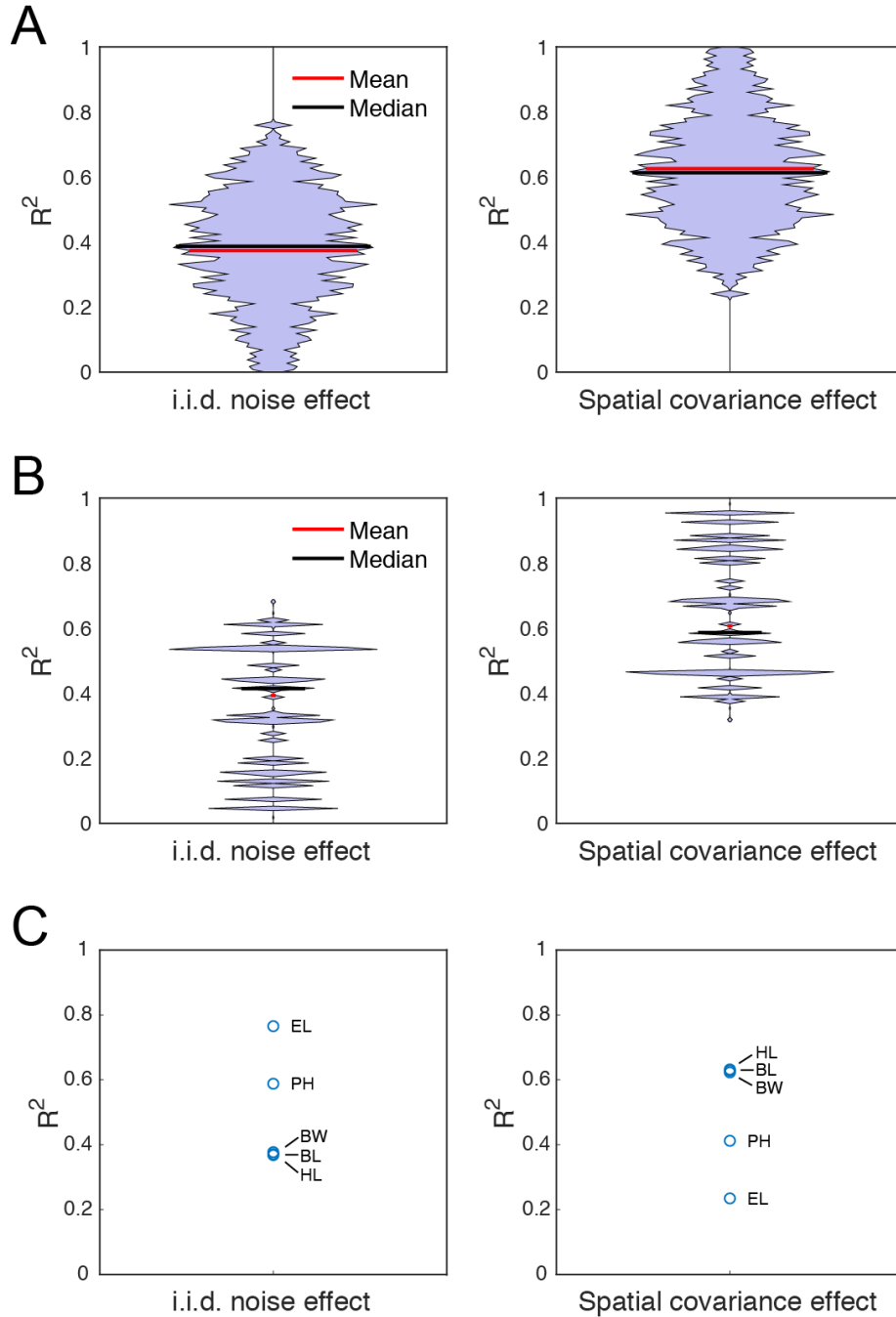
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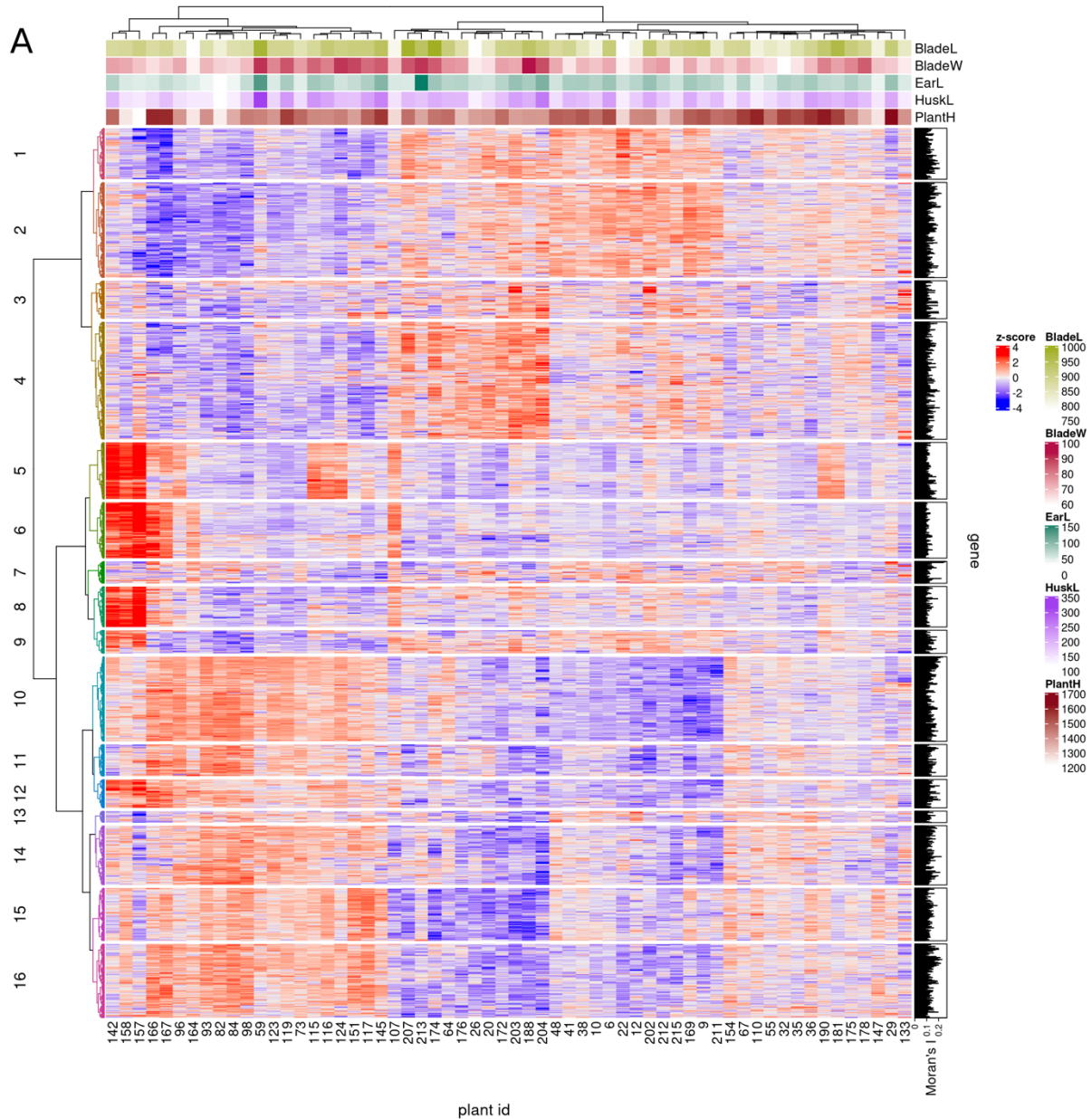
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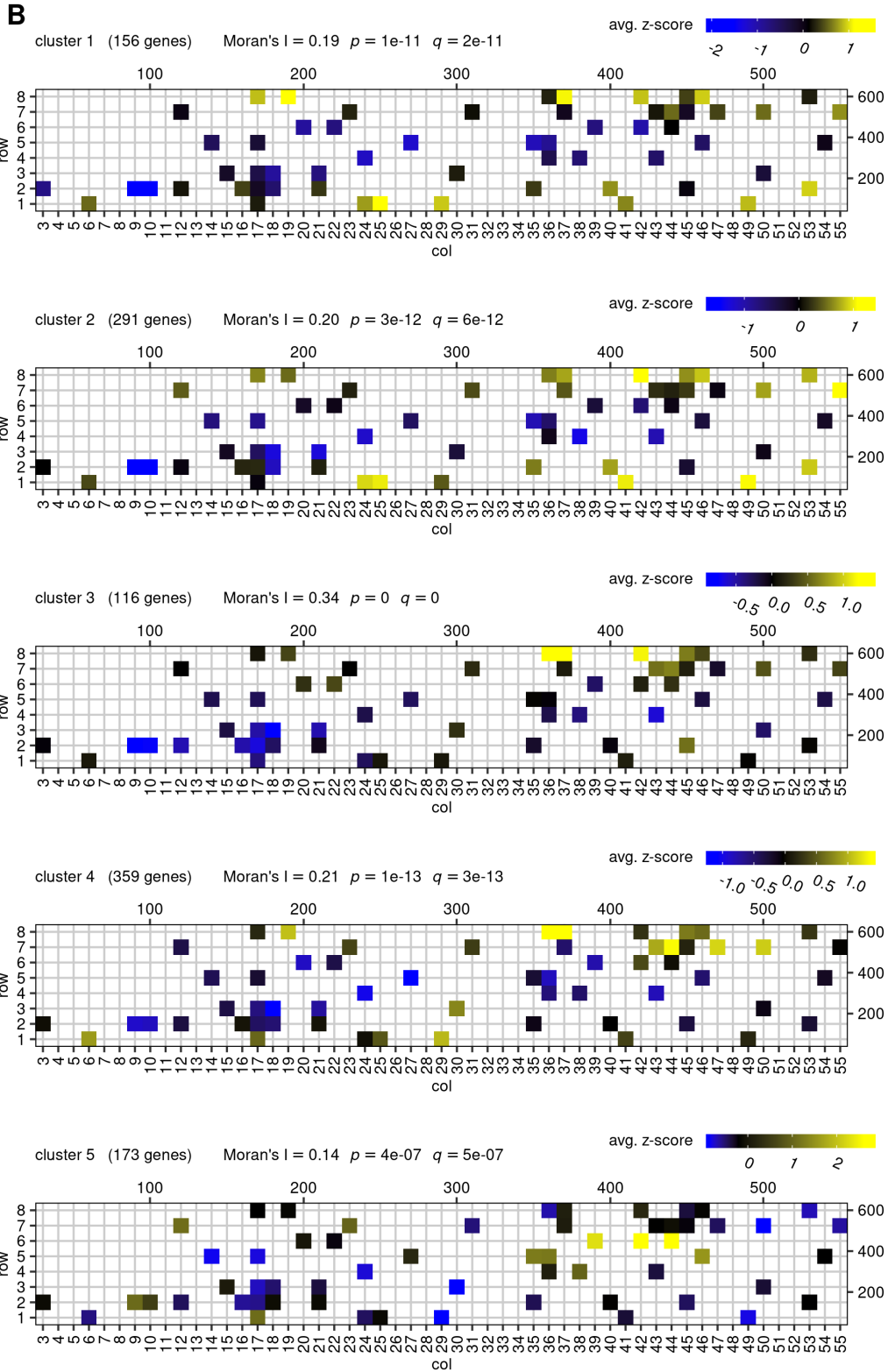
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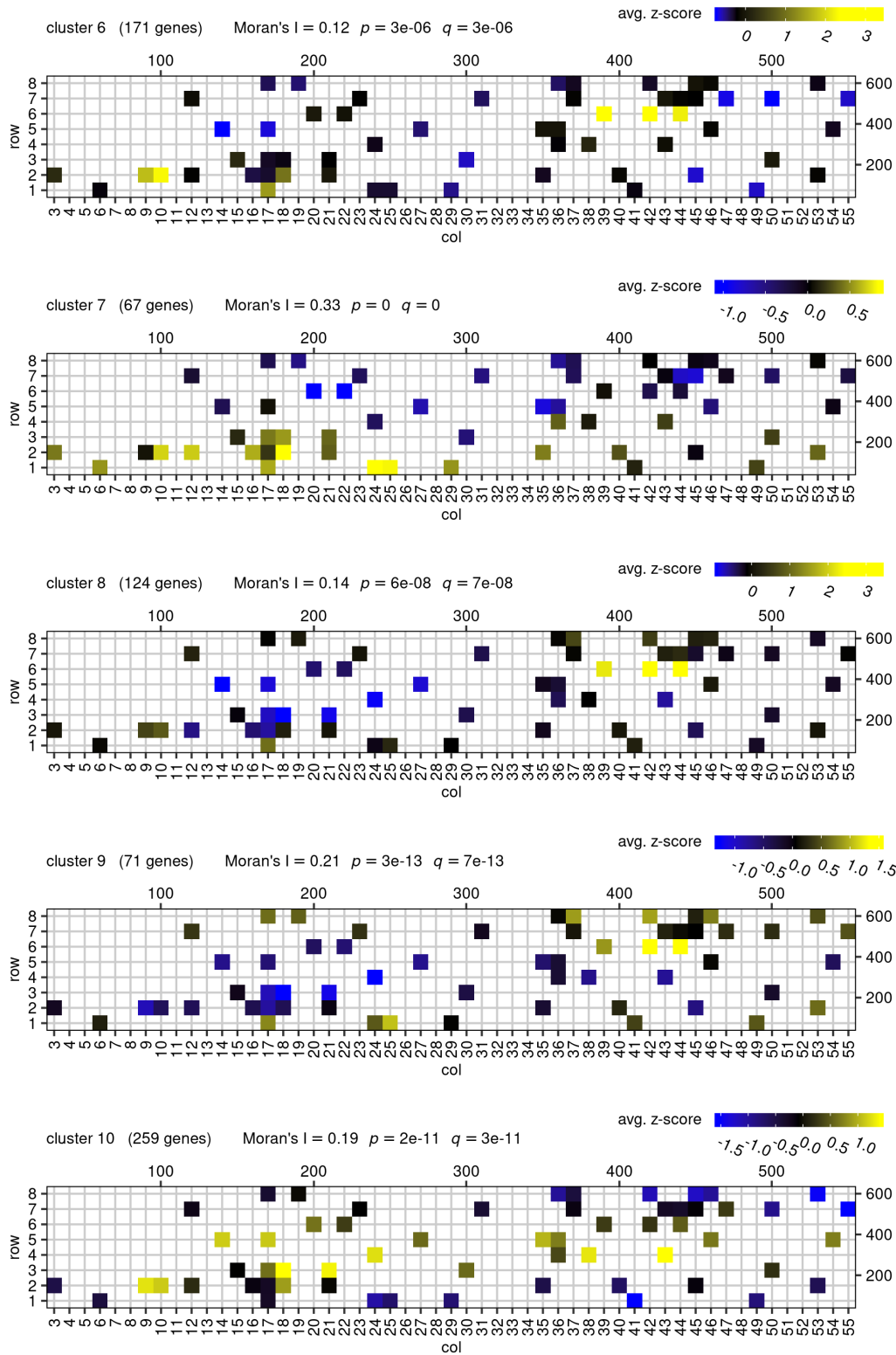
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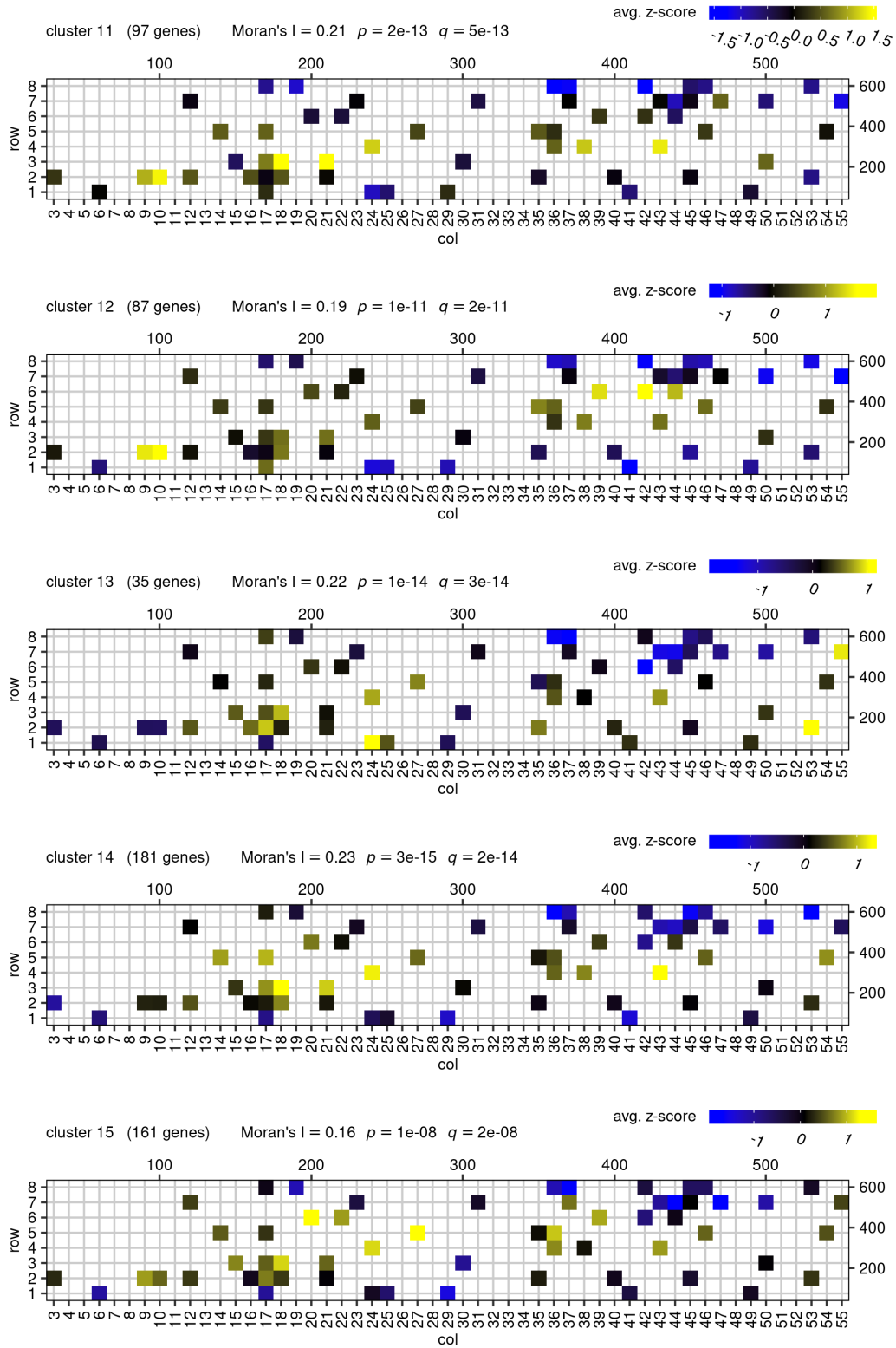
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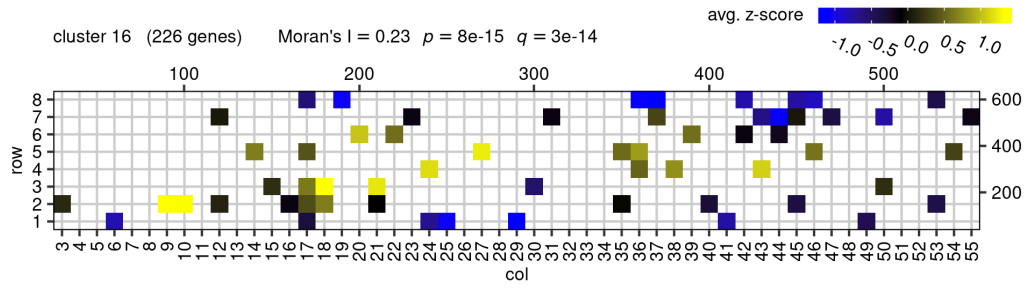
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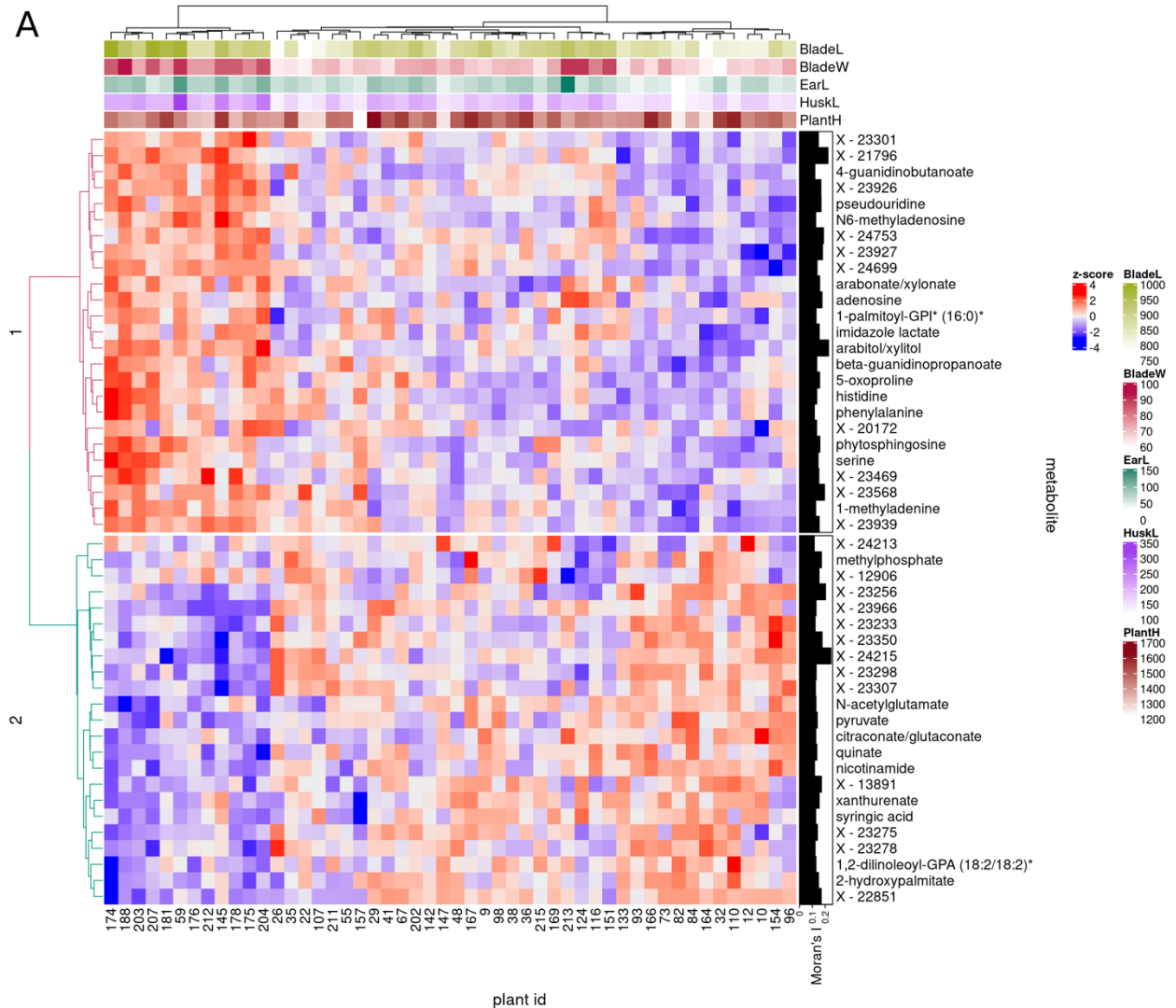
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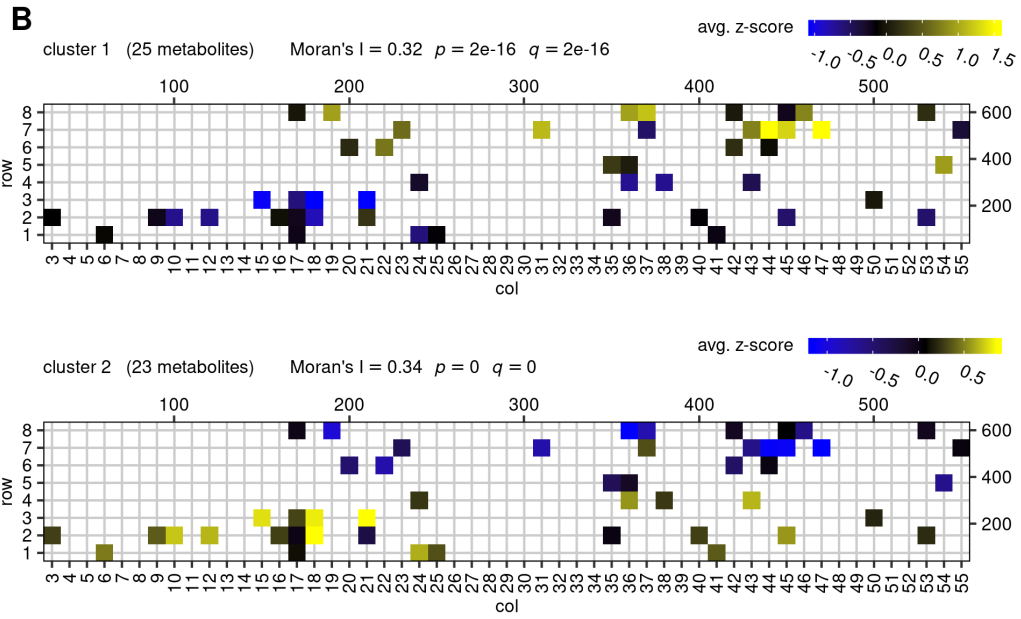
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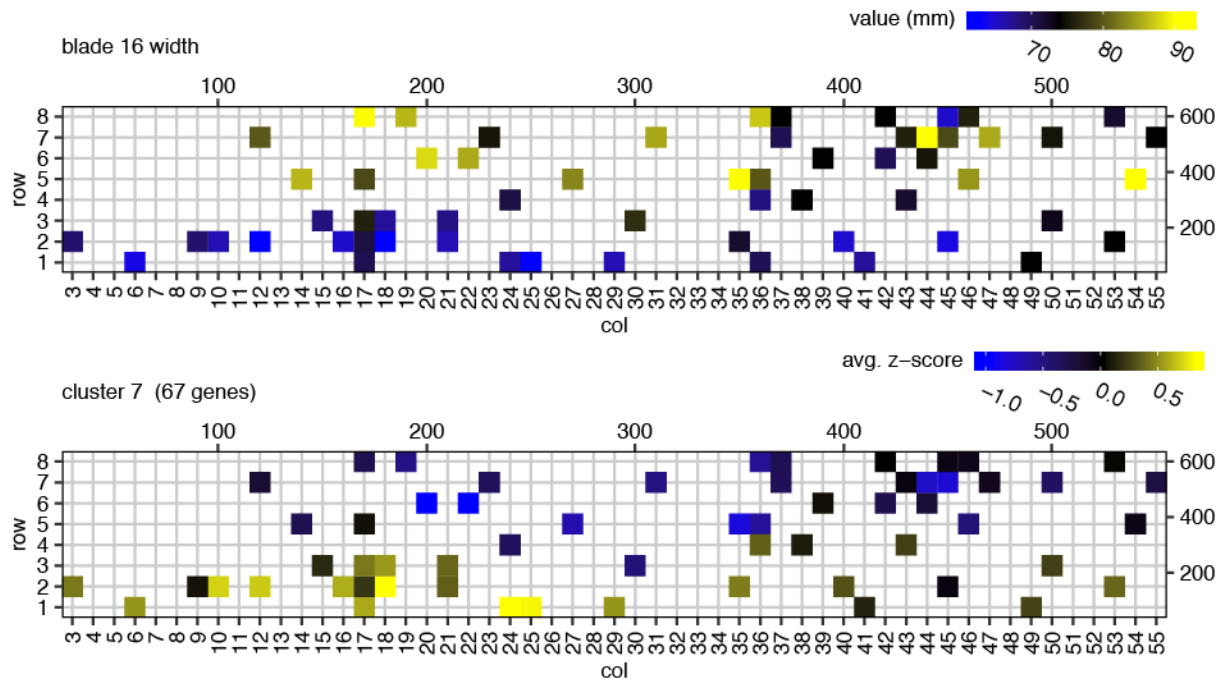
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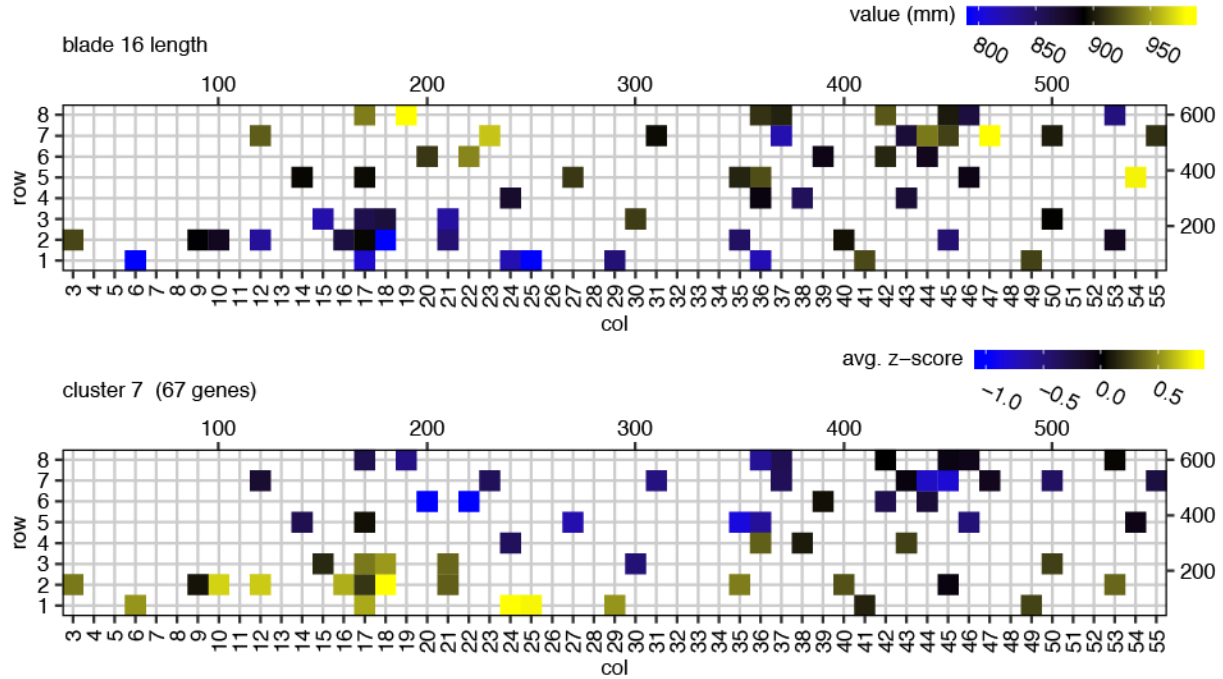
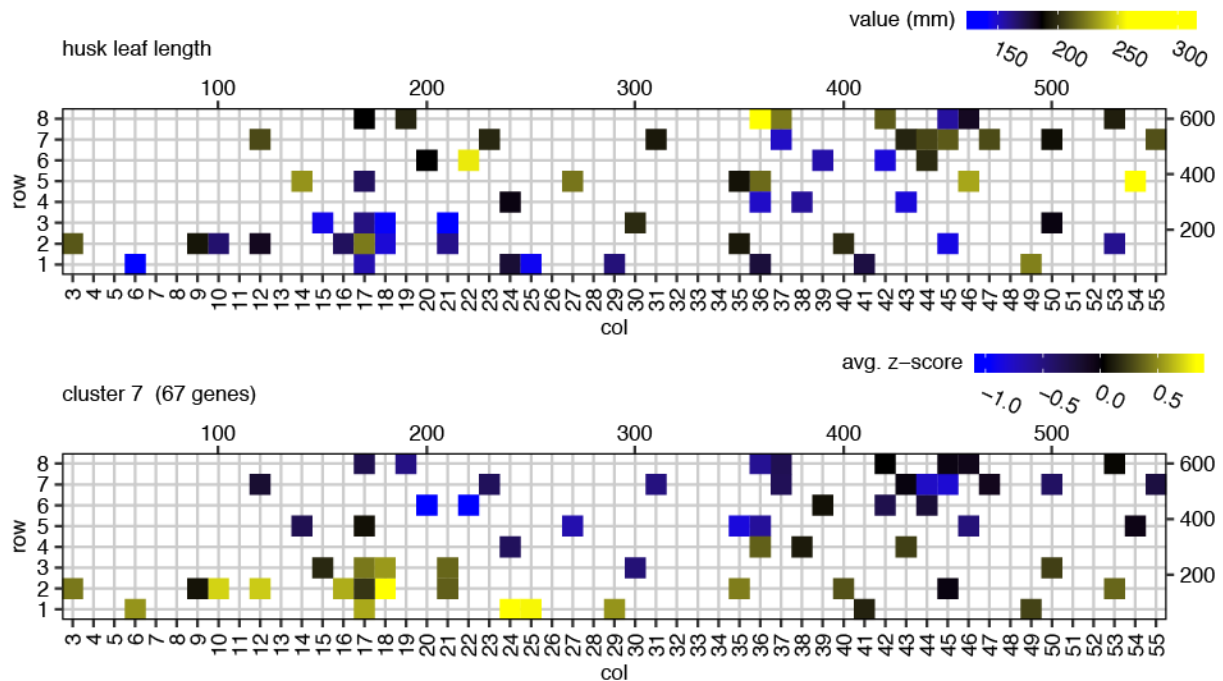
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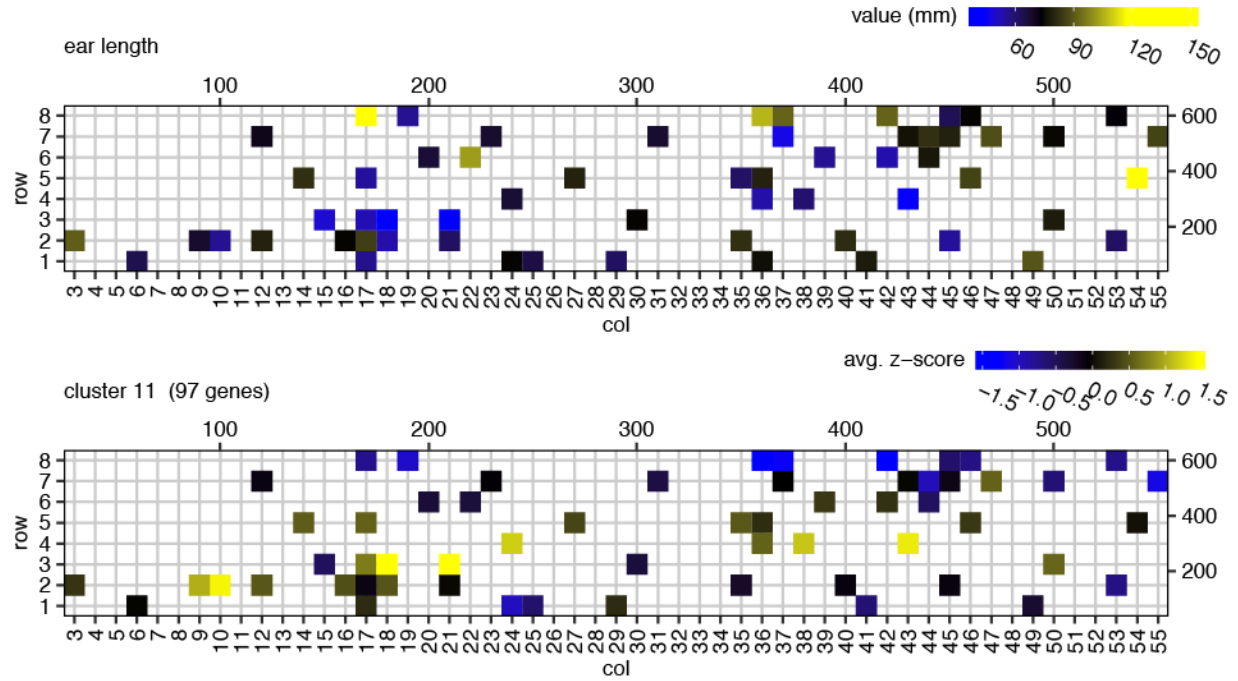
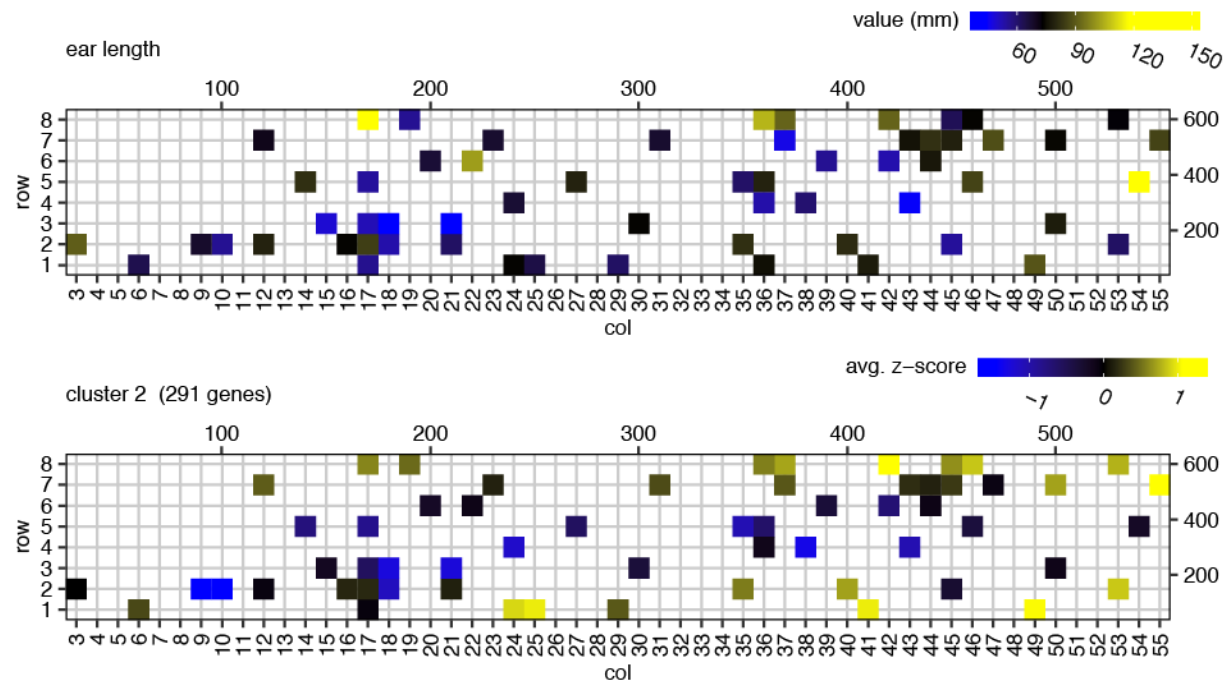
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Ablade 16 width vs gene cluster 7 (correlation = -0.77 $p = 6e-13$ $q = 5e-11$)

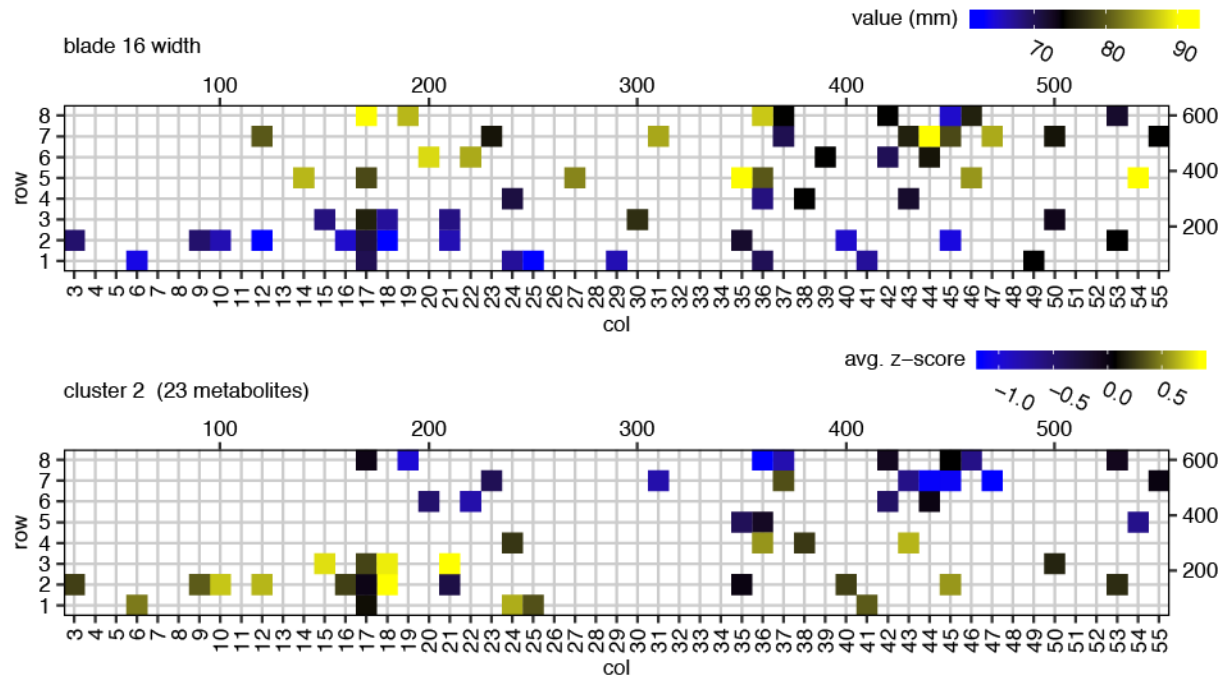
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Bblade 16 length vs gene cluster 7 (correlation = -0.63 $p = 7e-08$ $q = 3e-06$)**C**husk leaf length vs gene cluster 7 (correlation = -0.51 $p = 3e-05$ $q = 0.0009$)

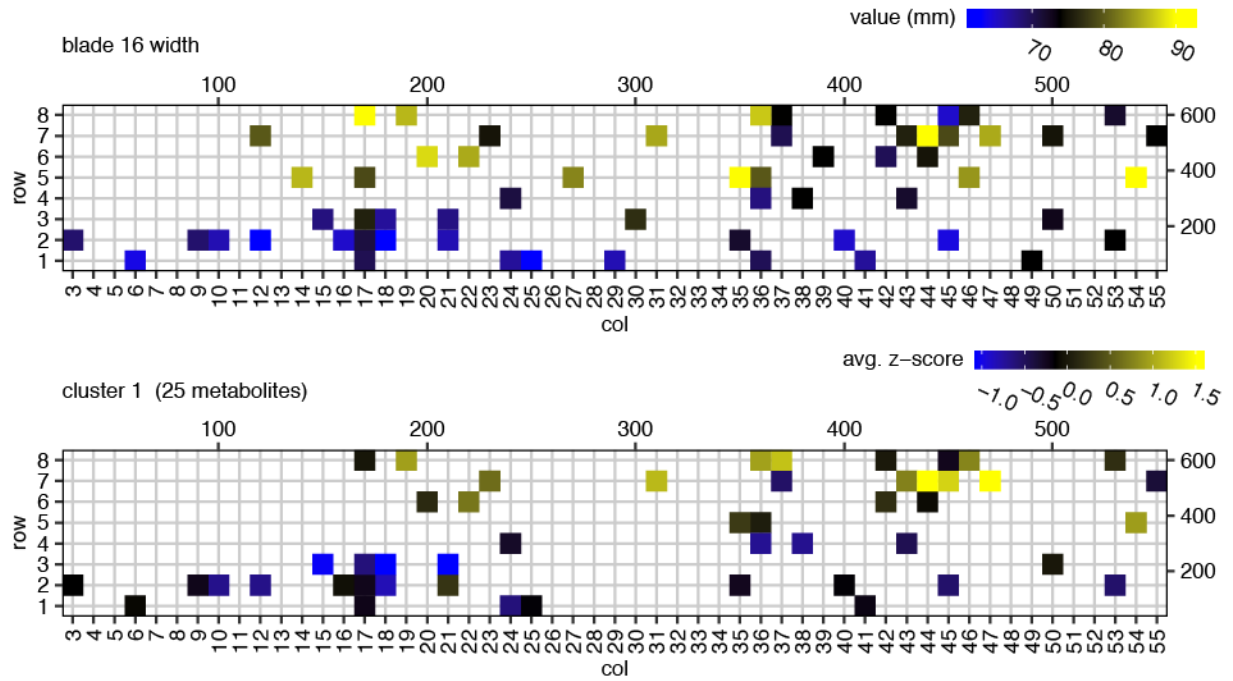
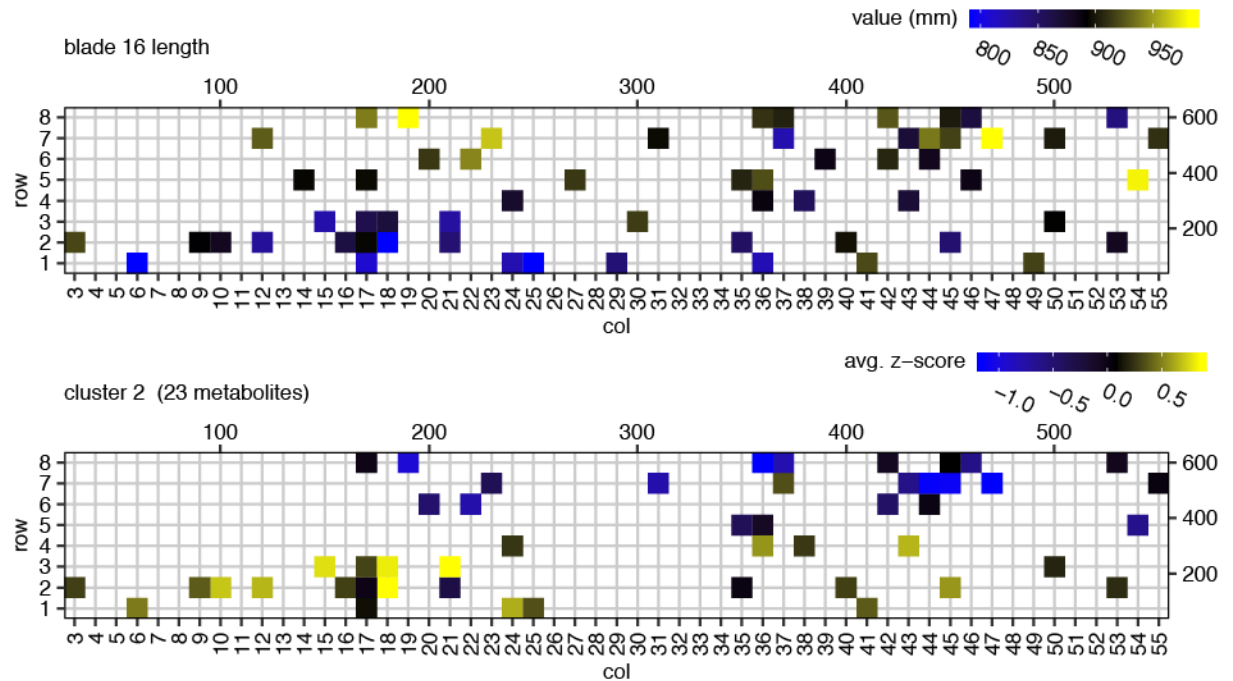
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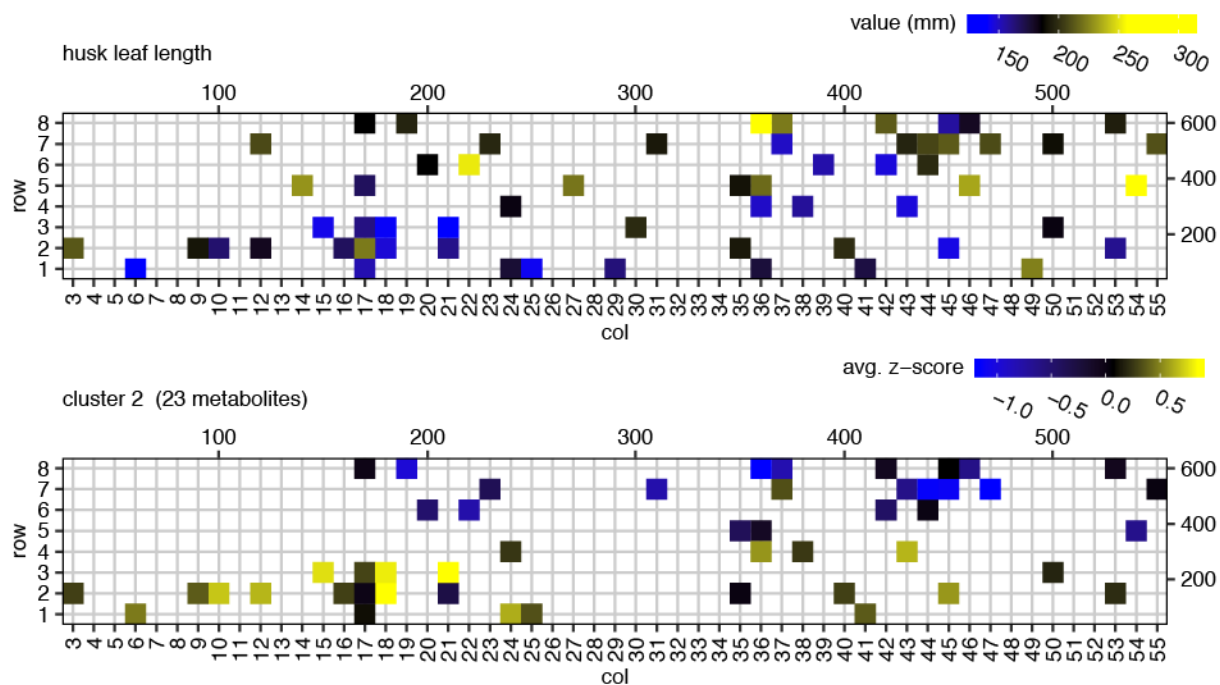
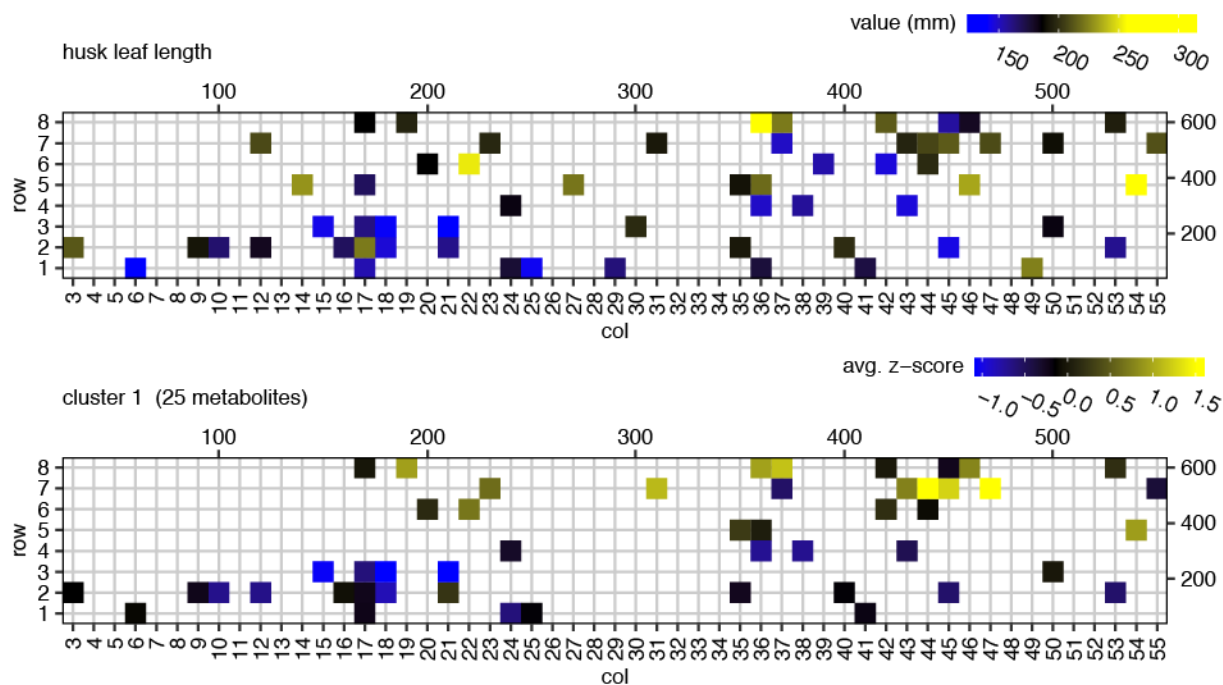
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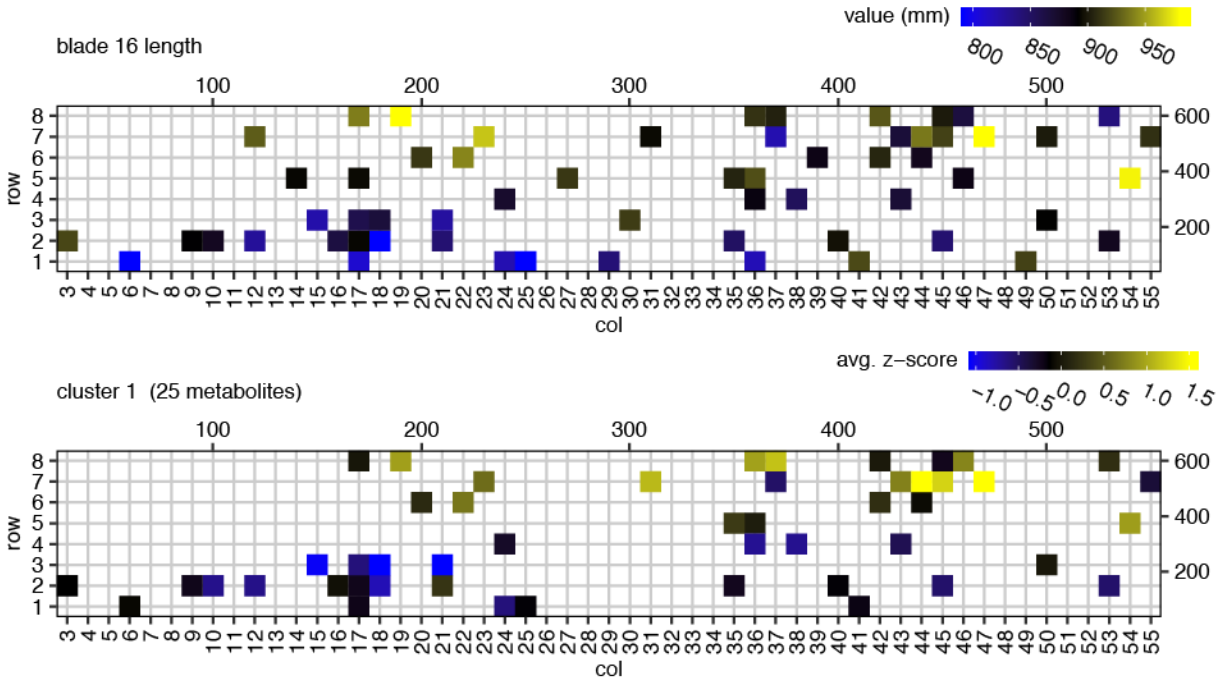
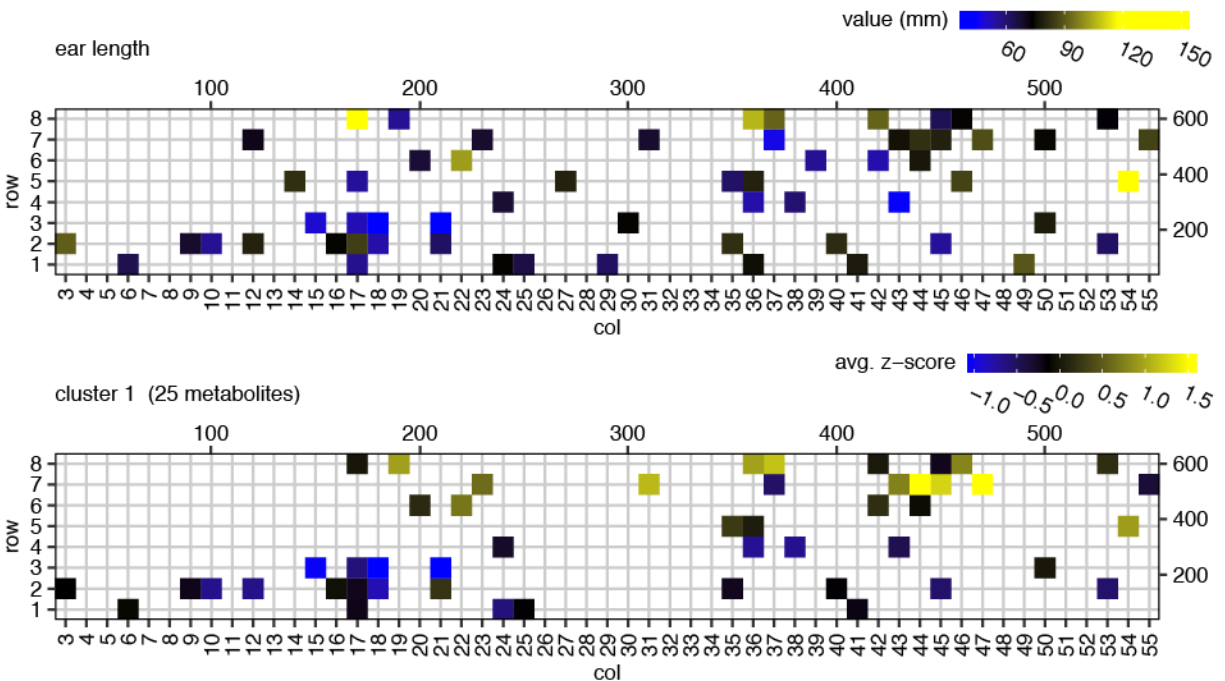
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Bblade 16 width vs metabolite cluster 1 (correlation = 0.69 $p = 4e-08$ $q = 2e-07$)**C**blade 16 length vs metabolite cluster 2 (correlation = -0.67 $p = 1e-07$ $q = 4e-07$)

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Dhusk leaf length vs metabolite cluster 2 (correlation = -0.66 $p = 2e-07$ $q = 6e-07$)**E**husk leaf length vs metabolite cluster 1 (correlation = 0.64 $p = 5e-07$ $q = 9e-07$)

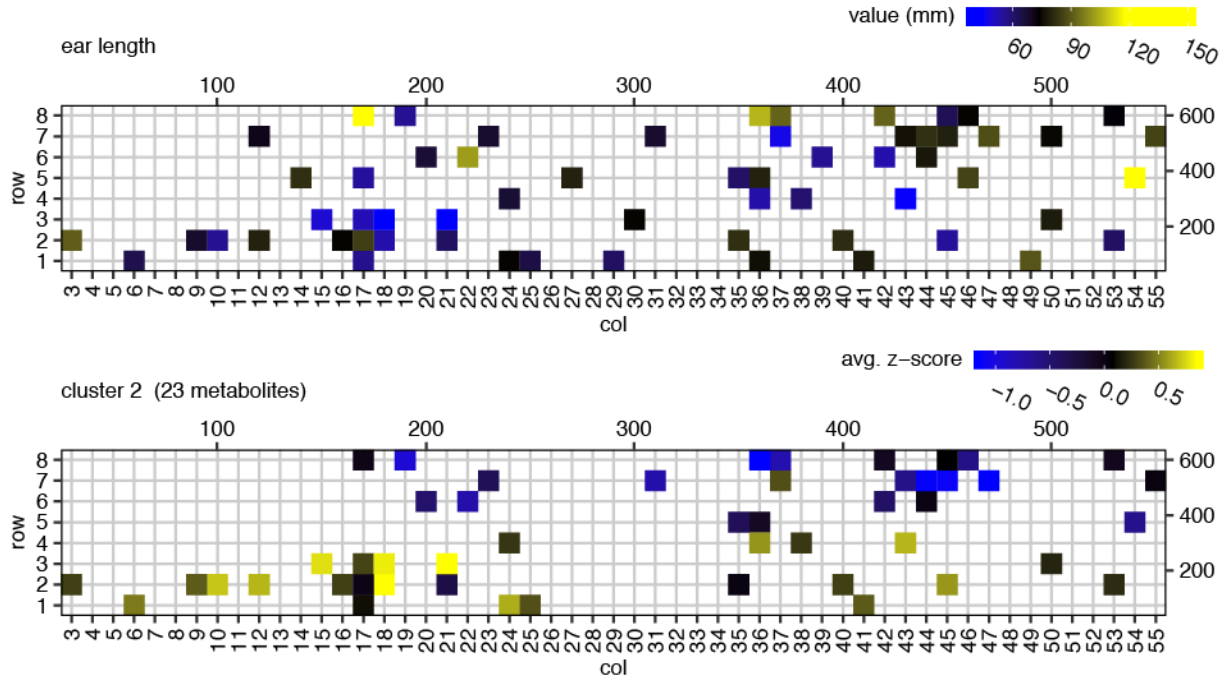
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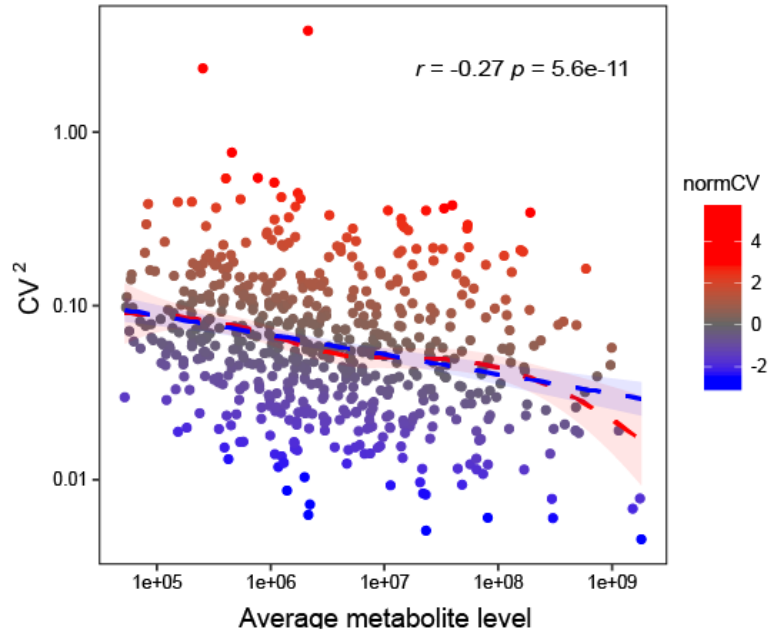
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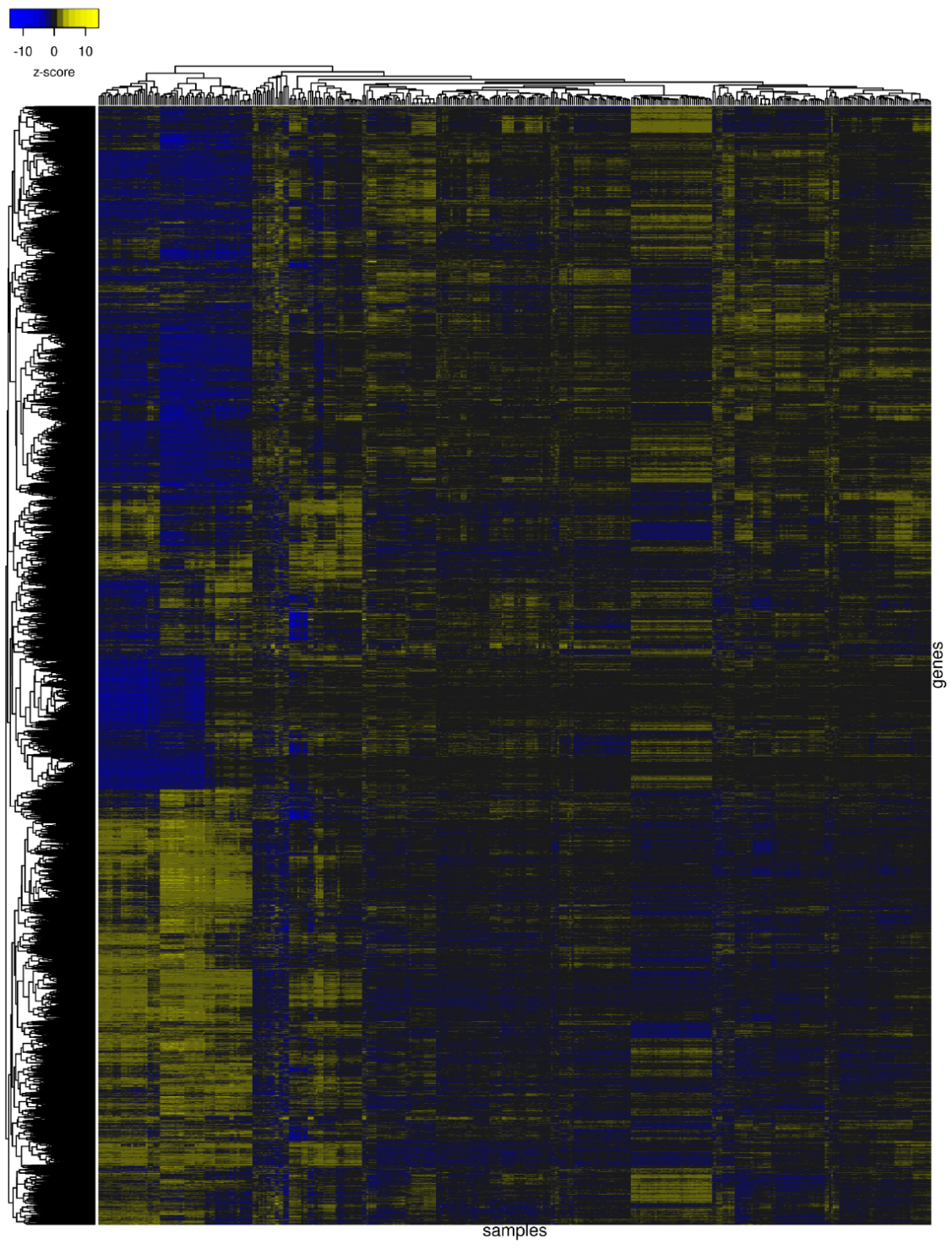
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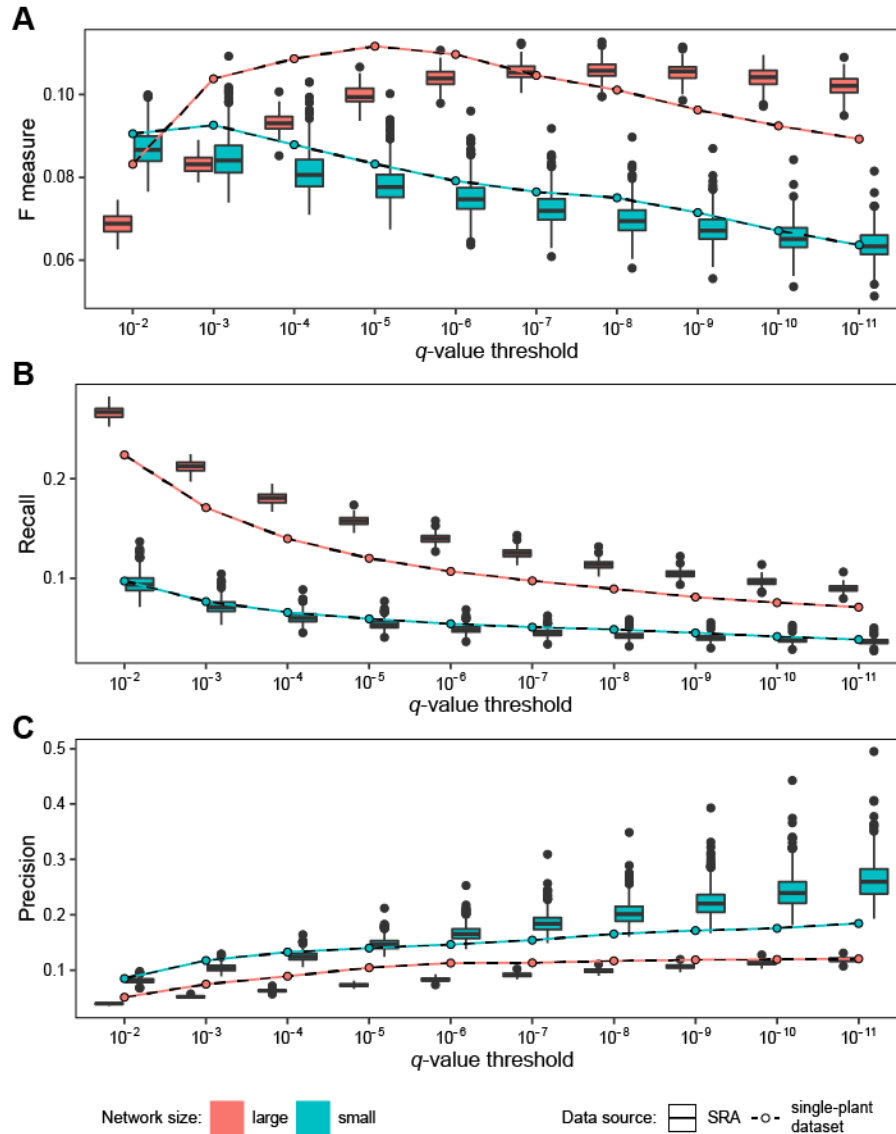
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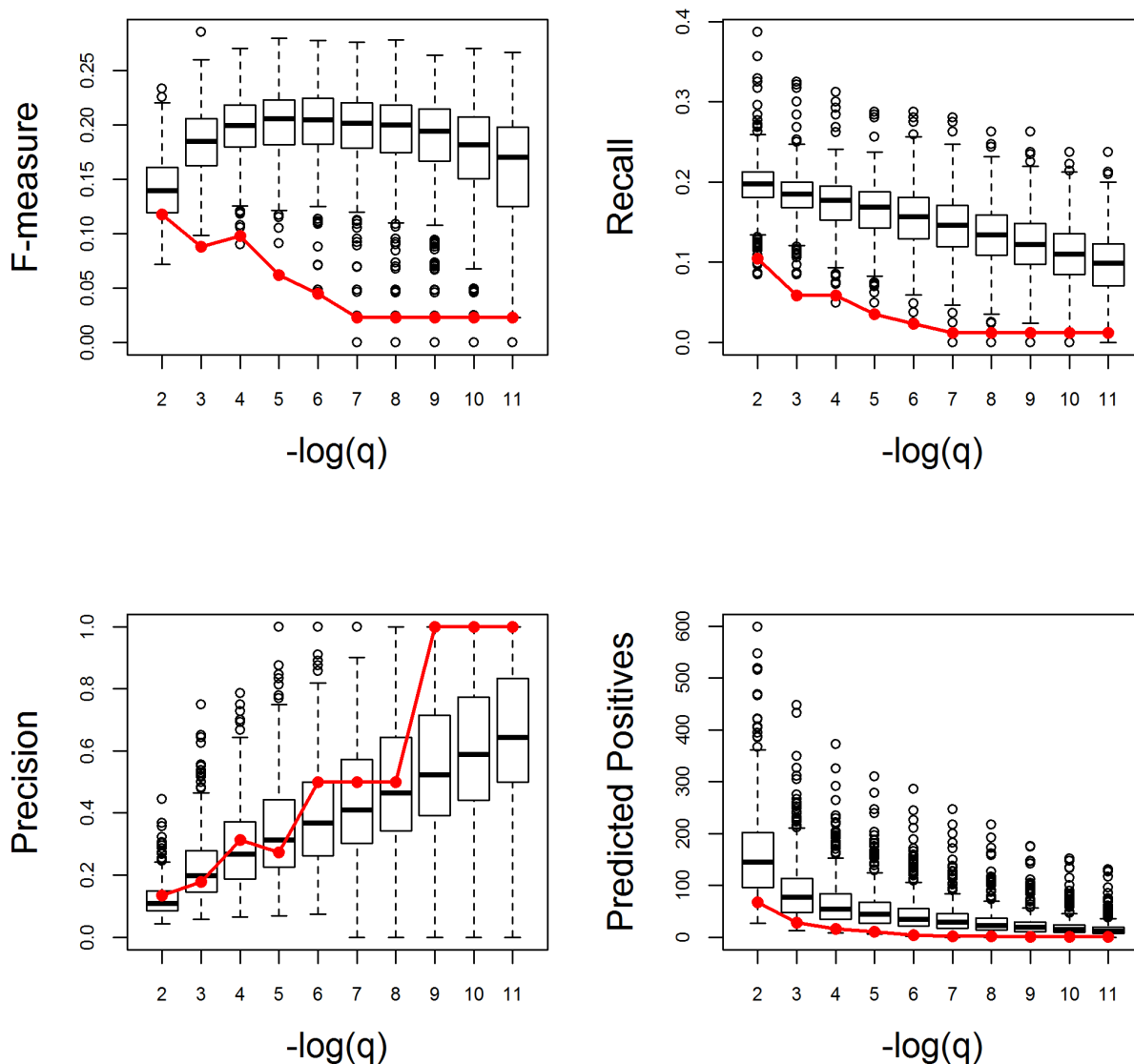


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Appendix Figure S13. Gene function prediction performance for coexpression networks of different size. Gene function prediction was done on networks learned from the single-plant data and from sampled SRA datasets (see Methods). For the small network performance stats (depicted in blue-green), both the single-plant network and the 500 sampled networks were thresholded to contain 878,079 edges (the same number as in the single-plant network at a Bonferroni-corrected p -value cutoff of 0.01 for edge significance). For the large network performance stats, 100 sampled networks were generated with 4,680,819 edges (the average amount of edges obtained for the sampled networks at a Bonferroni-corrected p -value cutoff of 0.01), and the single-plant network was thresholded to contain the same amount of edges. Panels **(A)** to **(C)** depict F-measure, recall and precision curves for the resulting networks at various FDR thresholds, as in Fig 5. Except at lower confidence thresholds ($q \geq 10^{-3}$), larger networks generally have higher gene function prediction performance, as measured by the F-measure.

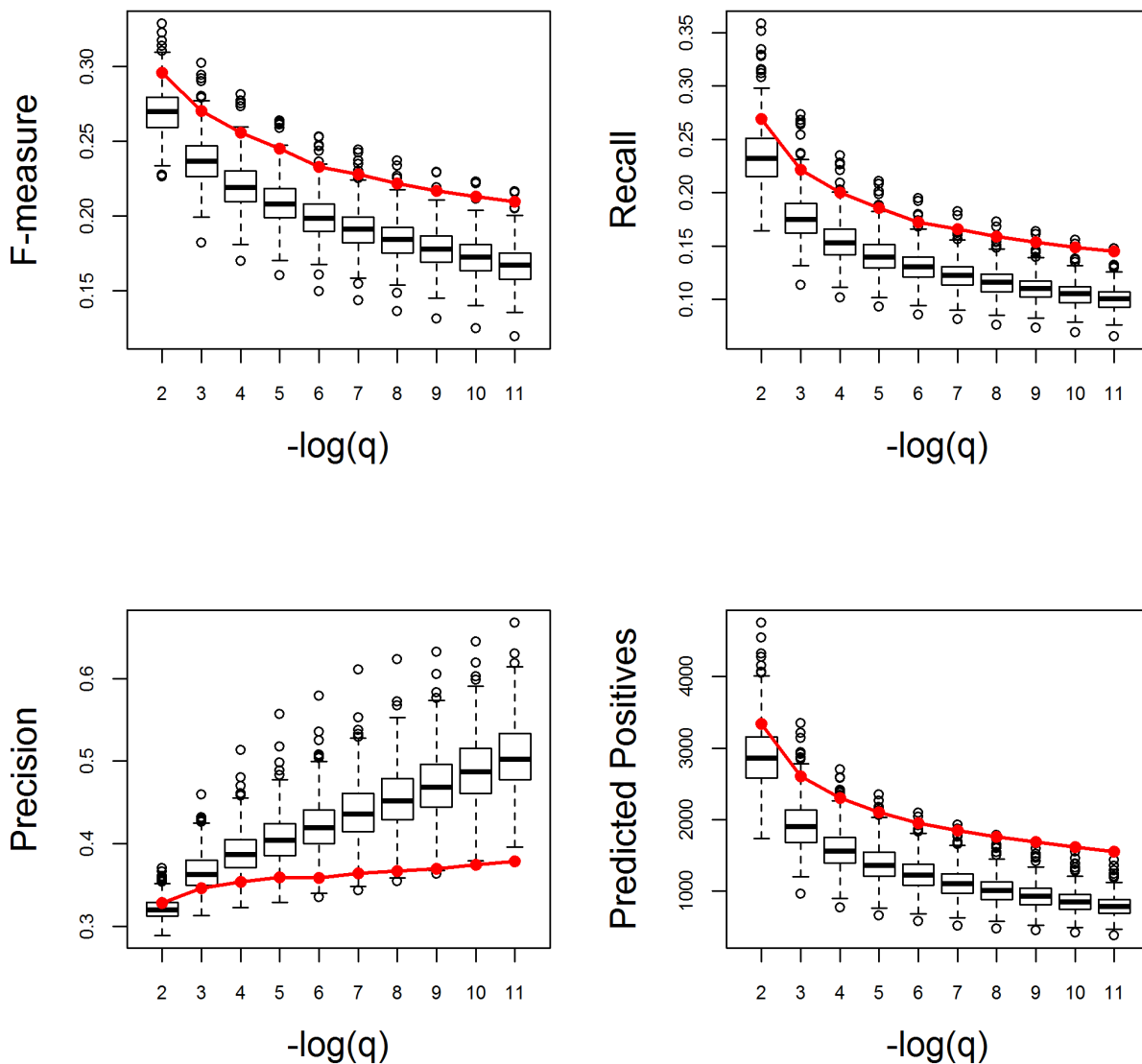
Beta-glucan metabolic process. Very Poor



Appendix Figure S14. Gene function prediction performance plots for the GO categories listed in Dataset EV9. For each GO category, four panels are shown depicting the F-measure, recall, precision and the number of predicted positives (true positives + false positives) for the single plant network (red line) and the sampled SRA networks (box-and-whisker plots) for FDR thresholds ranging from 10^{-2} to 10^{-11} . Very general and uninformative GO categories, such as ‘biological process’, are not plotted. In addition, GO categories for which the single plant network and over half of the sampled networks produced no predictions at $q \leq 0.01$ are omitted (see Methods). When a network produced zero predictions at a certain FDR threshold, the F-measure, recall and precision were set to zero in order to make a fair comparison to other networks that do have predictions at this FDR threshold. Boxes extend from the 25th to the 75th percentile, with the median indicated by the central black line. Whiskers extend from each end of the box to the

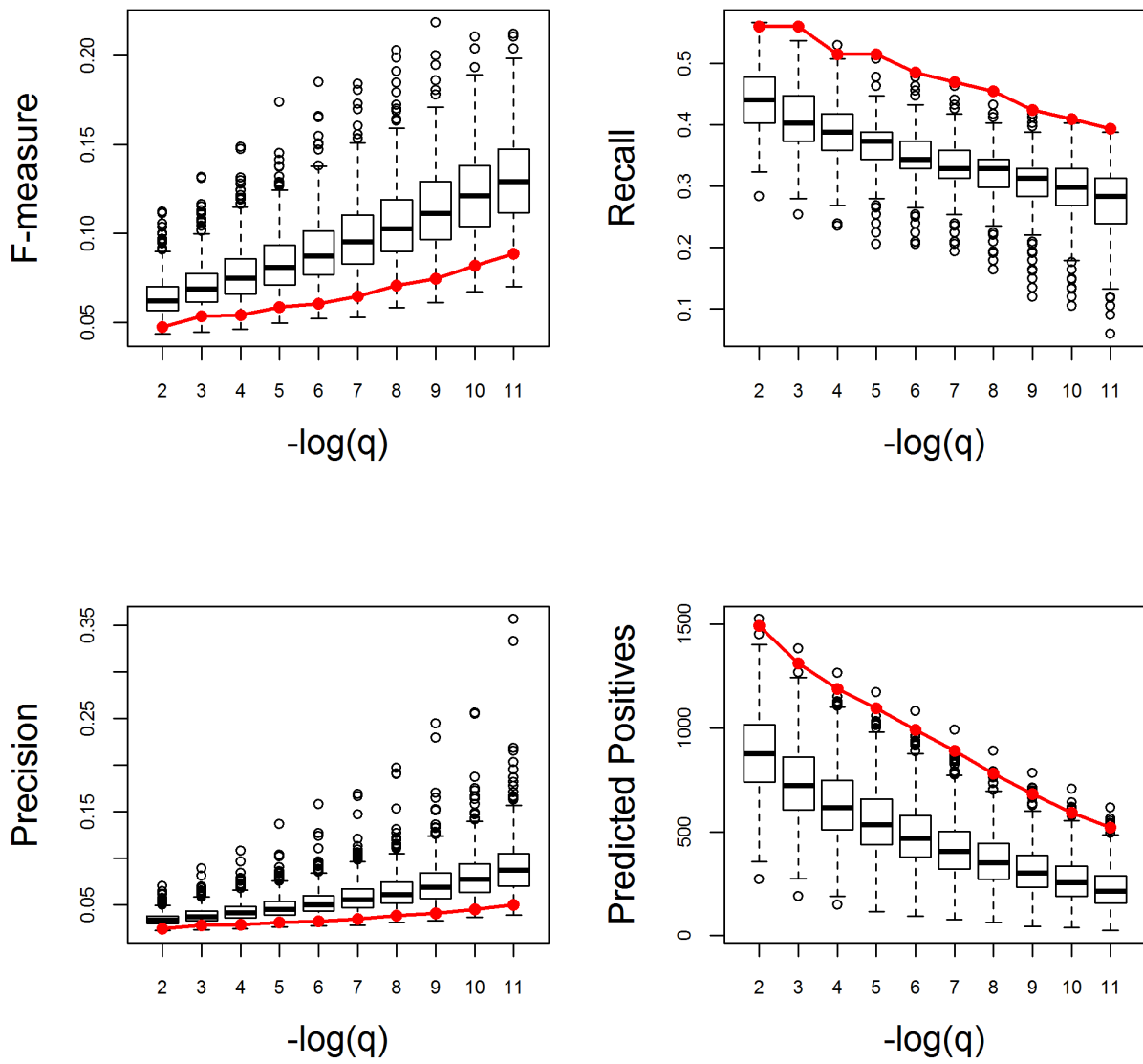
most extreme values within 1.5 times the interquartile range from the respective end. Data points beyond this range are displayed as little black circles. The label next to the GO name on top of each plot (Very Good, Good, Average, Poor, Very Poor) indicates how well the single plant network scored compared to the sampled SRA networks (see Methods).

Biosynthetic process. Very Good



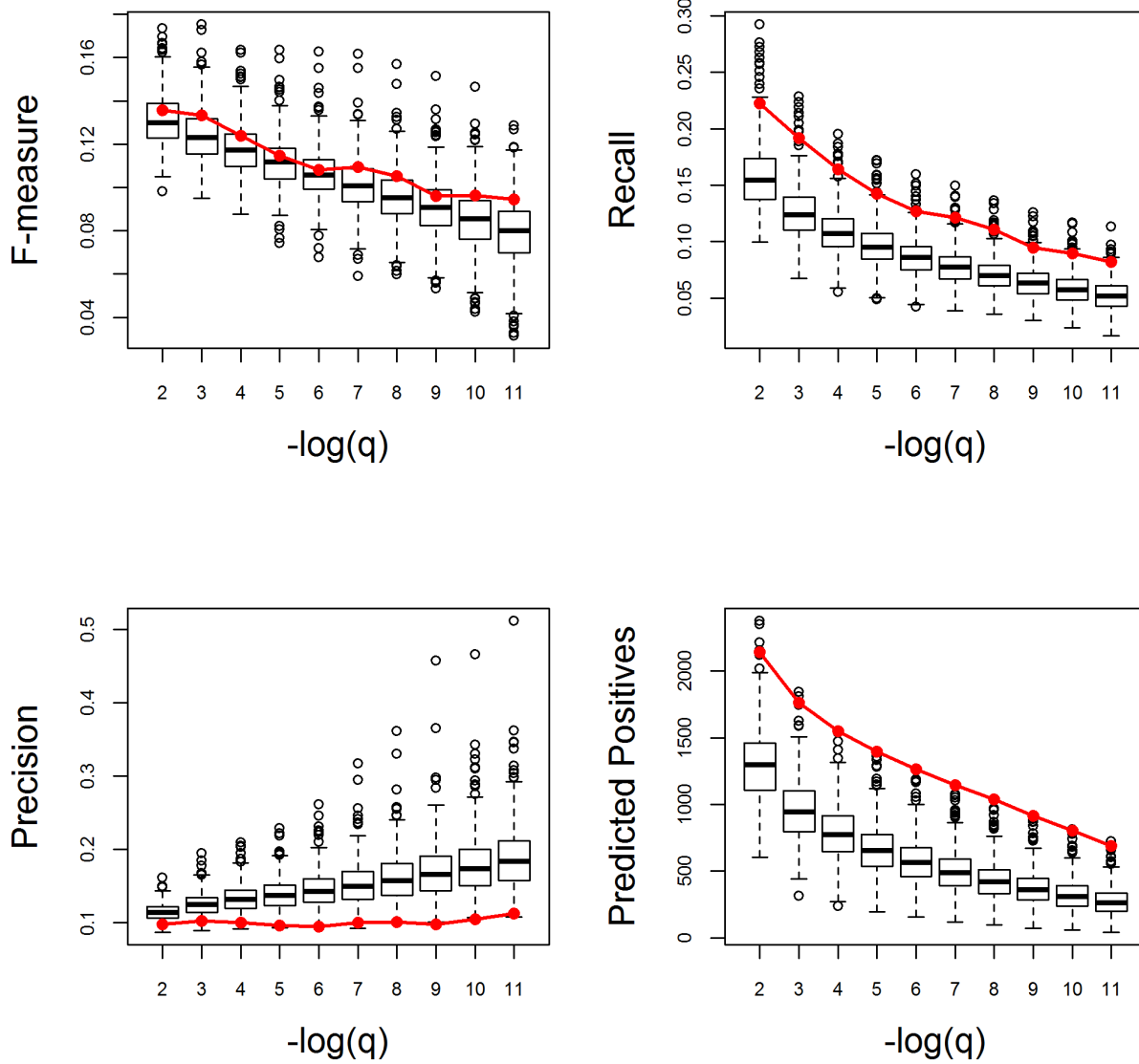
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C4 photosynthesis. Very Poor



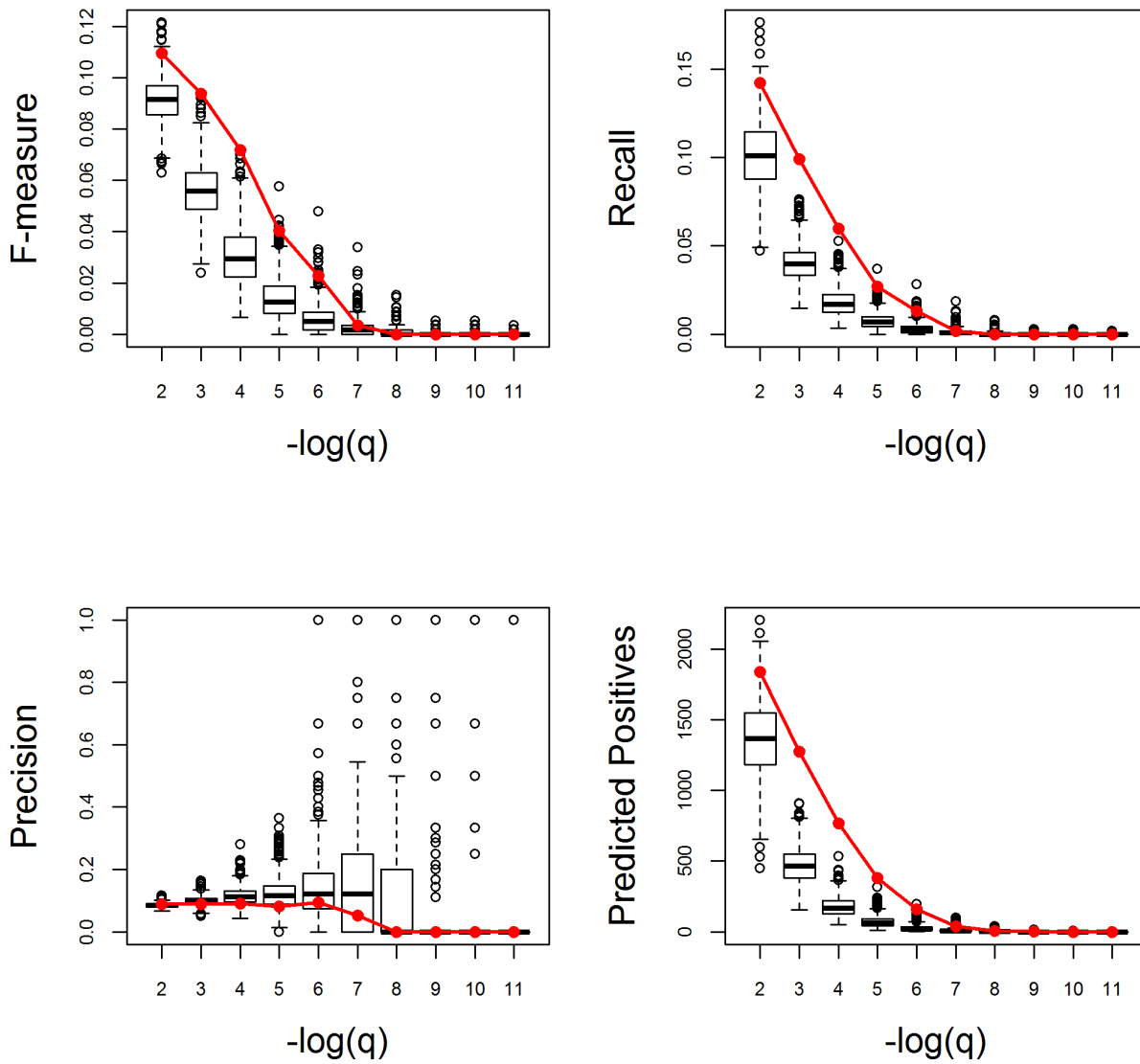
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Carbohydrate metabolic process. Good



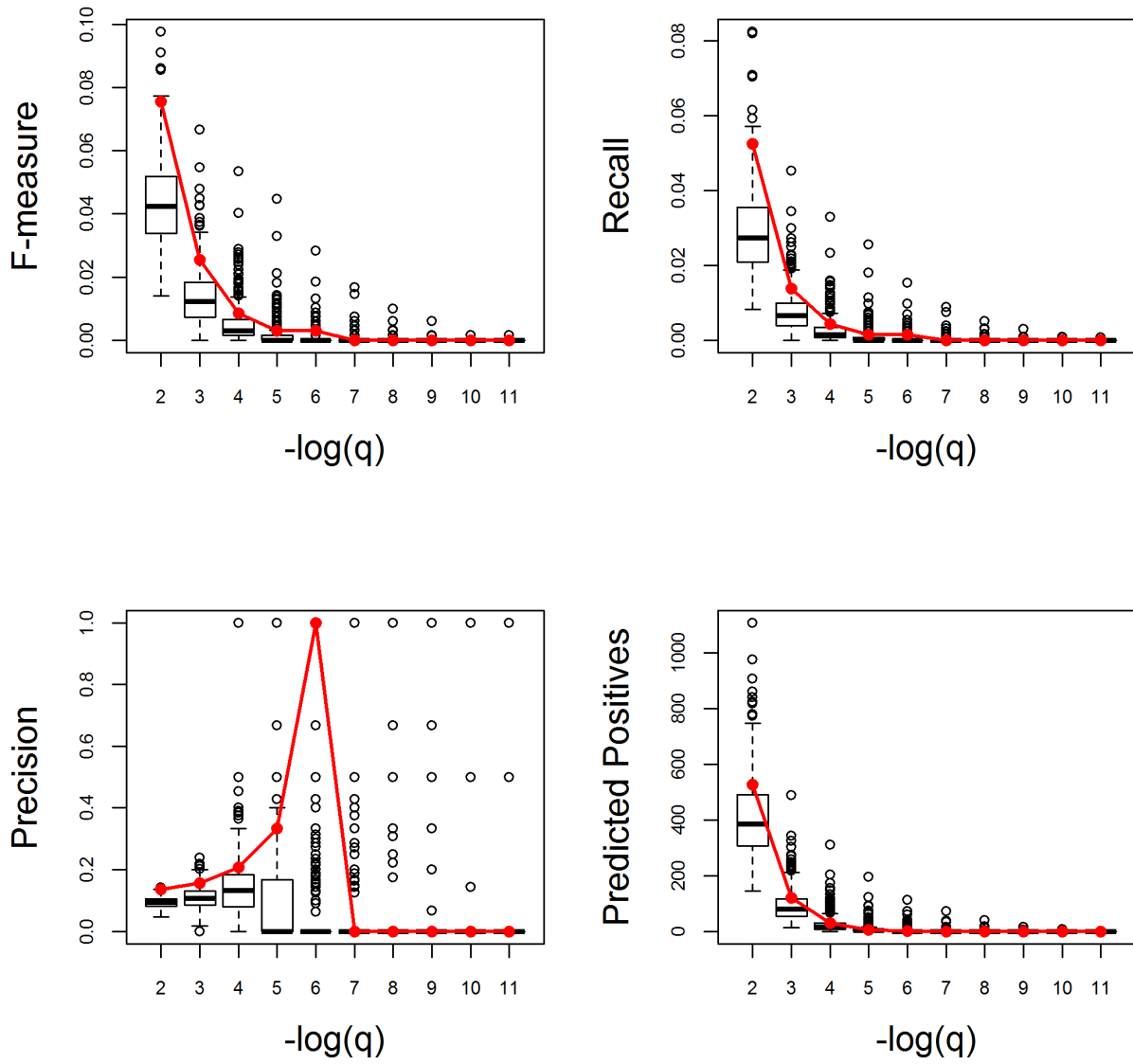
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Catabolic process. Very Good



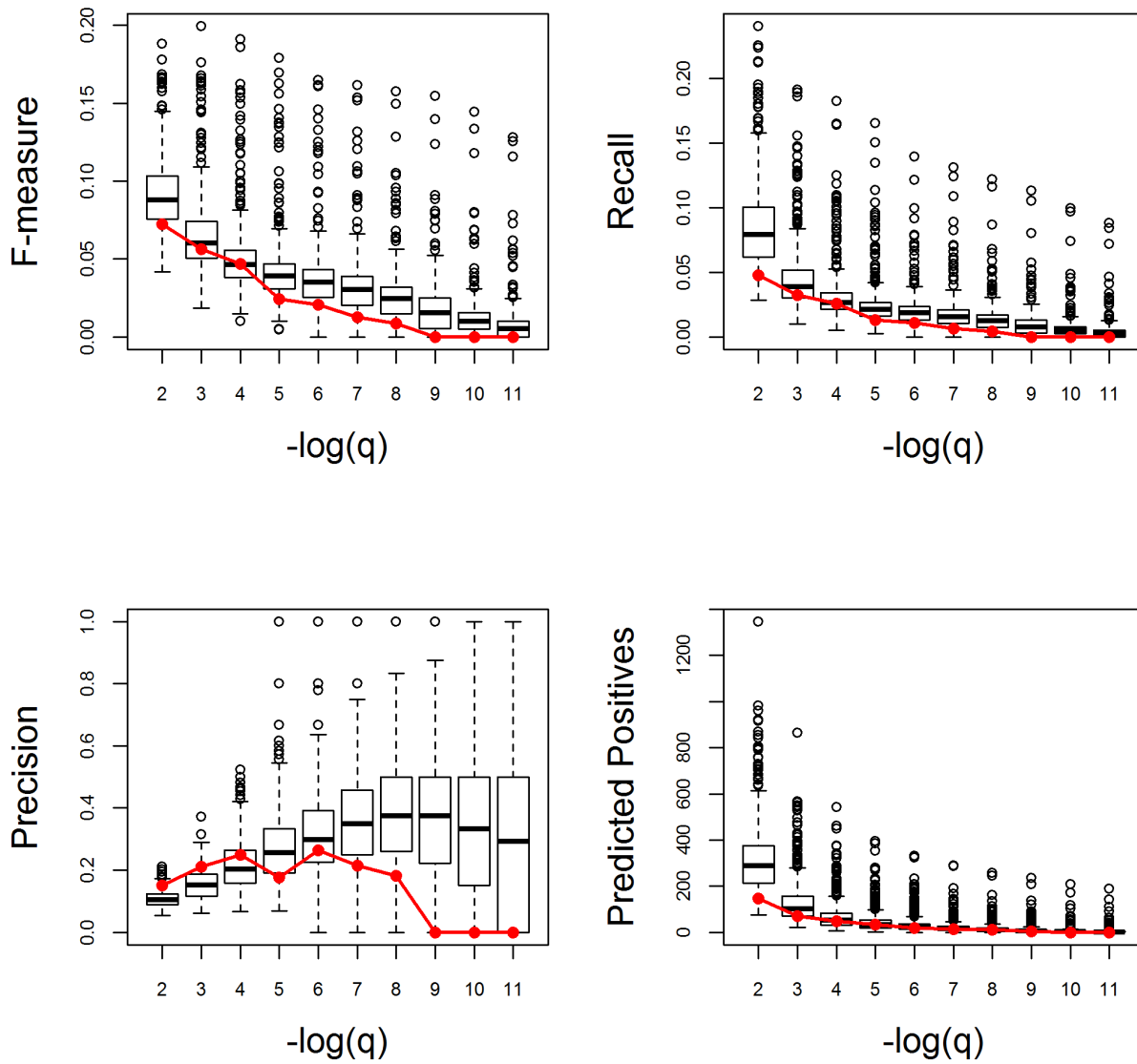
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Cell communication. Very Good



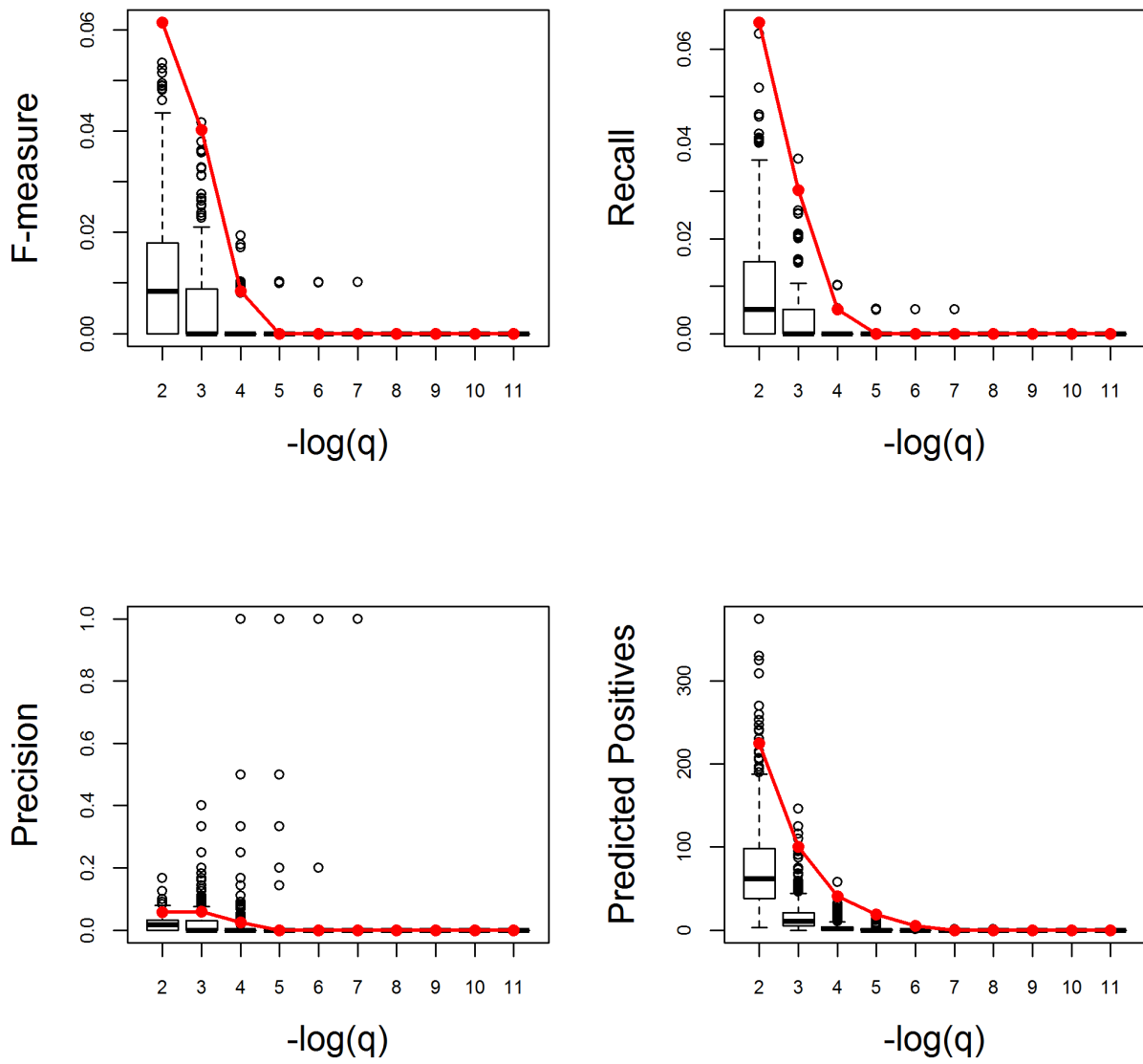
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Cell cycle. Very Poor



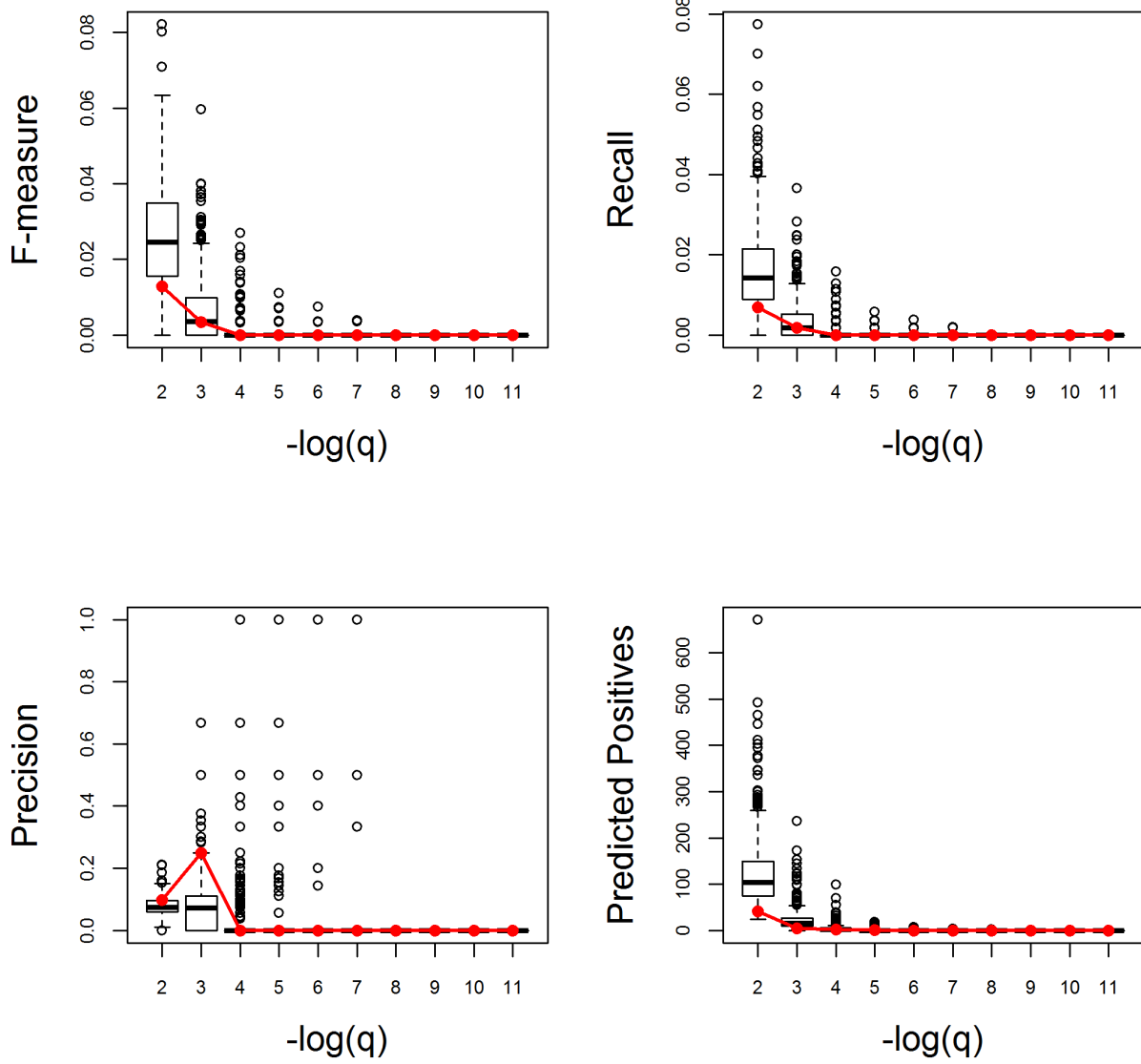
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Cell death. Very Good



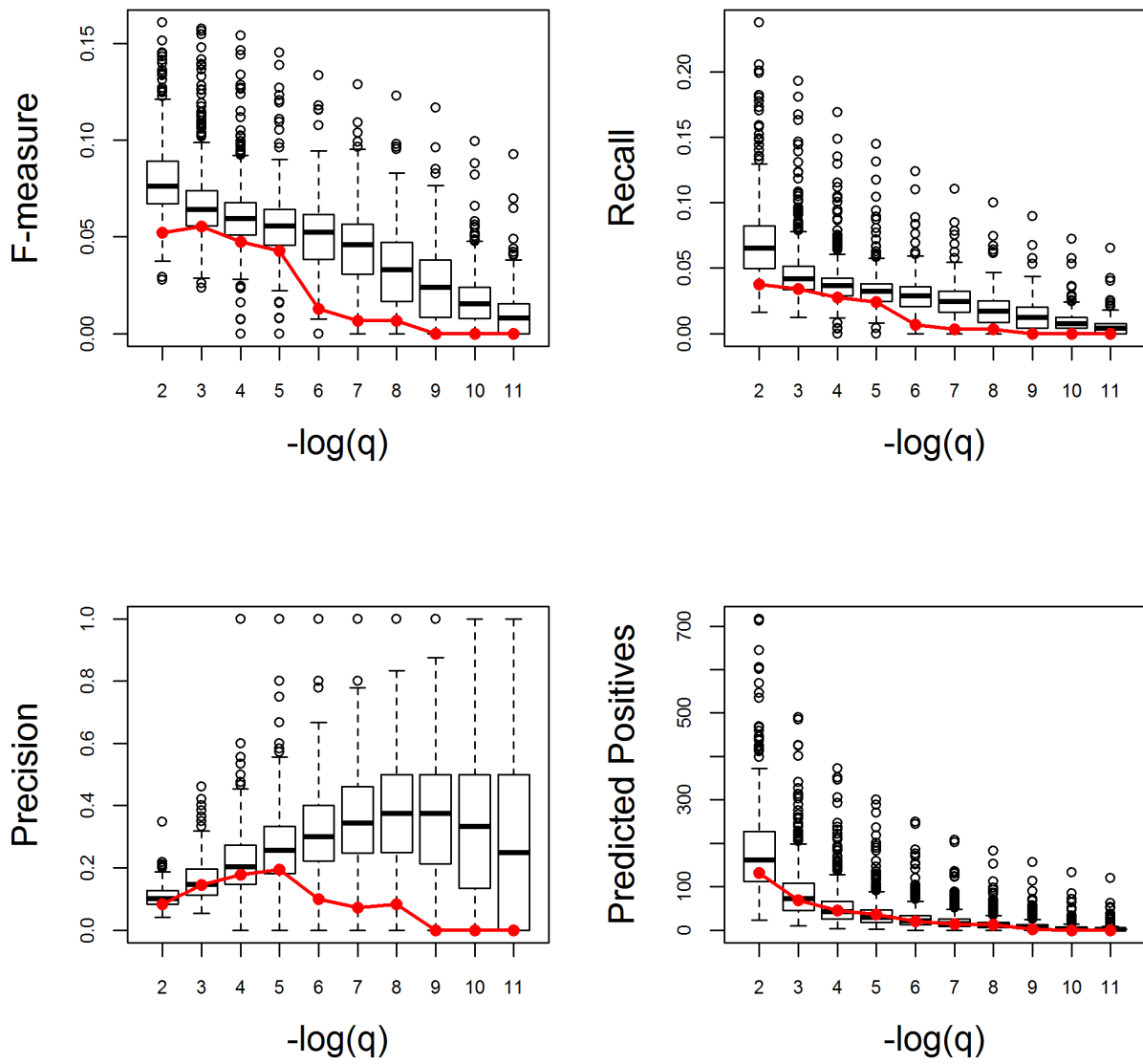
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Cell differentiation. Poor



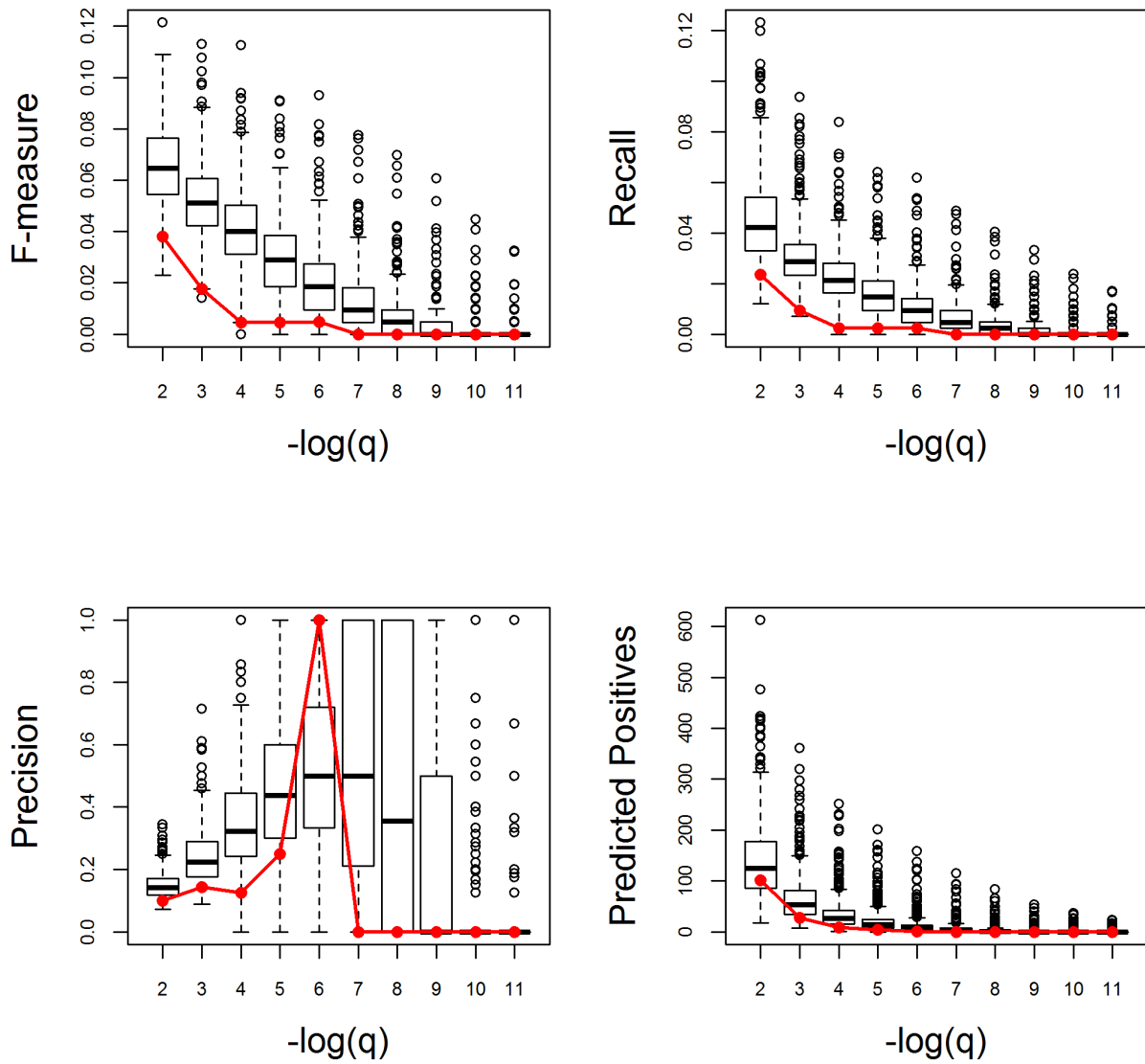
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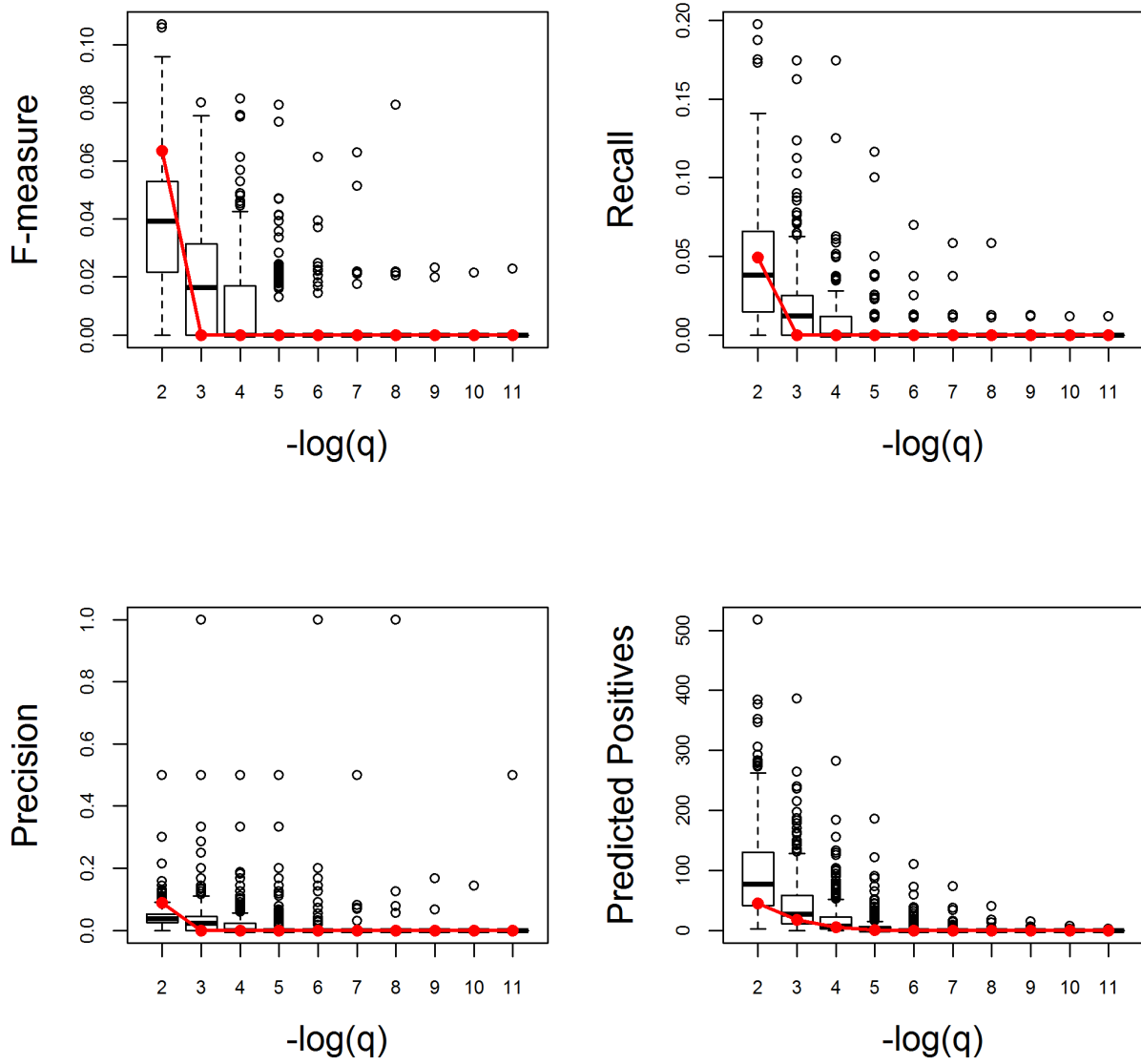
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Cell growth. Very Poor



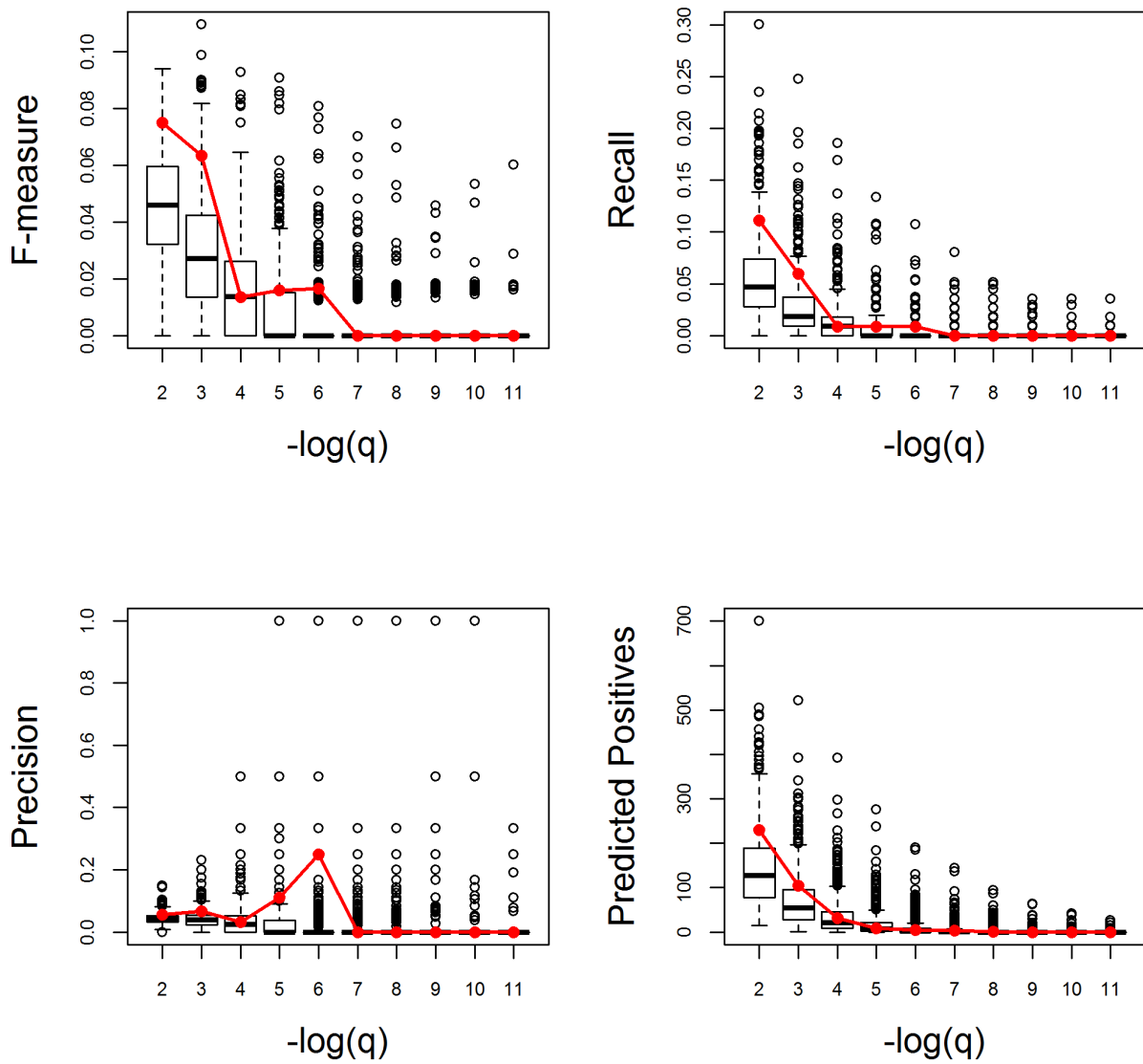
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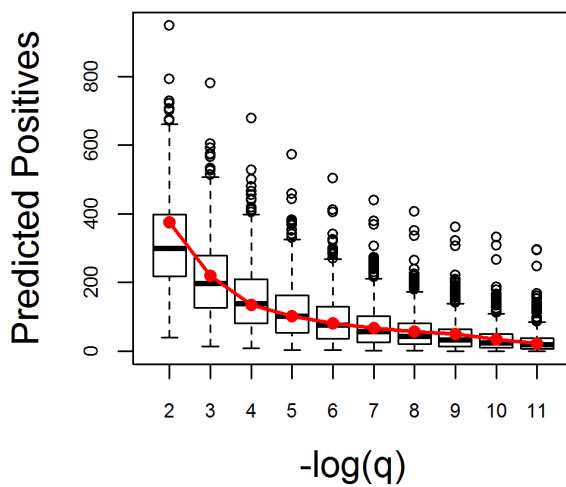
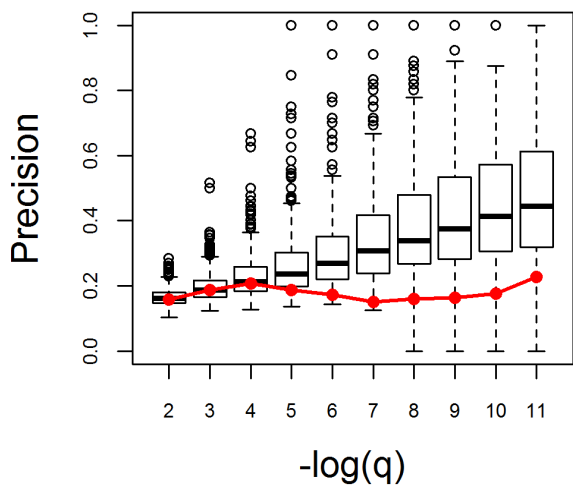
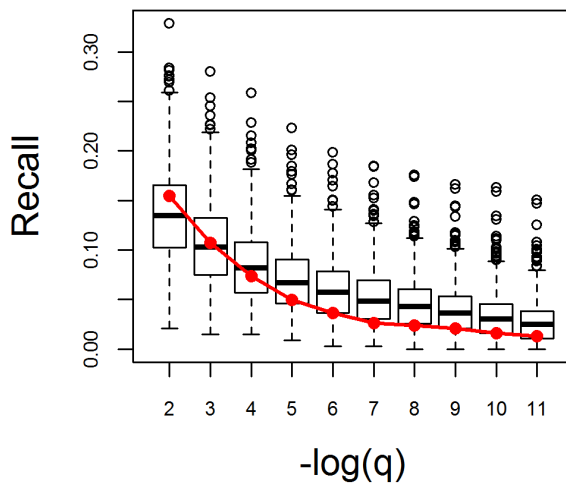
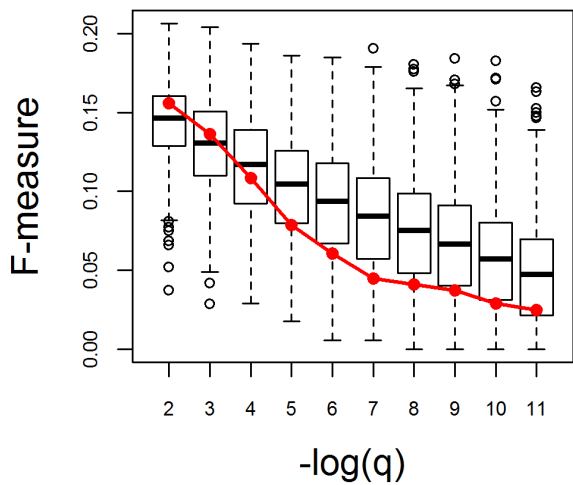
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Cell wall macromolecule metabolic process. Very Good



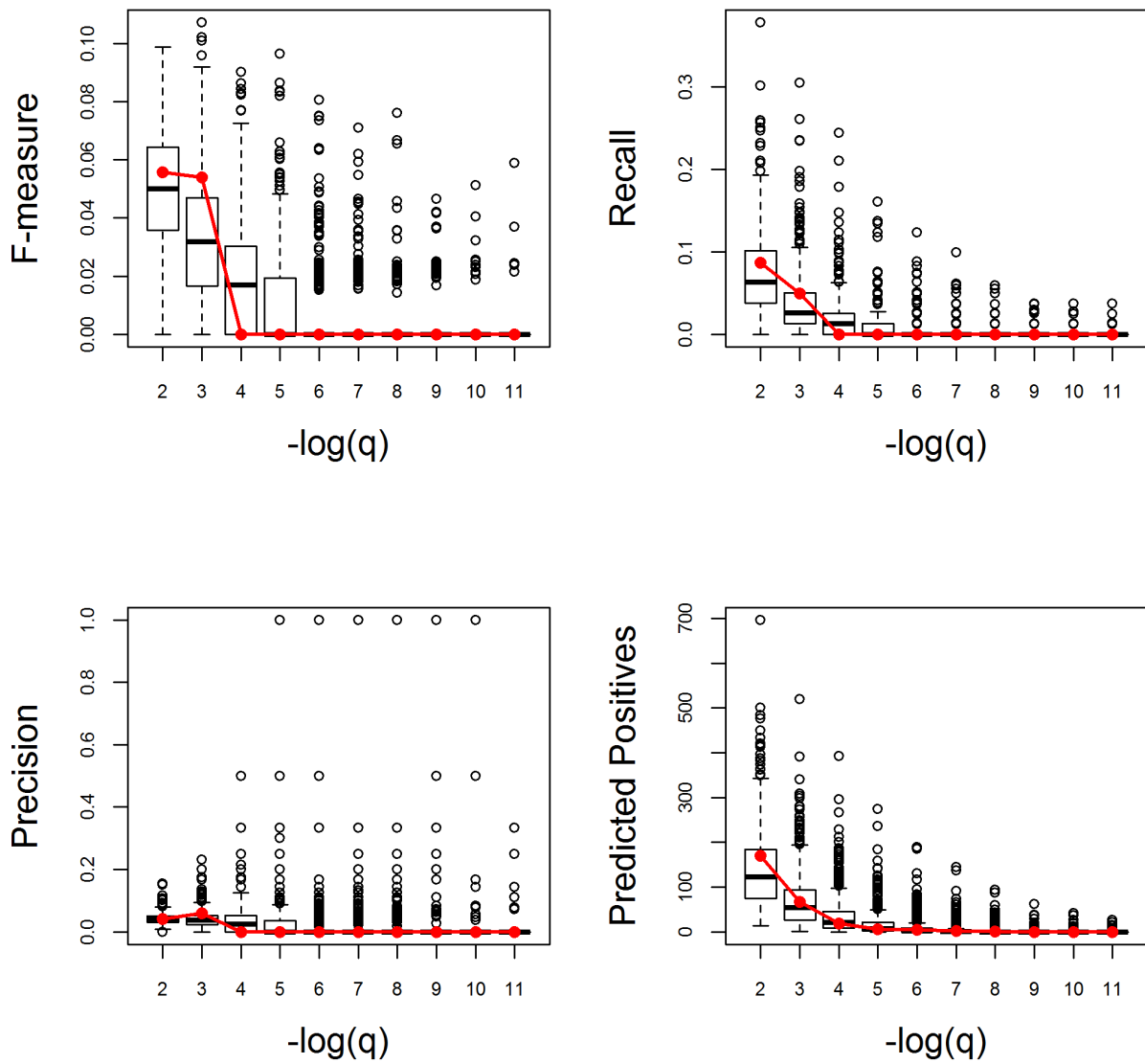
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Cell wall organization or biogenesis. Poor



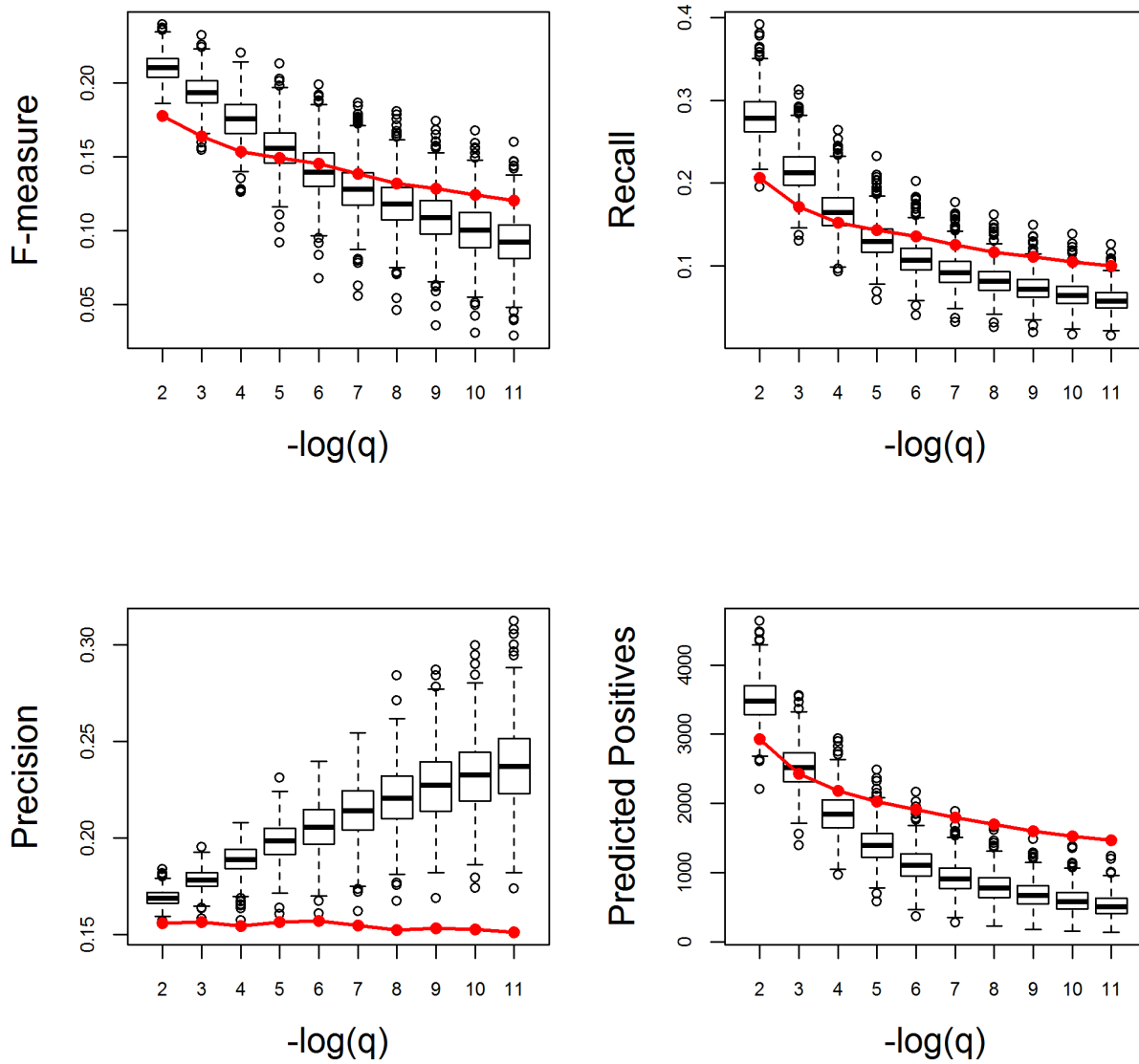
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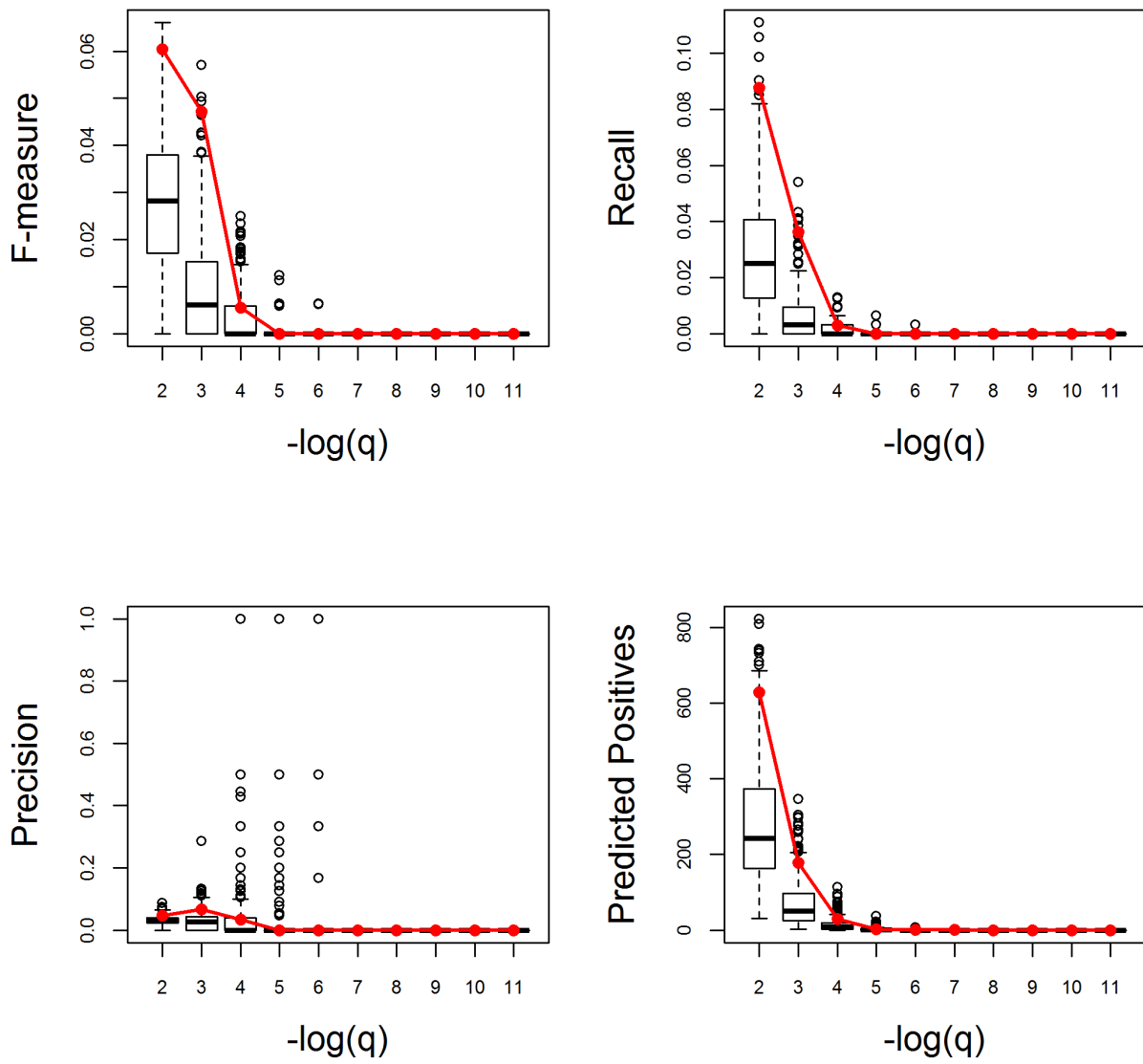
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Cellular component organization. Average



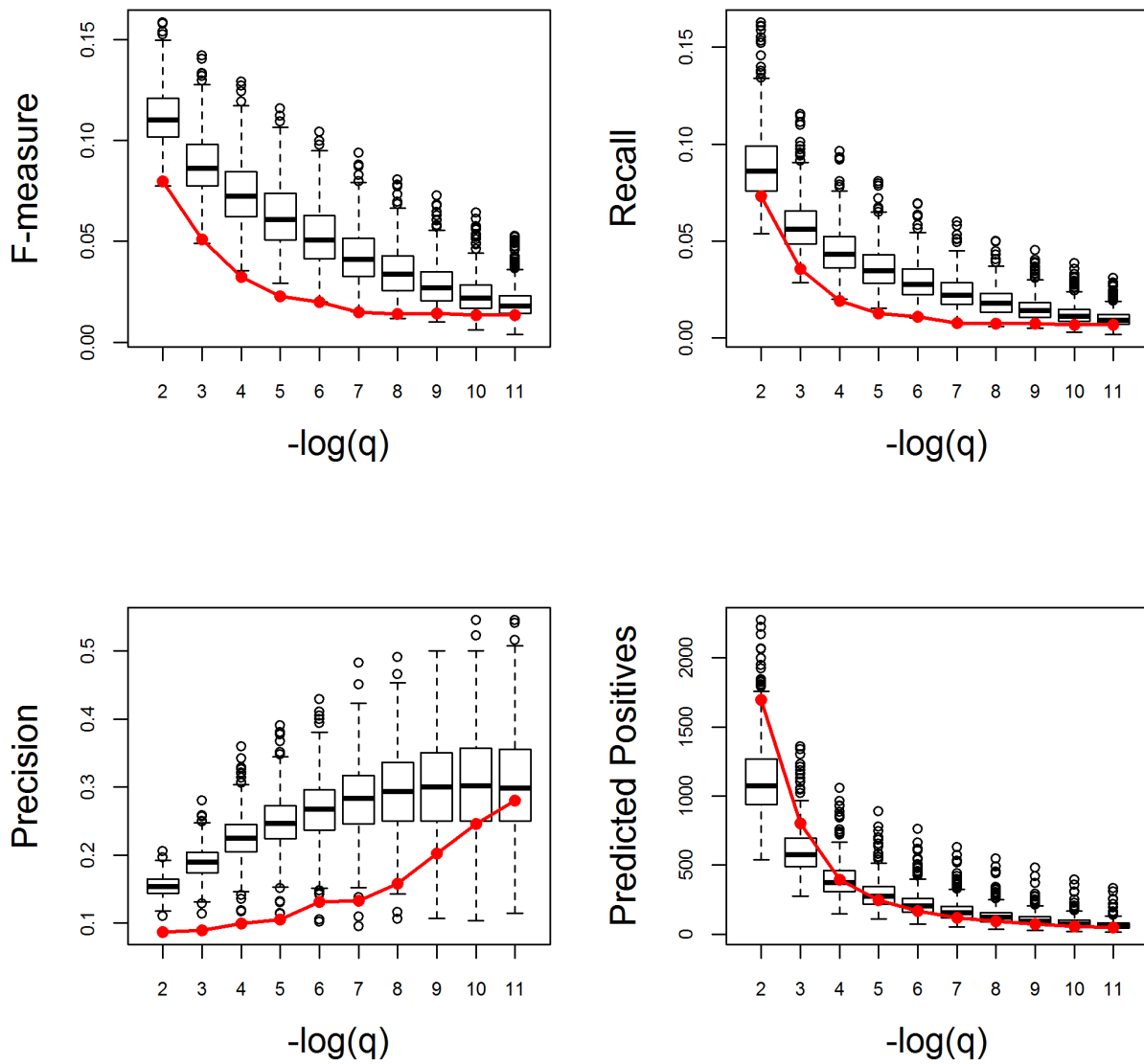
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Cellular homeostasis. Very Good



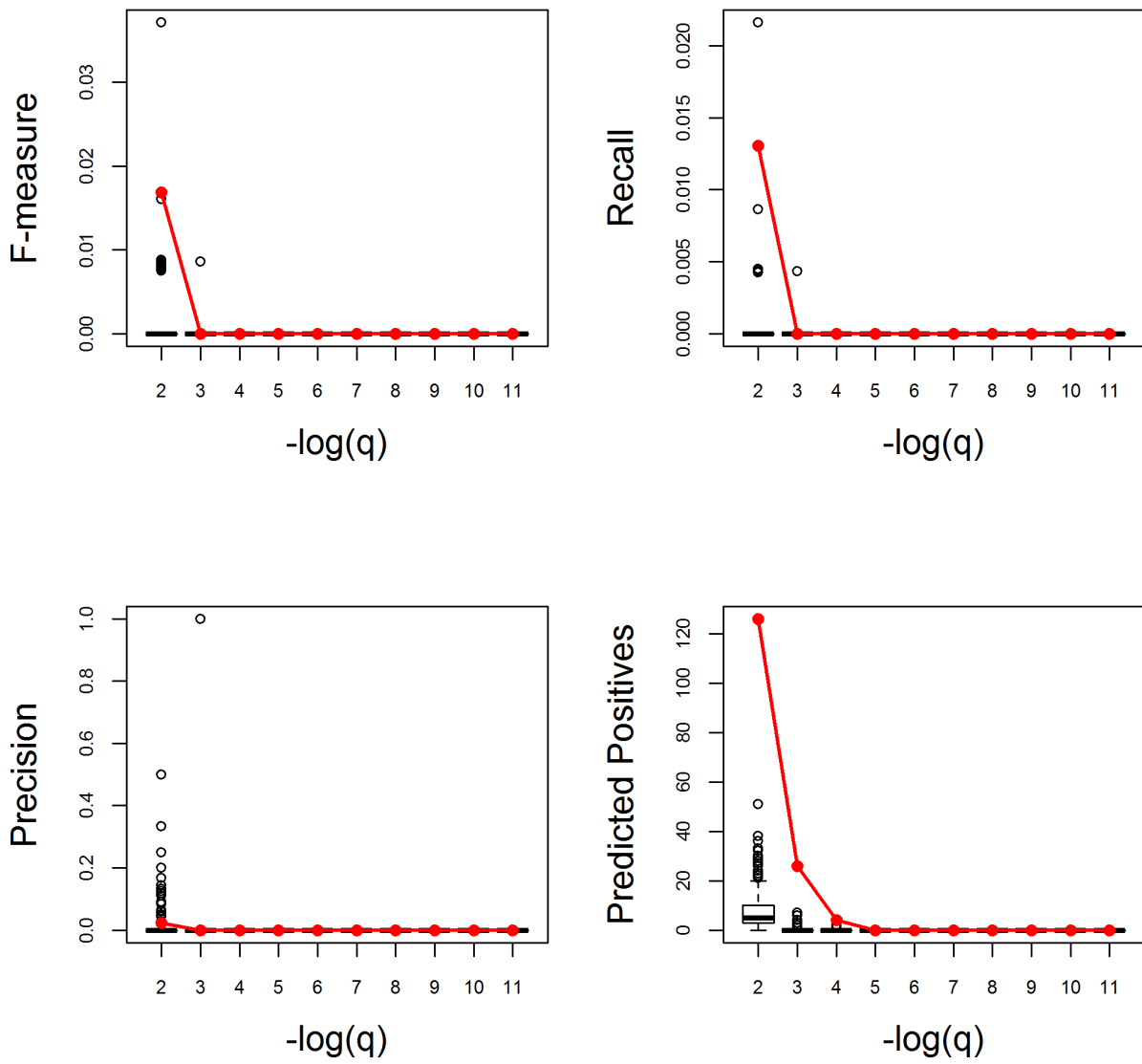
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Cellular protein modification process. Very Poor



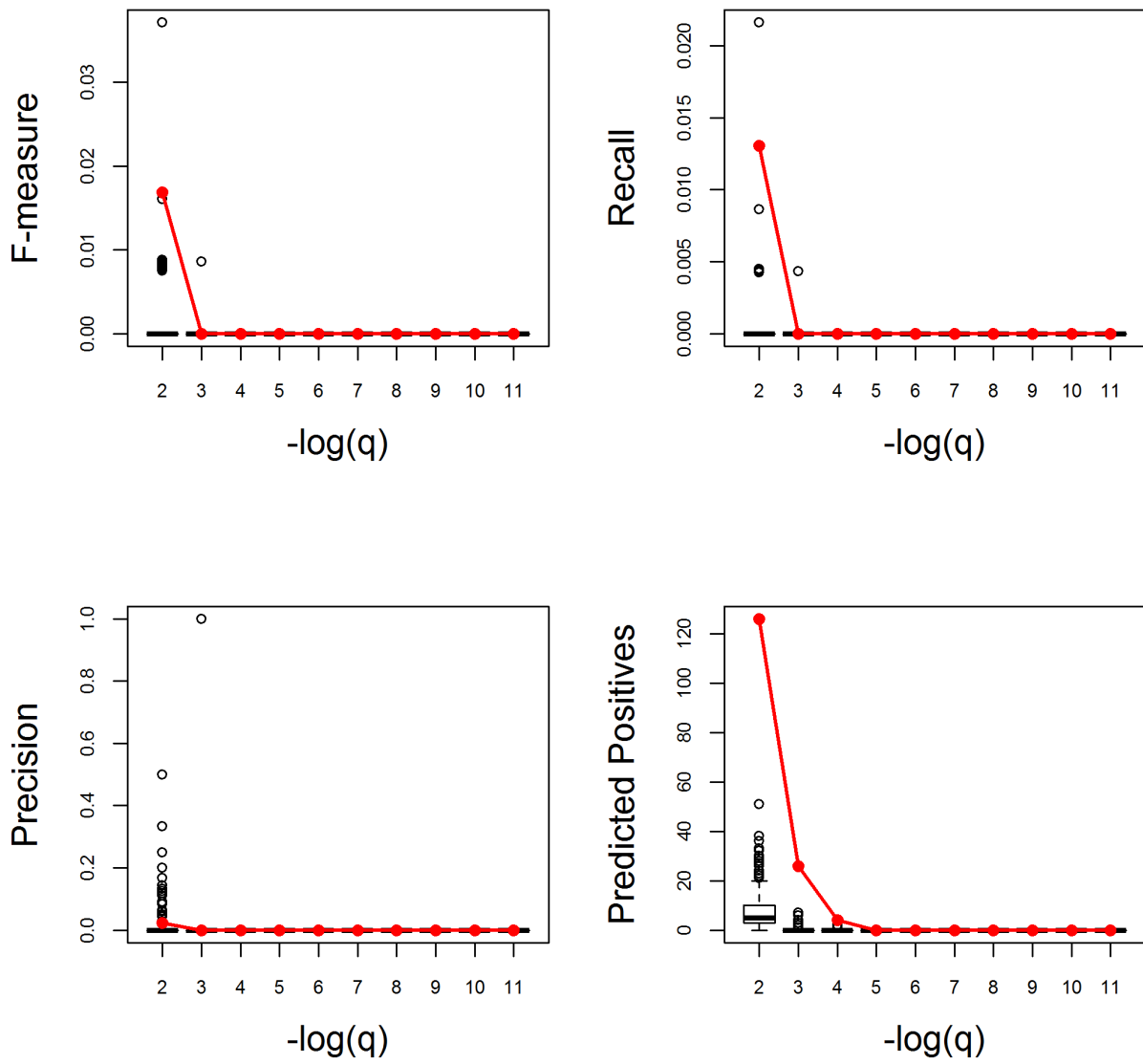
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Cellular response to abscisic acid stimulus. Very Good



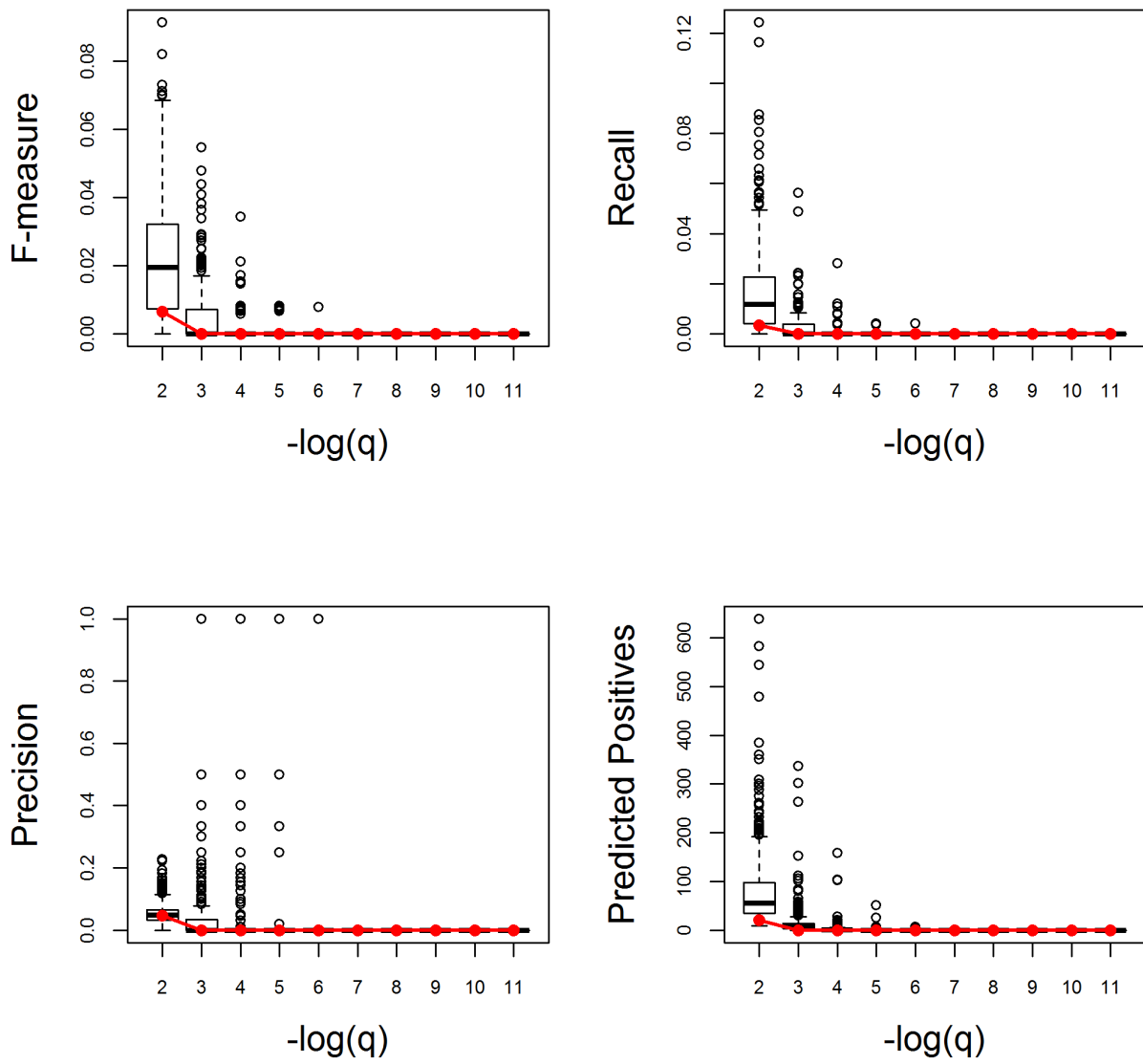
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Cellular response to alcohol. Very Good



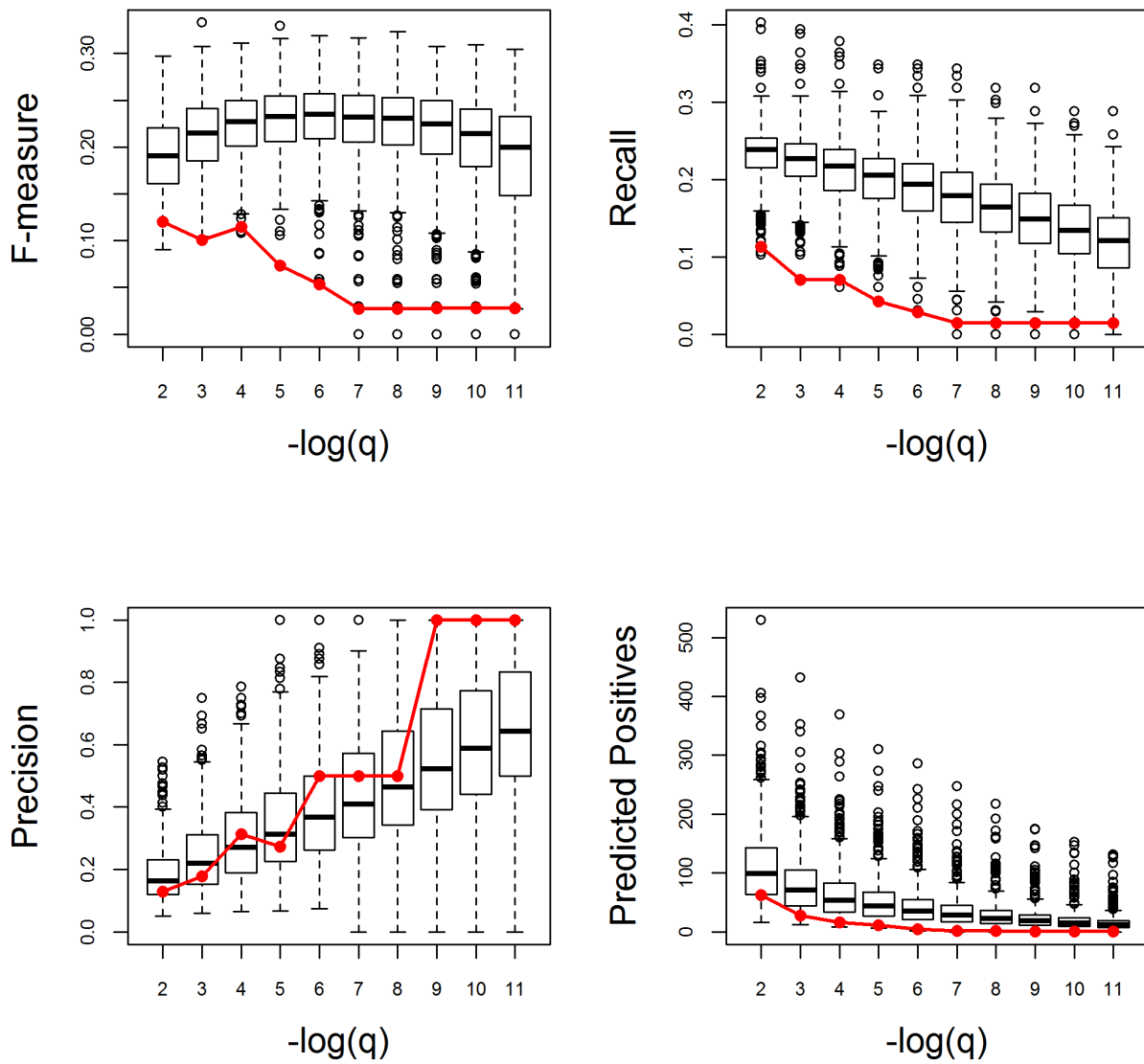
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Cellular response to DNA damage stimulus. Very Poor



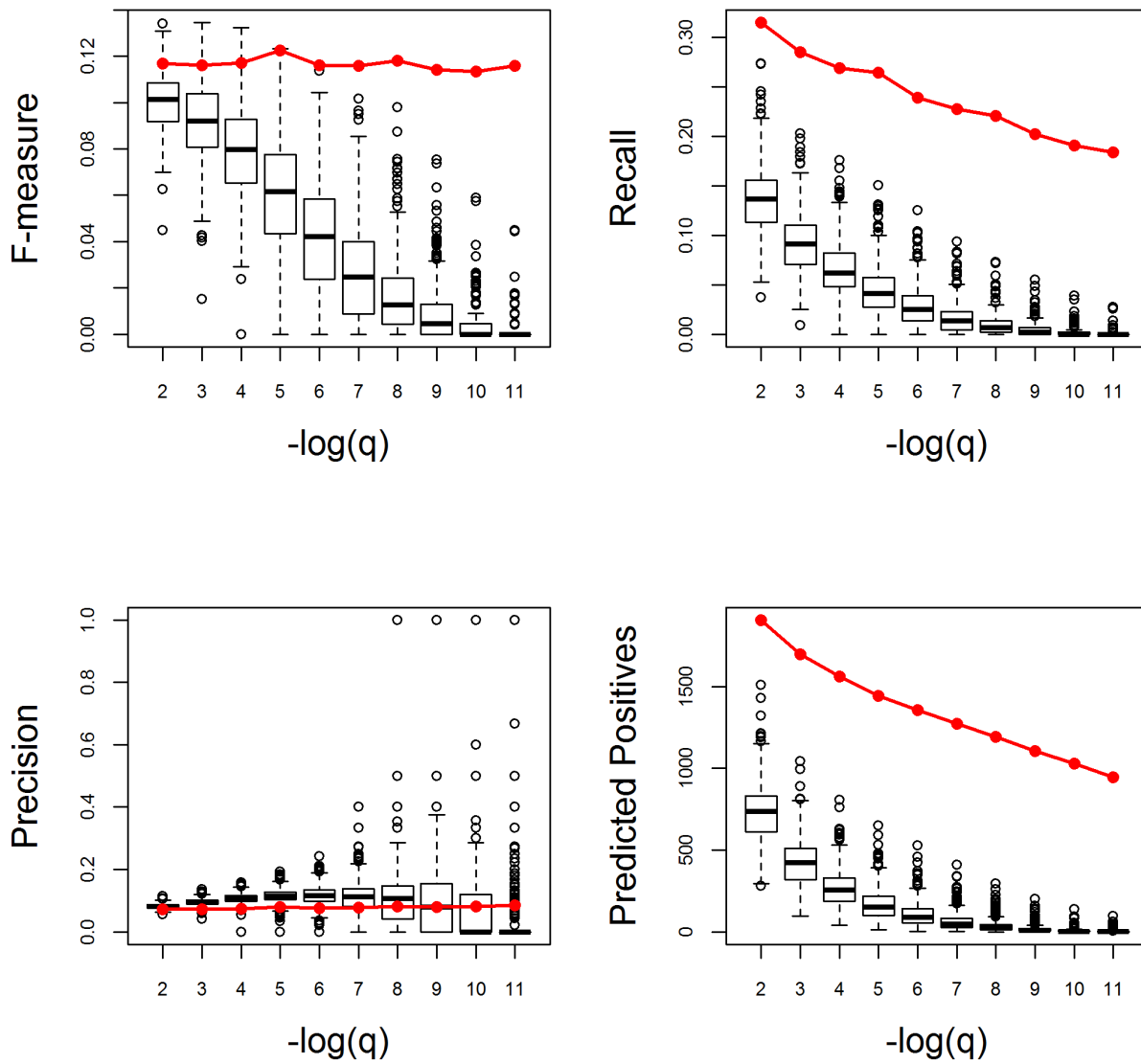
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Cellulose metabolic process. Very Poor



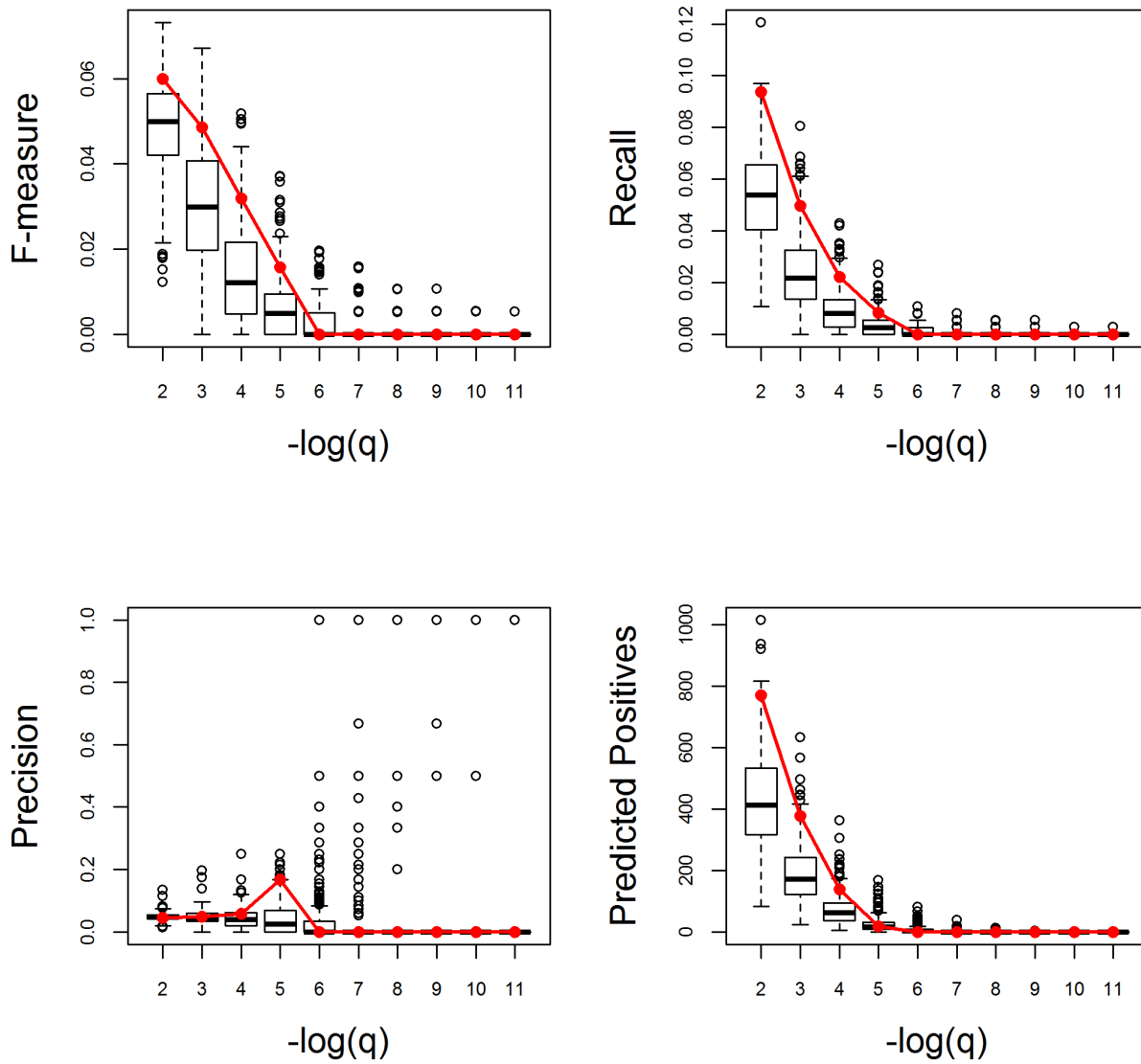
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Cofactor metabolic process. Very Good



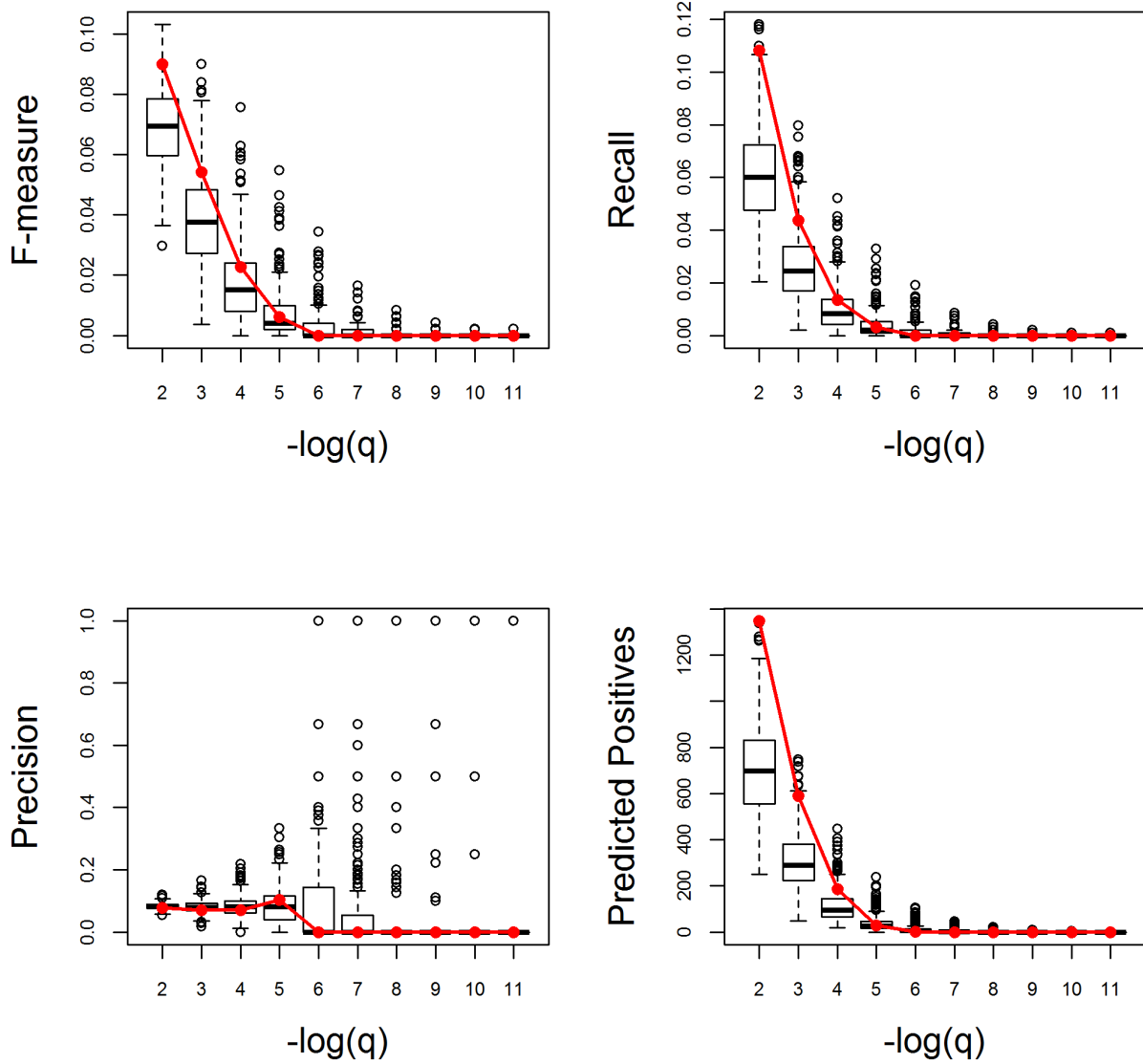
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Defense response to bacterium. Very Good



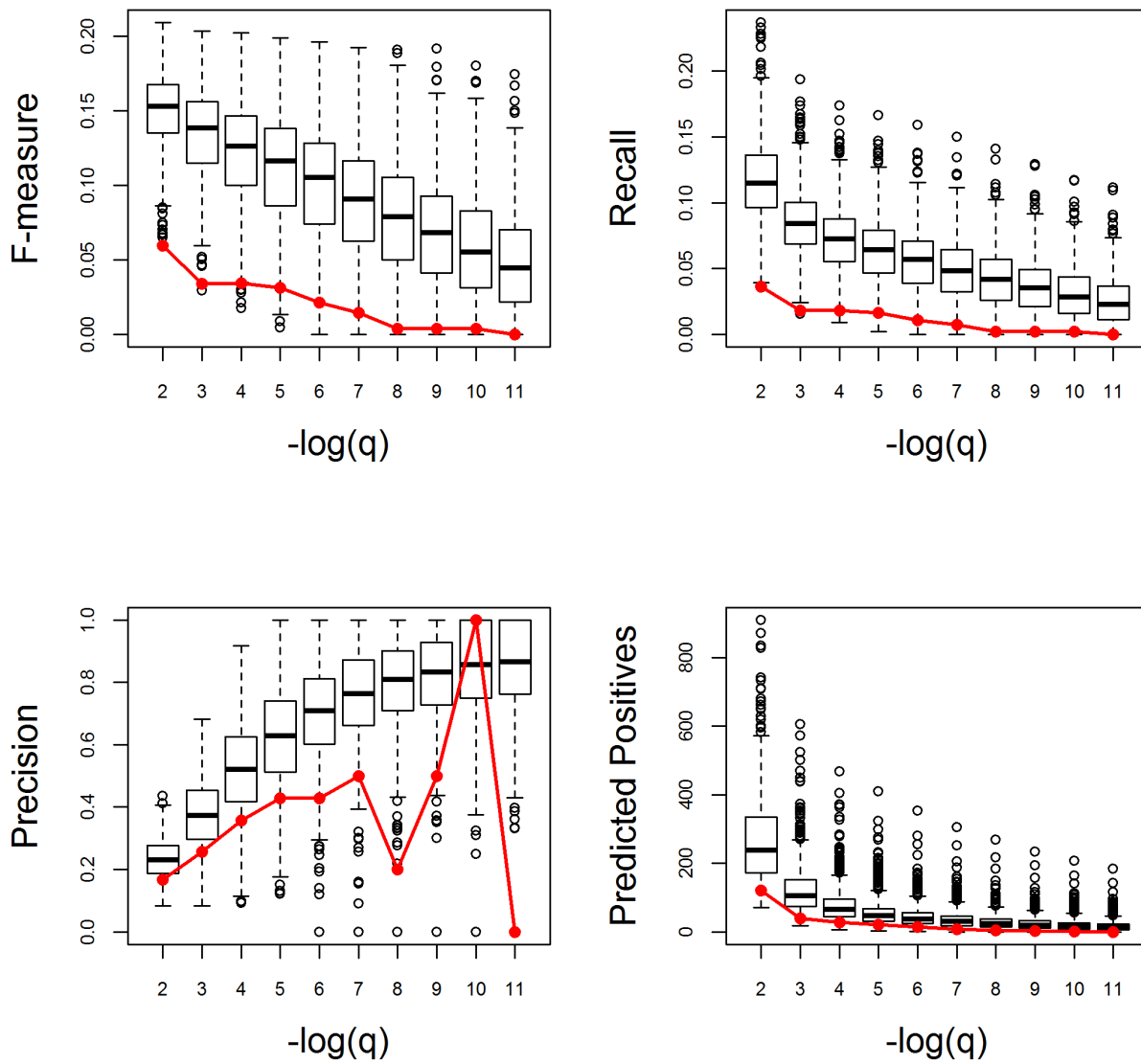
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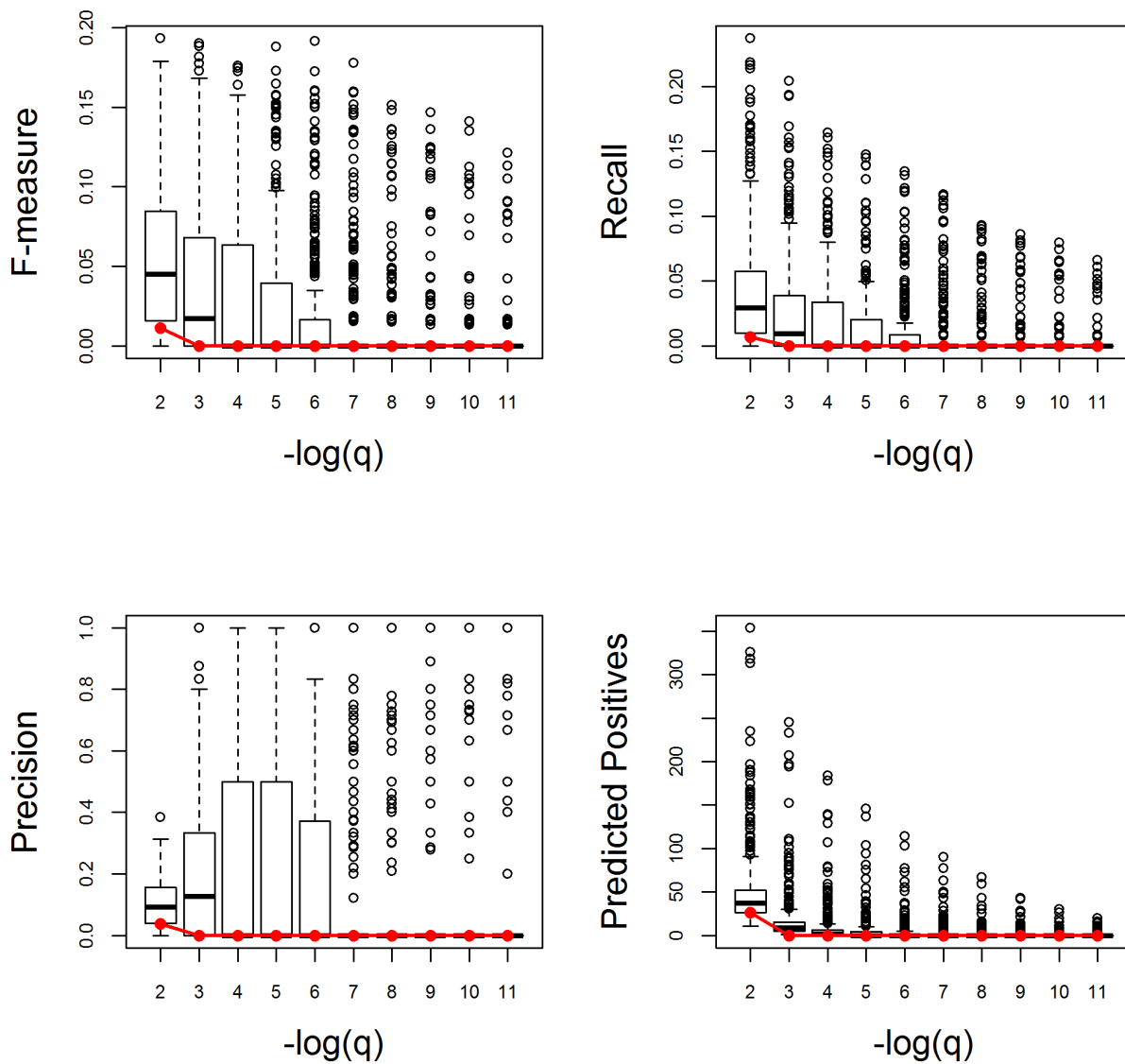
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DNA metabolic process. Very Poor



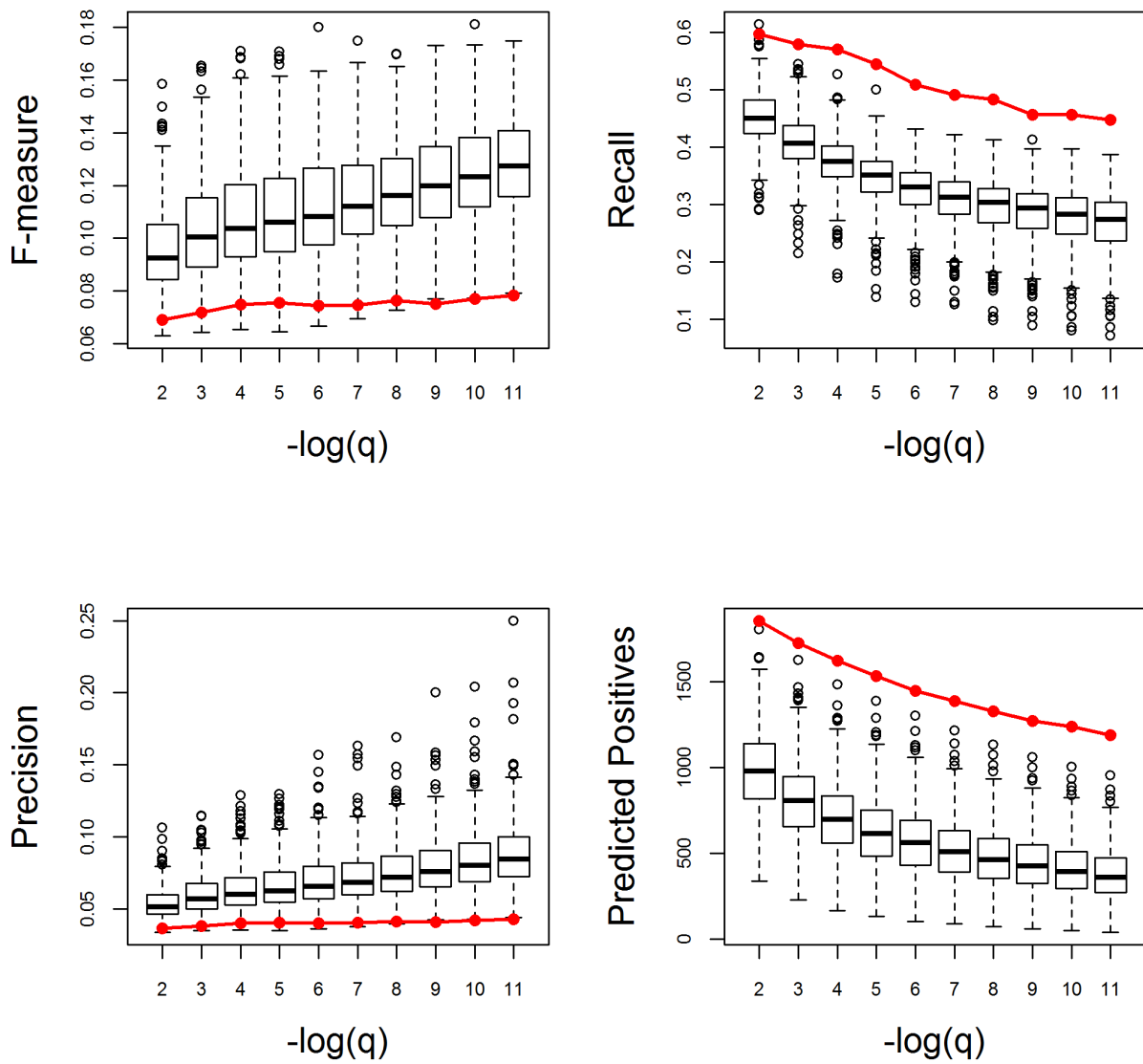
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DNA replication. Very Poor



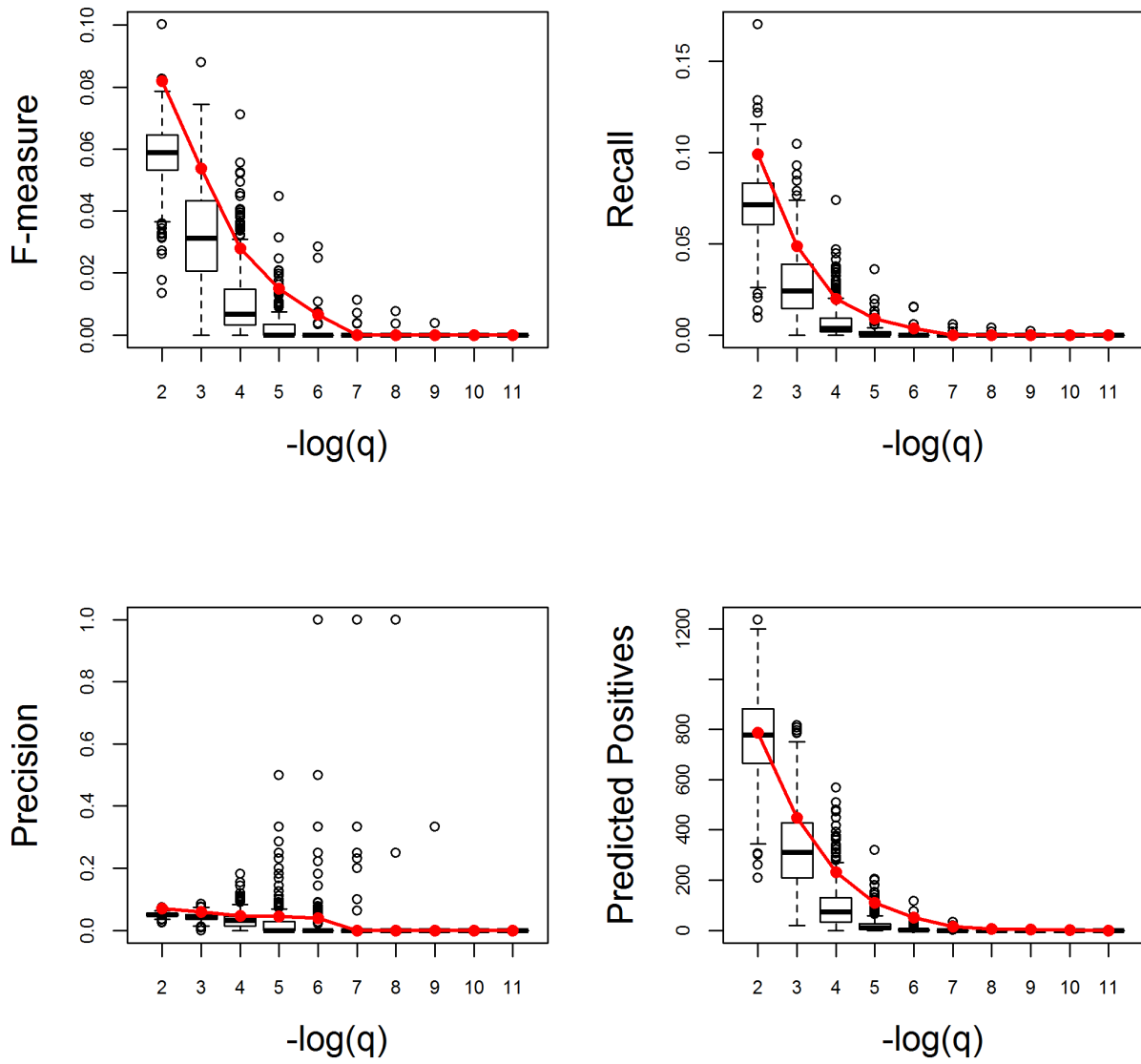
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Electron transport chain. Very Poor



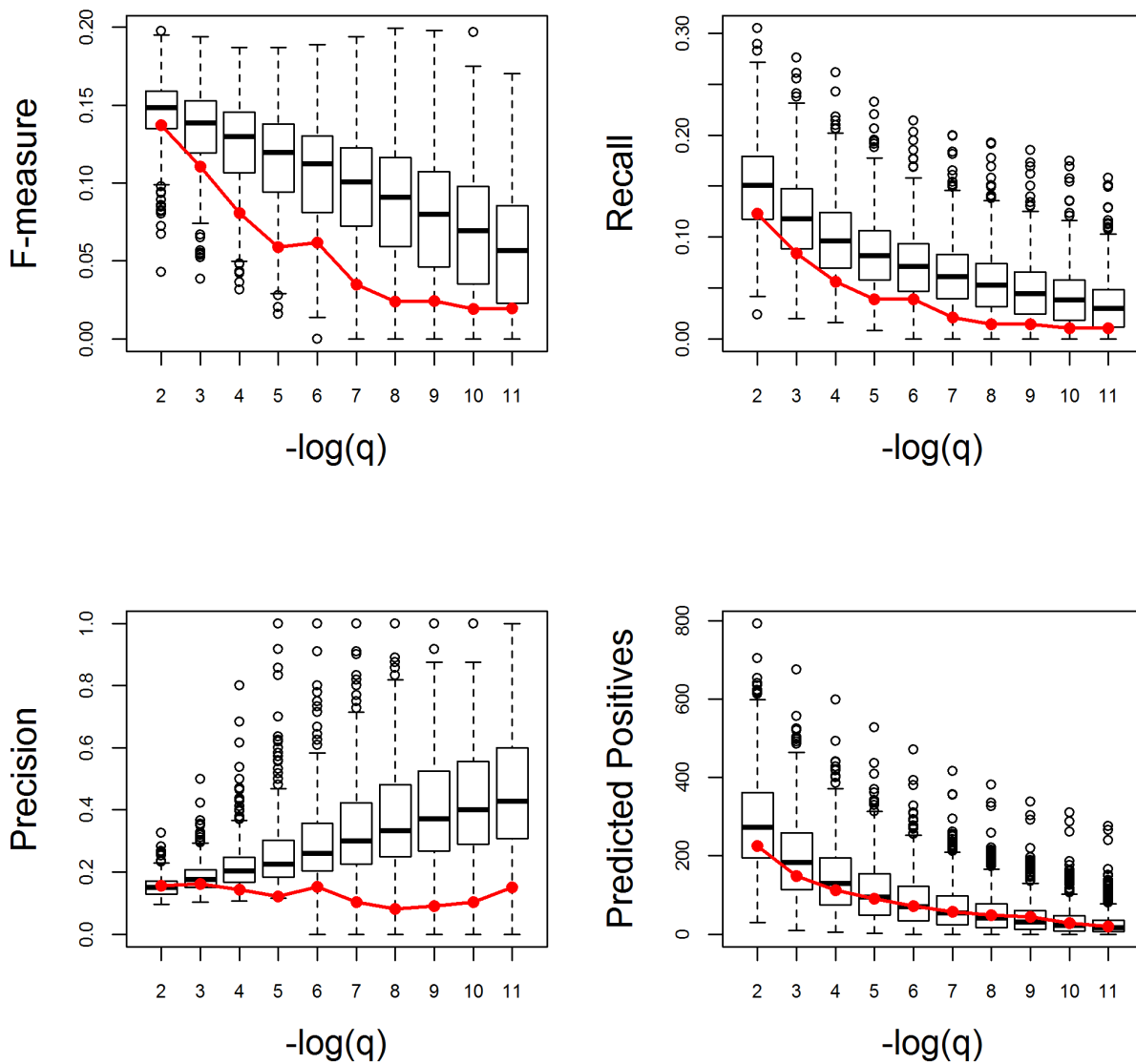
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Embryo development. Very Good



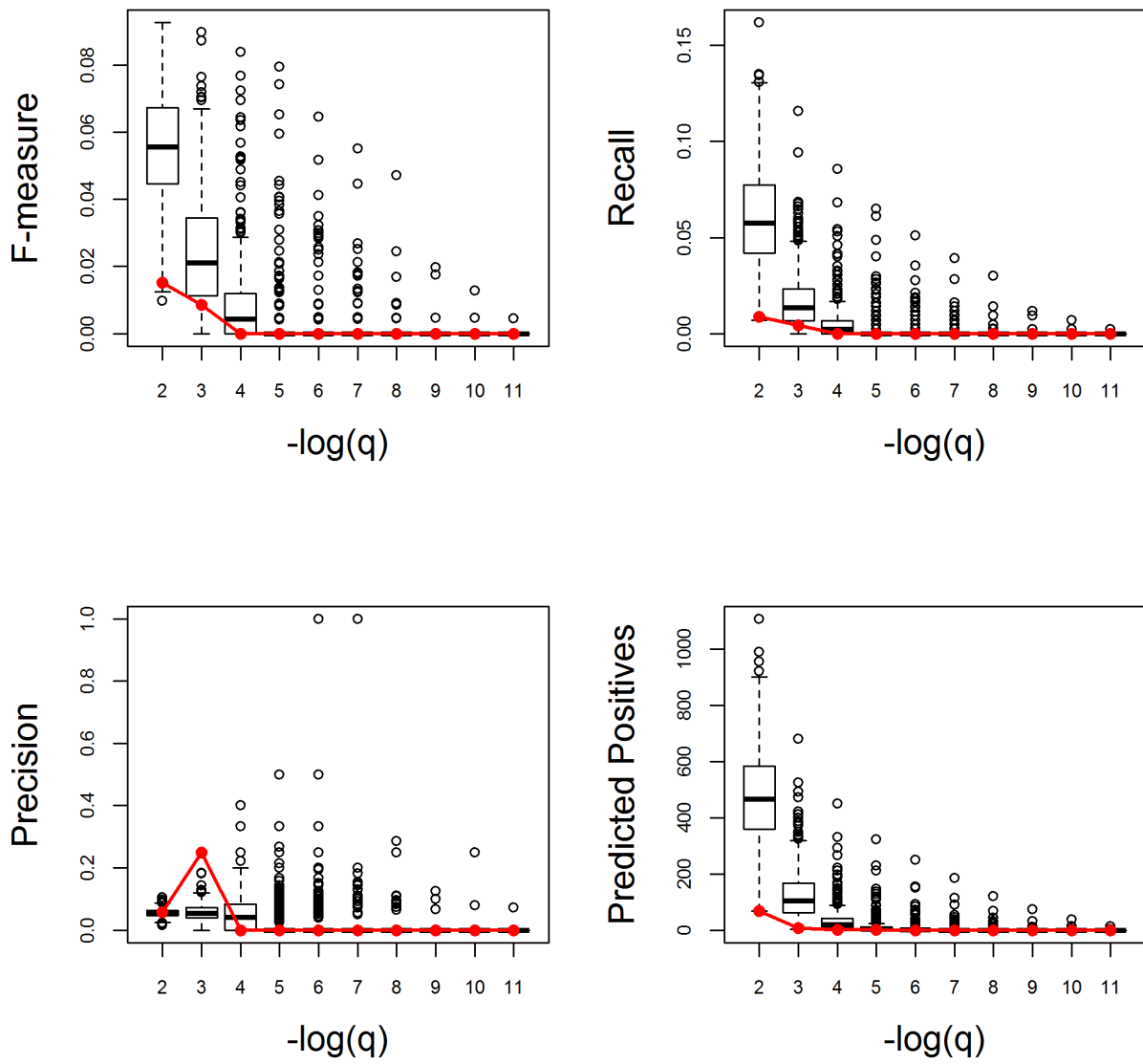
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External encapsulating structure organization. Very Poor



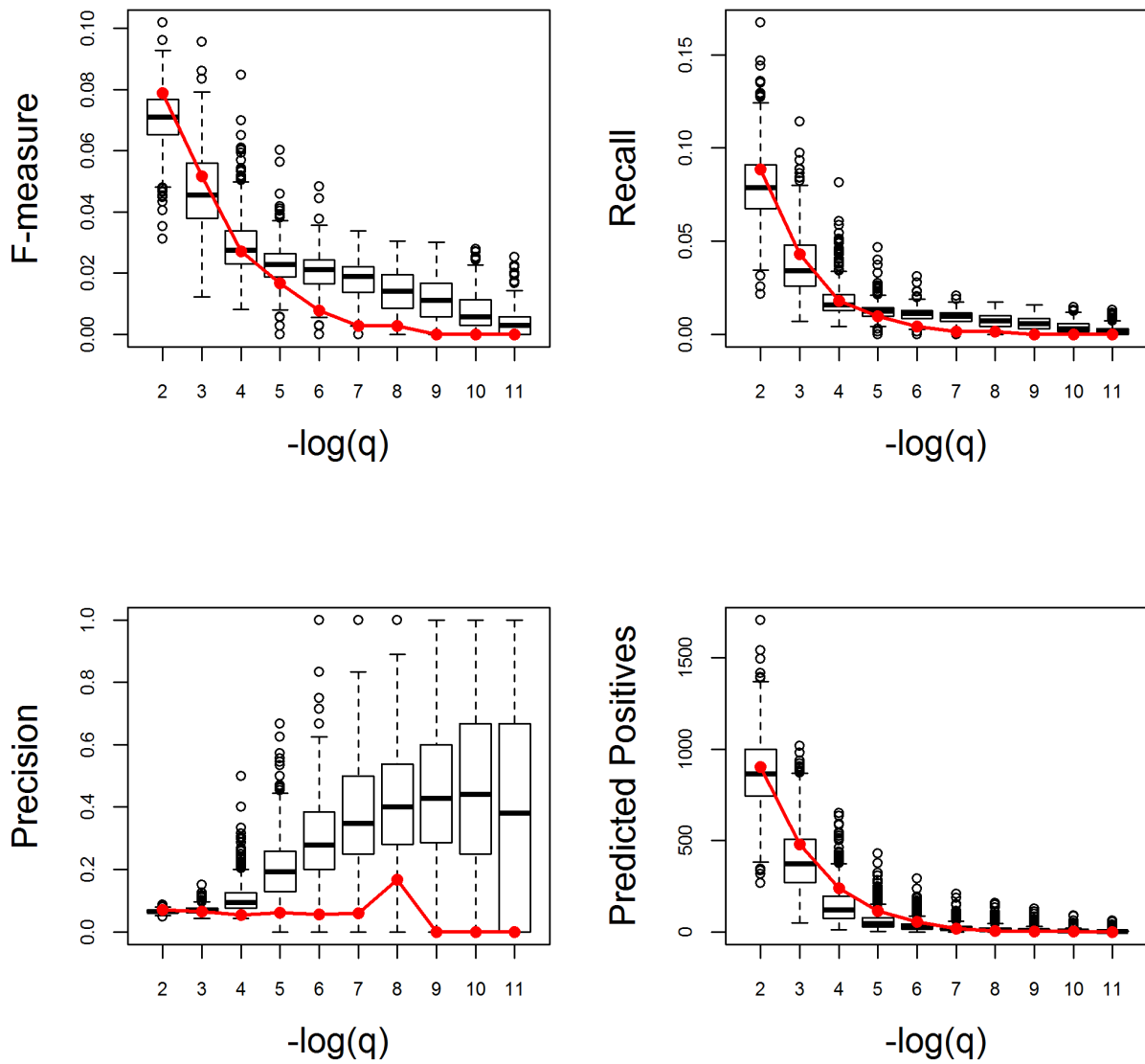
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Flower development. Very Poor



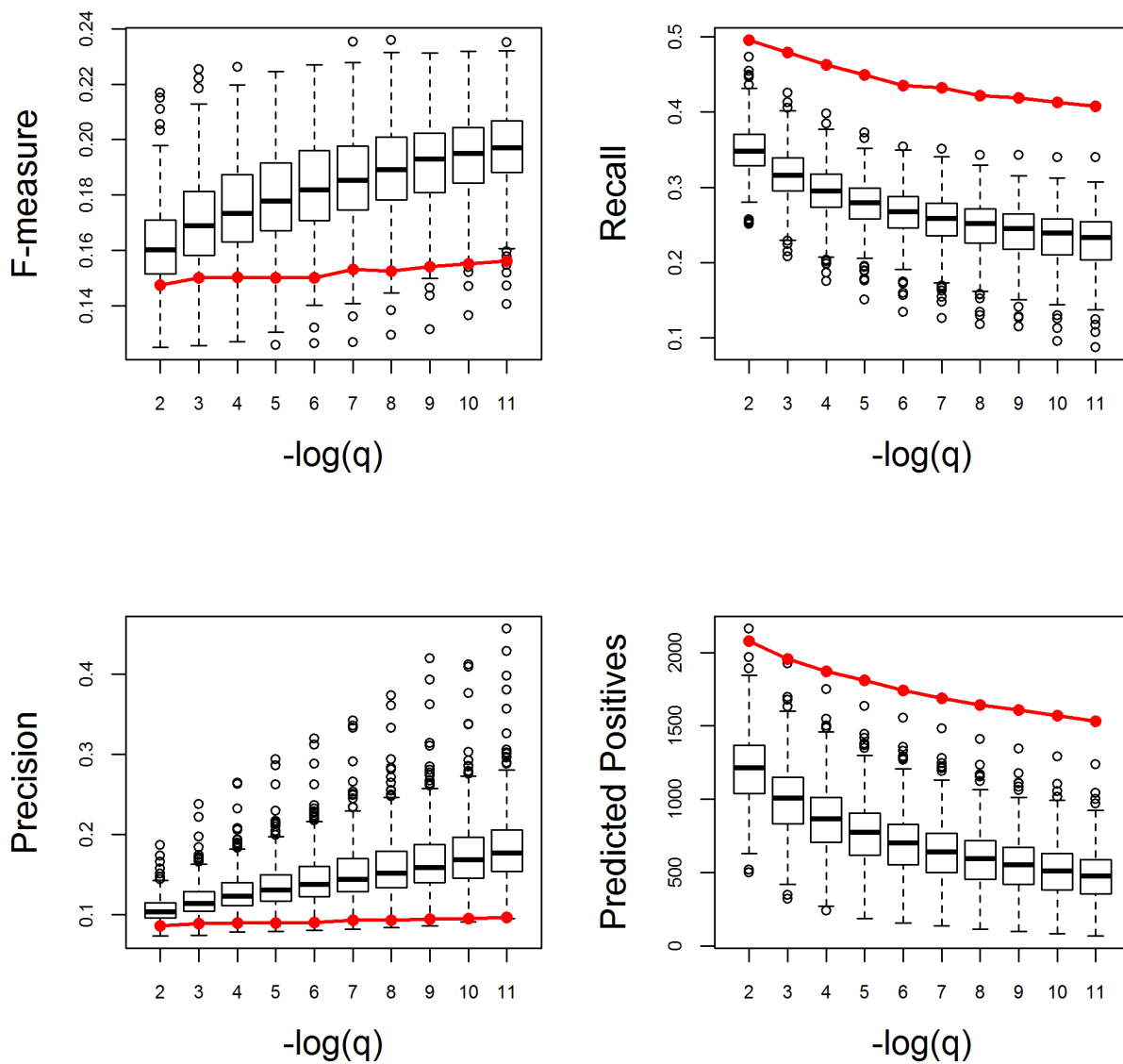
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Fruit development. Very Poor



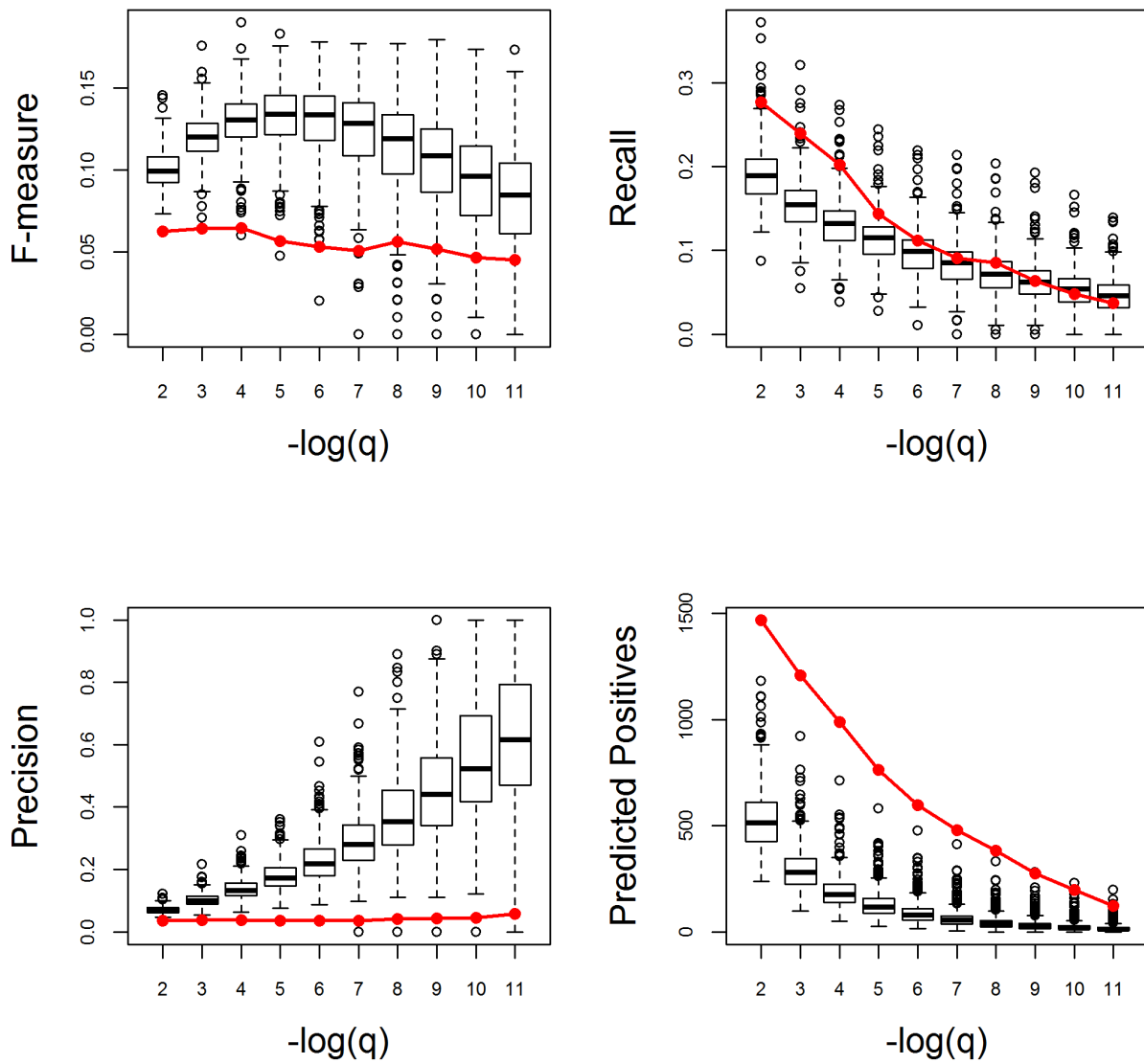
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Generation of precursor metabolites and energy. Very Poor



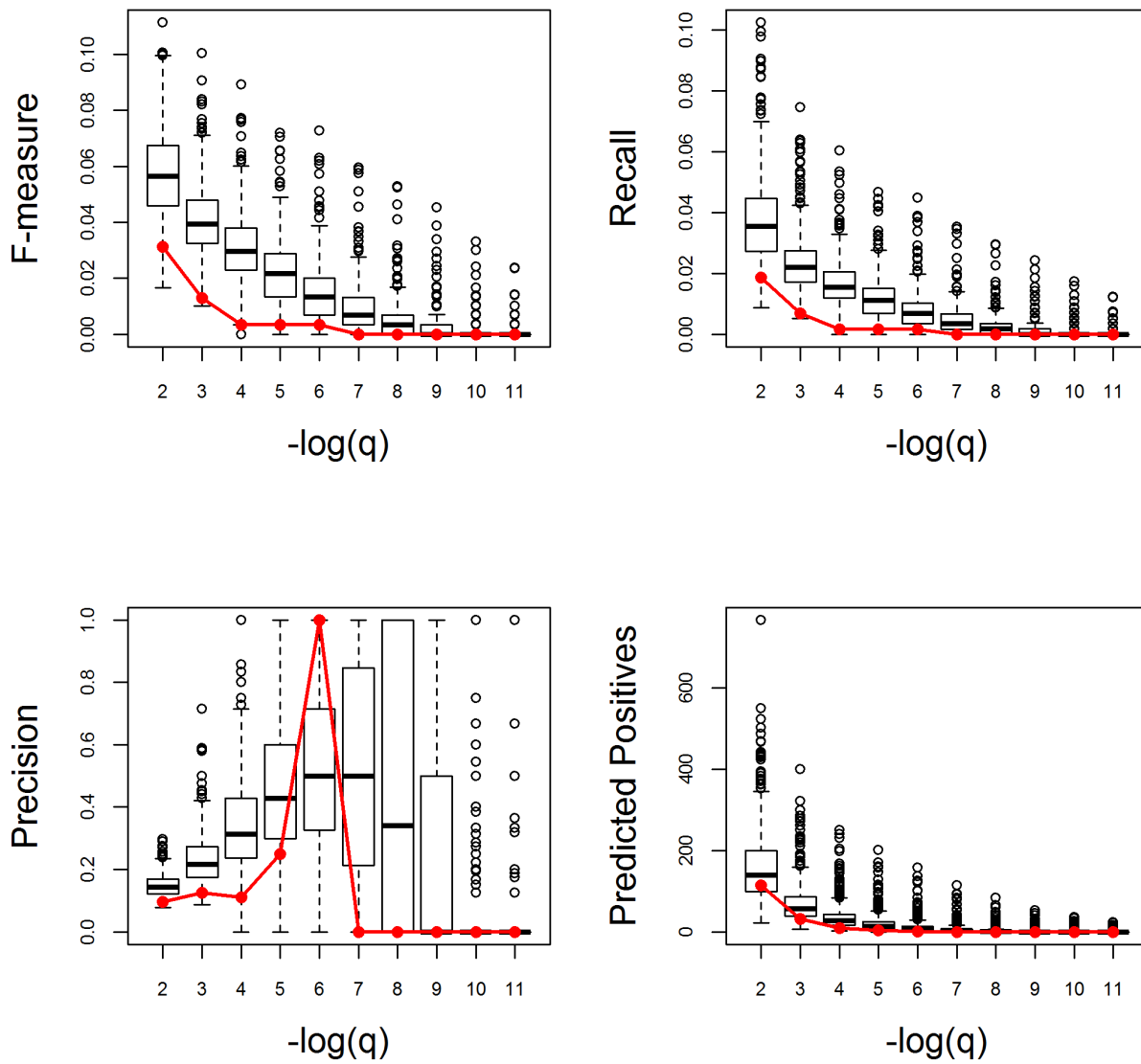
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Glucan metabolic process. Very Poor



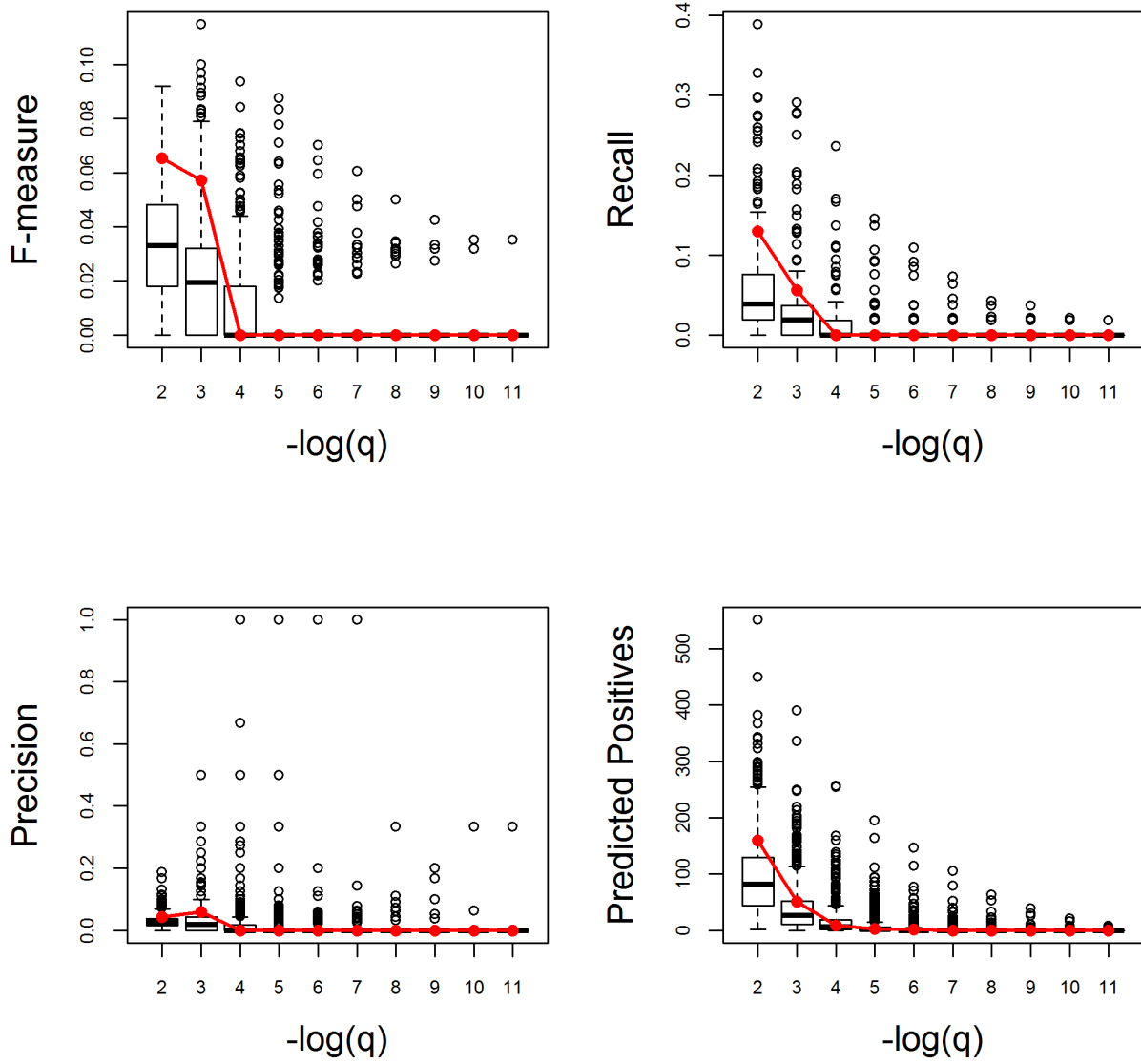
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Growth. Very Poor



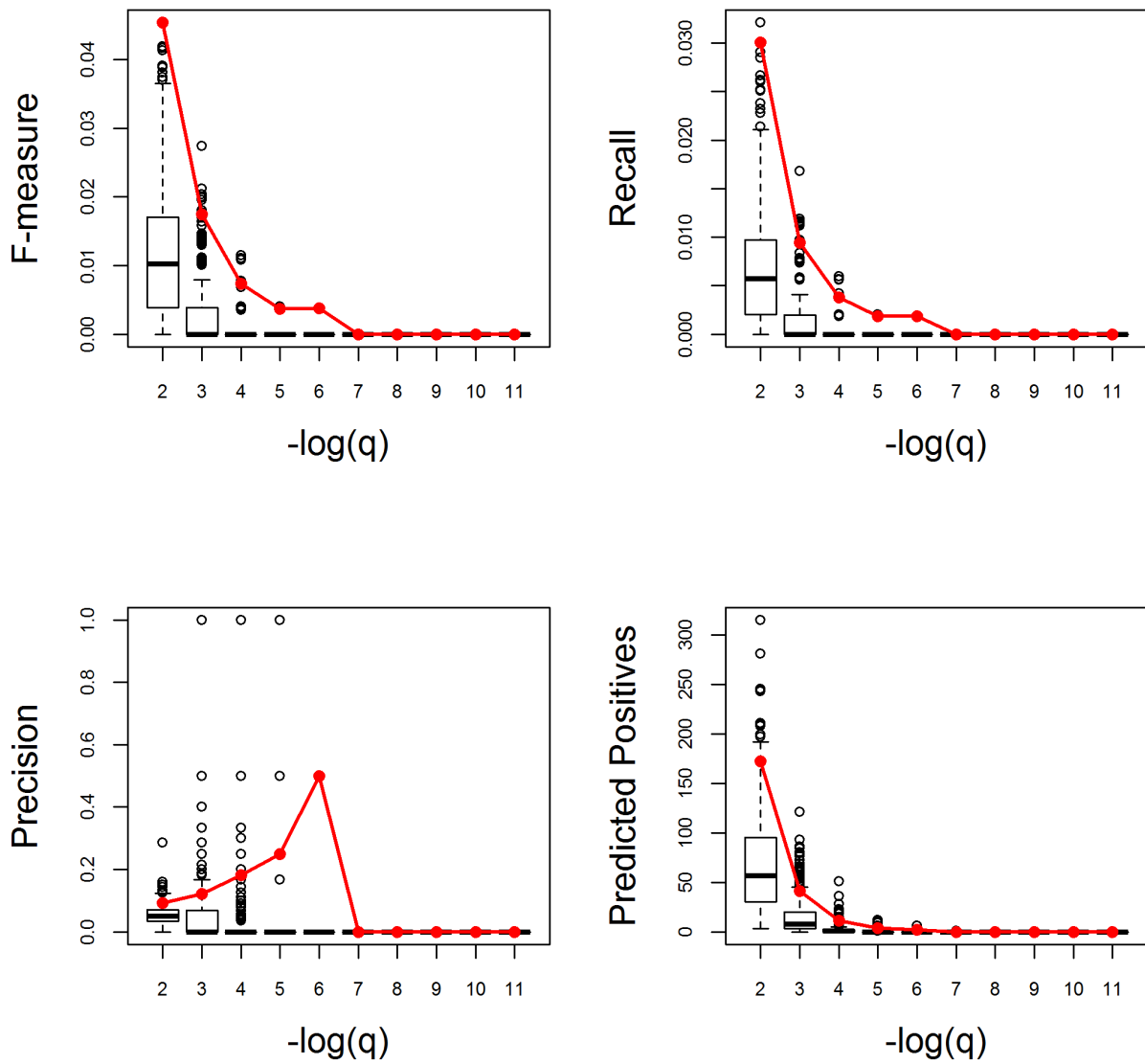
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Hemicellulose metabolic process. Very Good



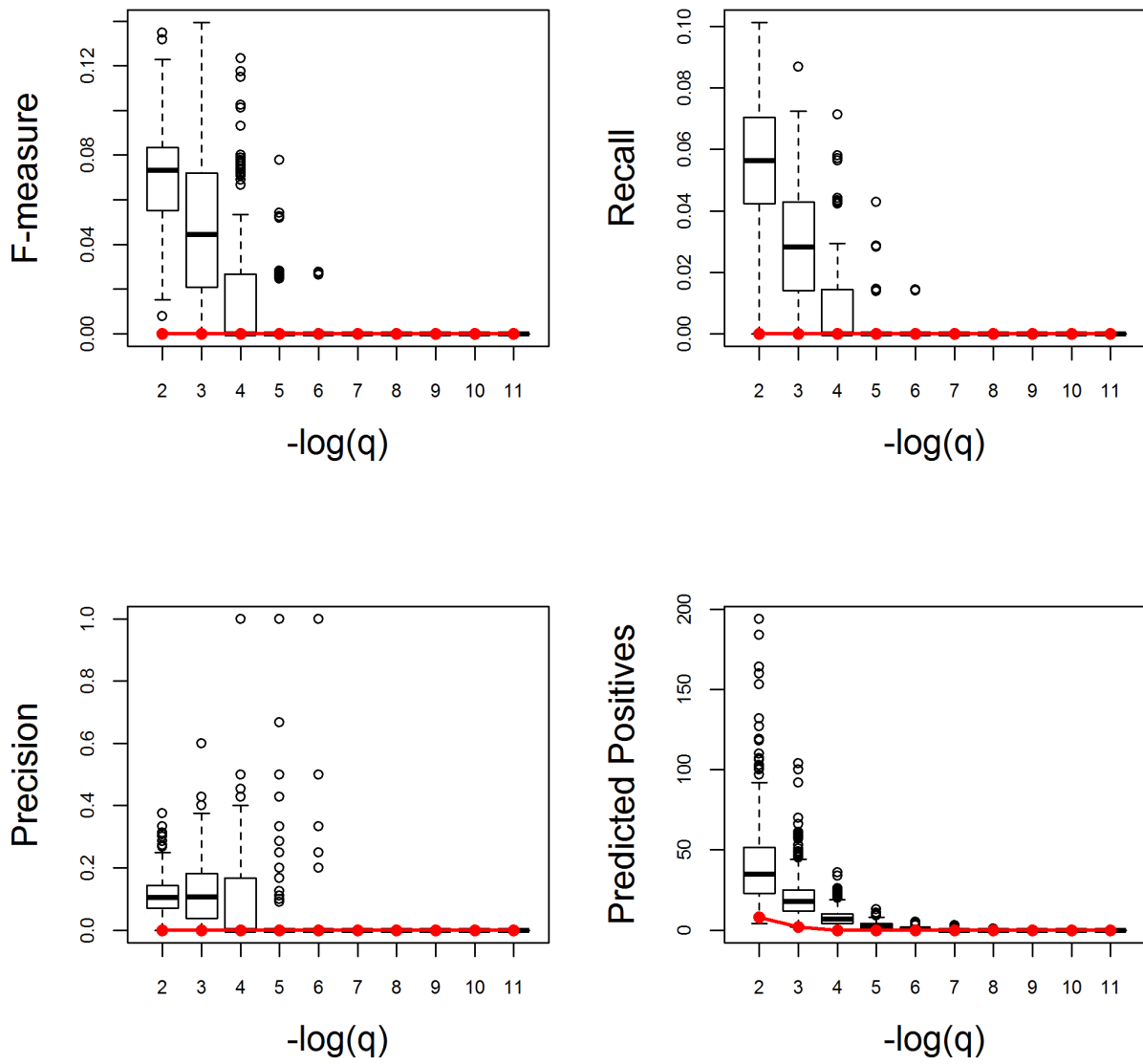
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Hormone-mediated signaling pathway. Very Good



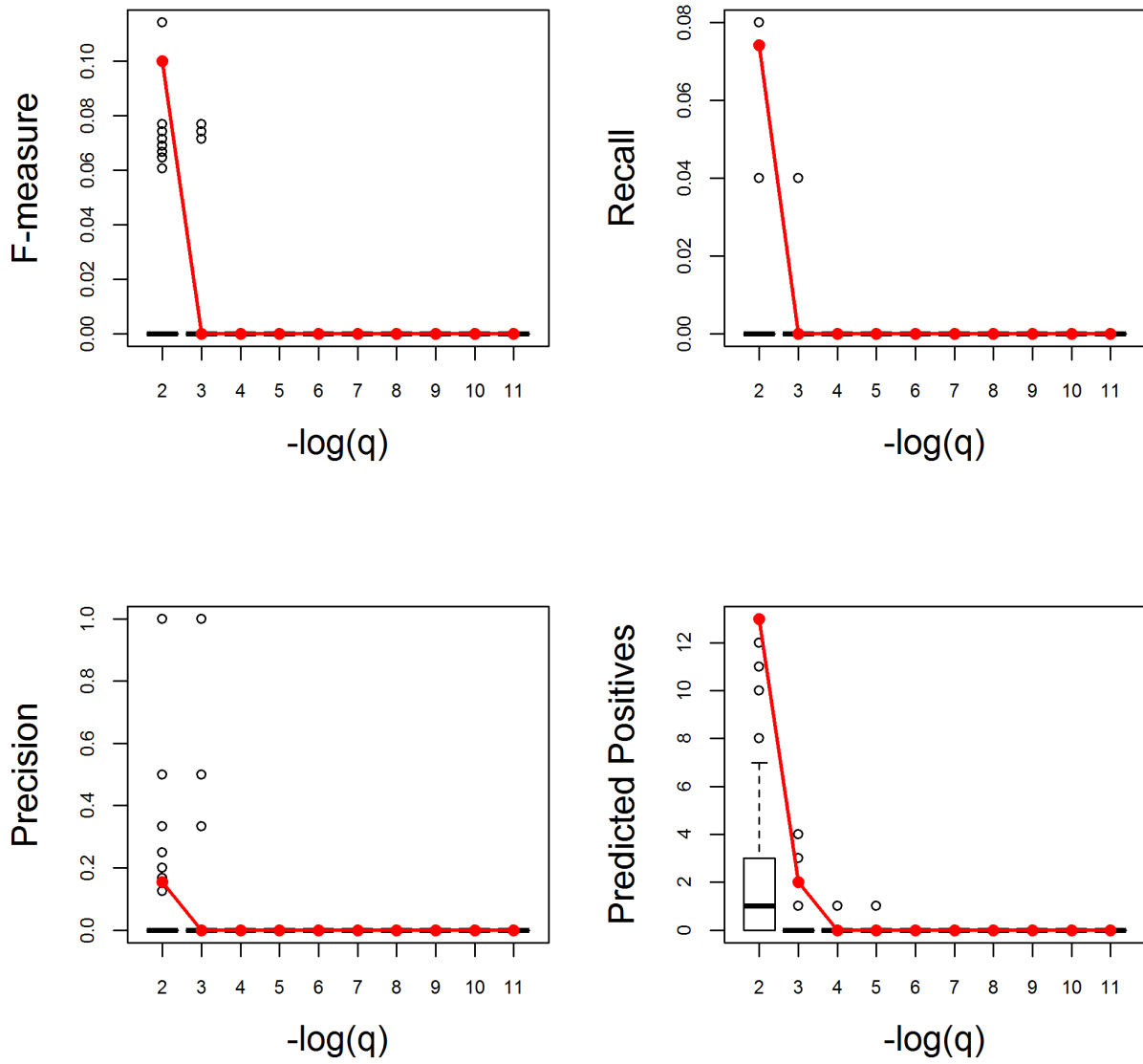
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Hyperosmotic response. Very Poor



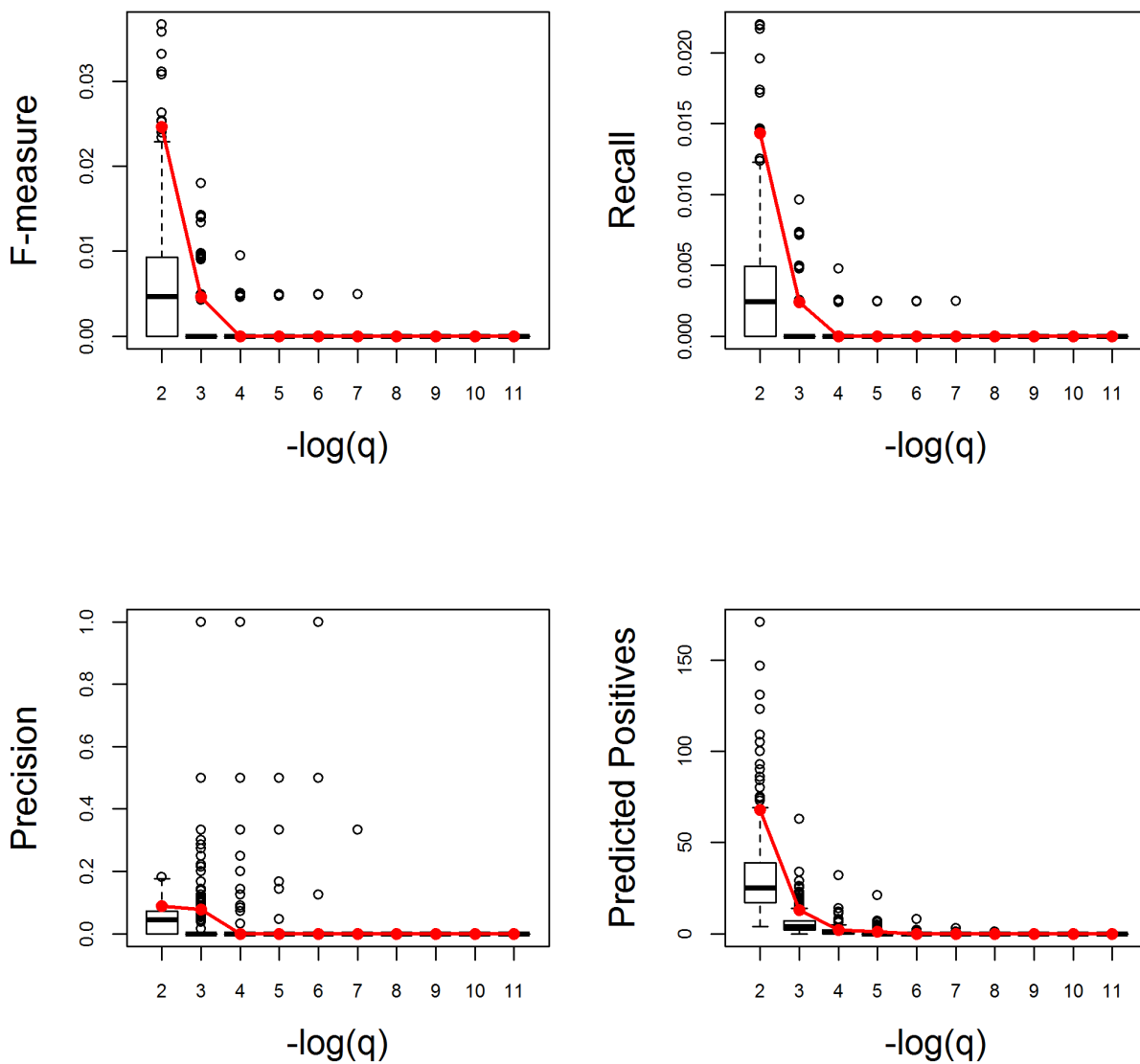
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Intracellular receptor signaling pathway. Very Good



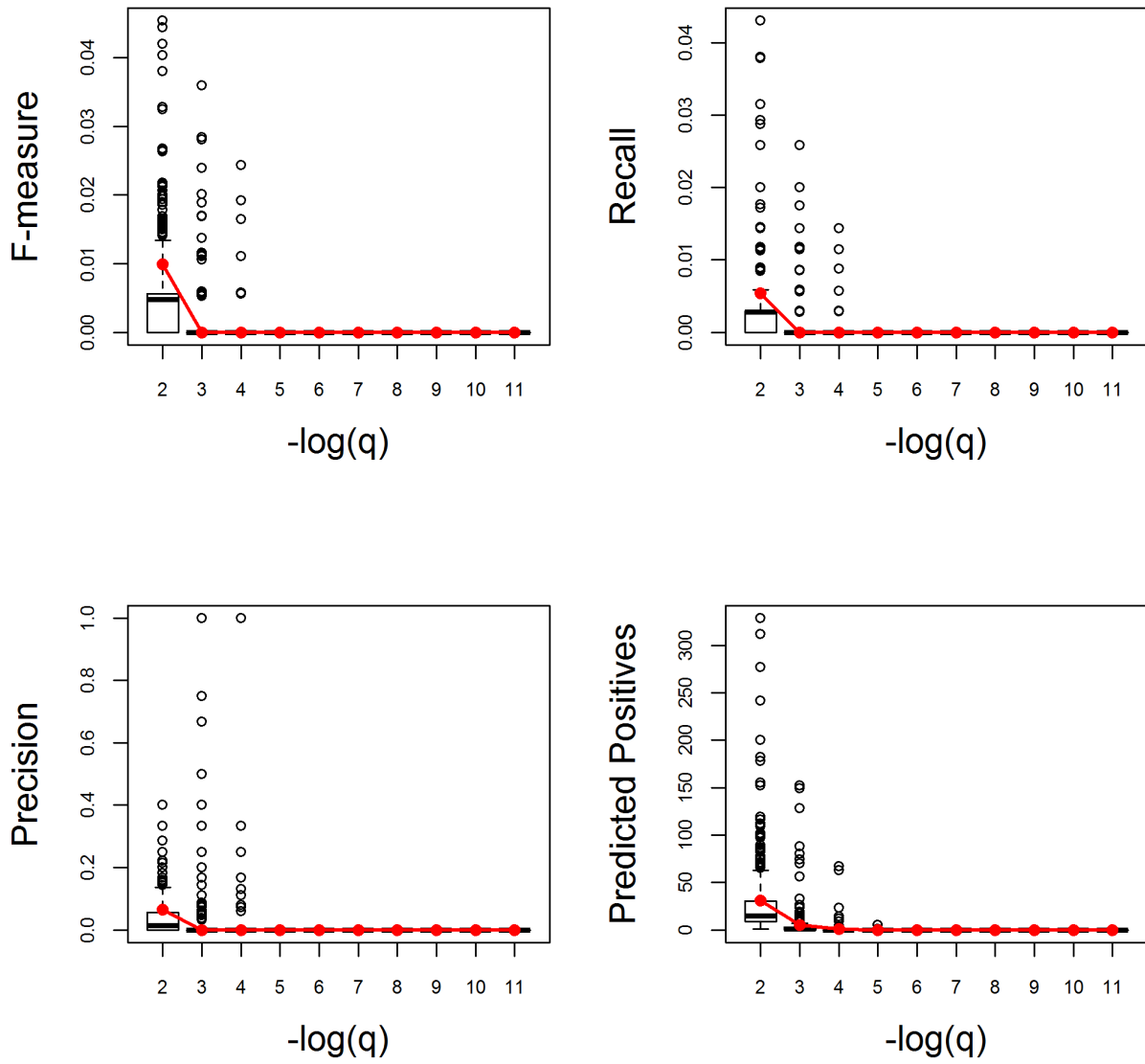
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Intracellular signal transduction. Very Good



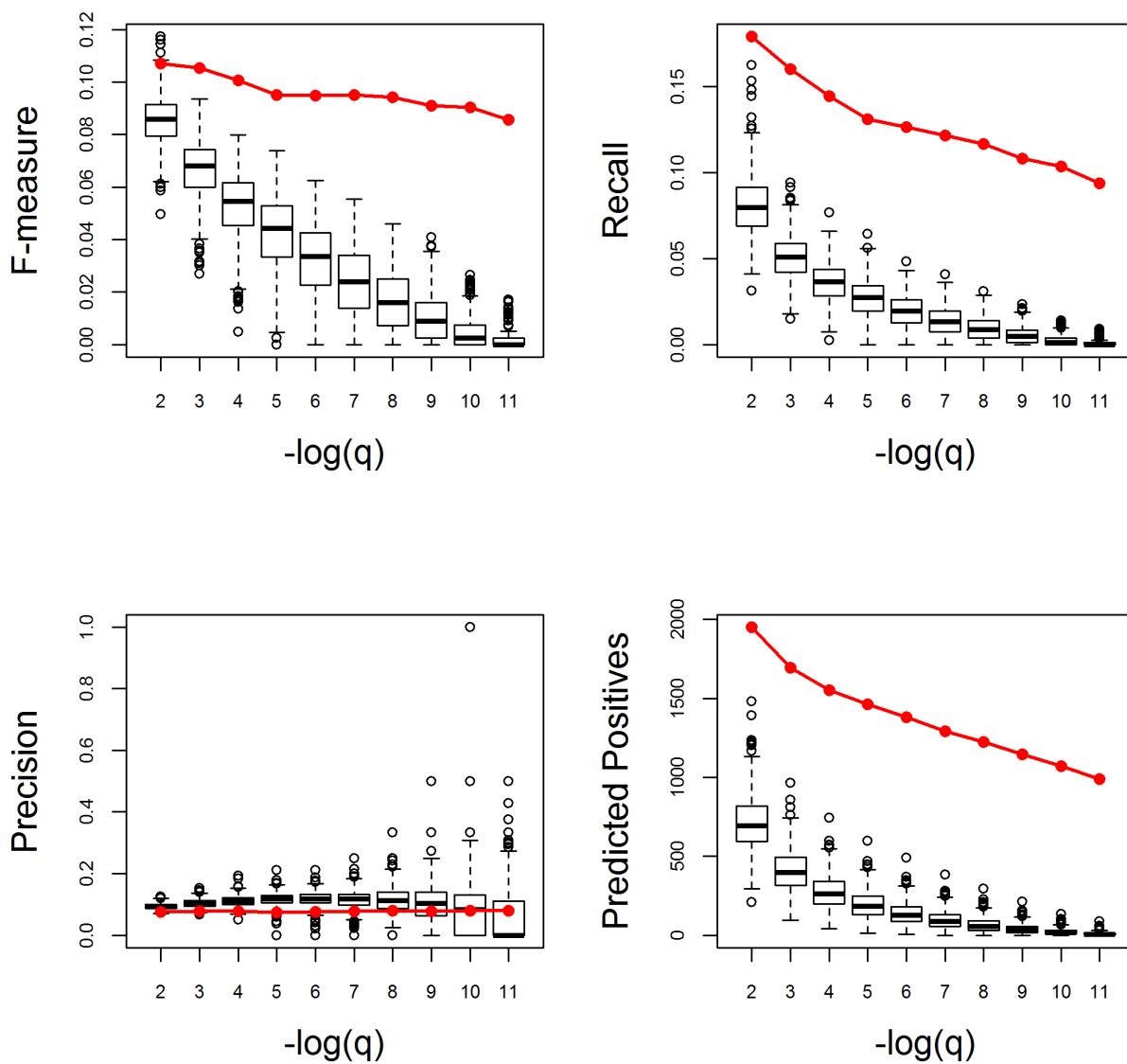
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Leaf development. Very Good



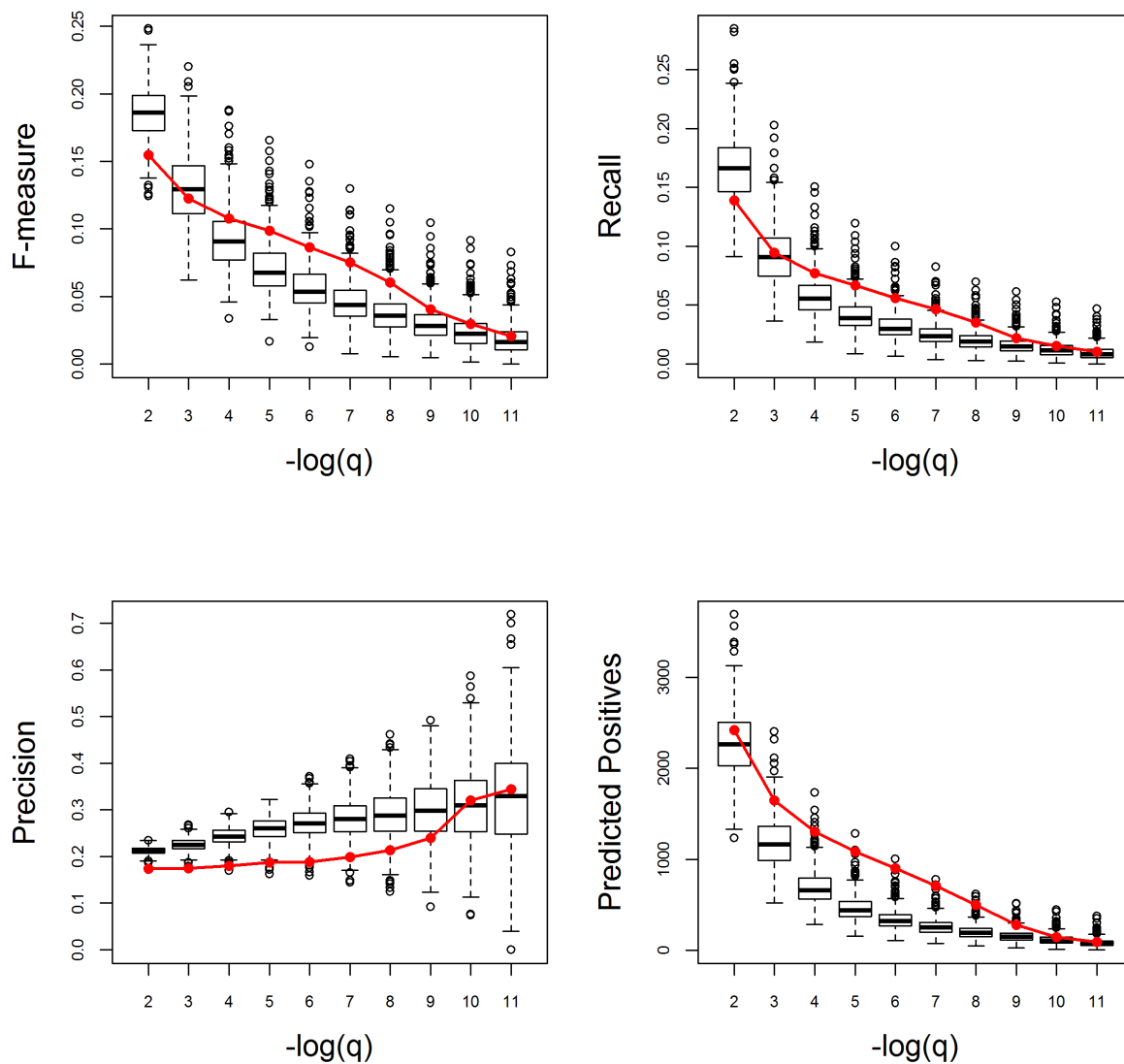
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Lipid metabolic process. Very Good



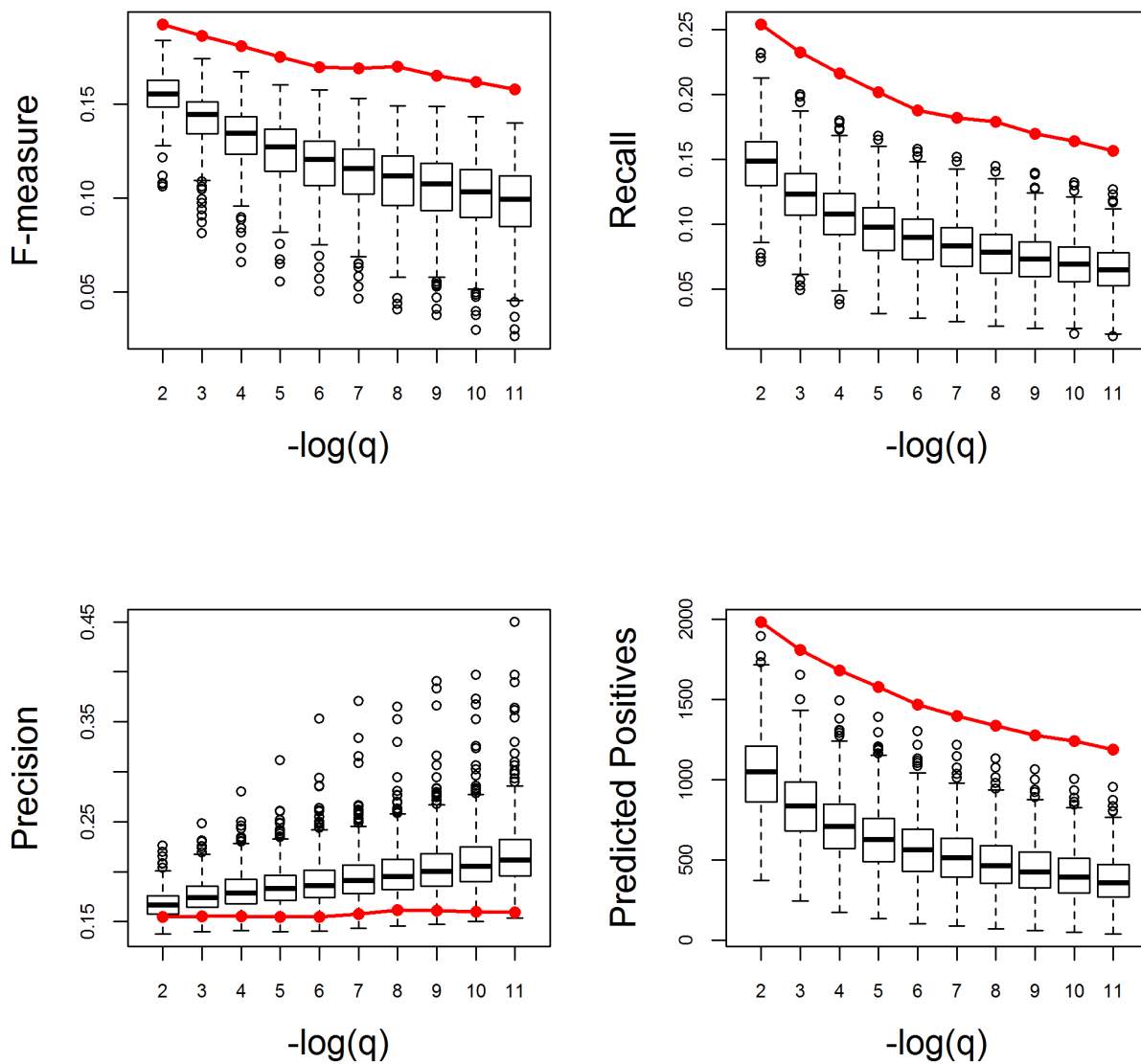
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Nucleobase-containing compound metabolic process. Very Good



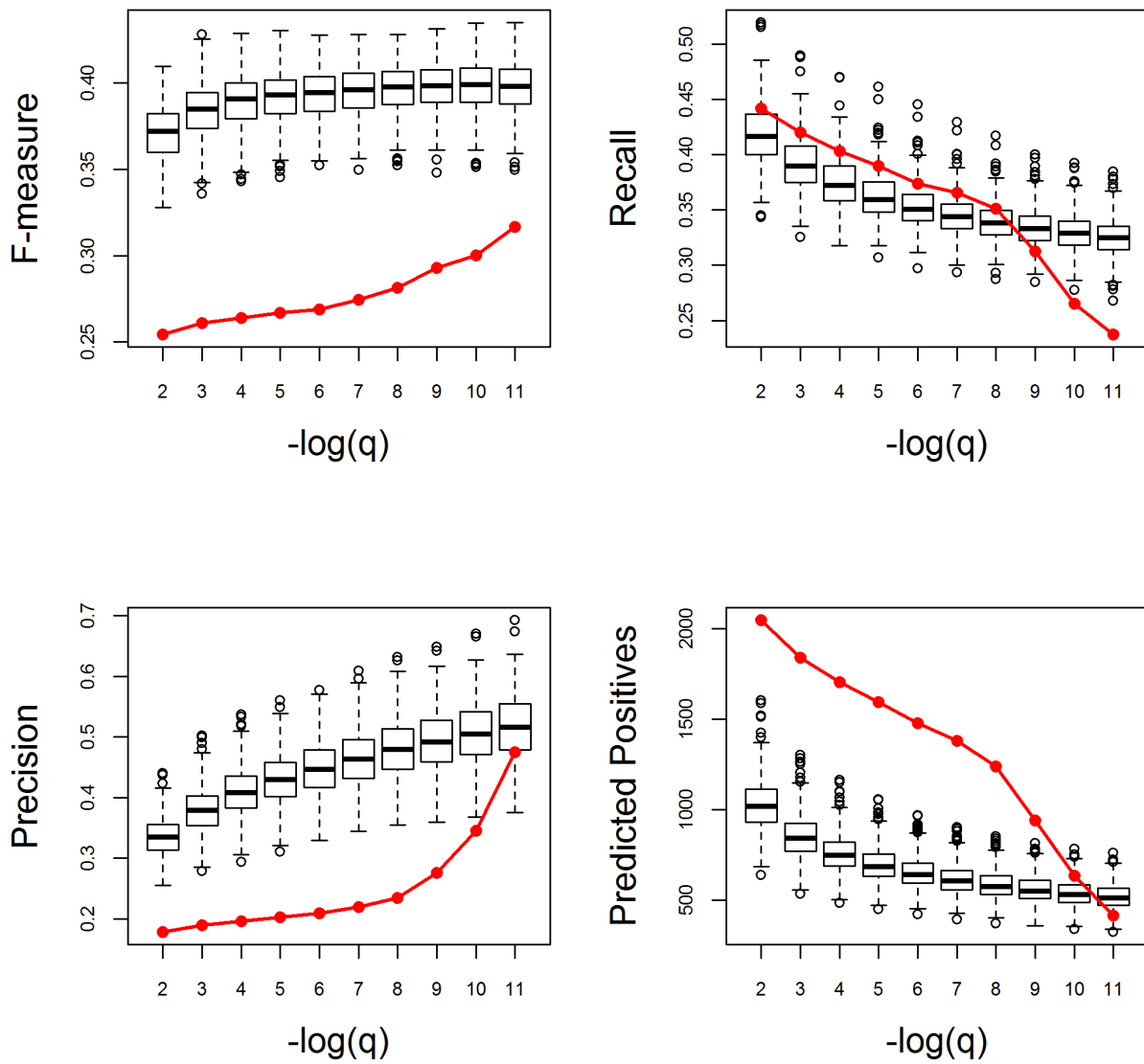
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Oxidation-reduction process. Very Good



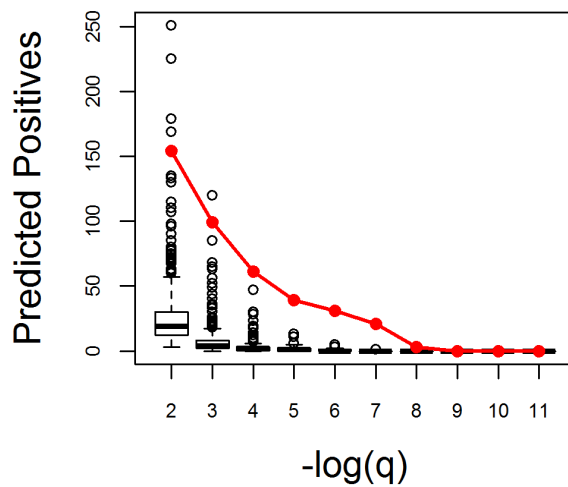
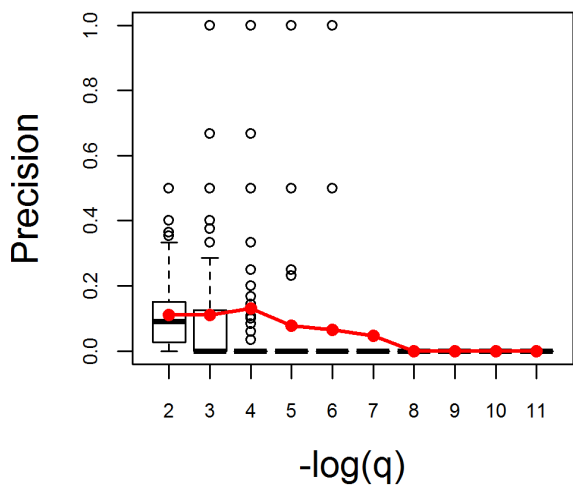
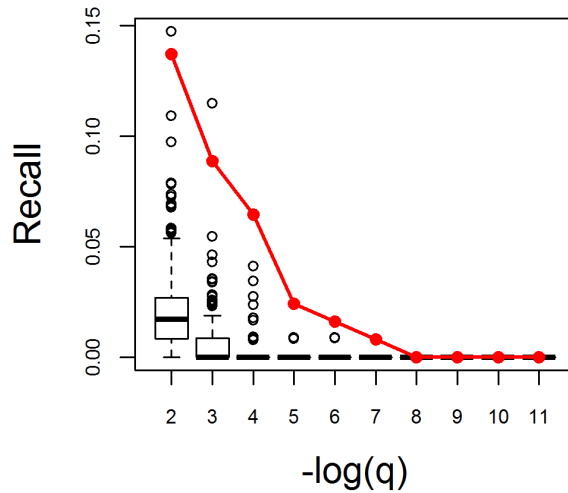
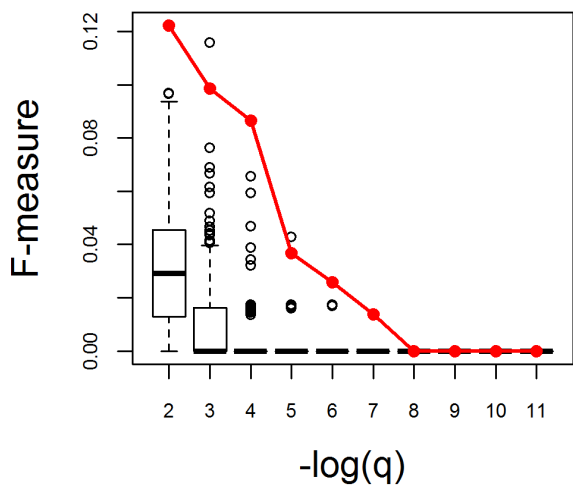
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Peptide metabolic process. Very Poor



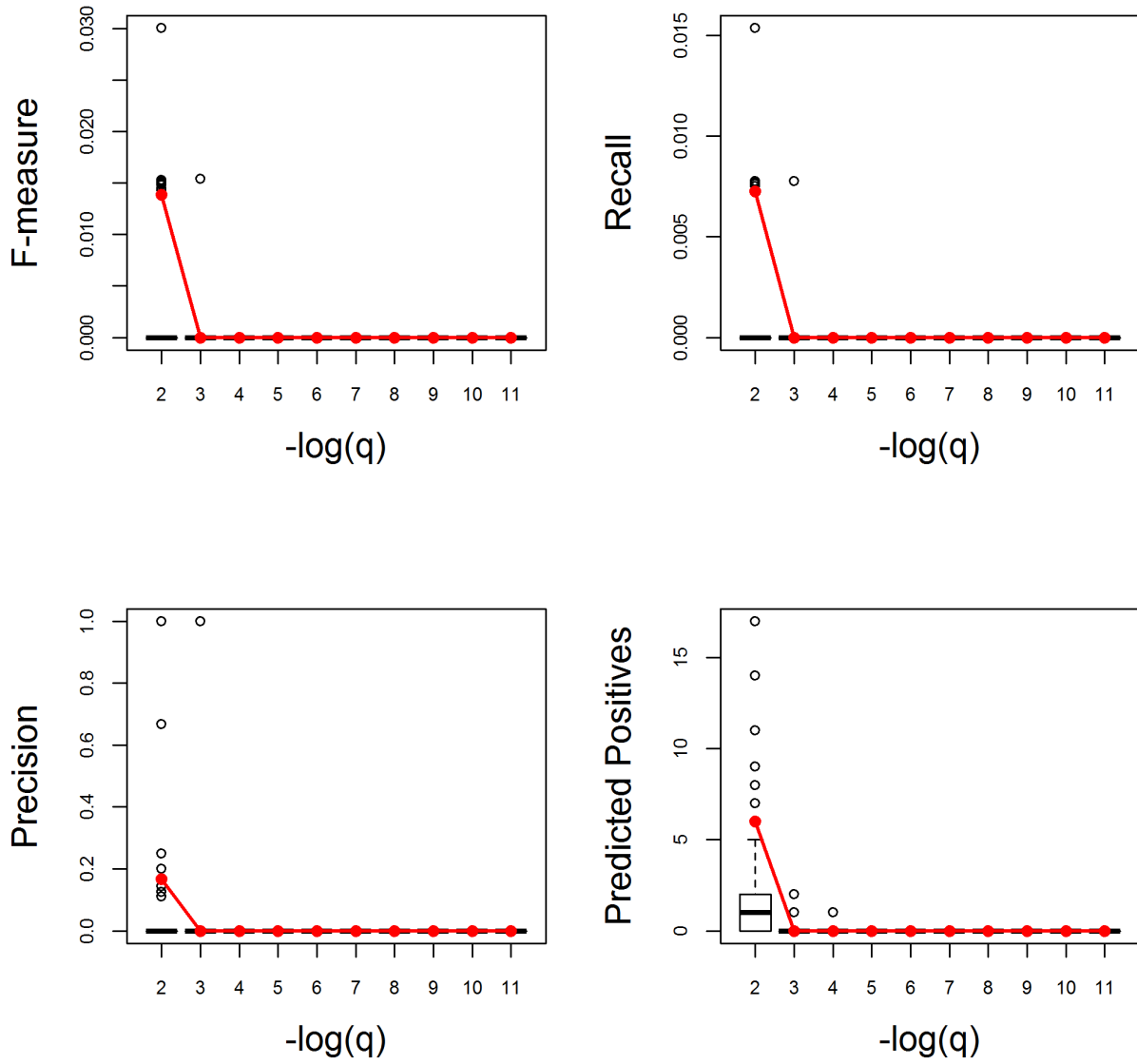
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Phenylpropanoid metabolic process. Very Good



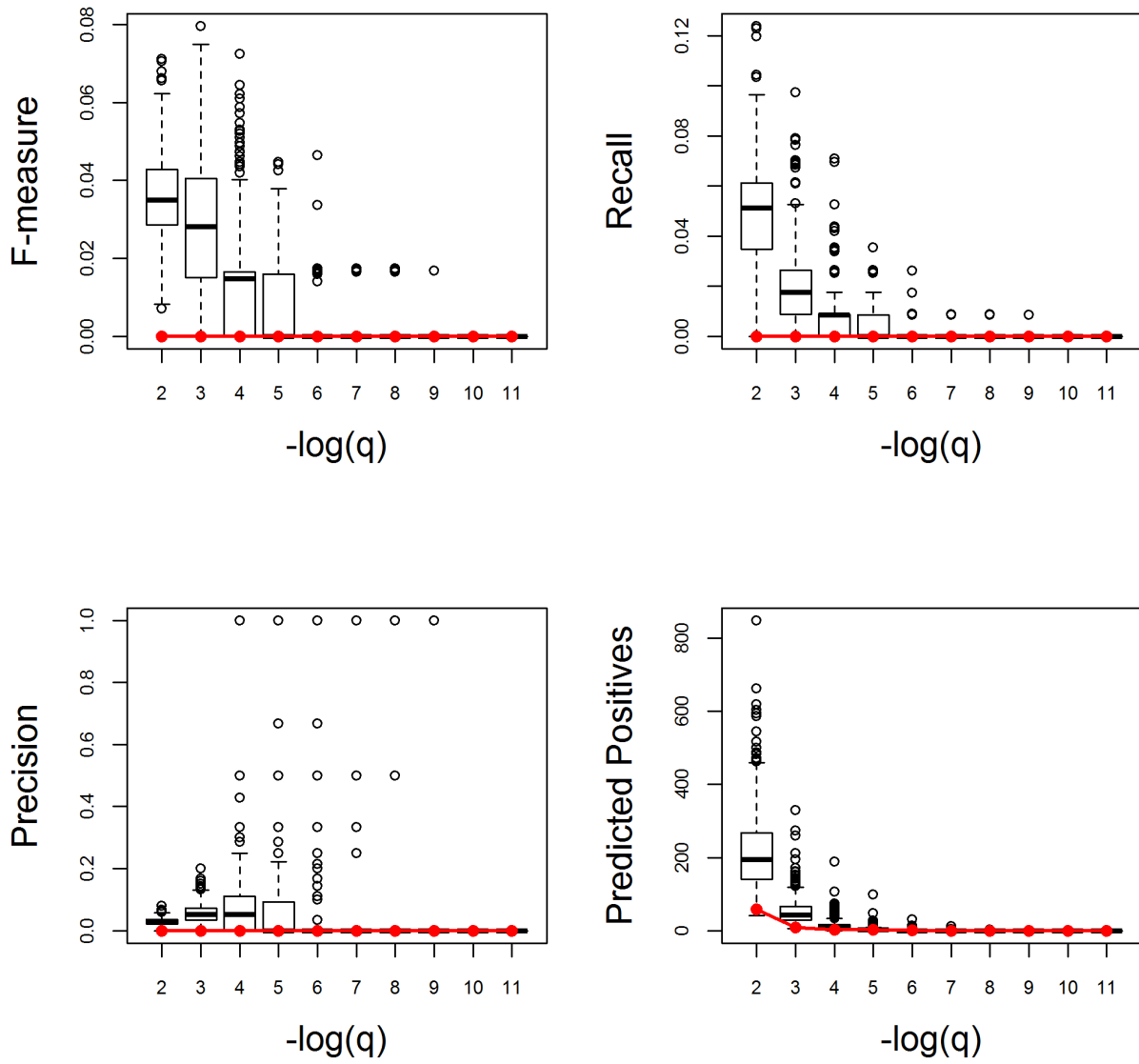
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Phosphorelay signal transduction system. Very Good



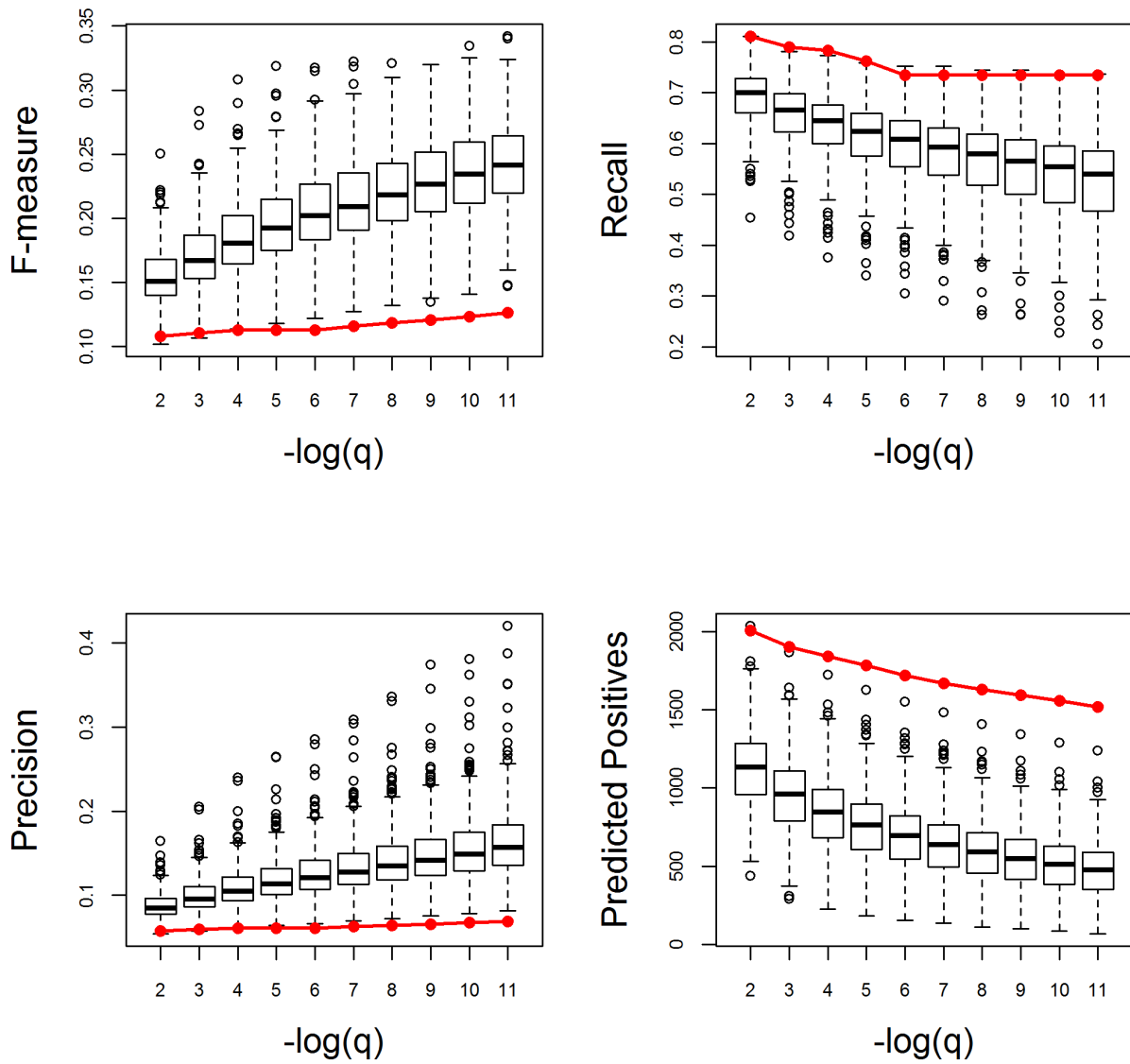
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Photoperiodism. Very Poor



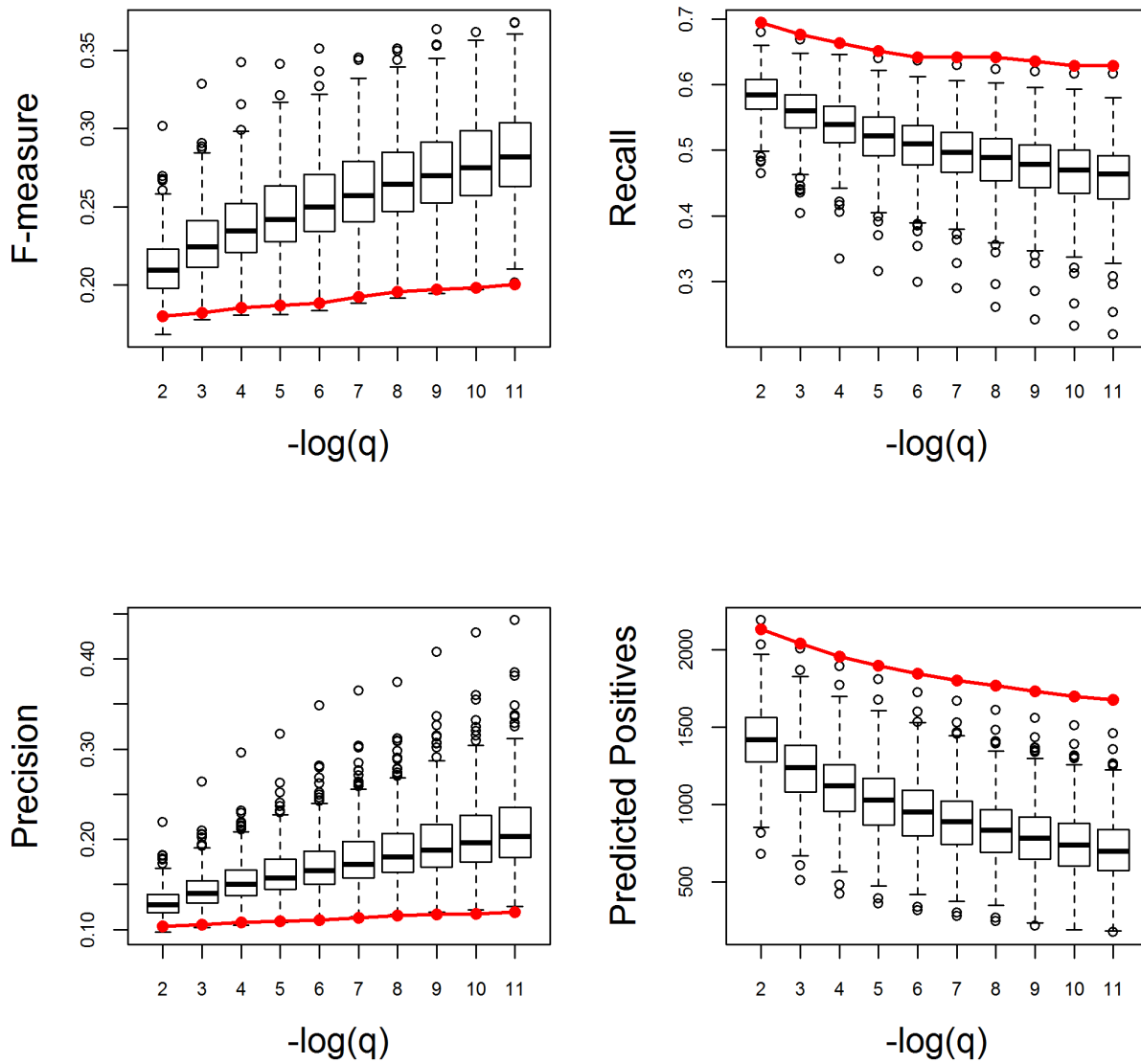
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Photosynthesis, light reaction. Very Poor



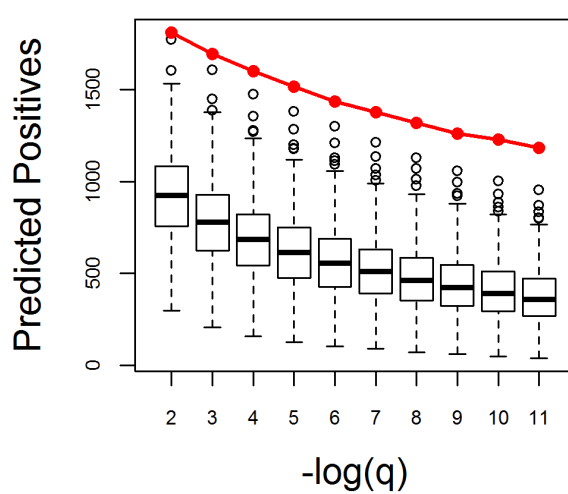
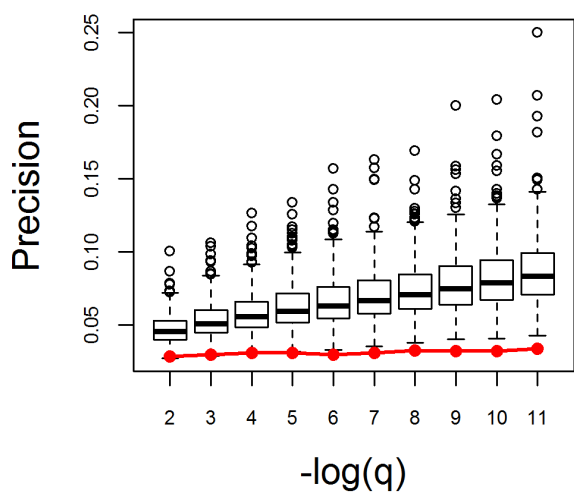
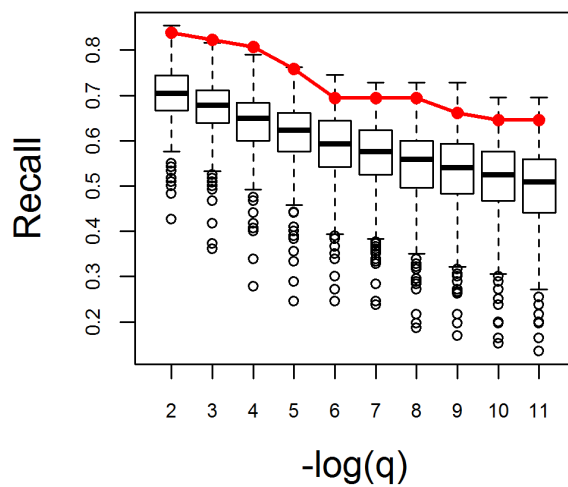
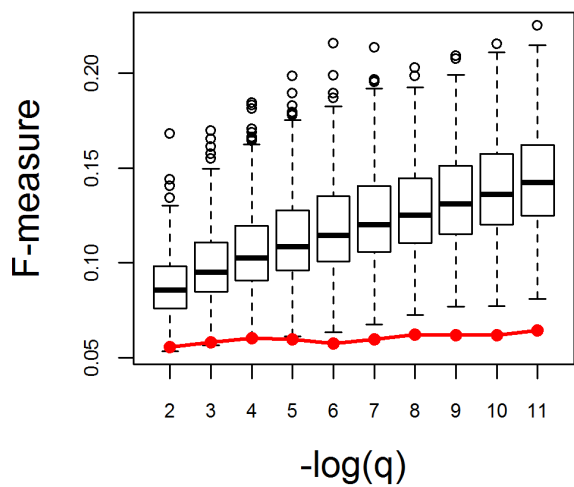
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Photosynthesis. Very Poor



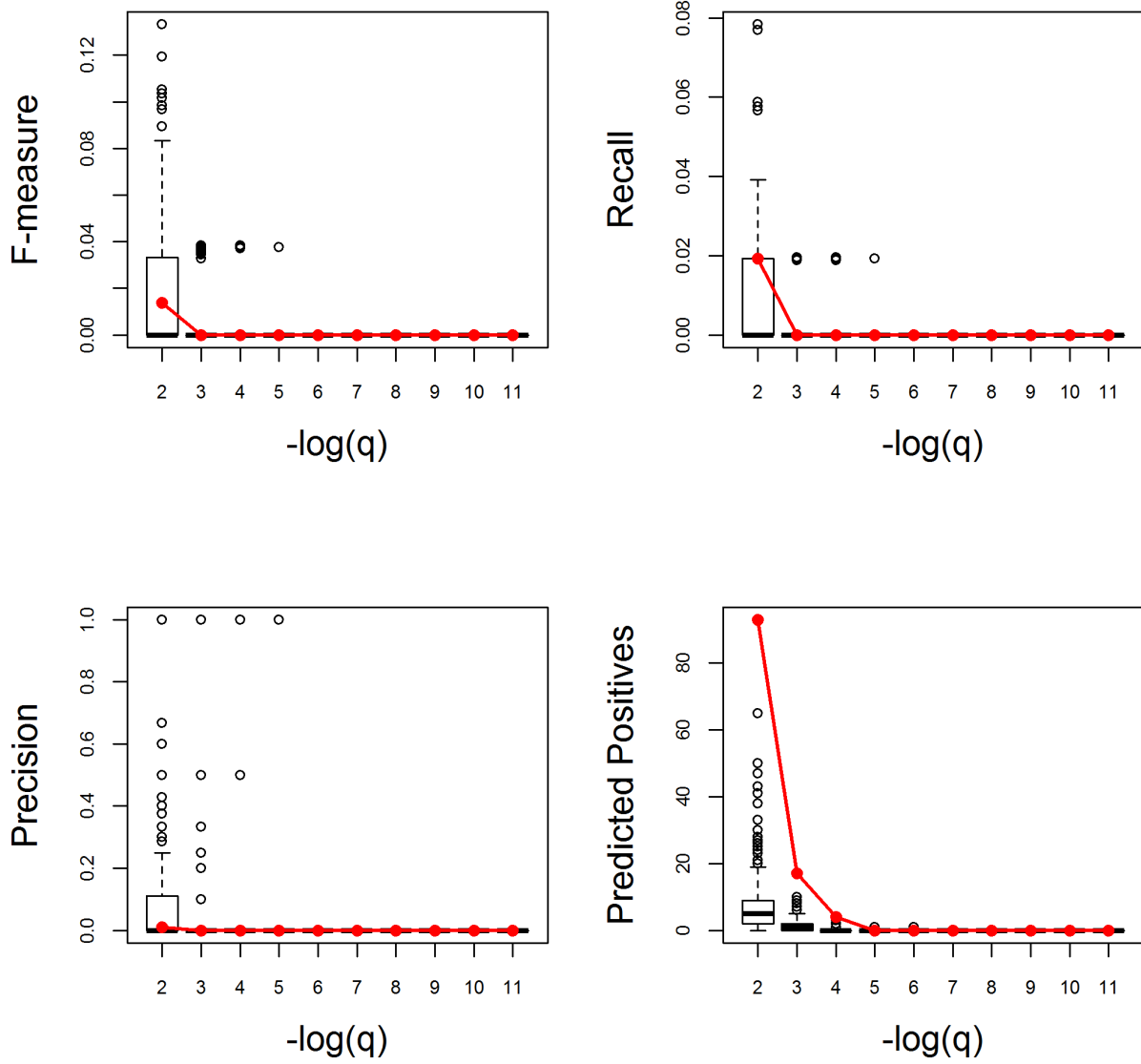
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Photosynthetic electron transport chain. Very Poor



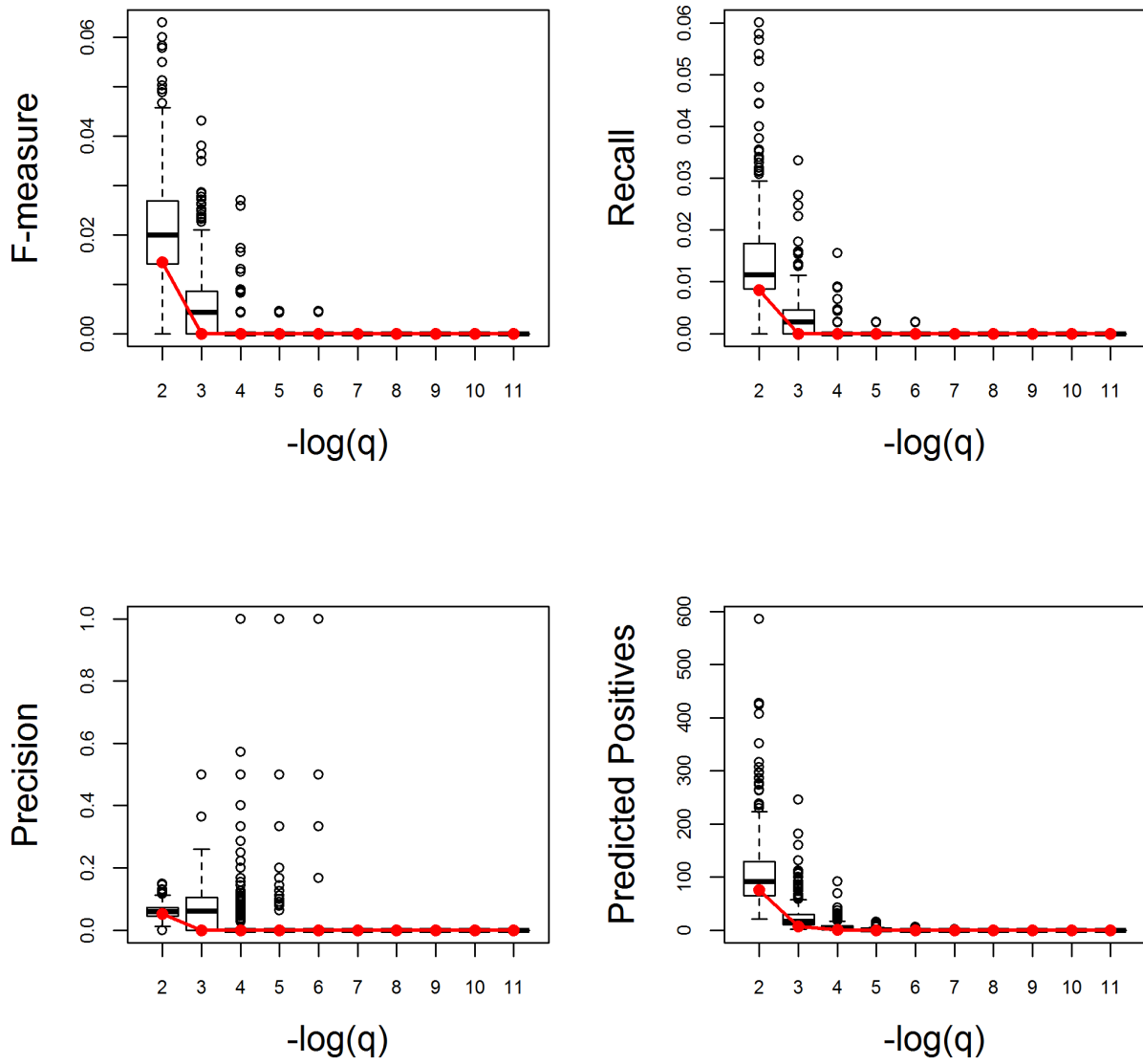
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Phototransduction. Poor



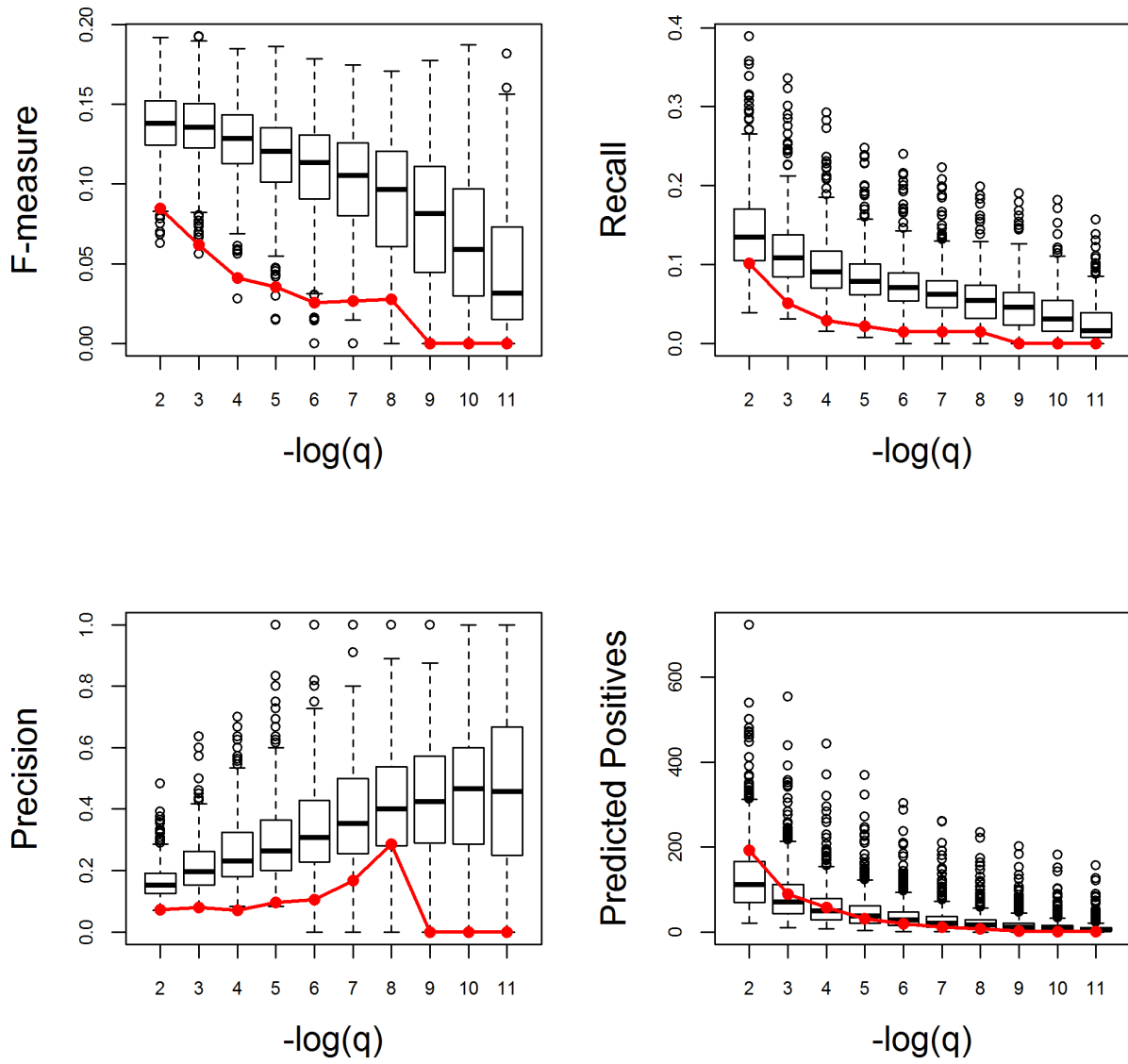
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Phyllome development. Poor



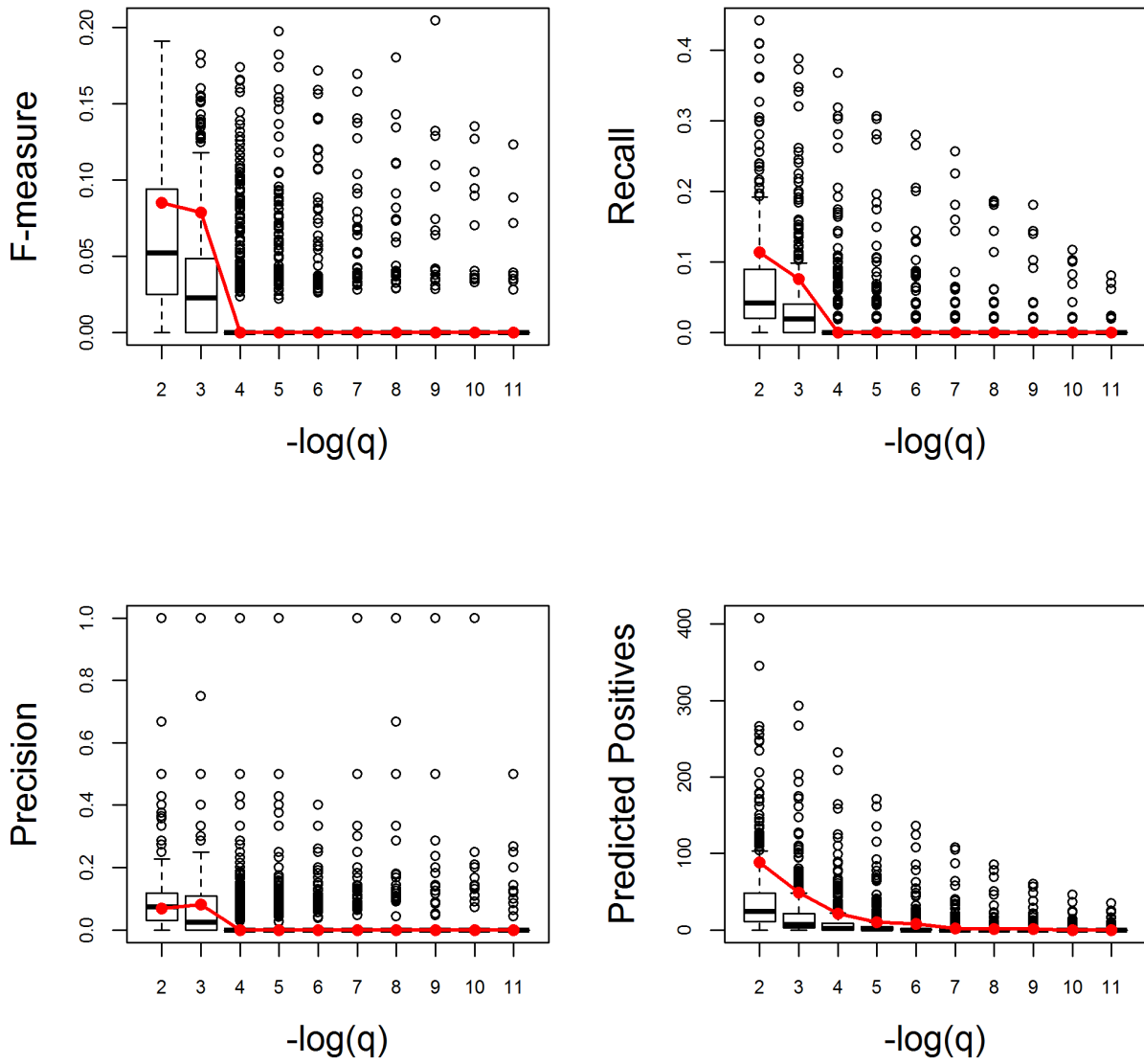
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Plant-type cell wall biogenesis. Very Poor



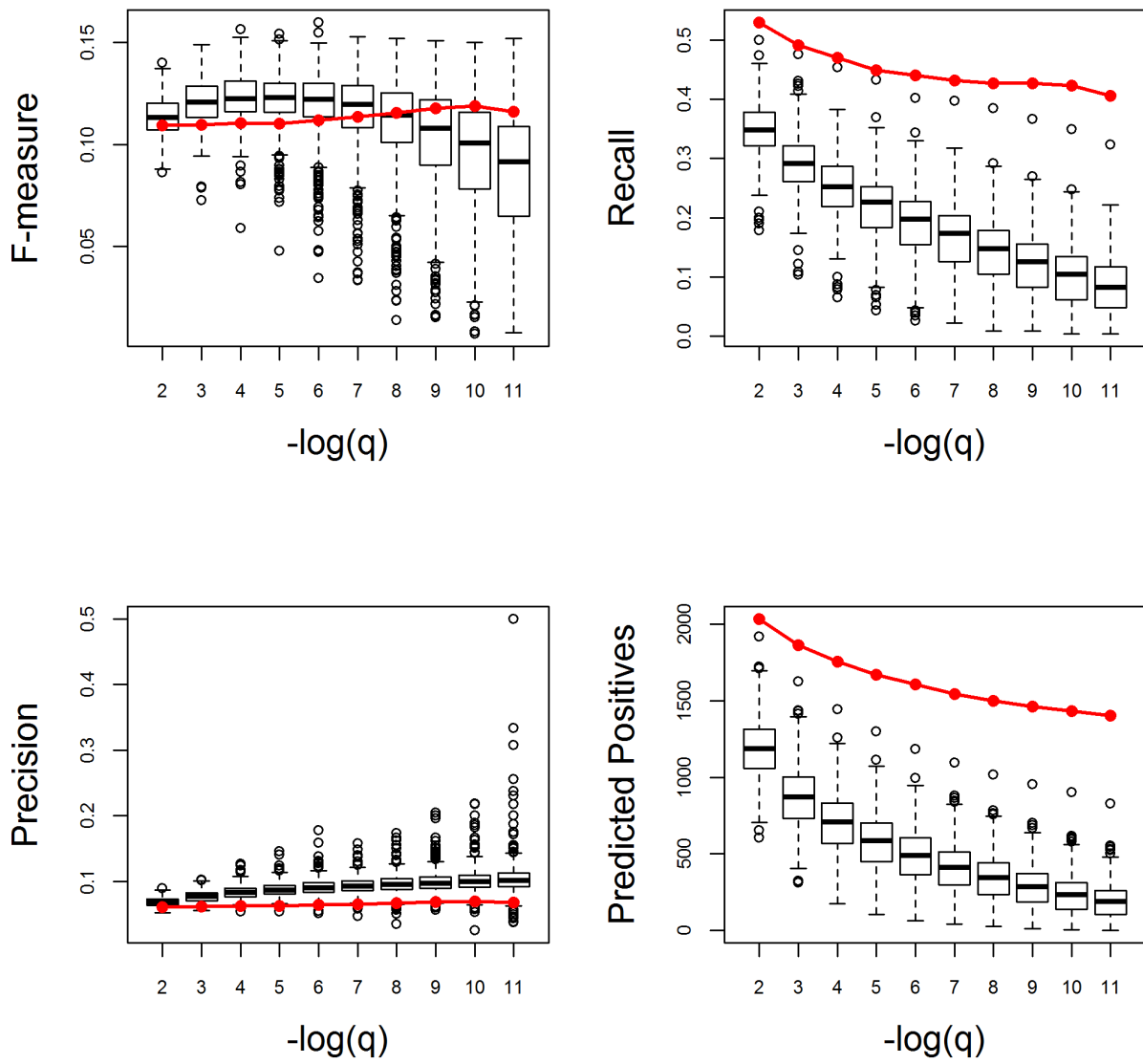
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Plant-type secondary cell wall biogenesis. Very Good



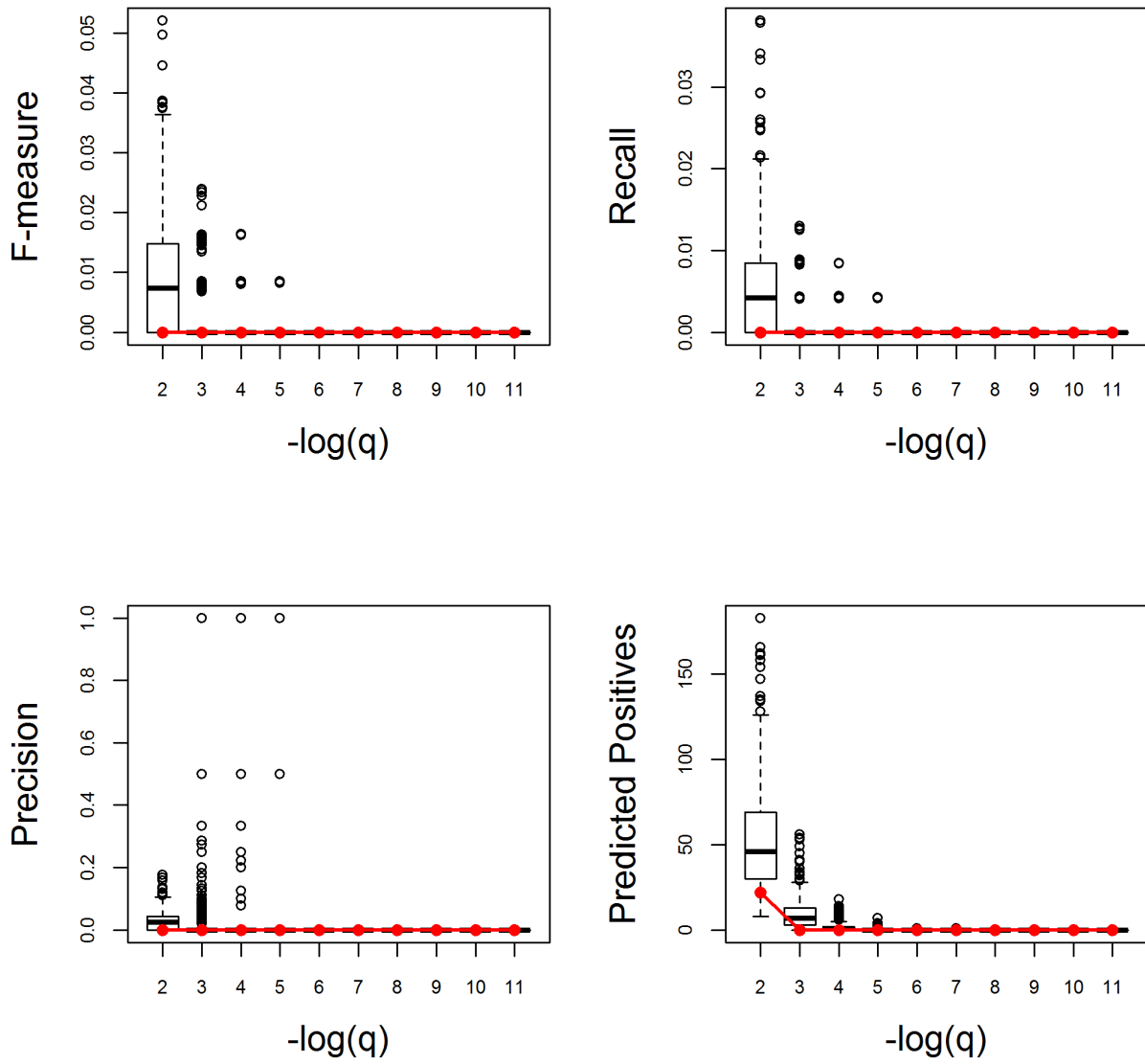
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Plastid organization. Average



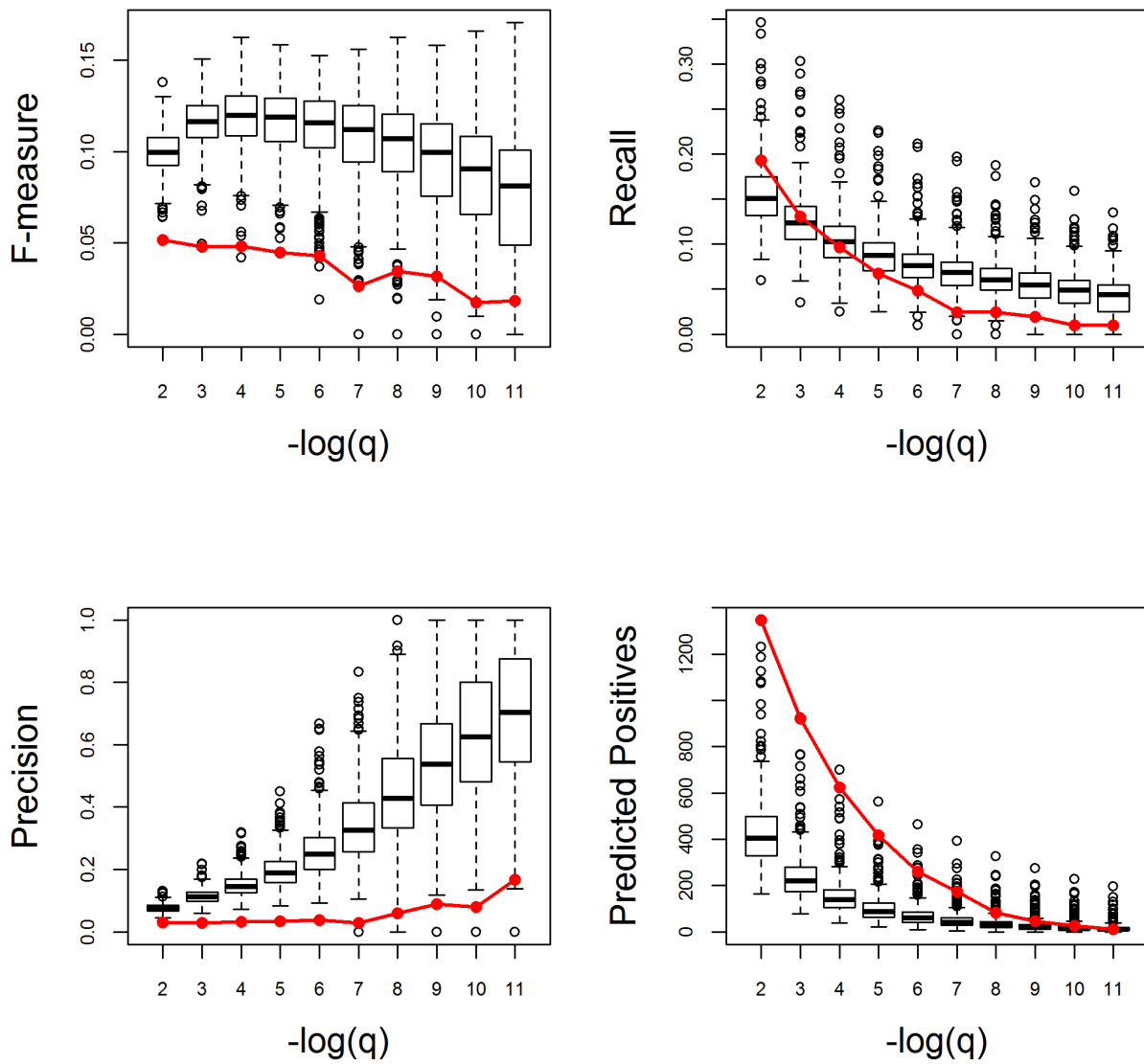
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Pollination. Poor



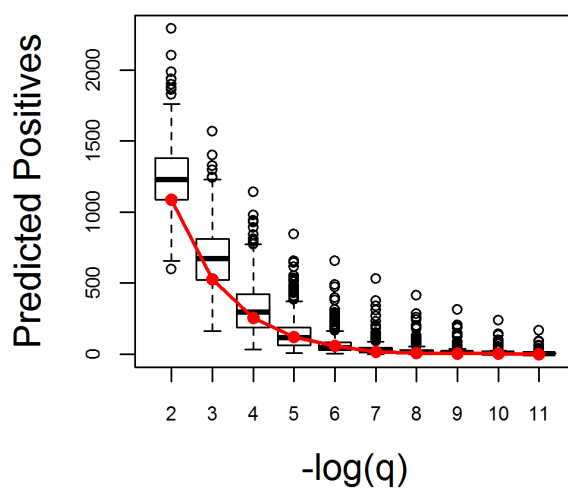
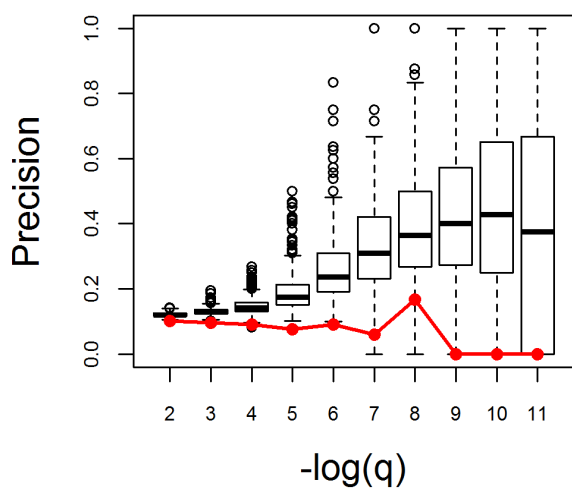
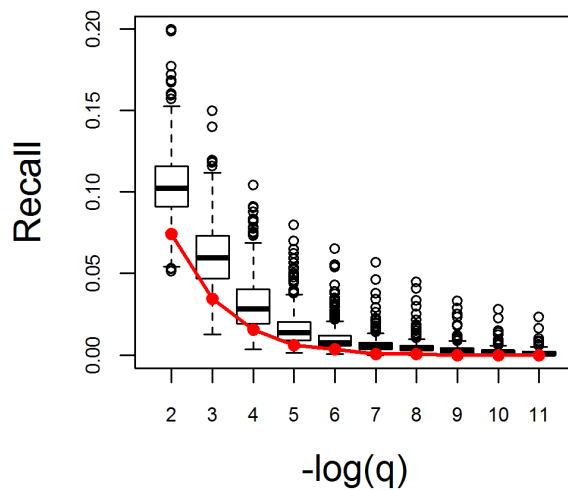
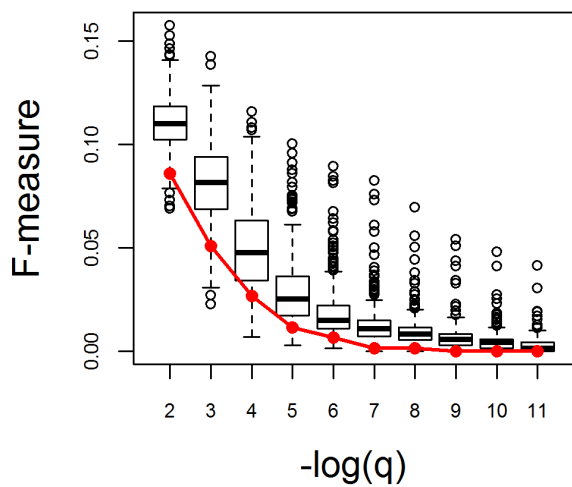
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Polysaccharide biosynthetic process. Very Poor



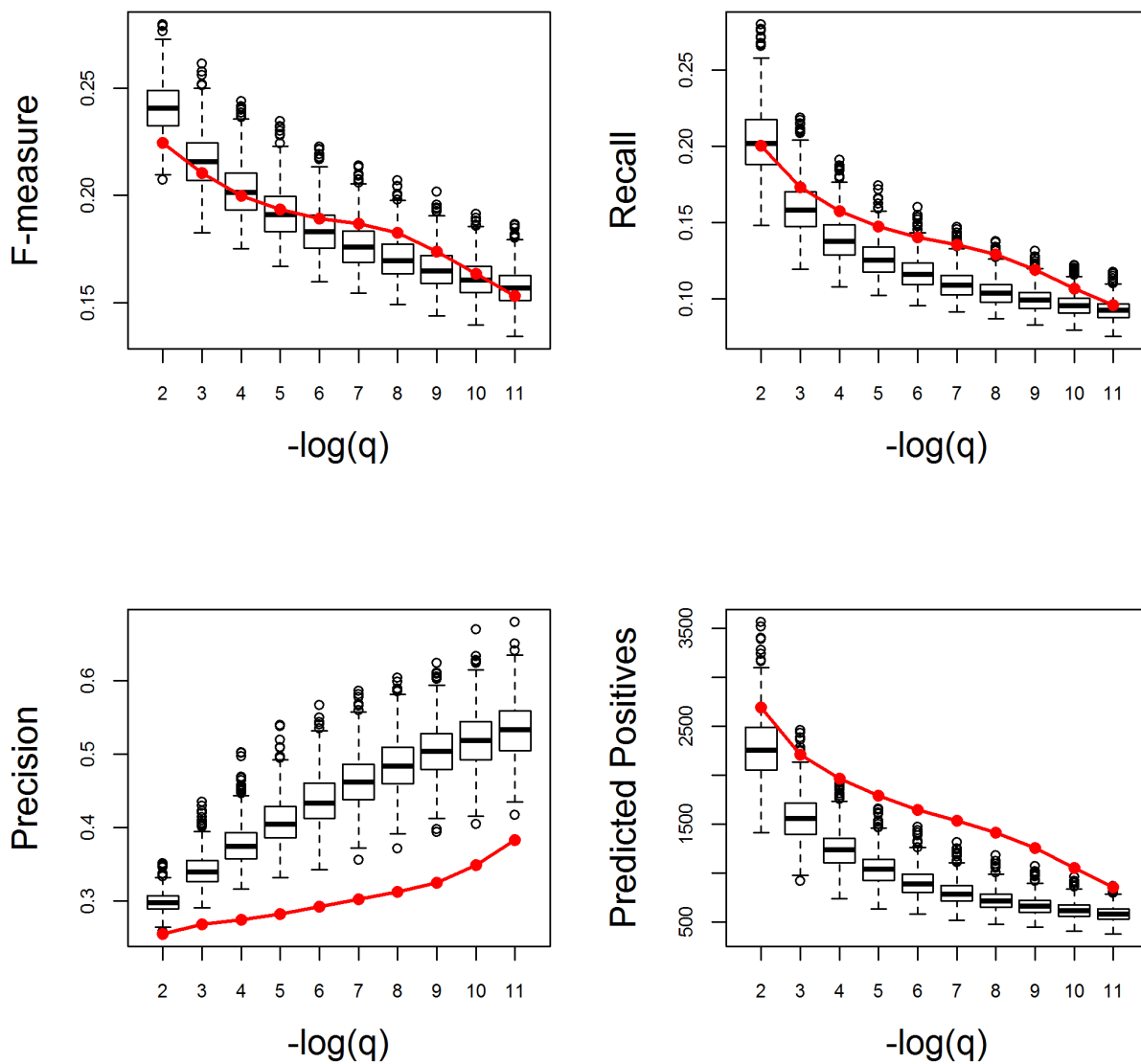
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Post-embryonic development. Very Poor



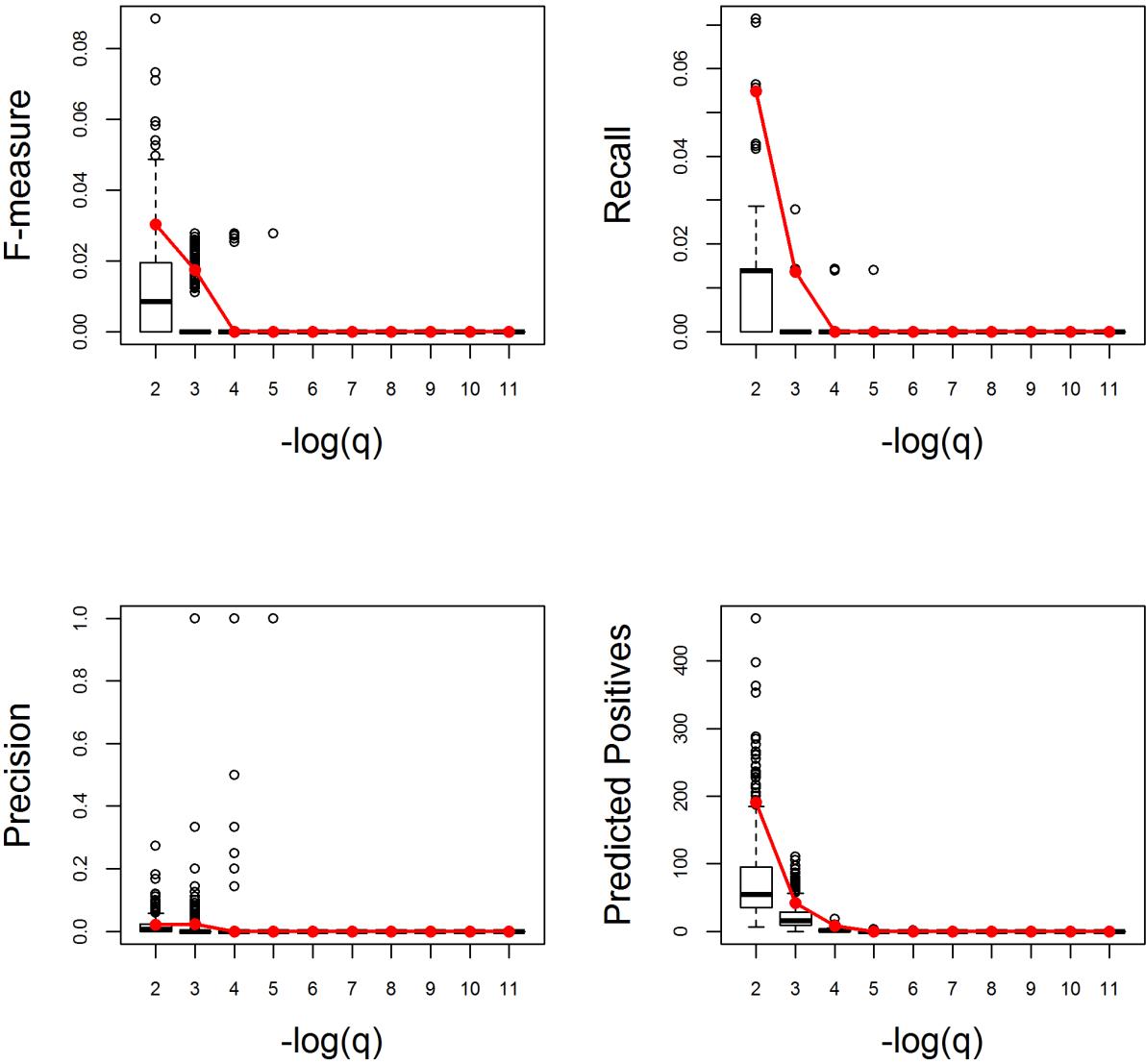
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Protein metabolic process. Average



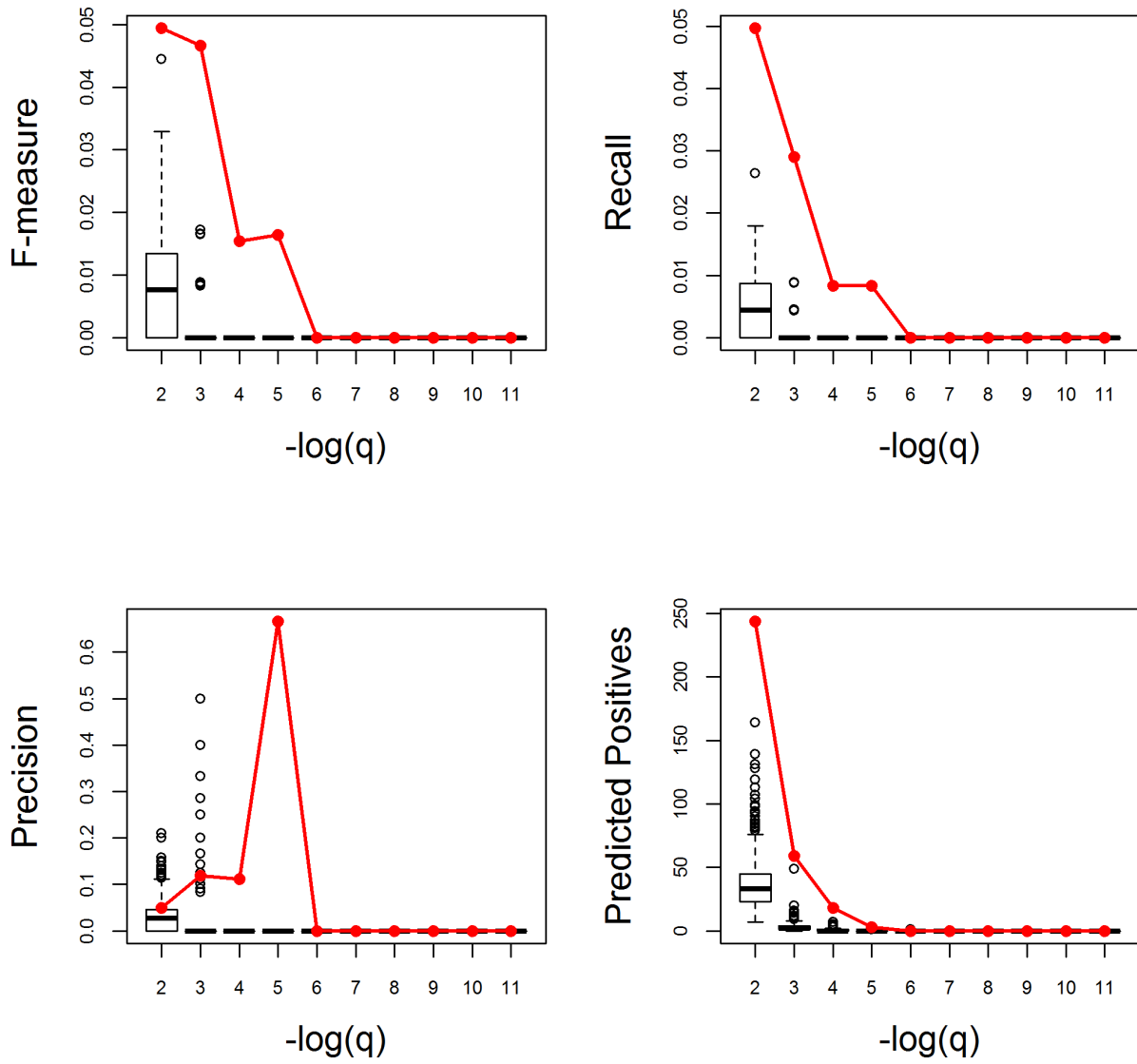
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Red or far-red light signaling pathway. Very Good



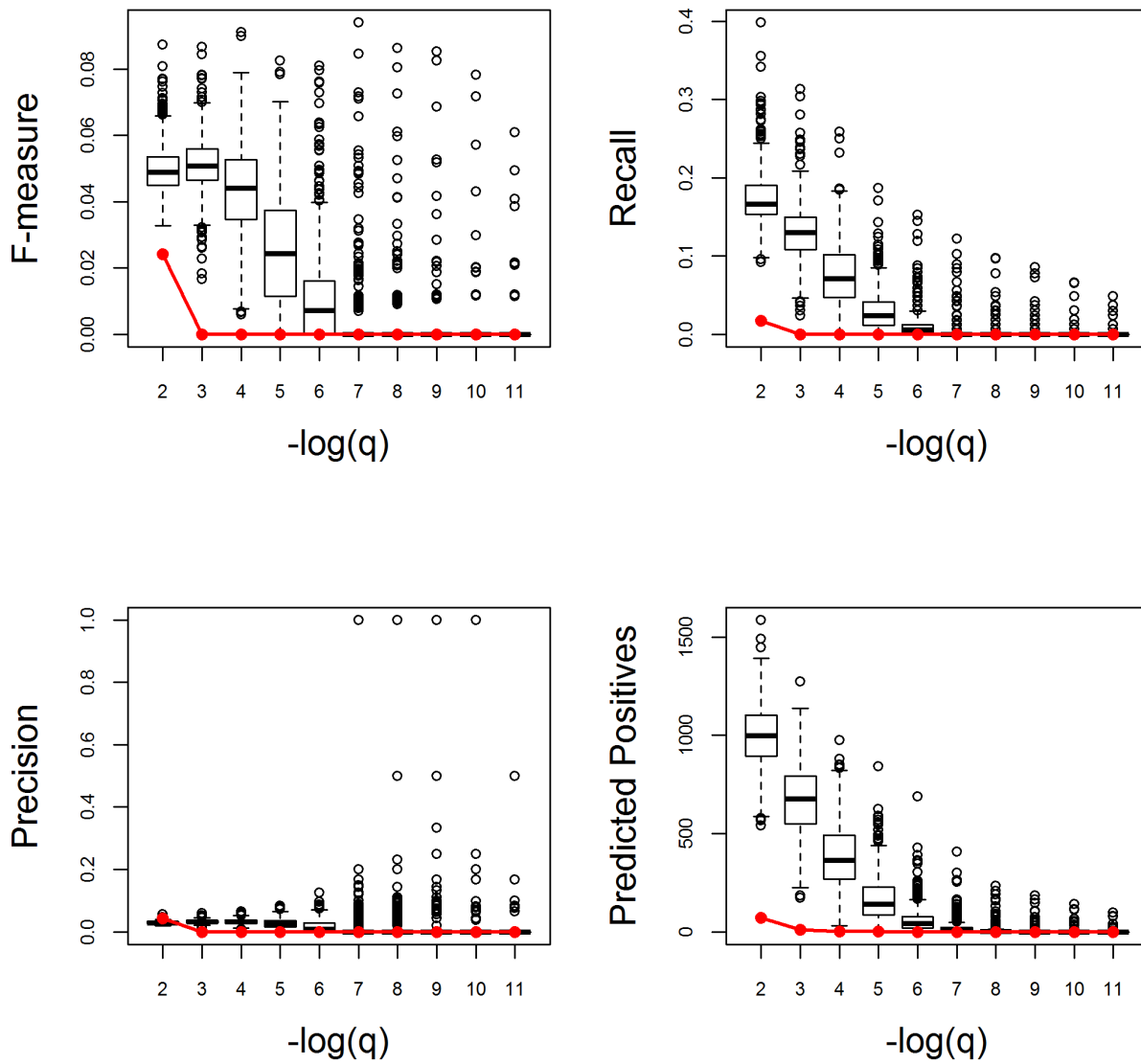
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Regulation of defense response. Very Good



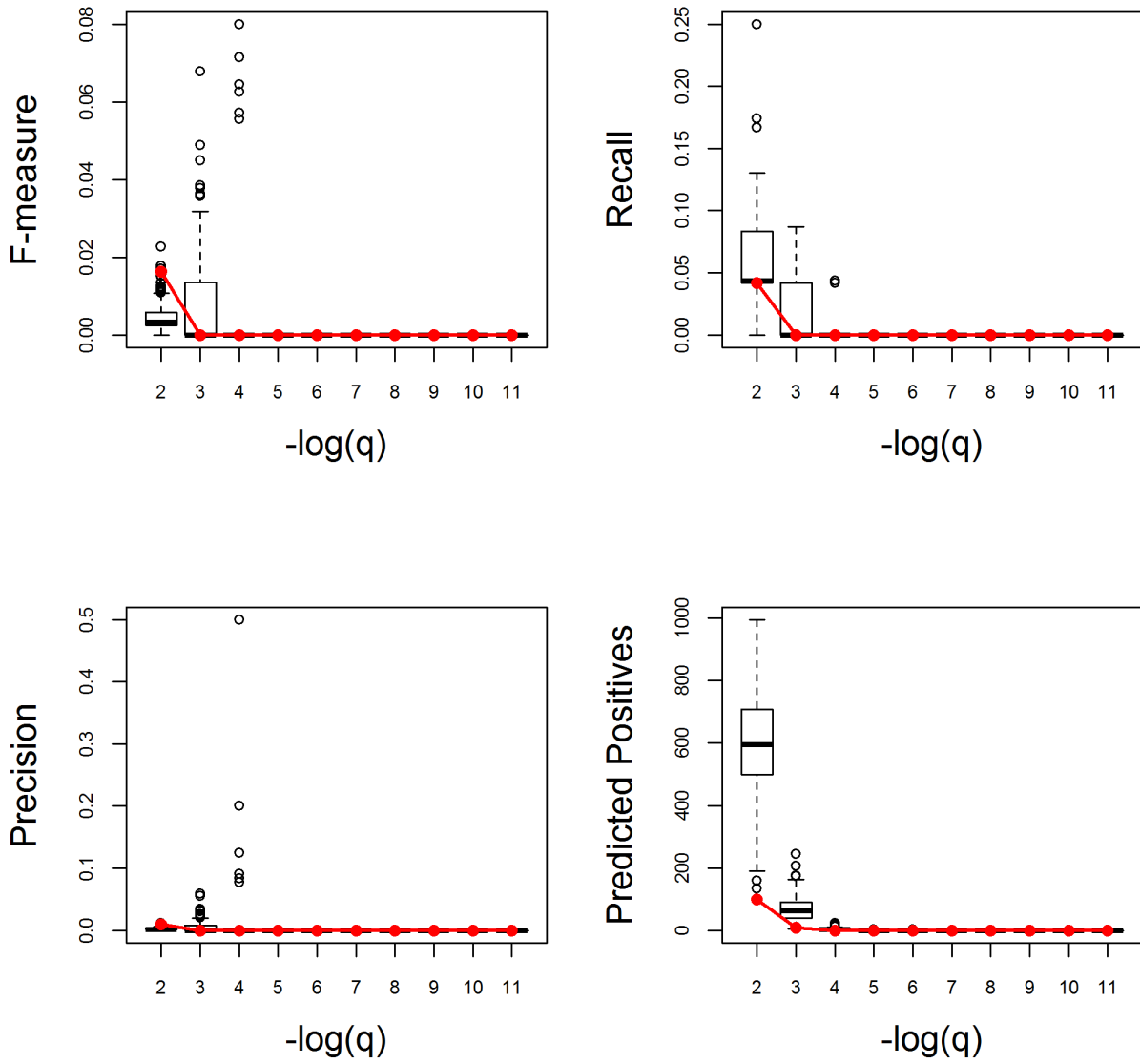
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Regulation of gene expression, epigenetic. Very Poor



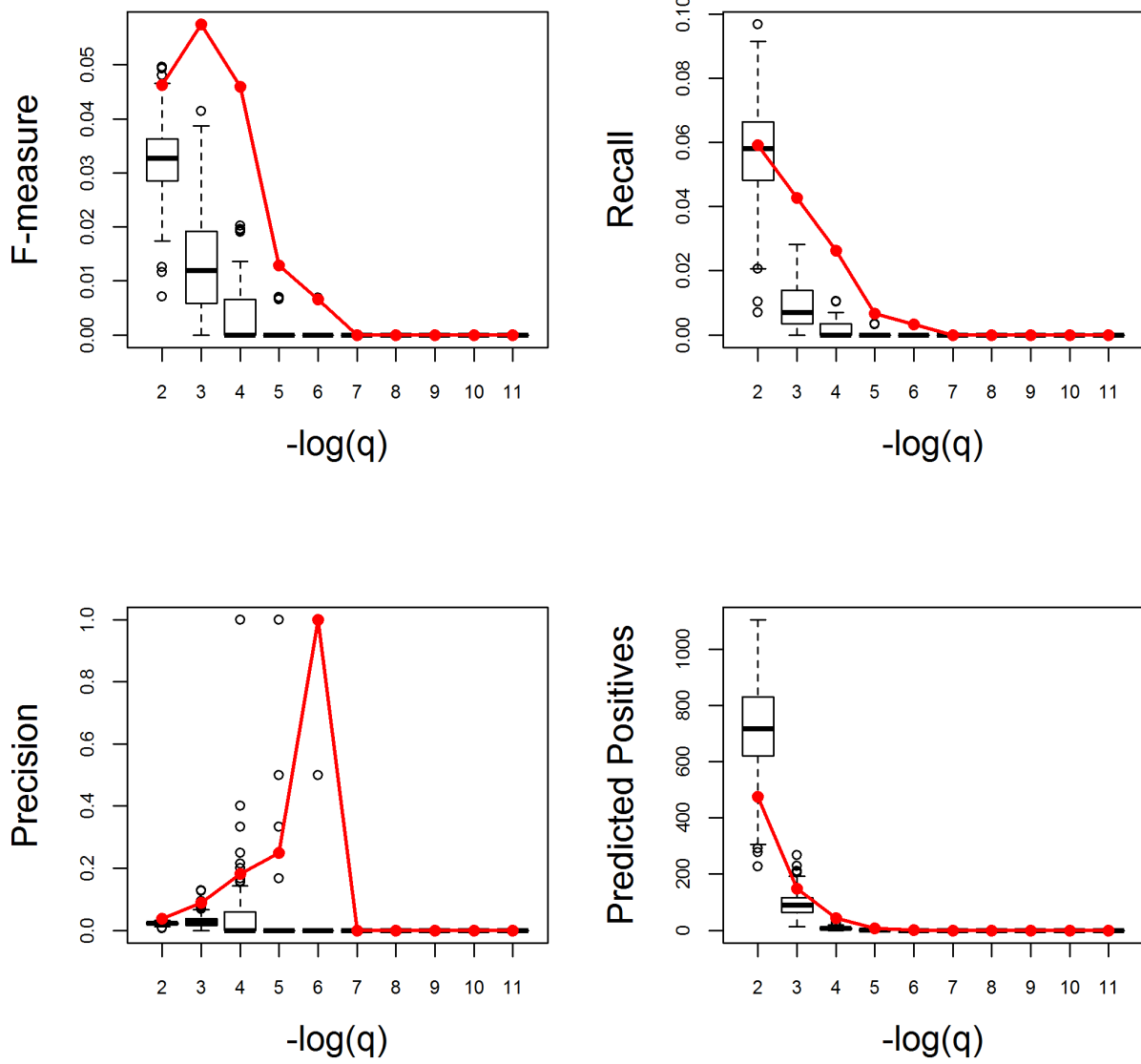
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Regulation of response to osmotic stress. Very Good



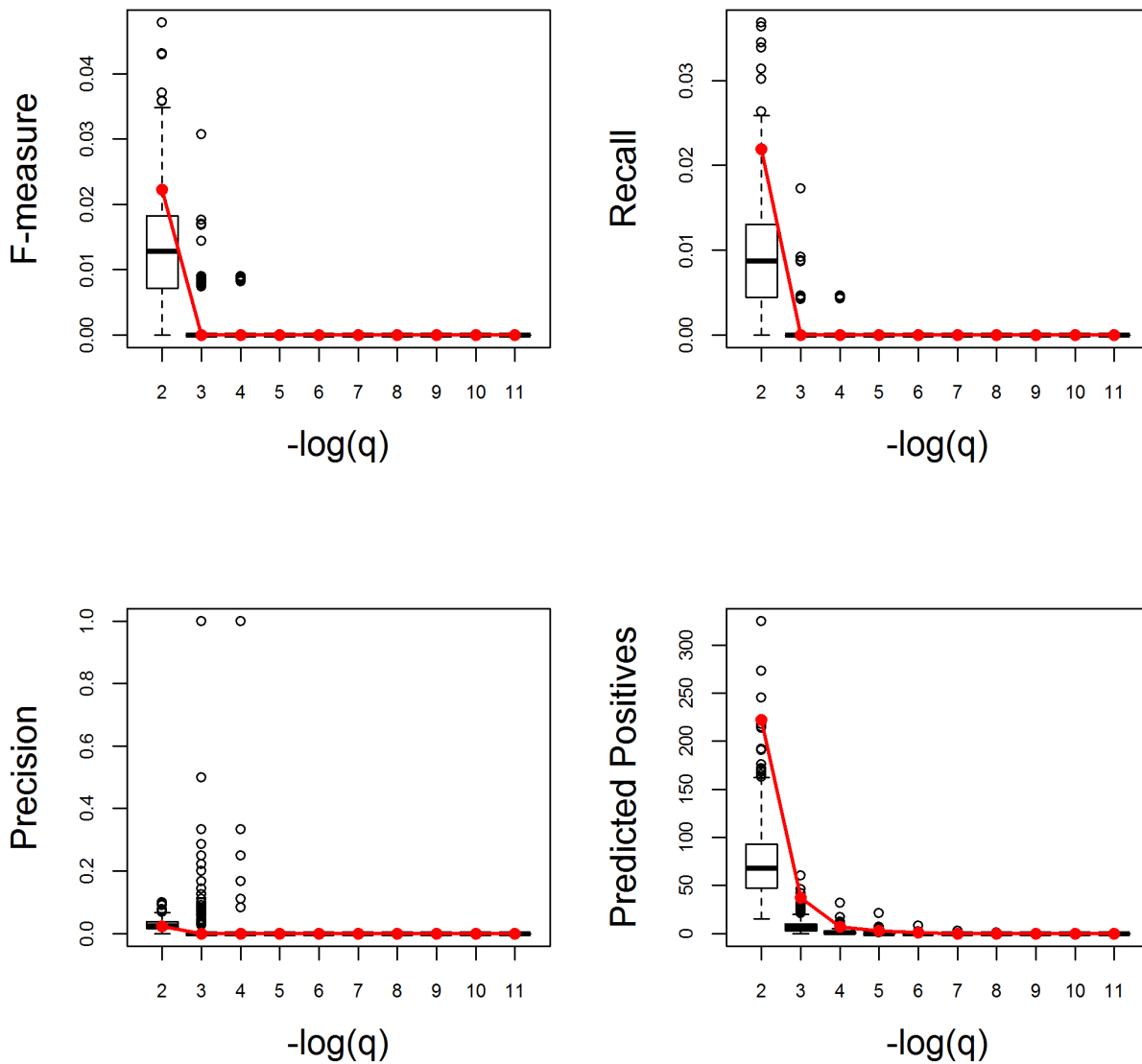
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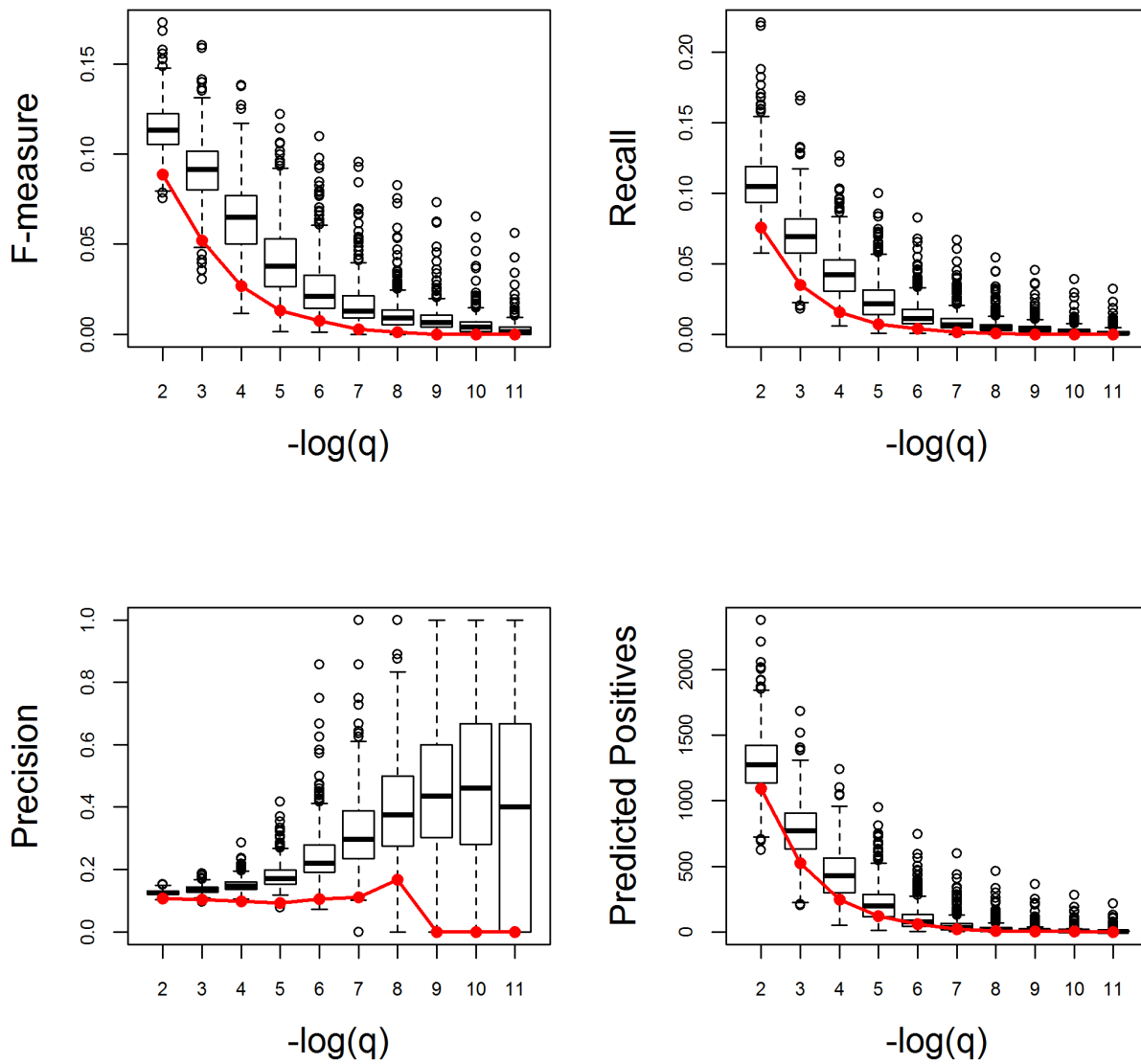
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Regulation of signal transduction. Very Good



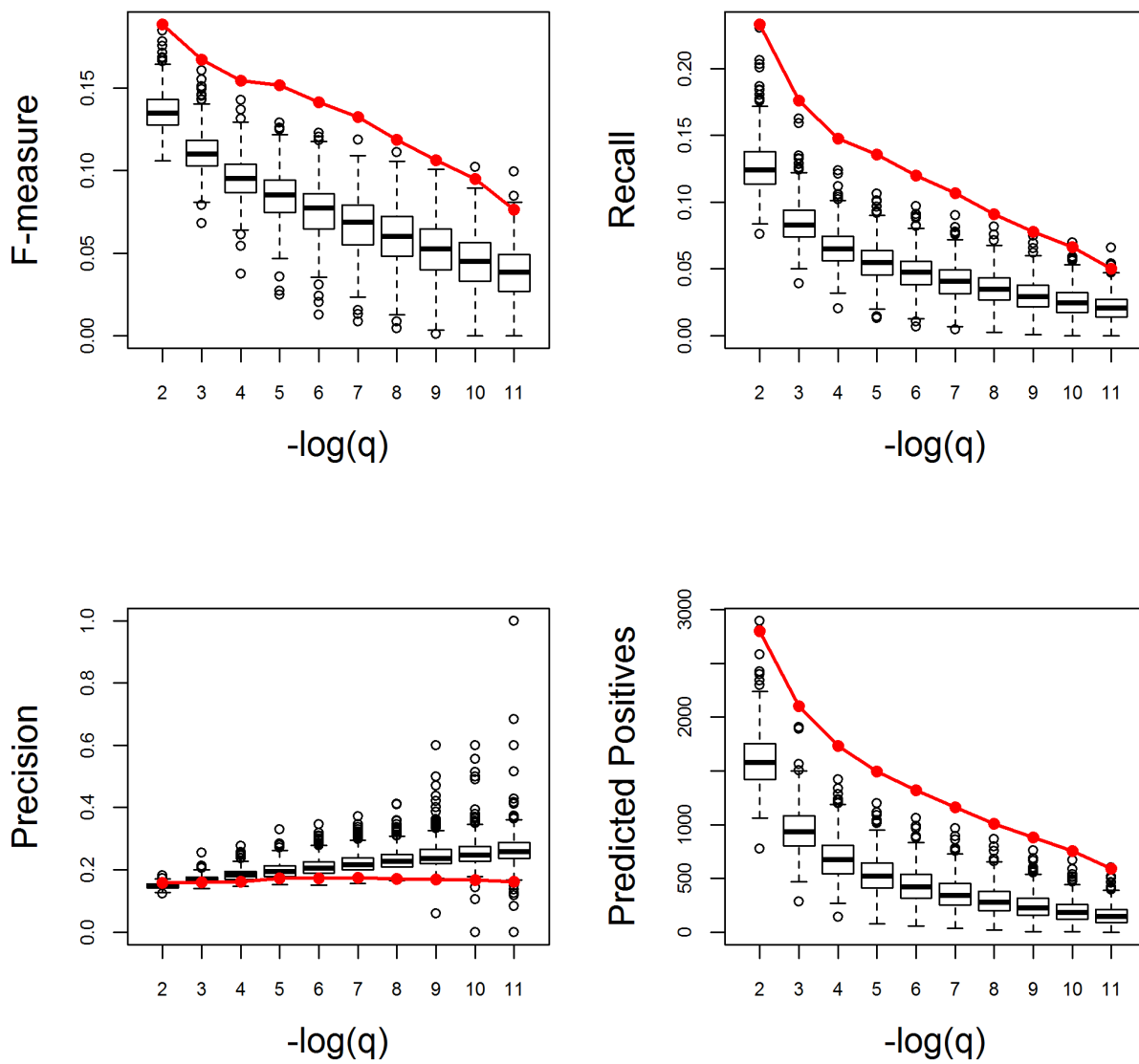
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Reproduction. Very Poor



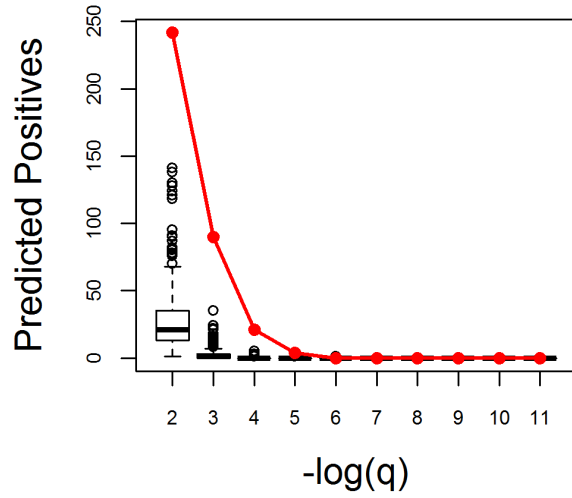
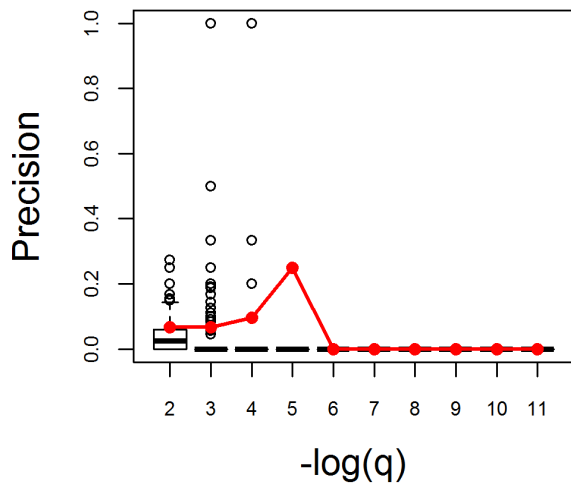
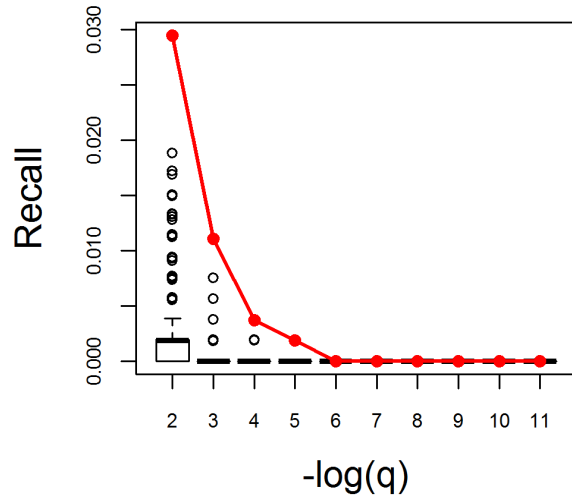
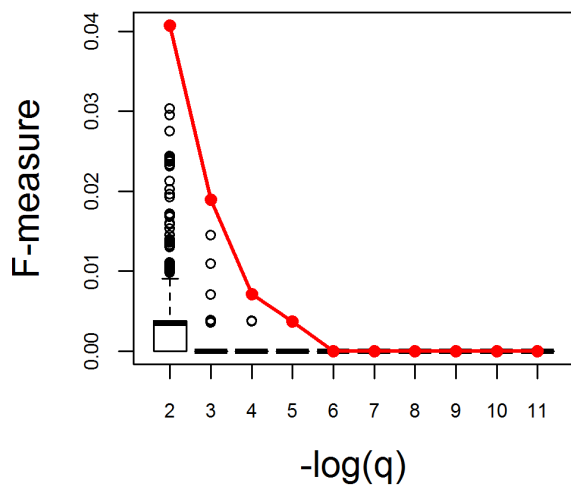
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Response to abiotic stimulus. Very Good



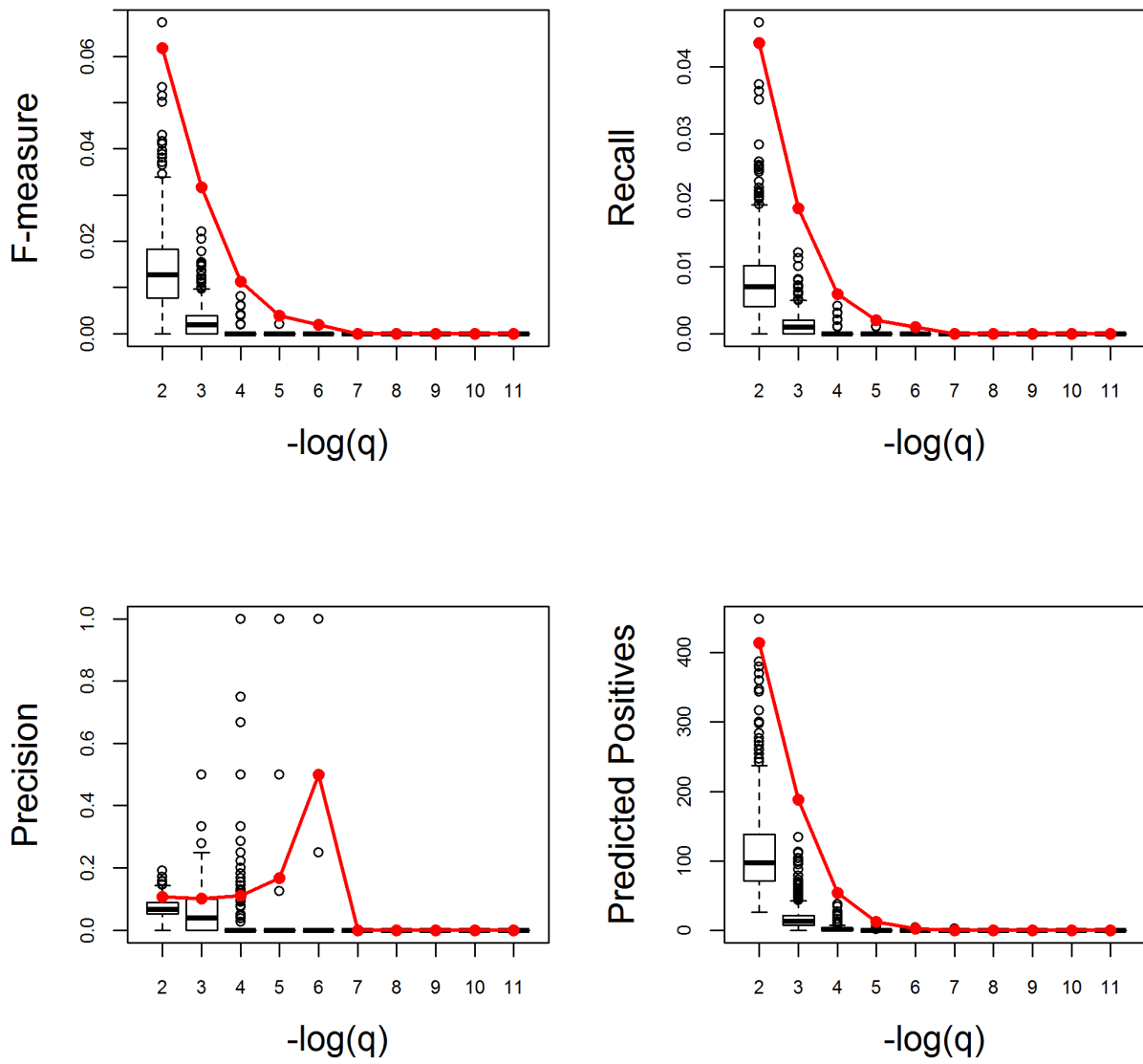
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Response to abscisic acid. Very Good



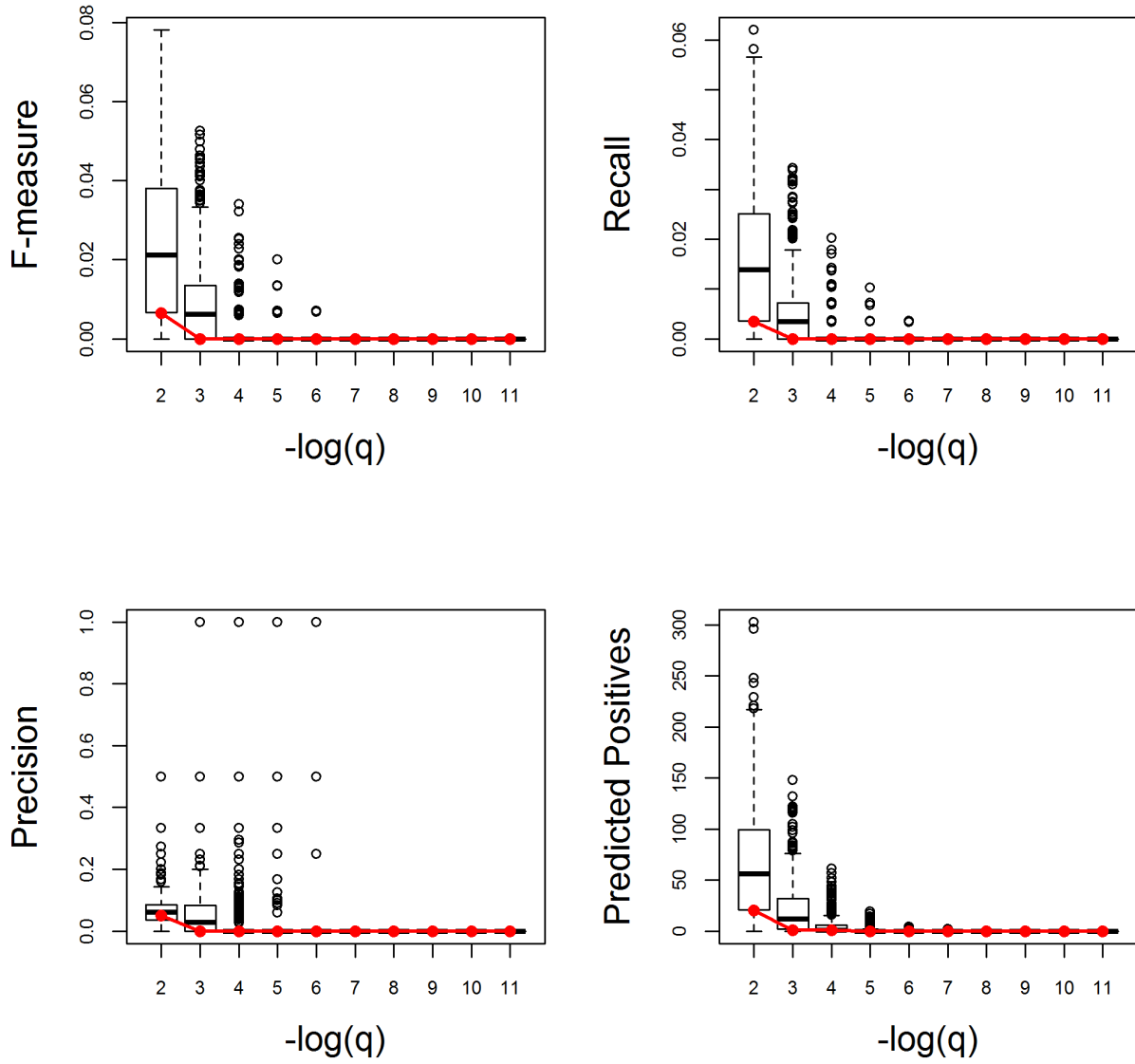
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Response to acid chemical. Very Good



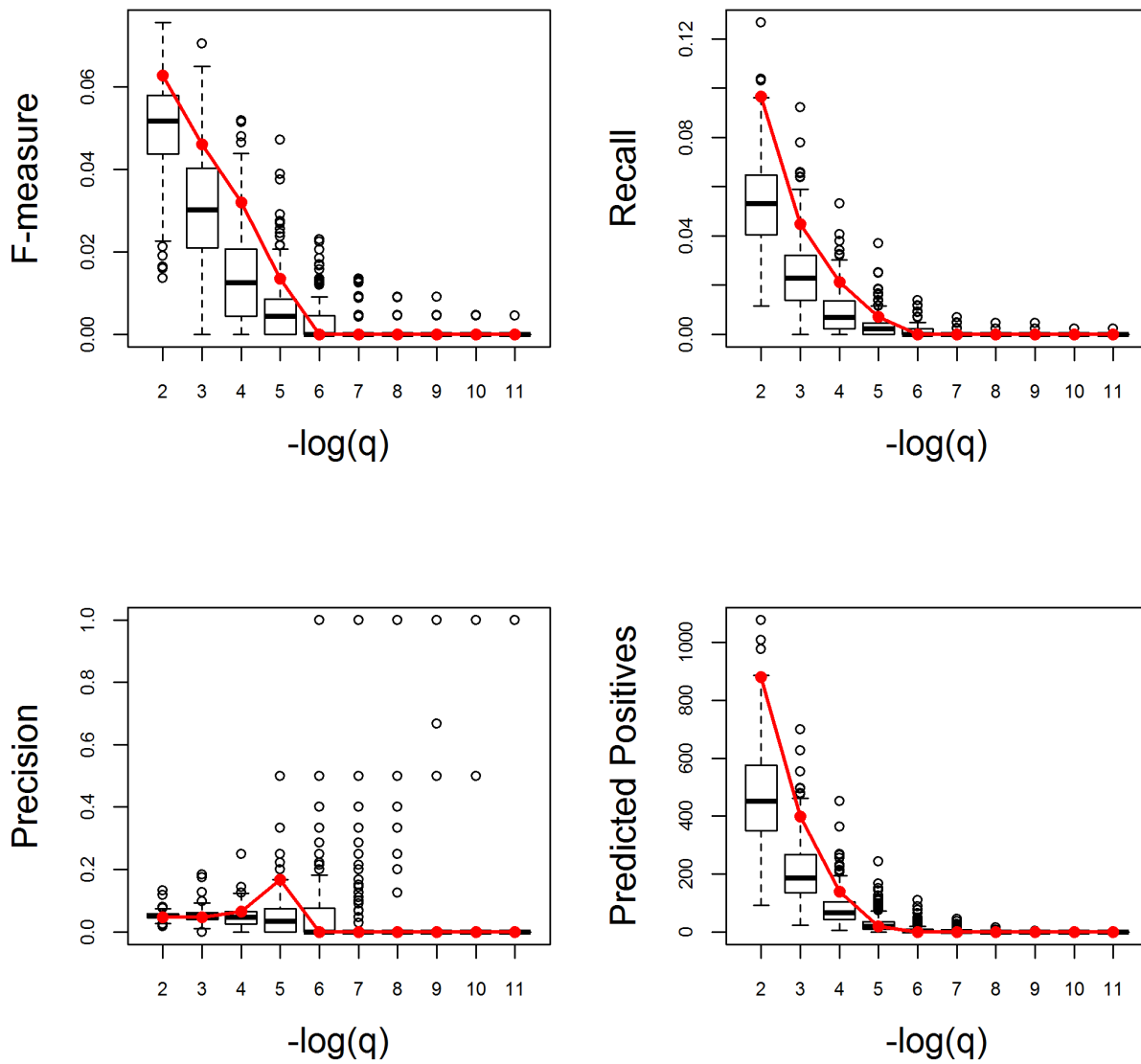
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Response to auxin. Very Poor



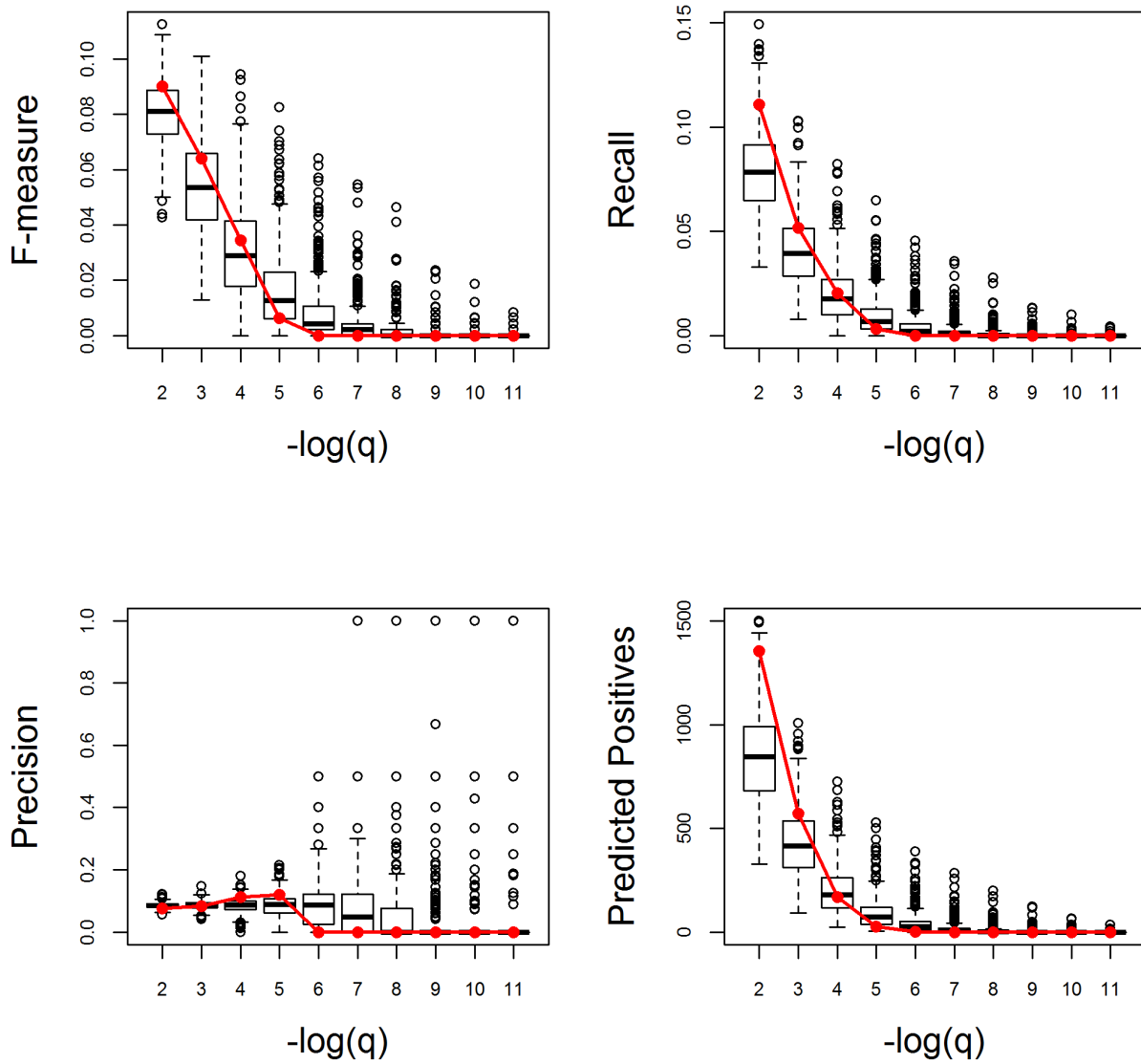
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Response to bacterium. Very Good



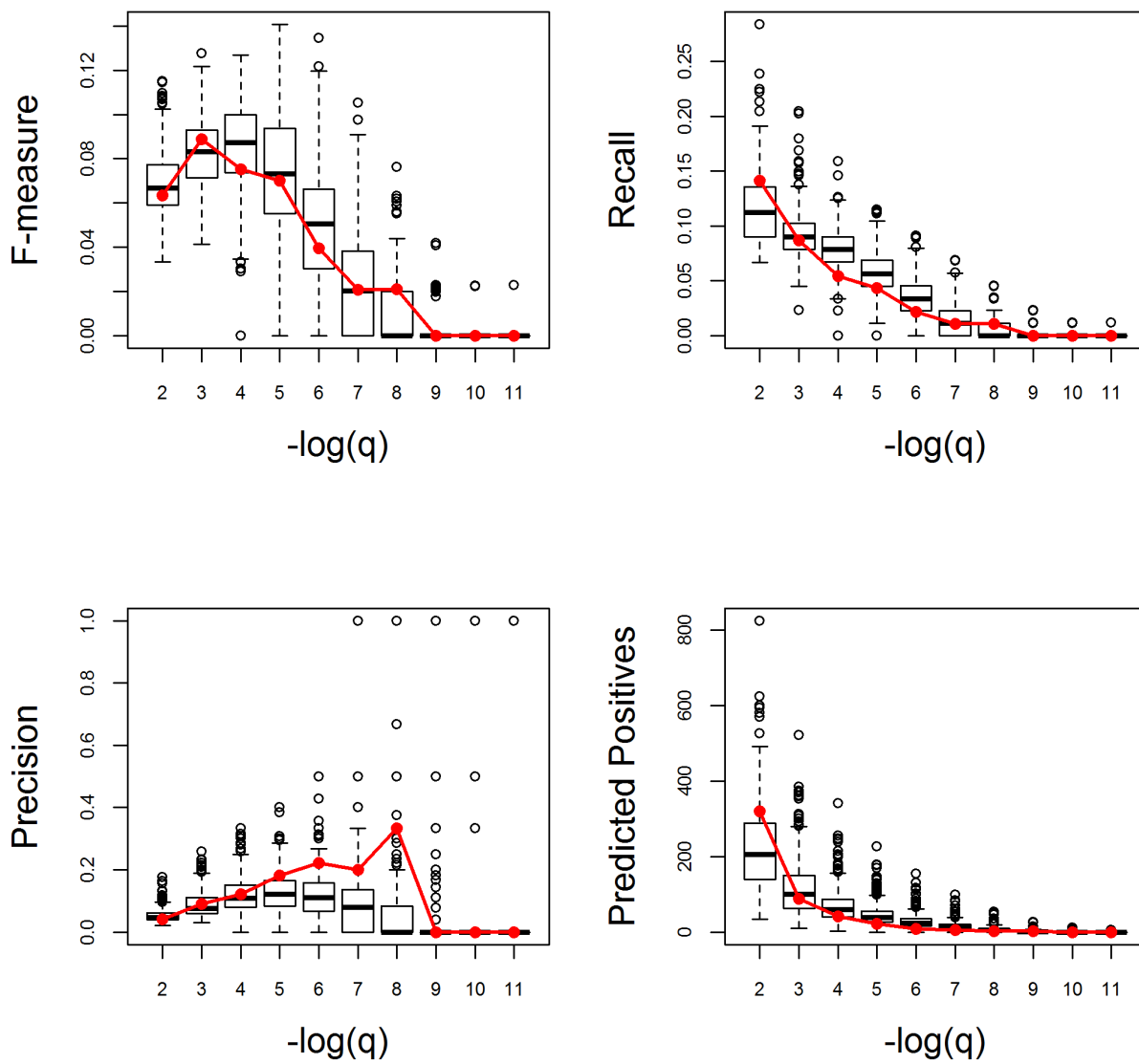
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Response to biotic stimulus. Average



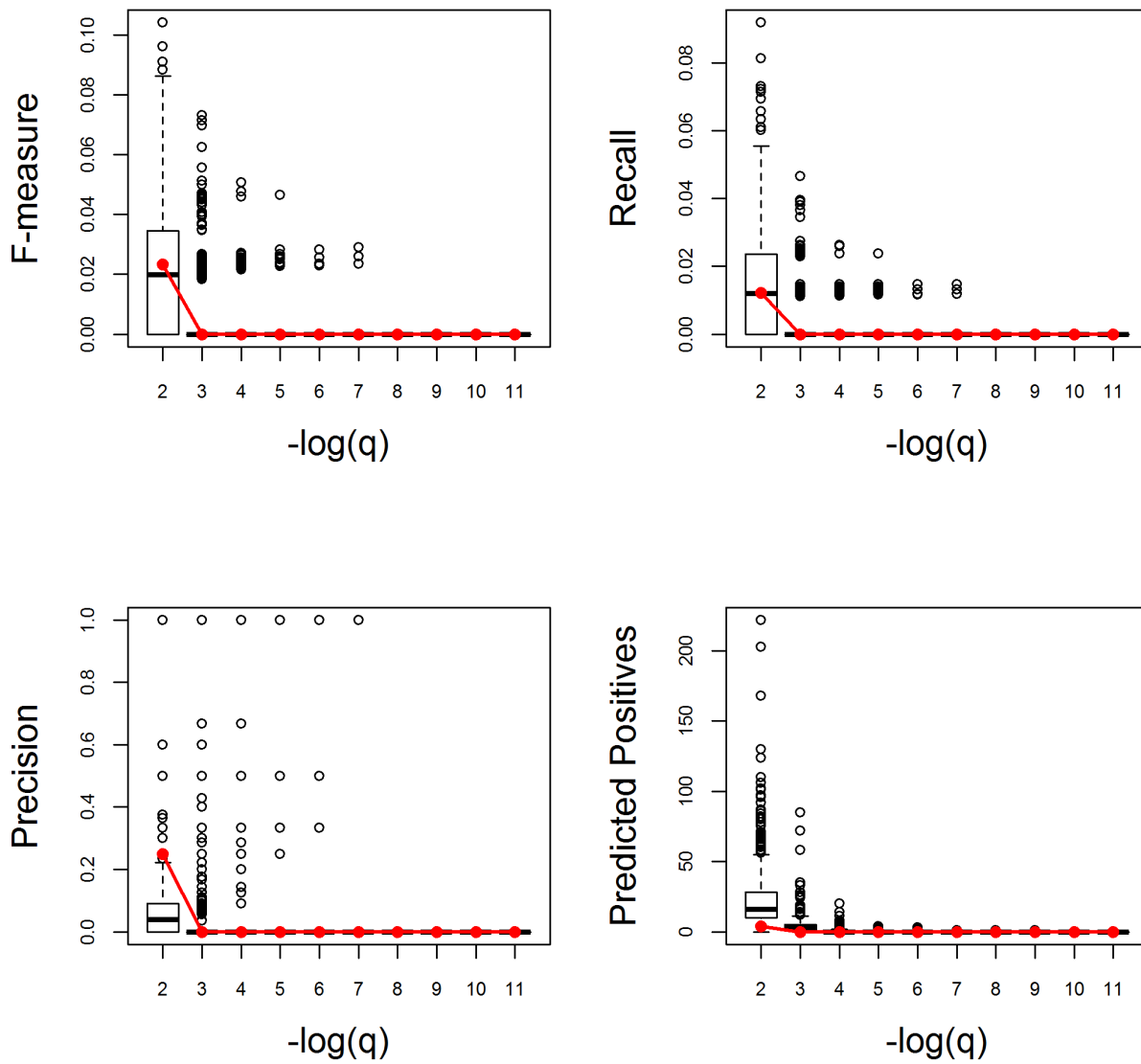
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Response to blue light. Average



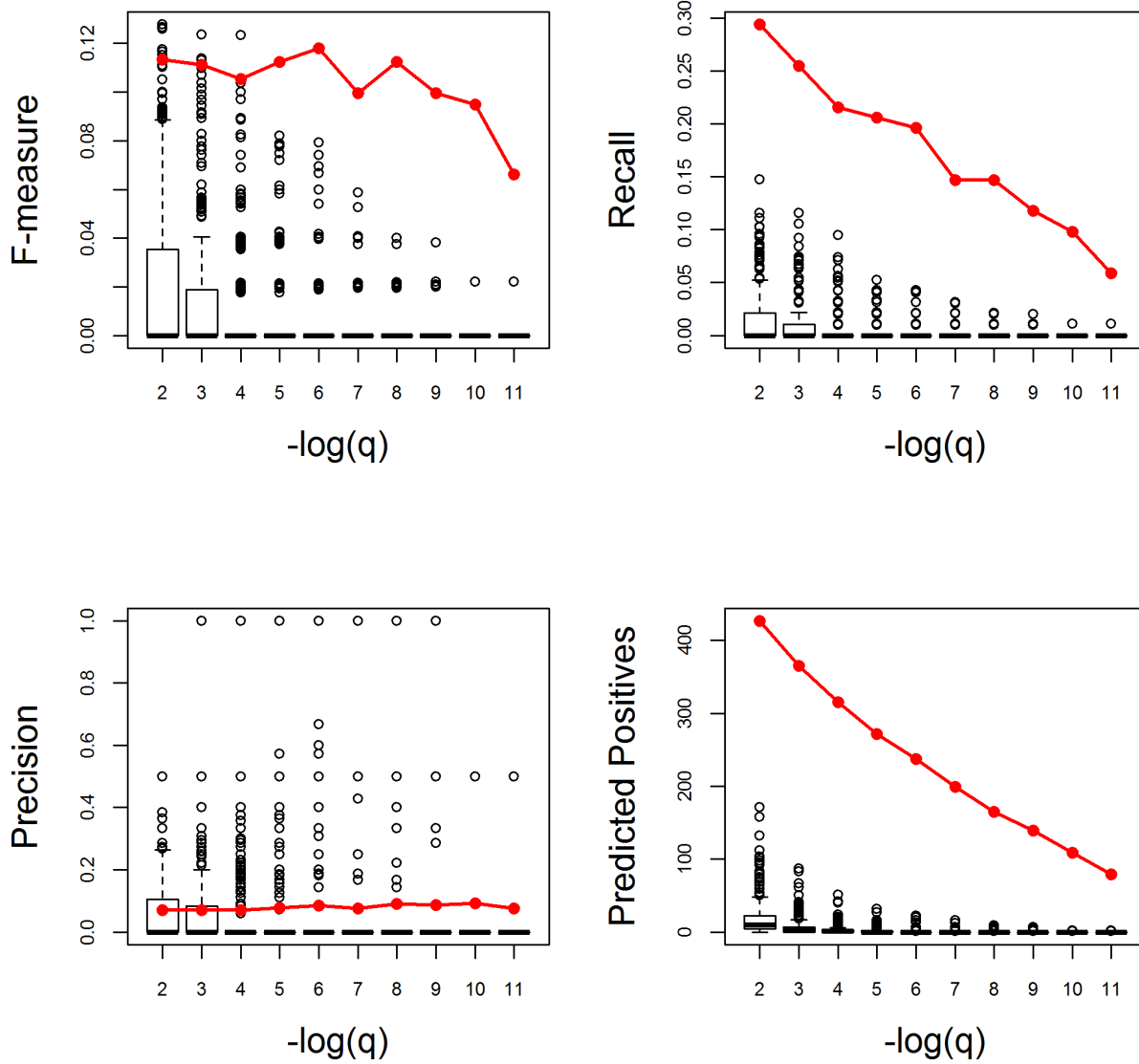
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Response to brassinosteroid. Average



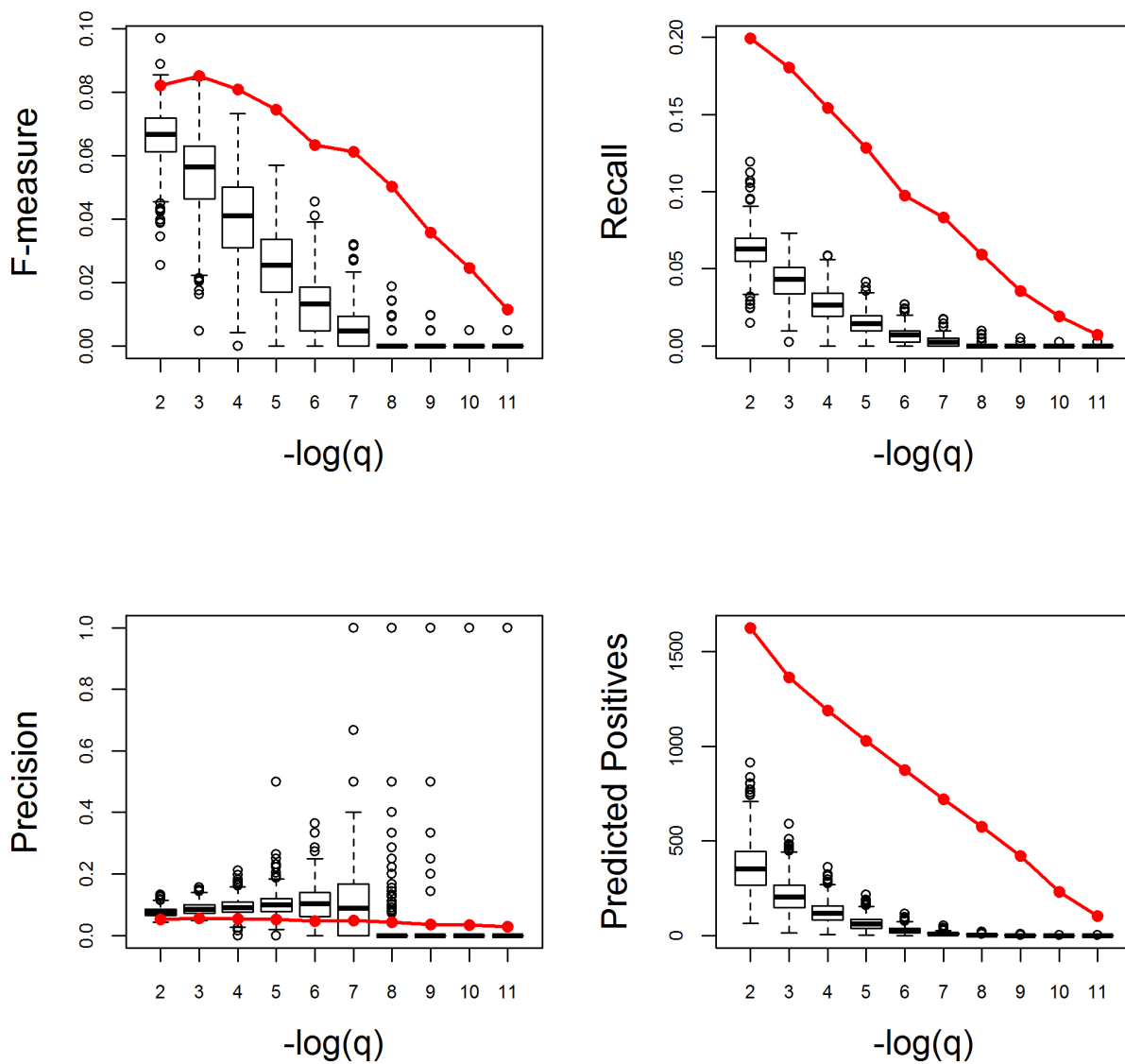
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Response to chitin. Very Good



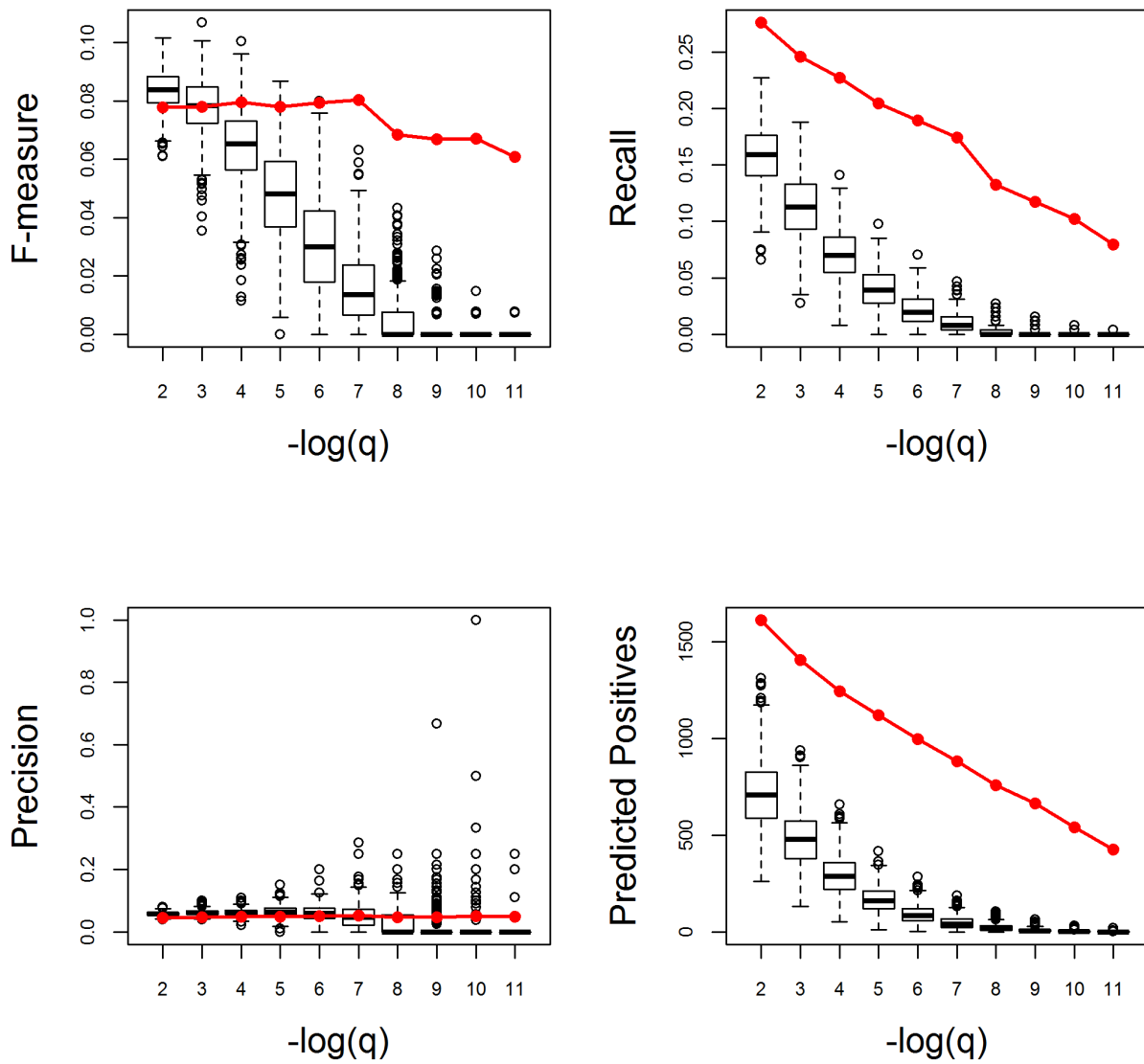
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Response to cold. Very Good



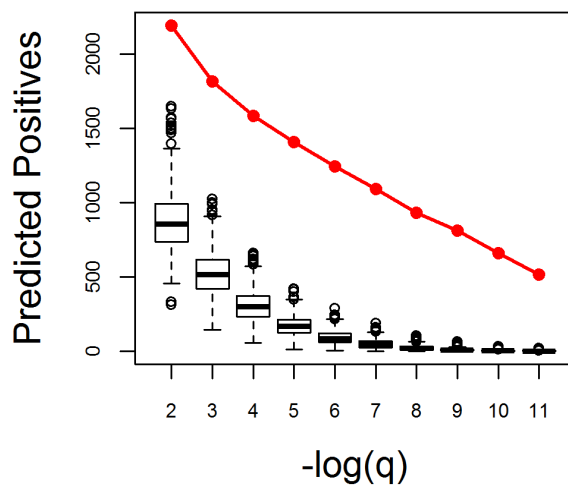
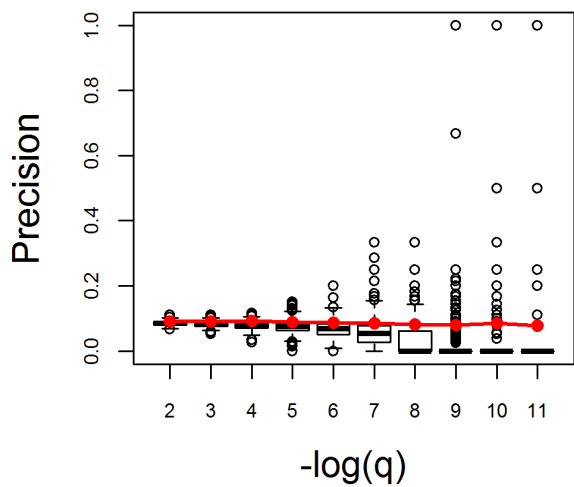
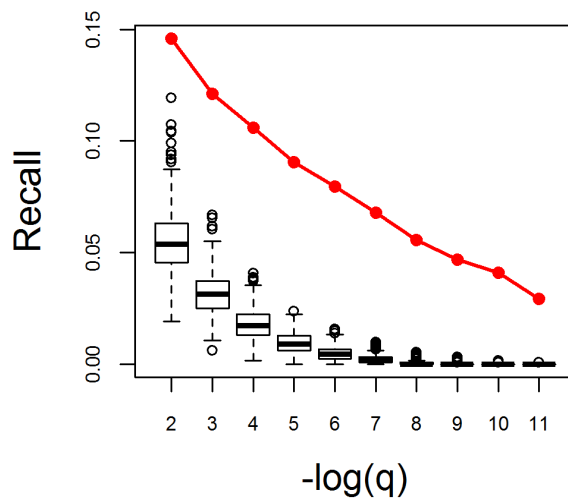
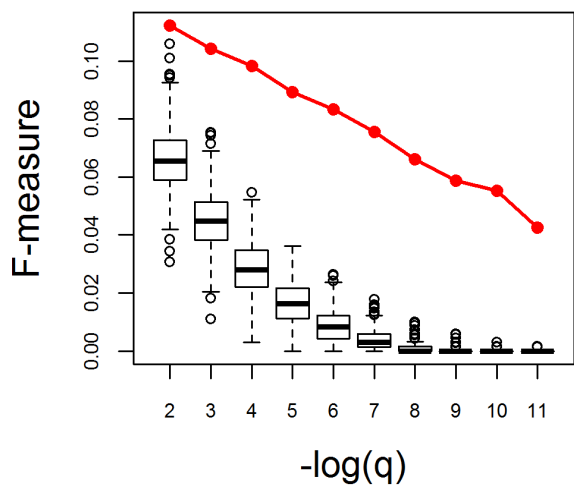
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Response to cytokinin. Very Good



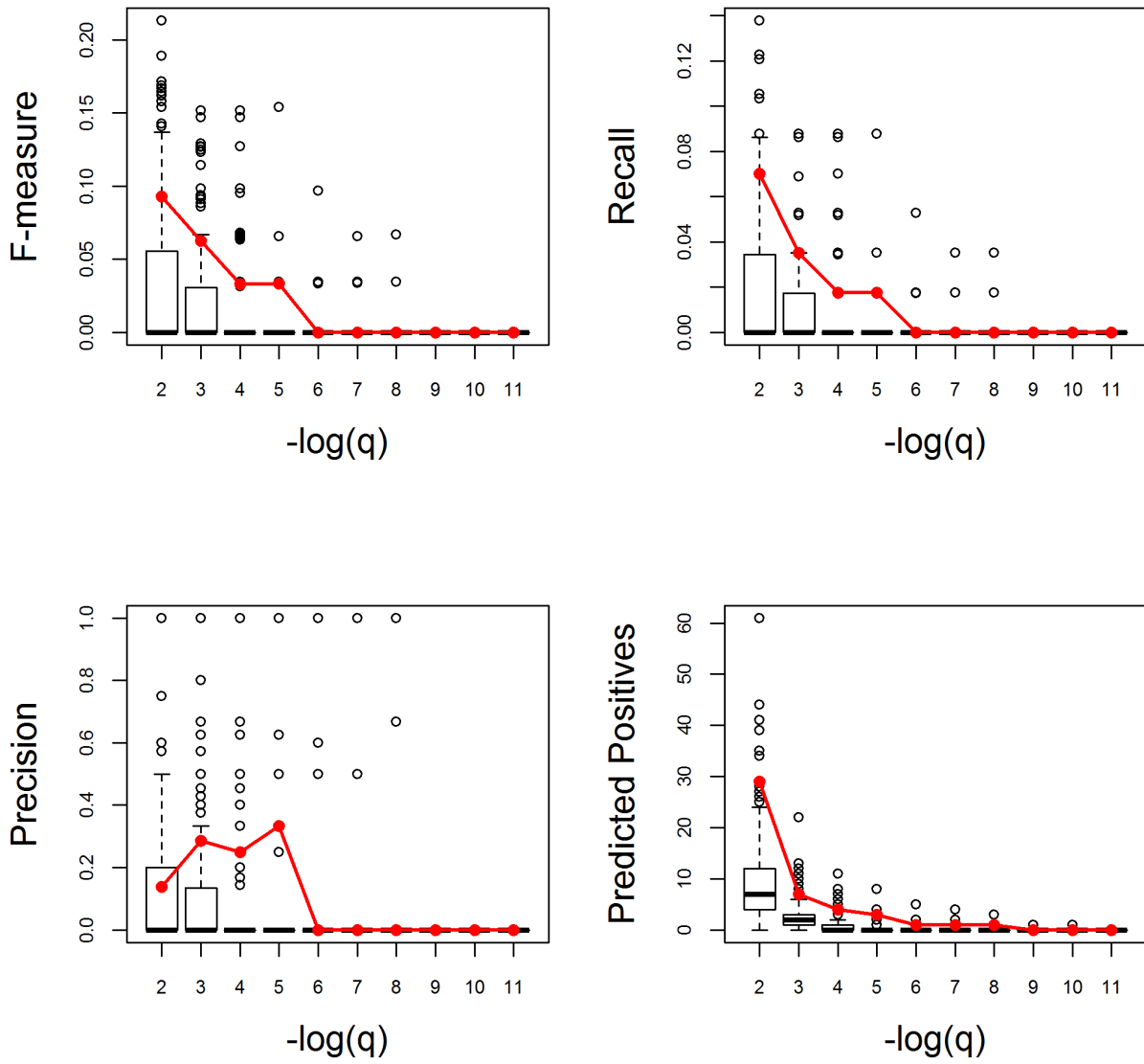
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Response to endogenous stimulus. Very Good



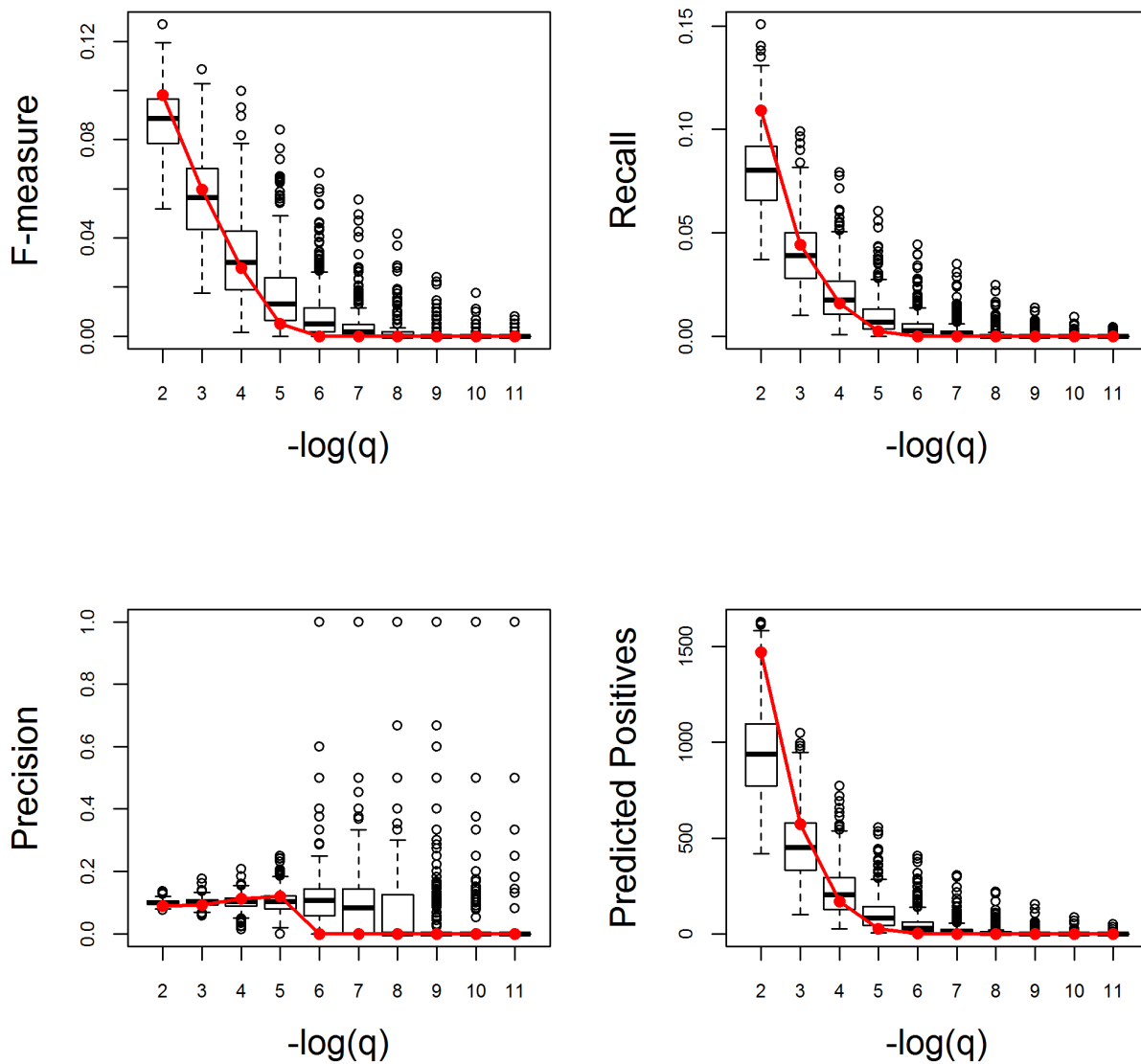
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Response to endoplasmic reticulum stress. Very Good



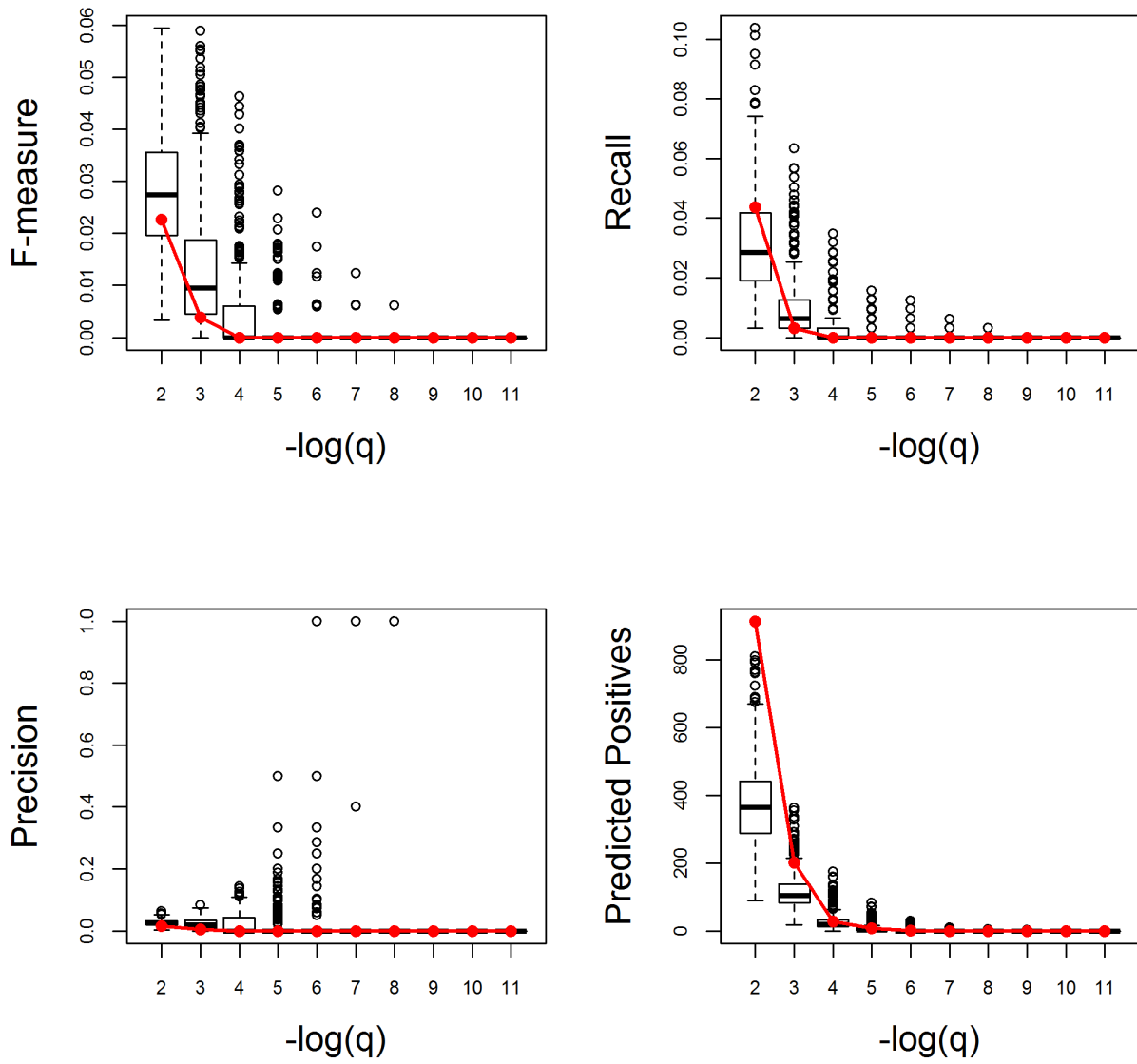
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Response to external stimulus. Average



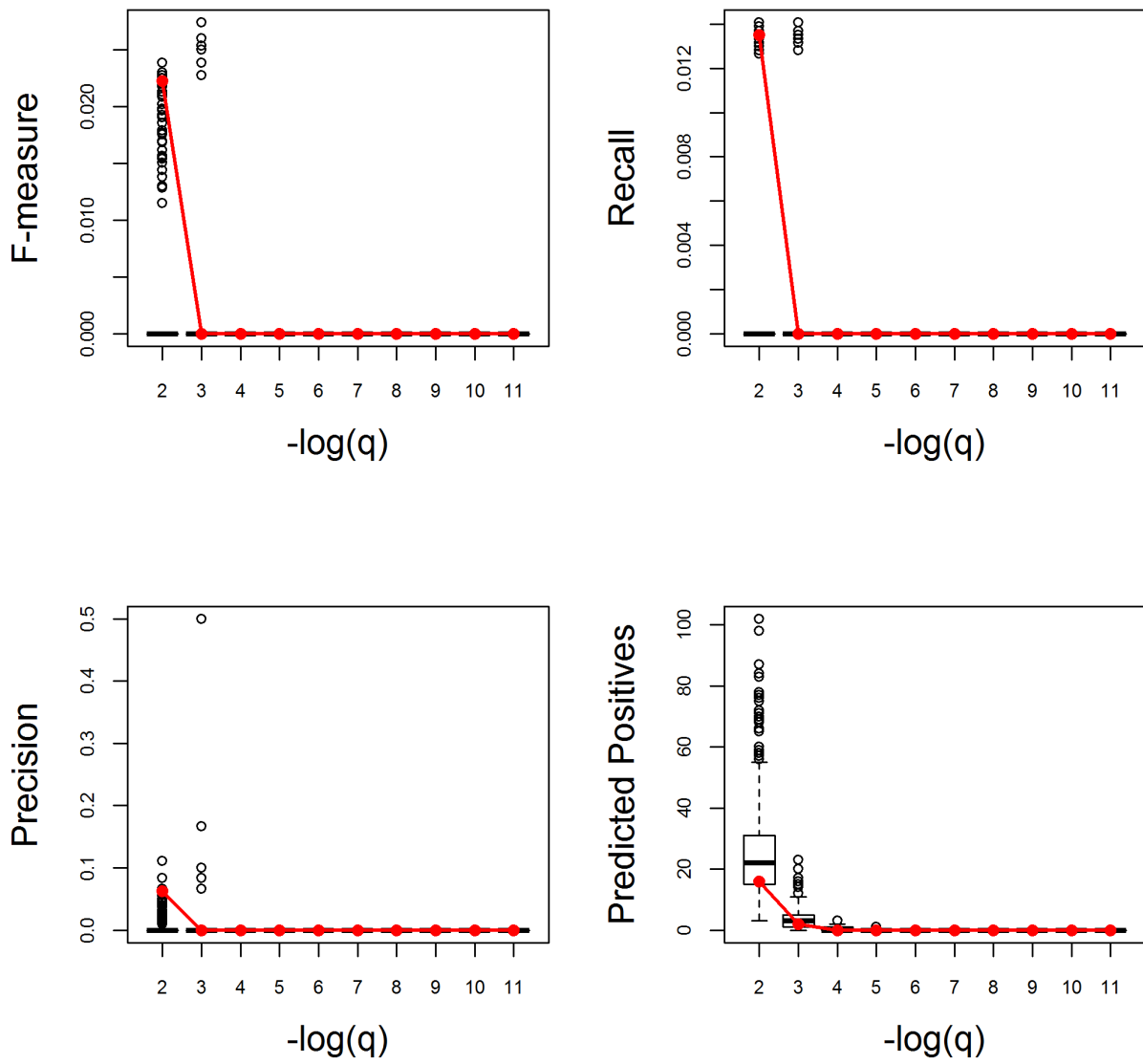
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Response to fungus. Poor



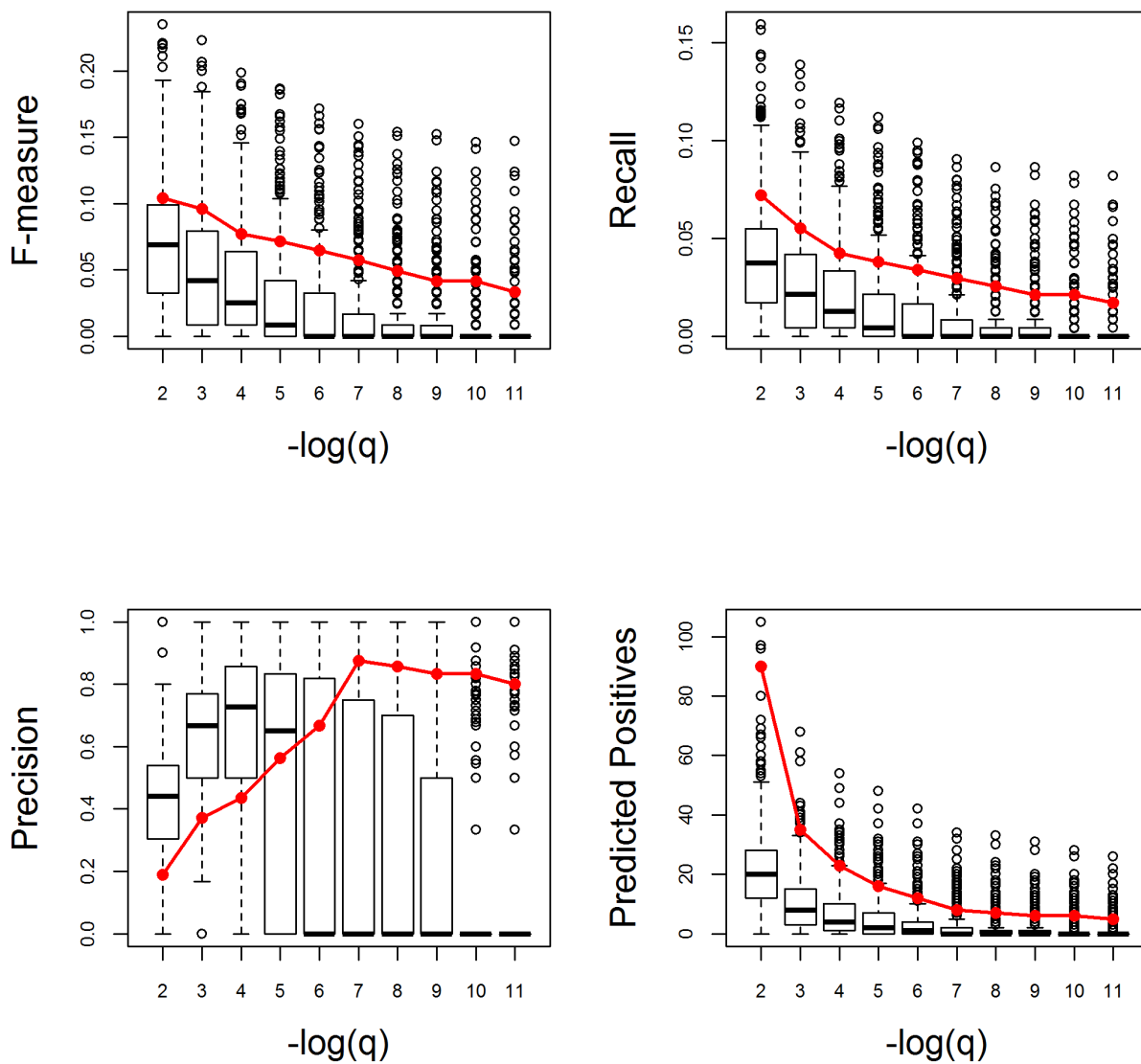
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Response to gravity. Very Good



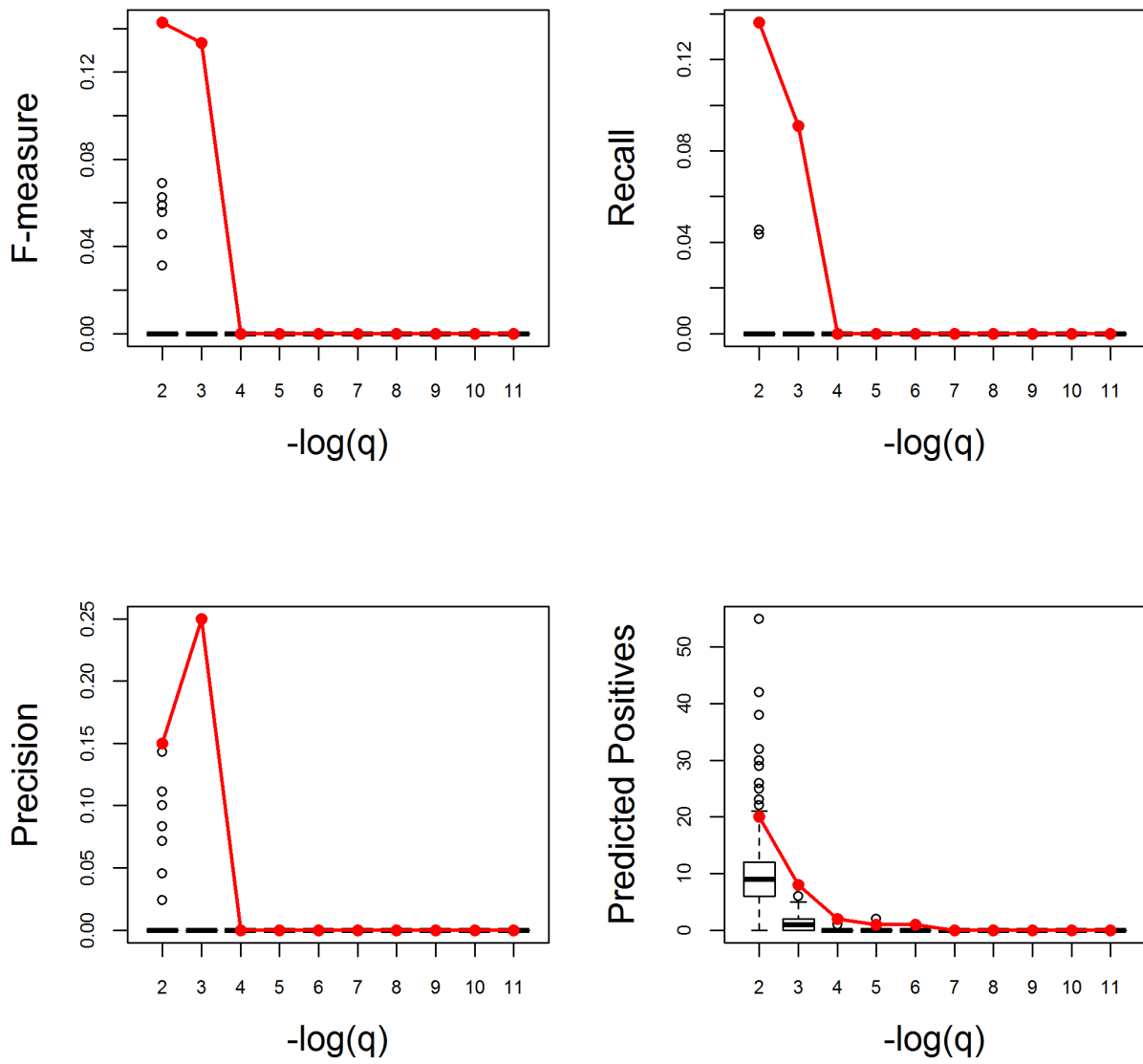
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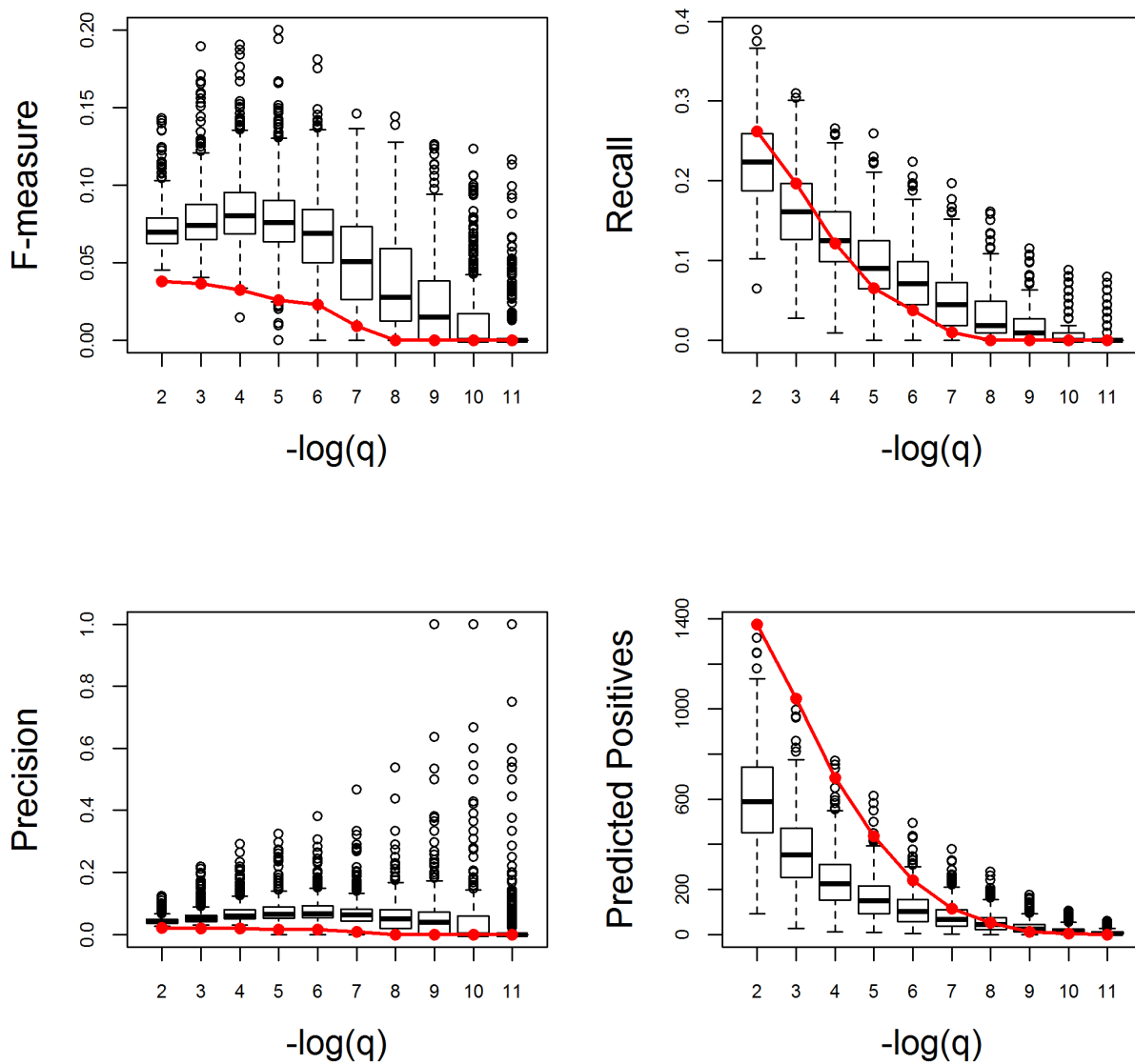
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Response to herbivore. Very Good



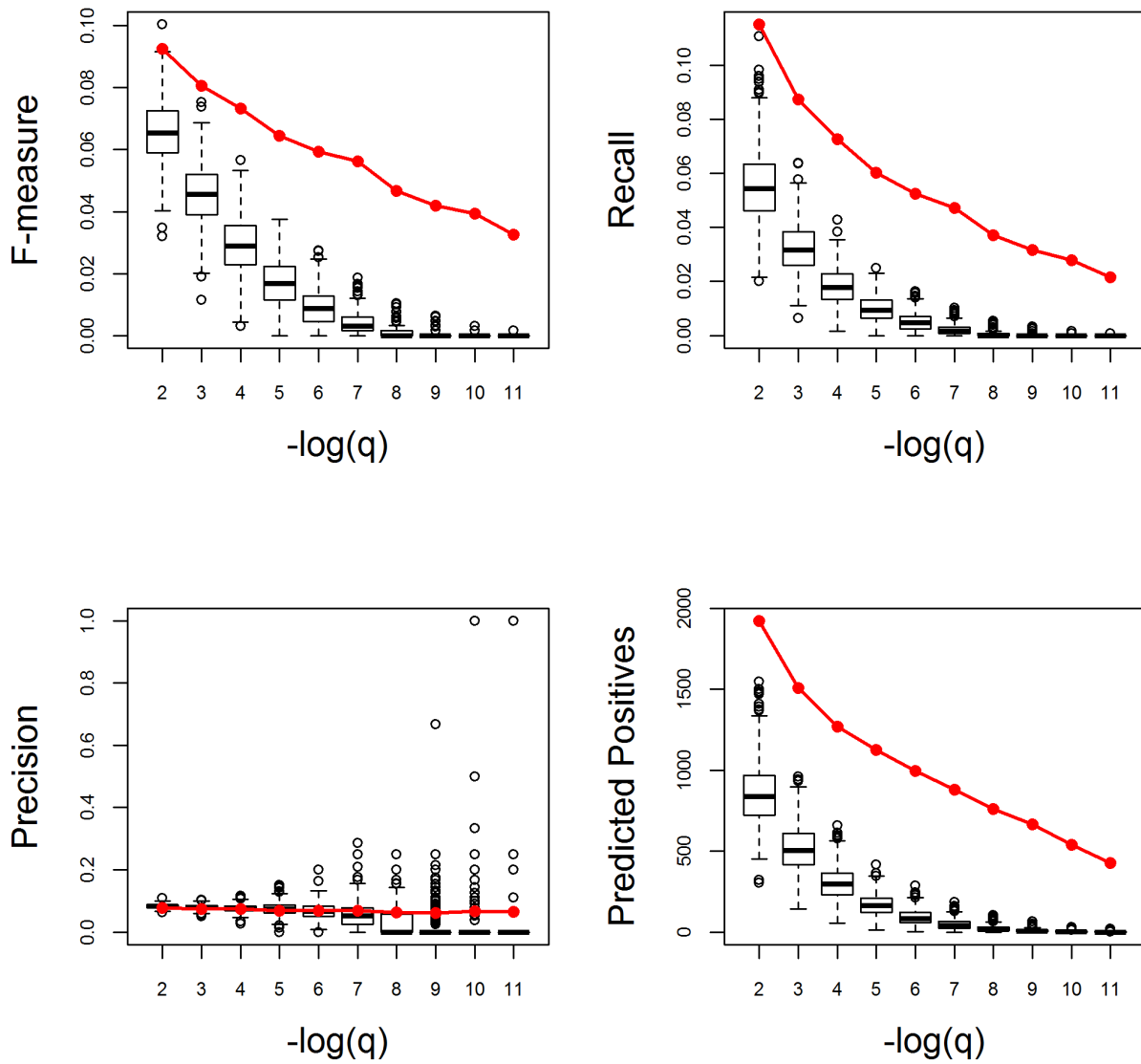
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Response to high light intensity. Very Poor



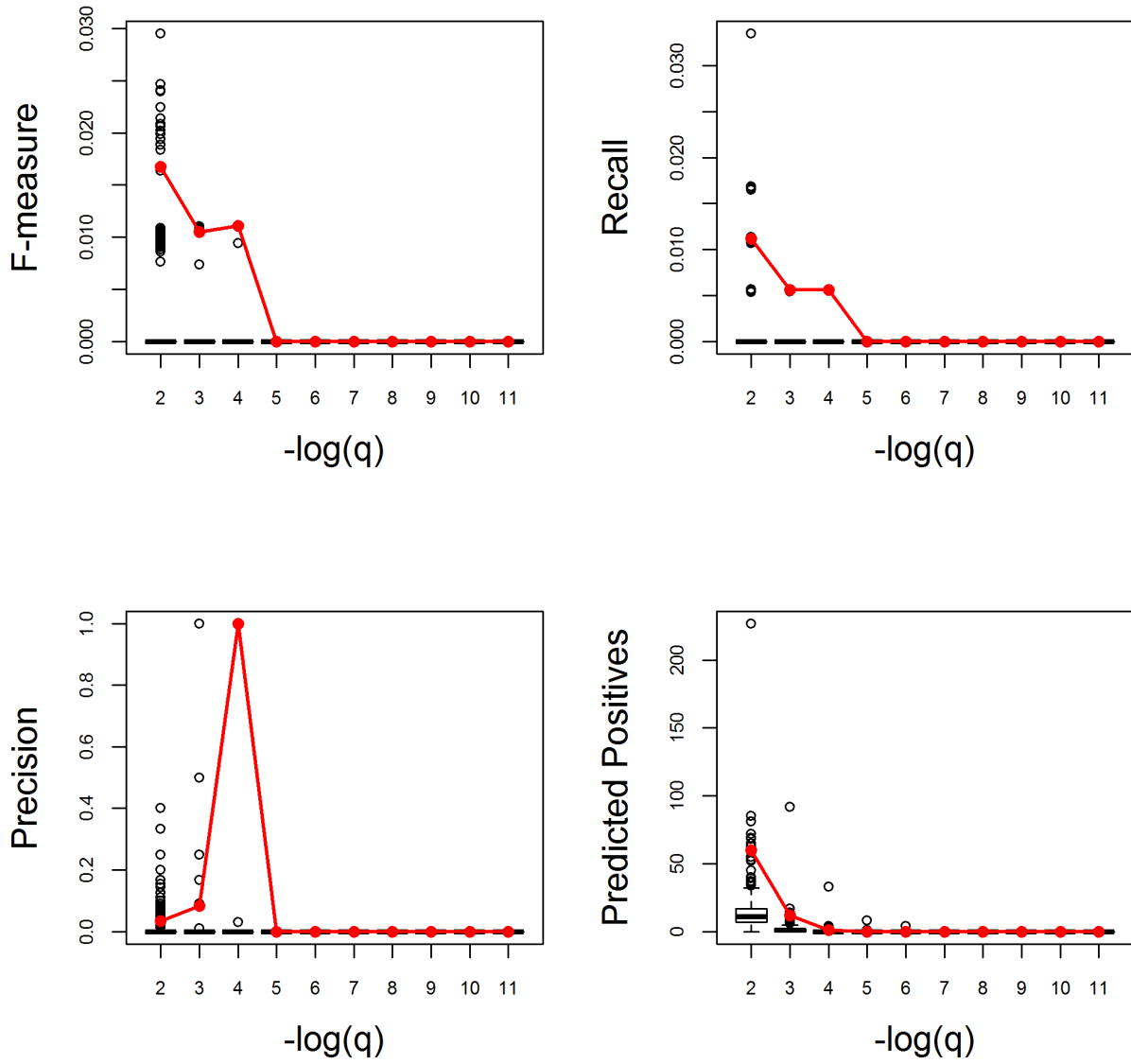
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Response to hormone. Very Good



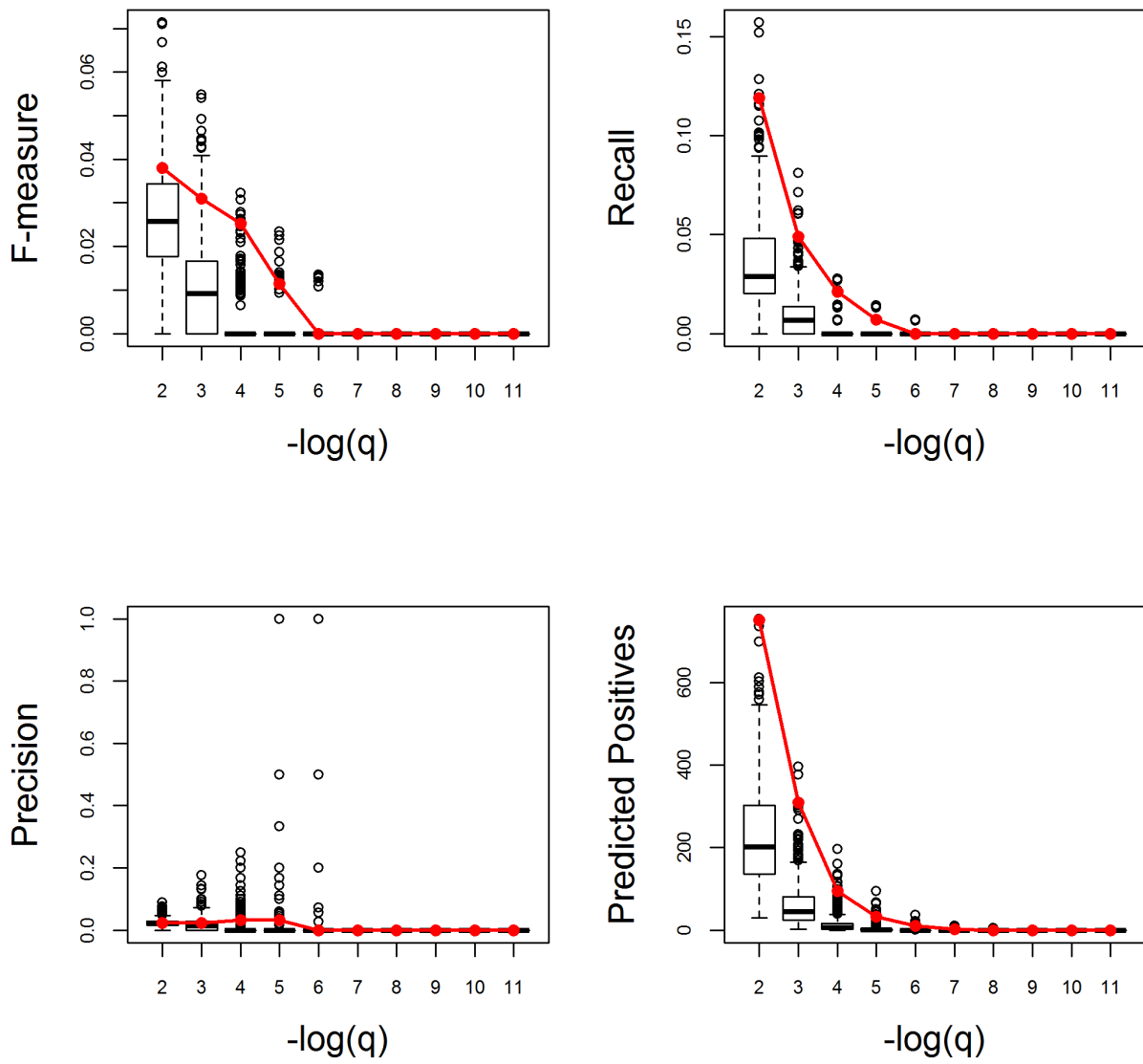
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Response to jasmonic acid. Very Good



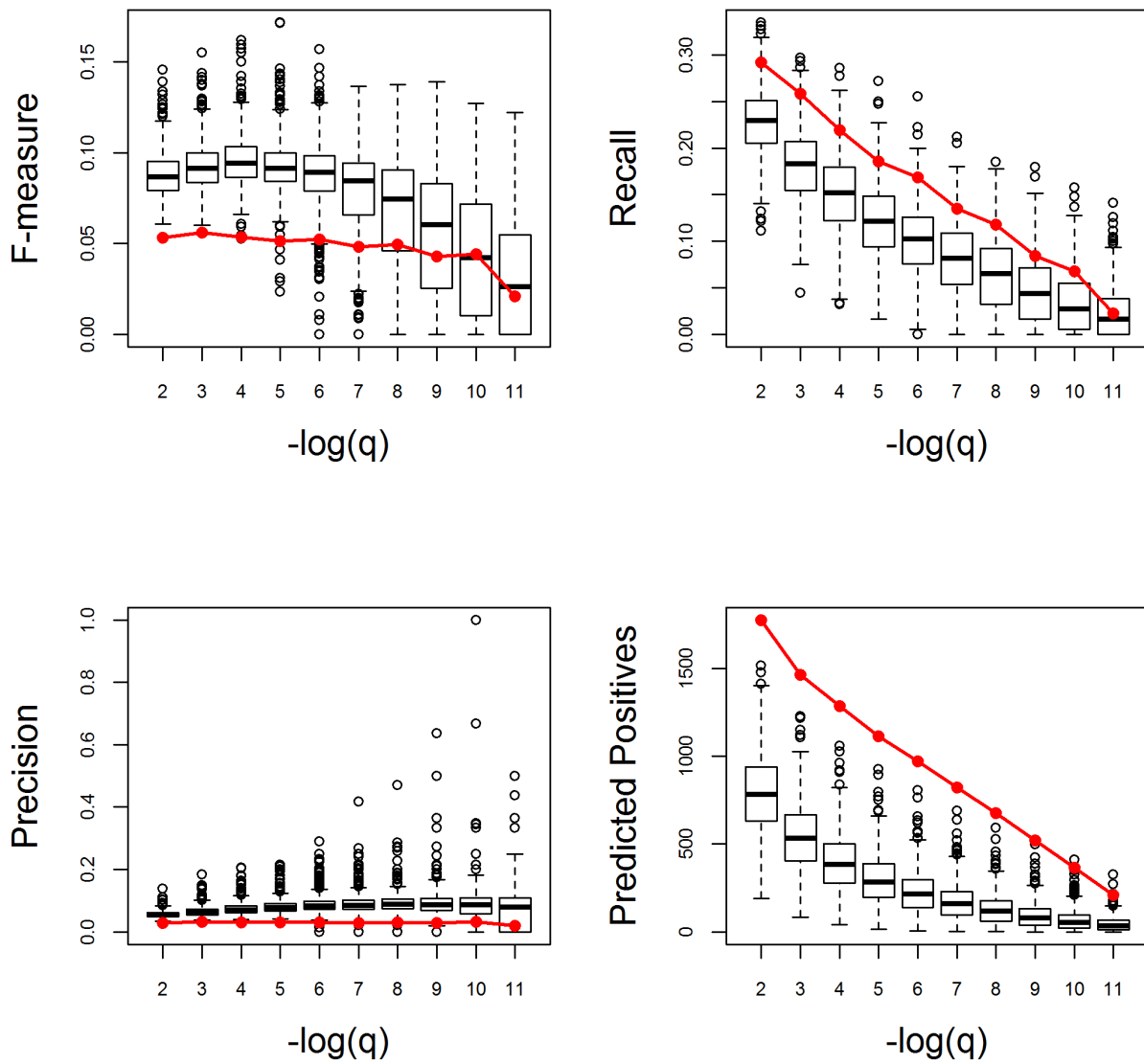
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Response to karrikin. Very Good



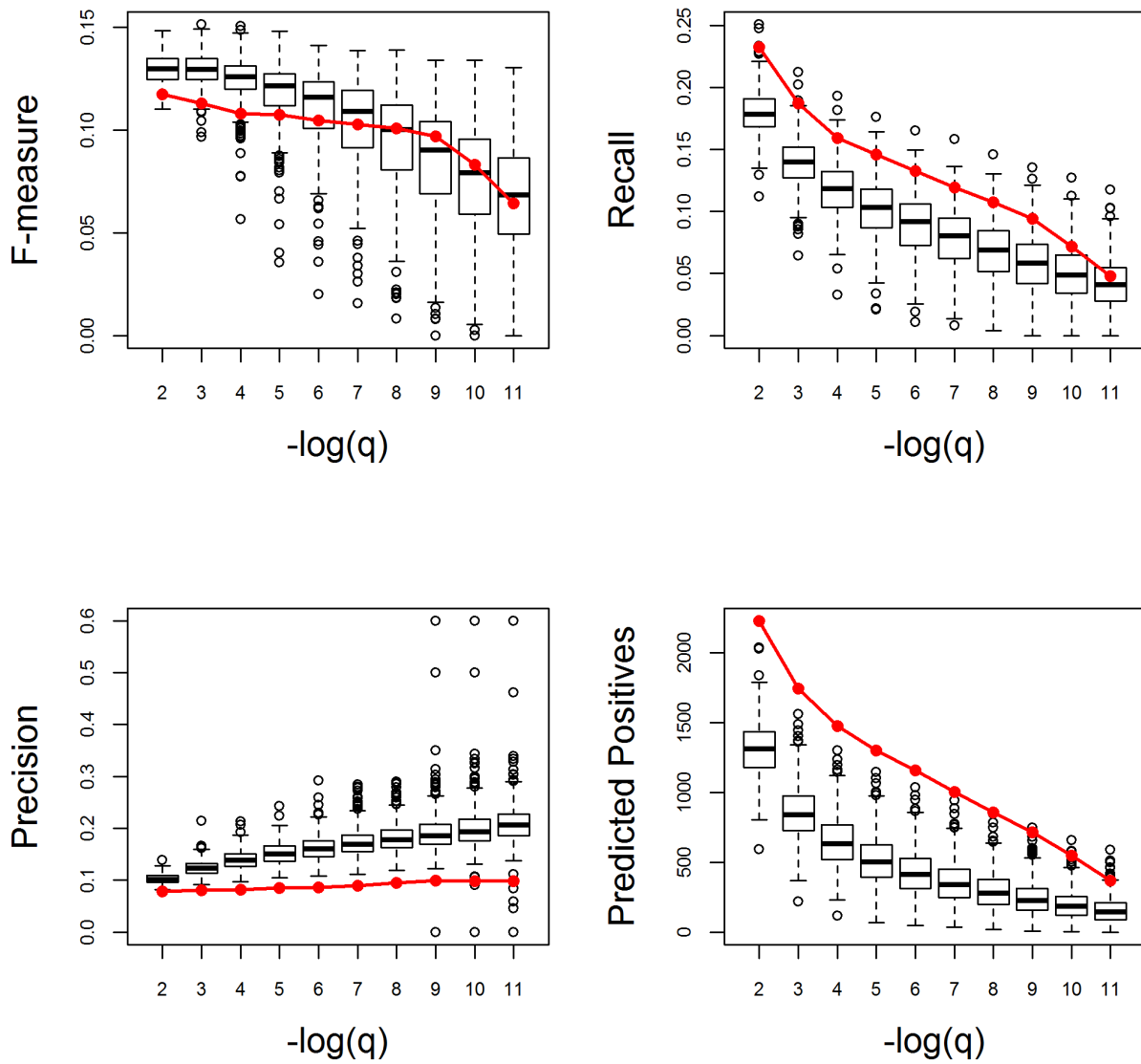
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Response to light intensity. Very Poor



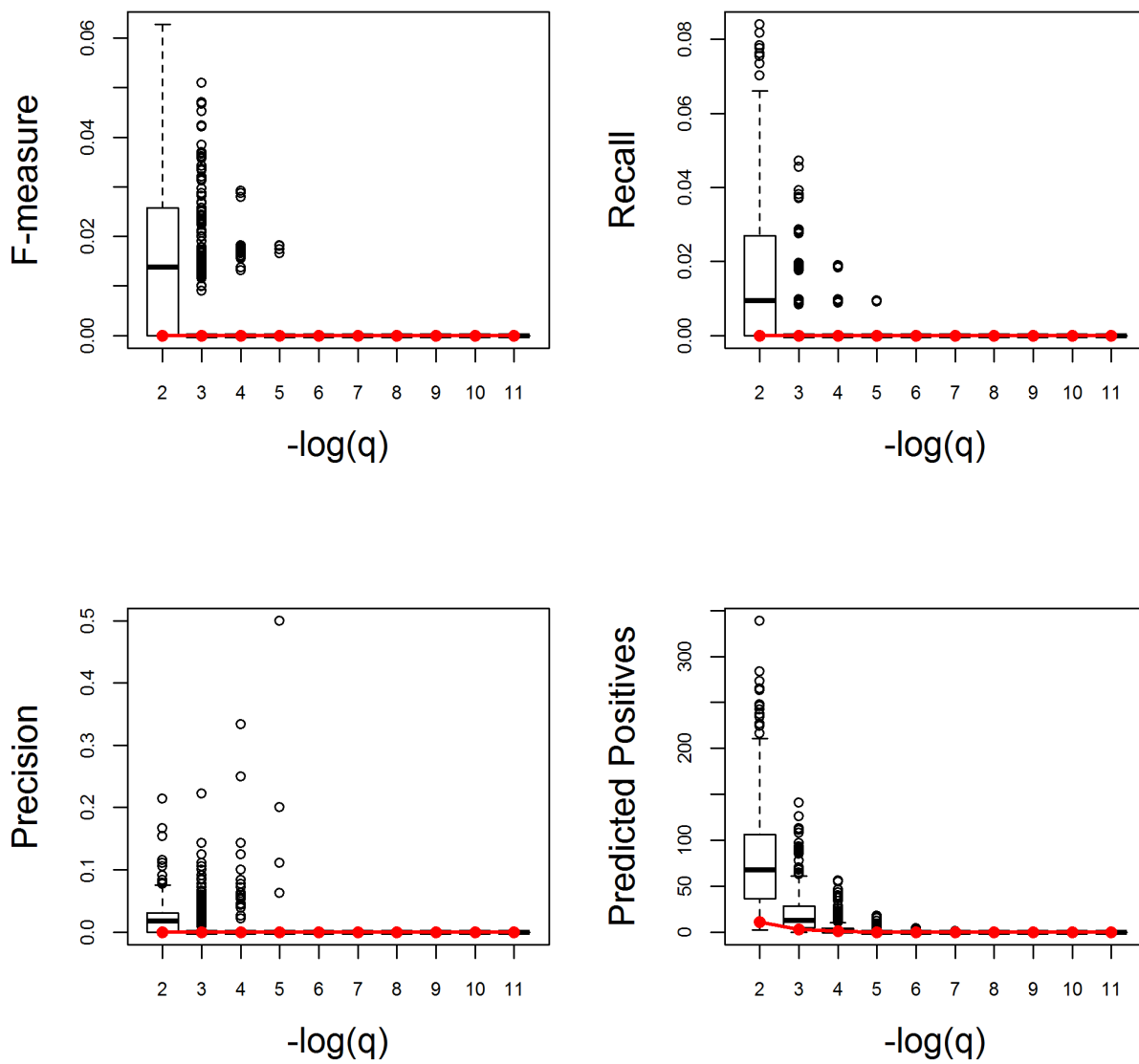
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Response to light stimulus. Average



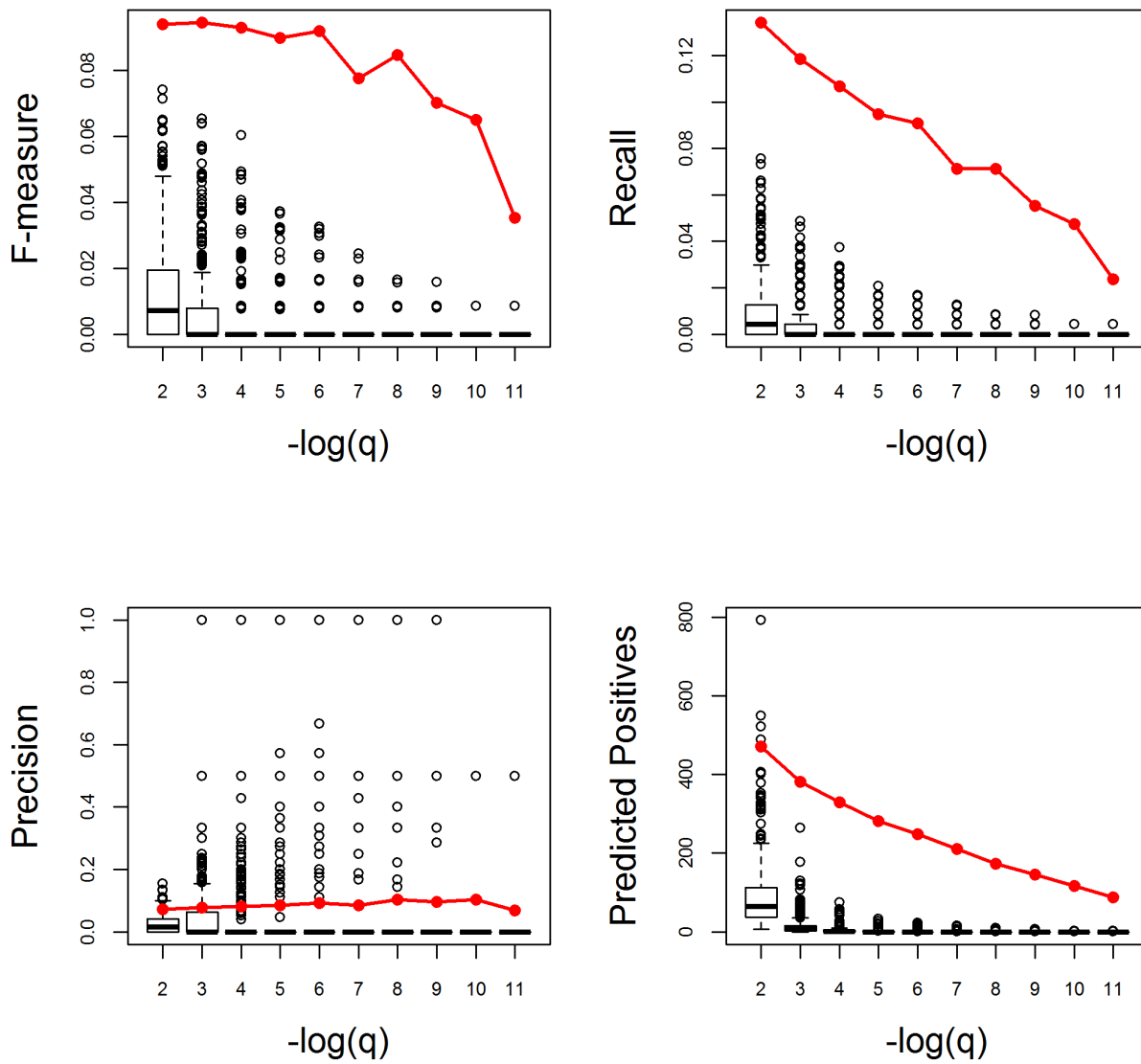
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Response to nematode. Poor



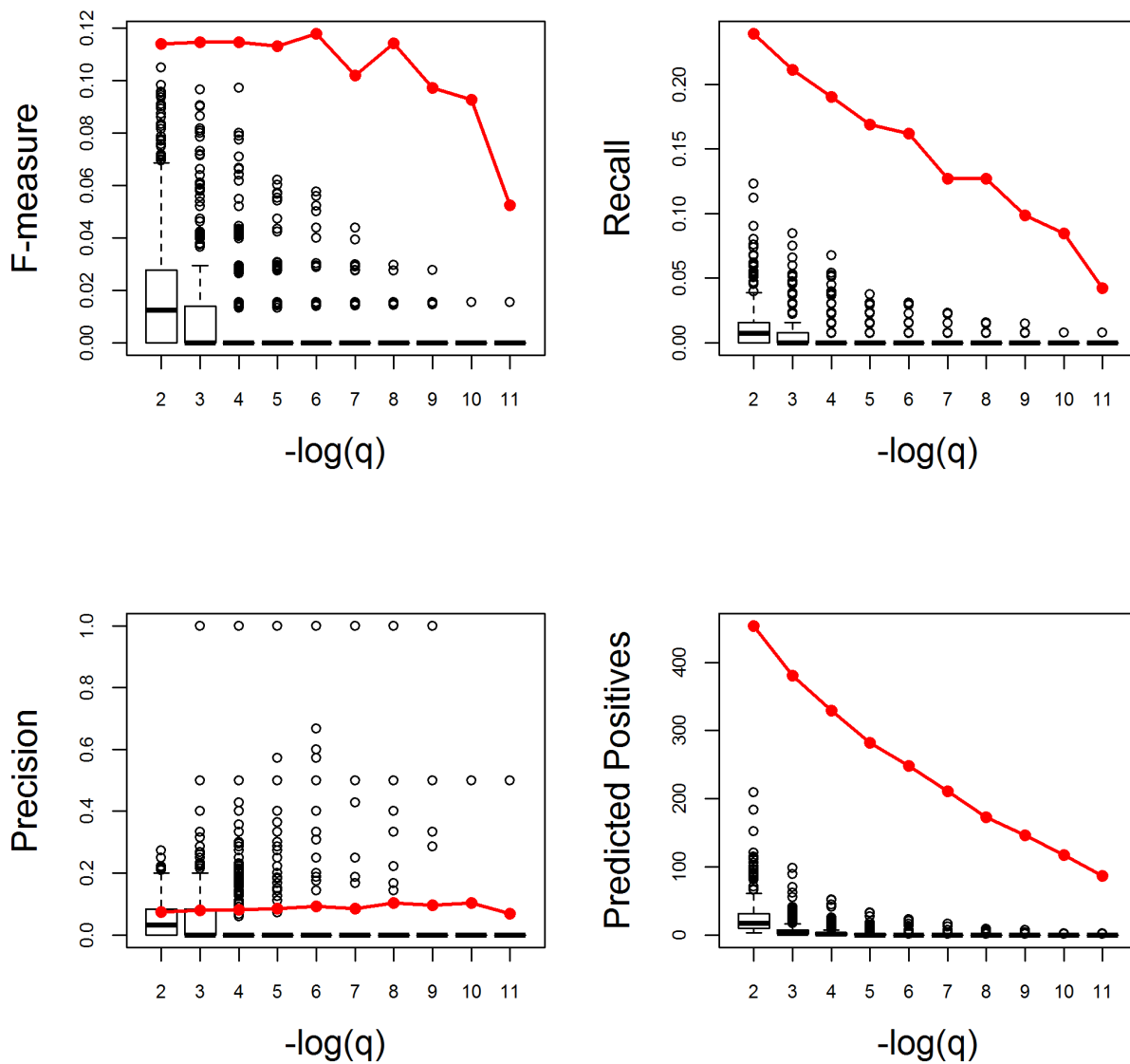
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Response to nitrogen compound. Very Good



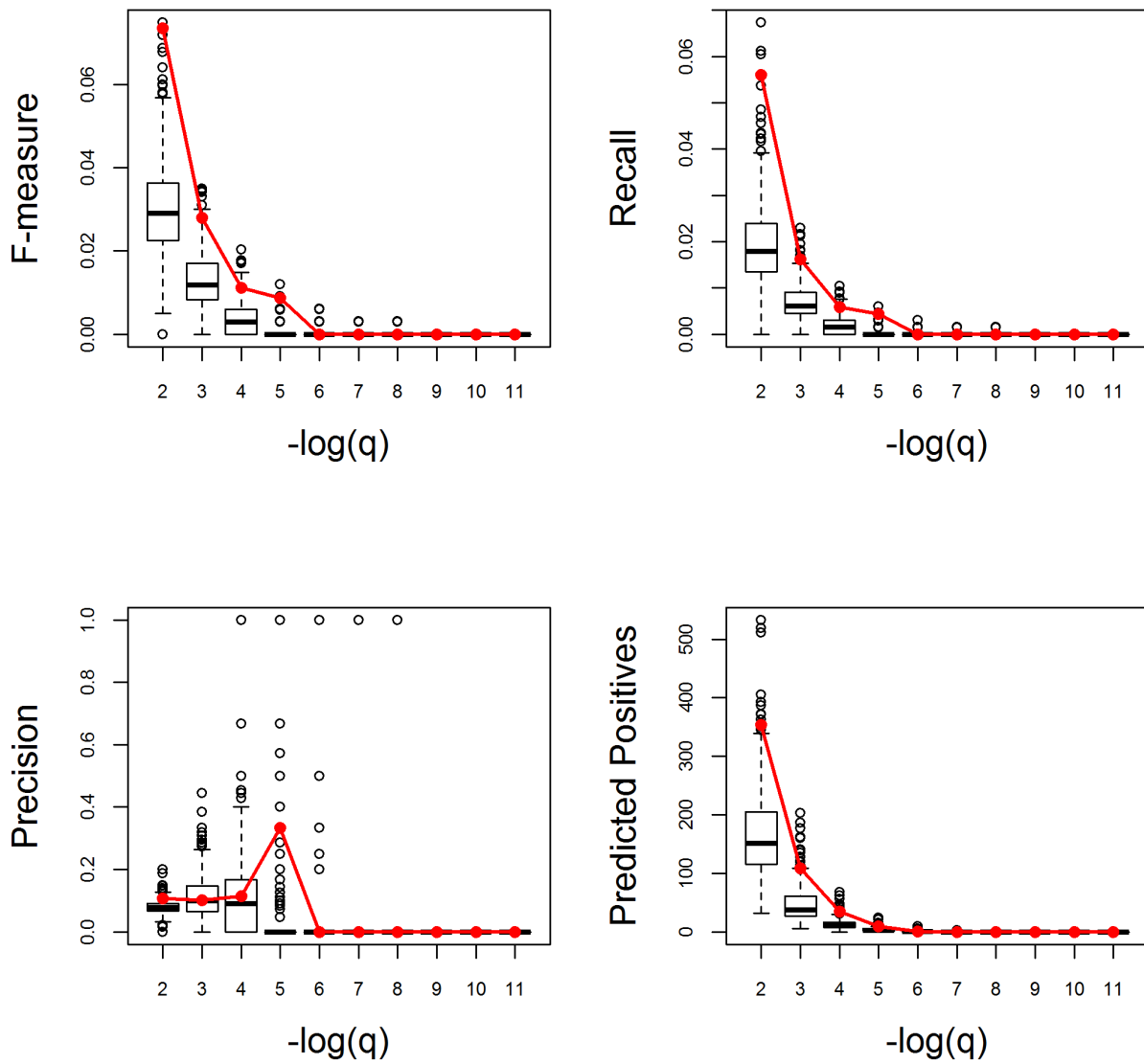
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Response to organonitrogen compound. Very Good



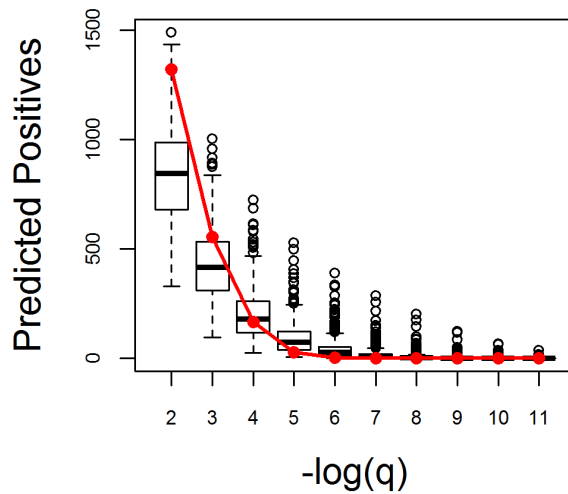
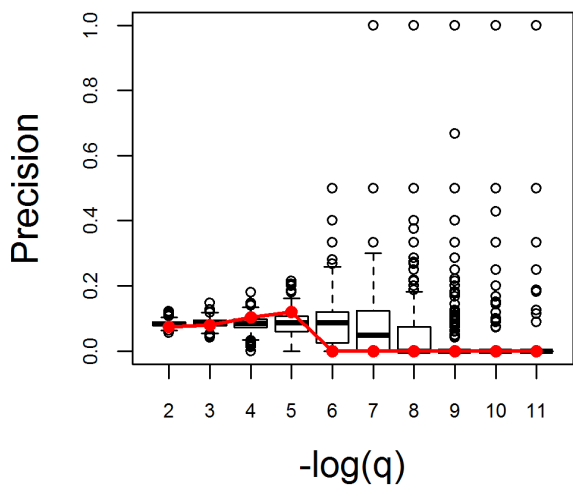
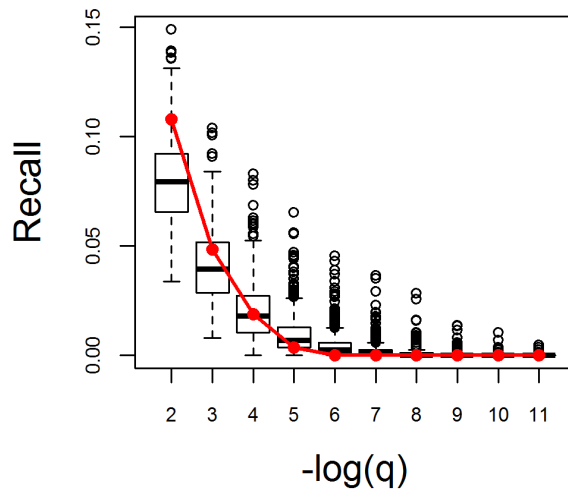
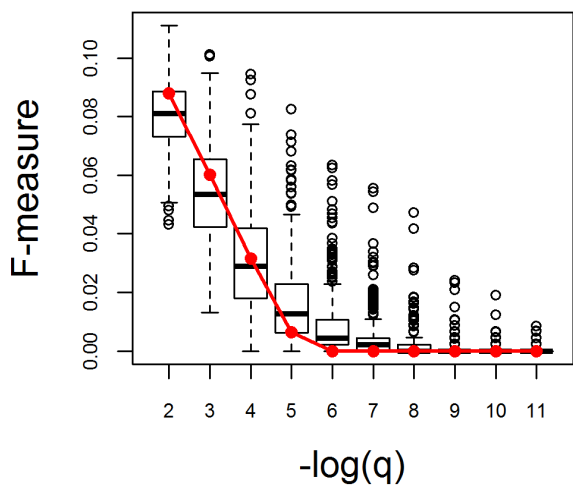
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Response to osmotic stress. Very Good



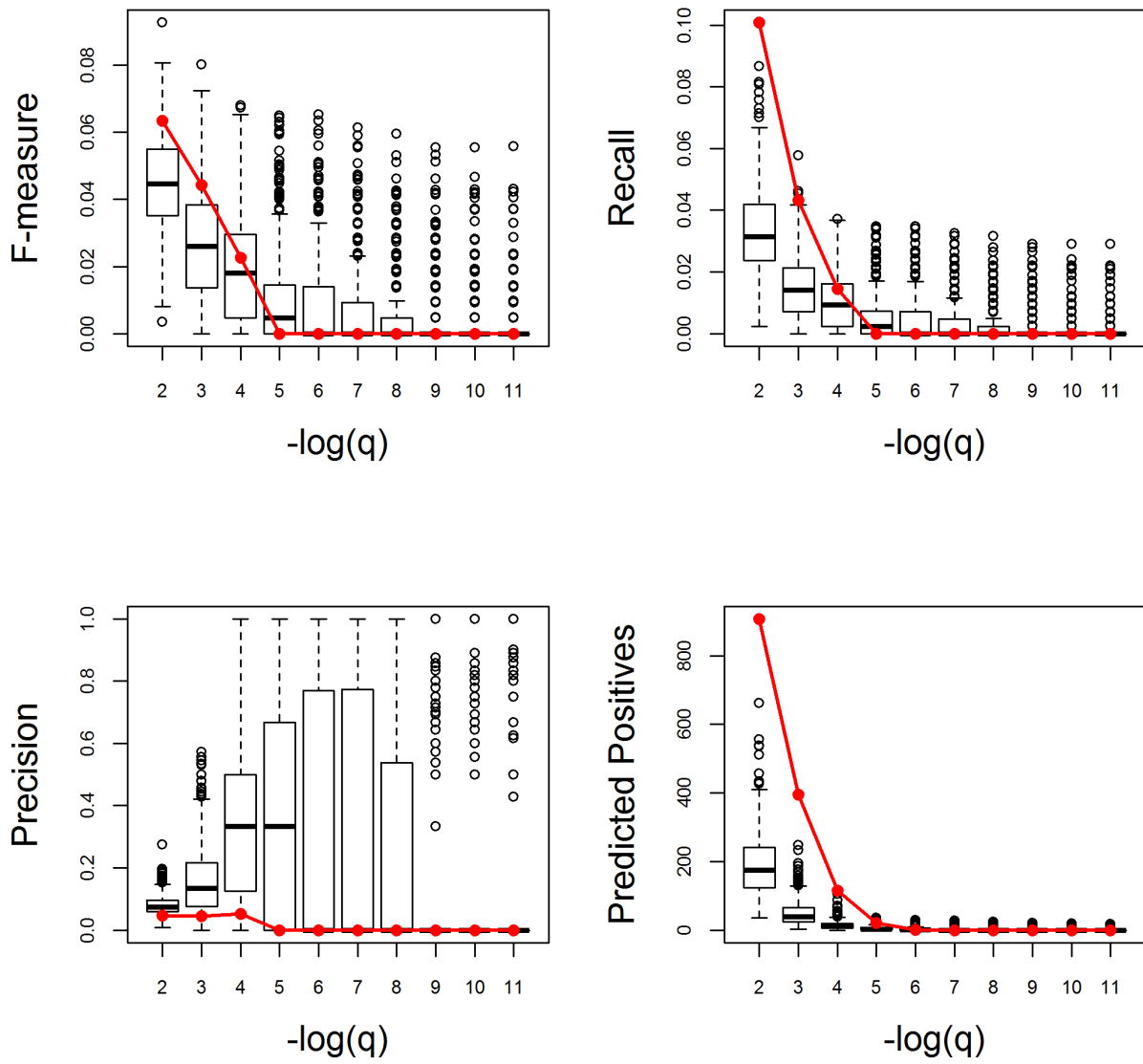
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Response to other organism. Average



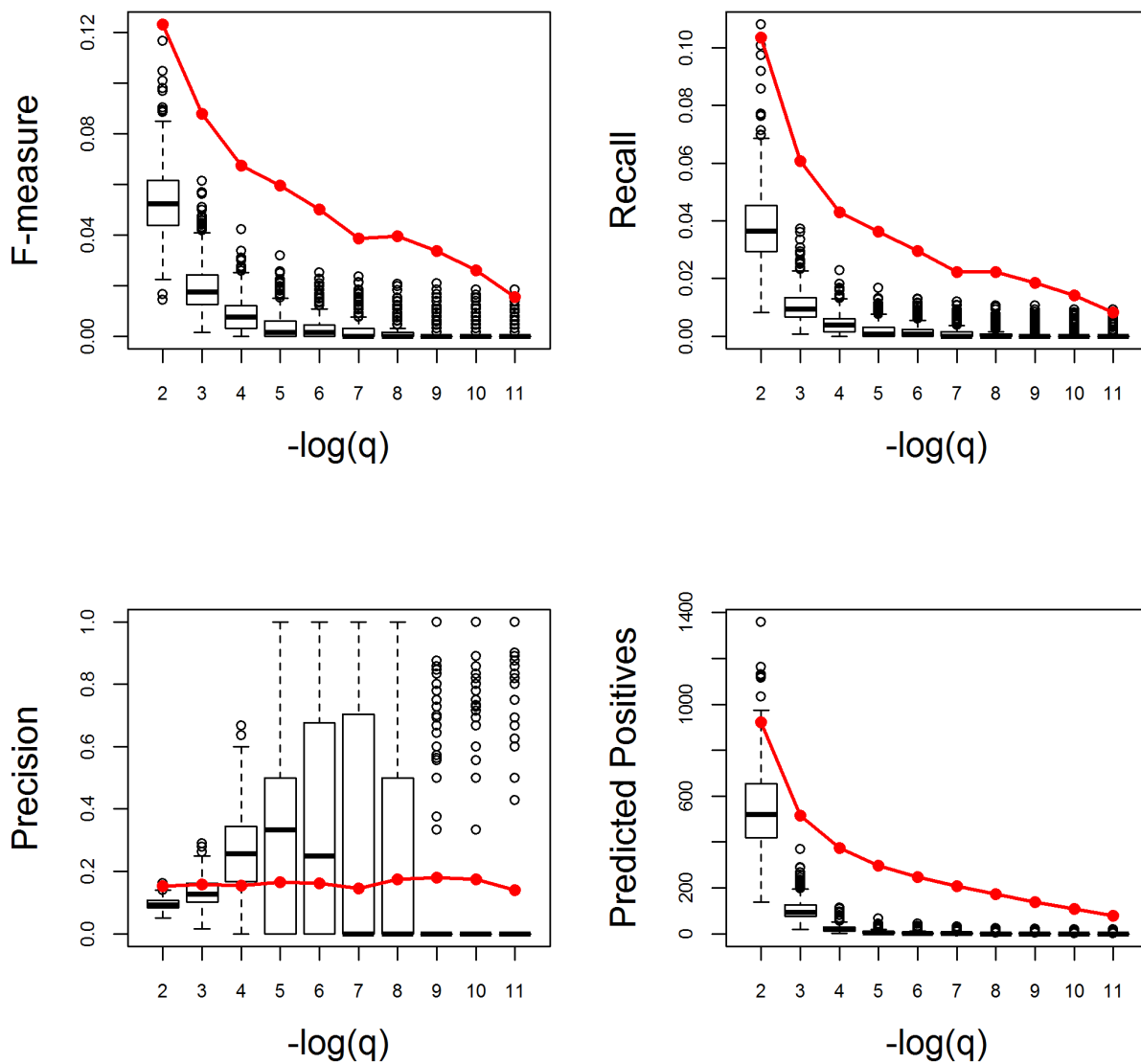
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Response to oxidative stress. Good



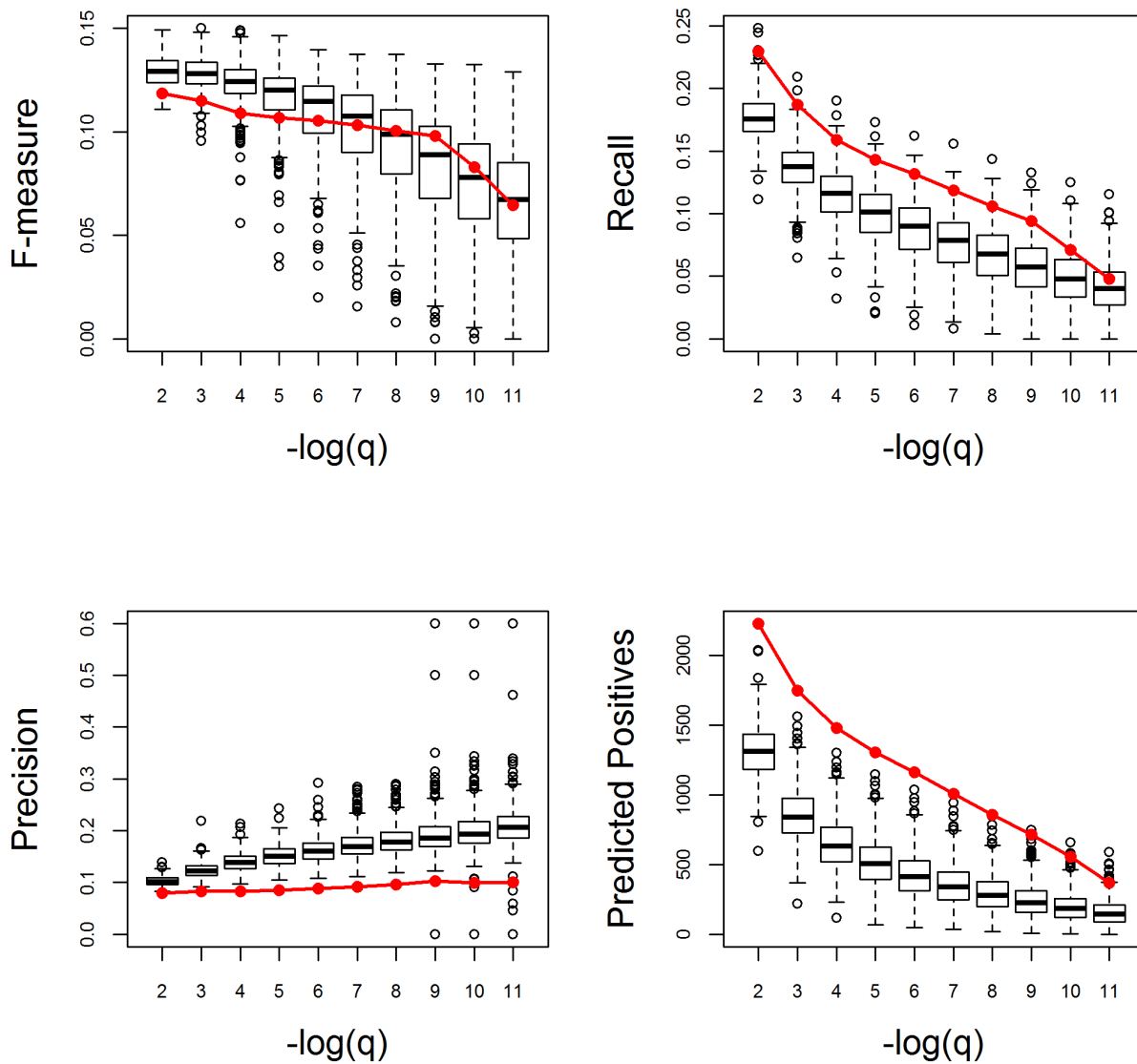
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Response to oxygen-containing compound. Very Good



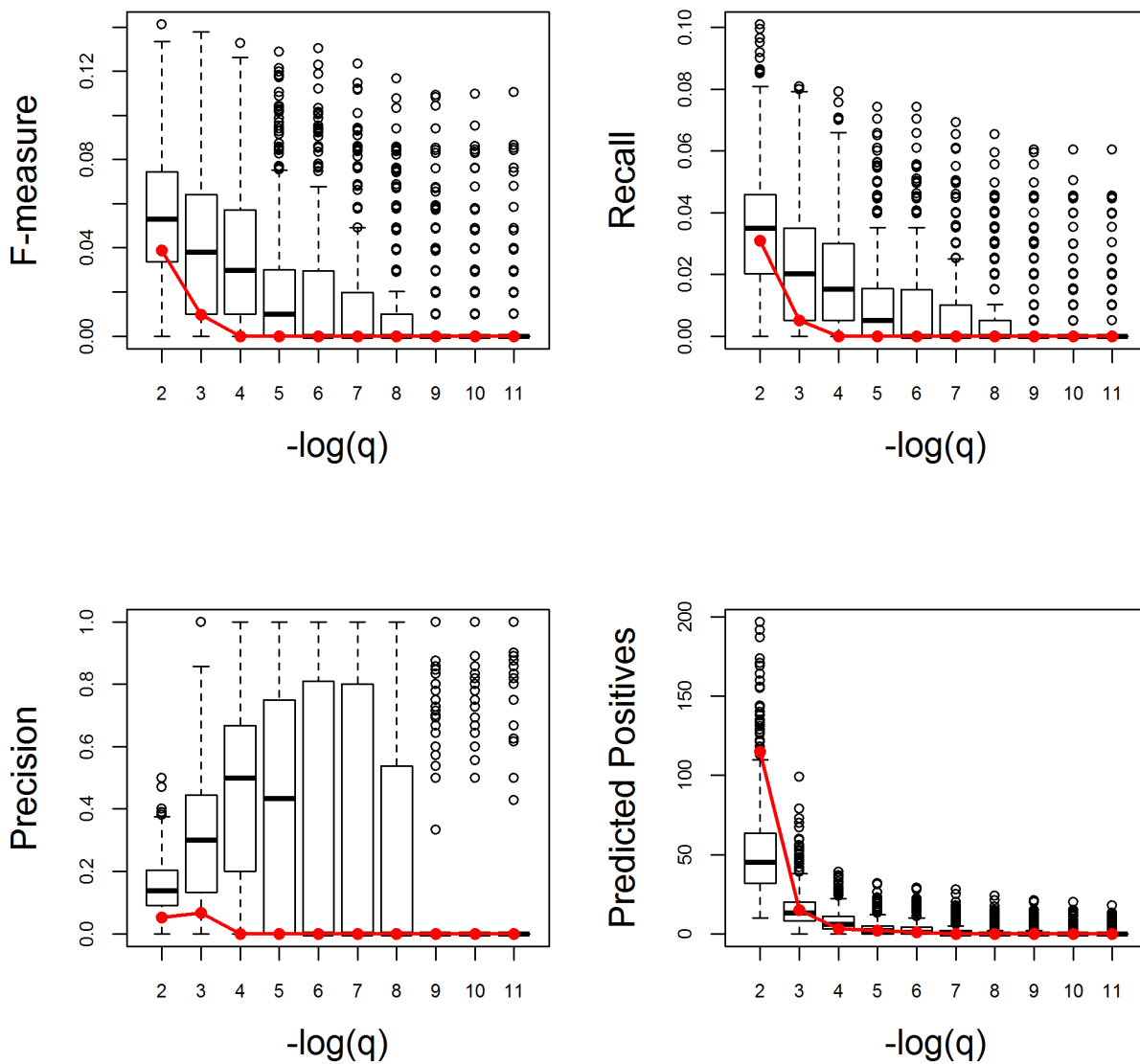
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Response to radiation. Average



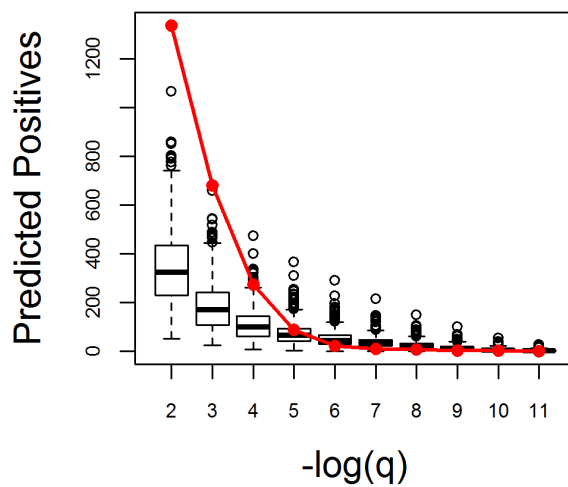
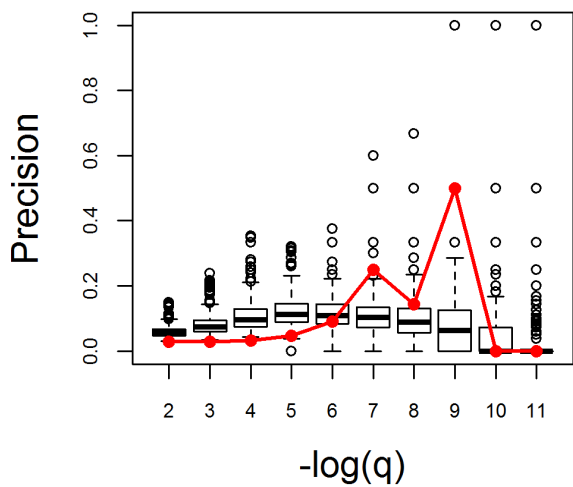
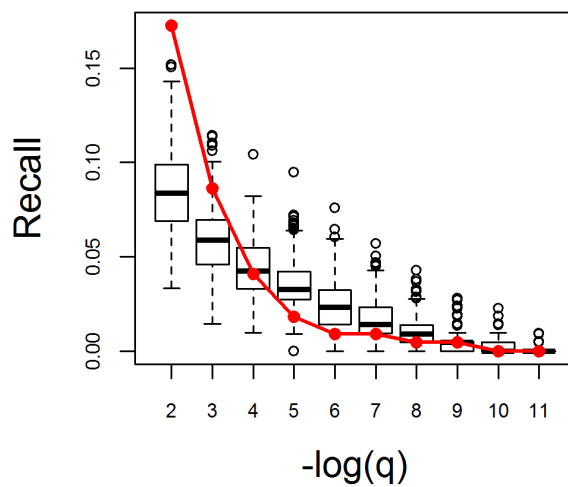
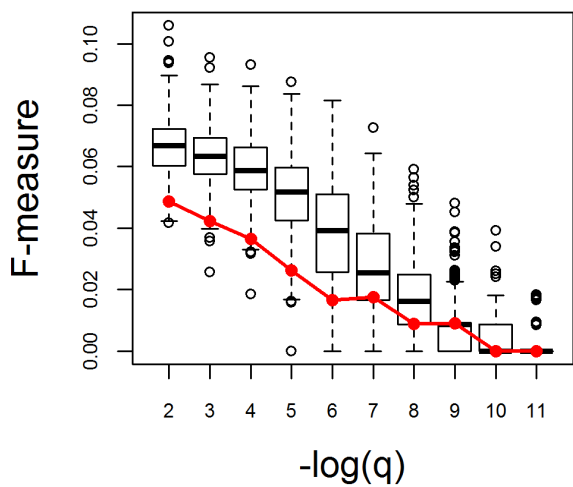
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Response to reactive oxygen species. Very Poor



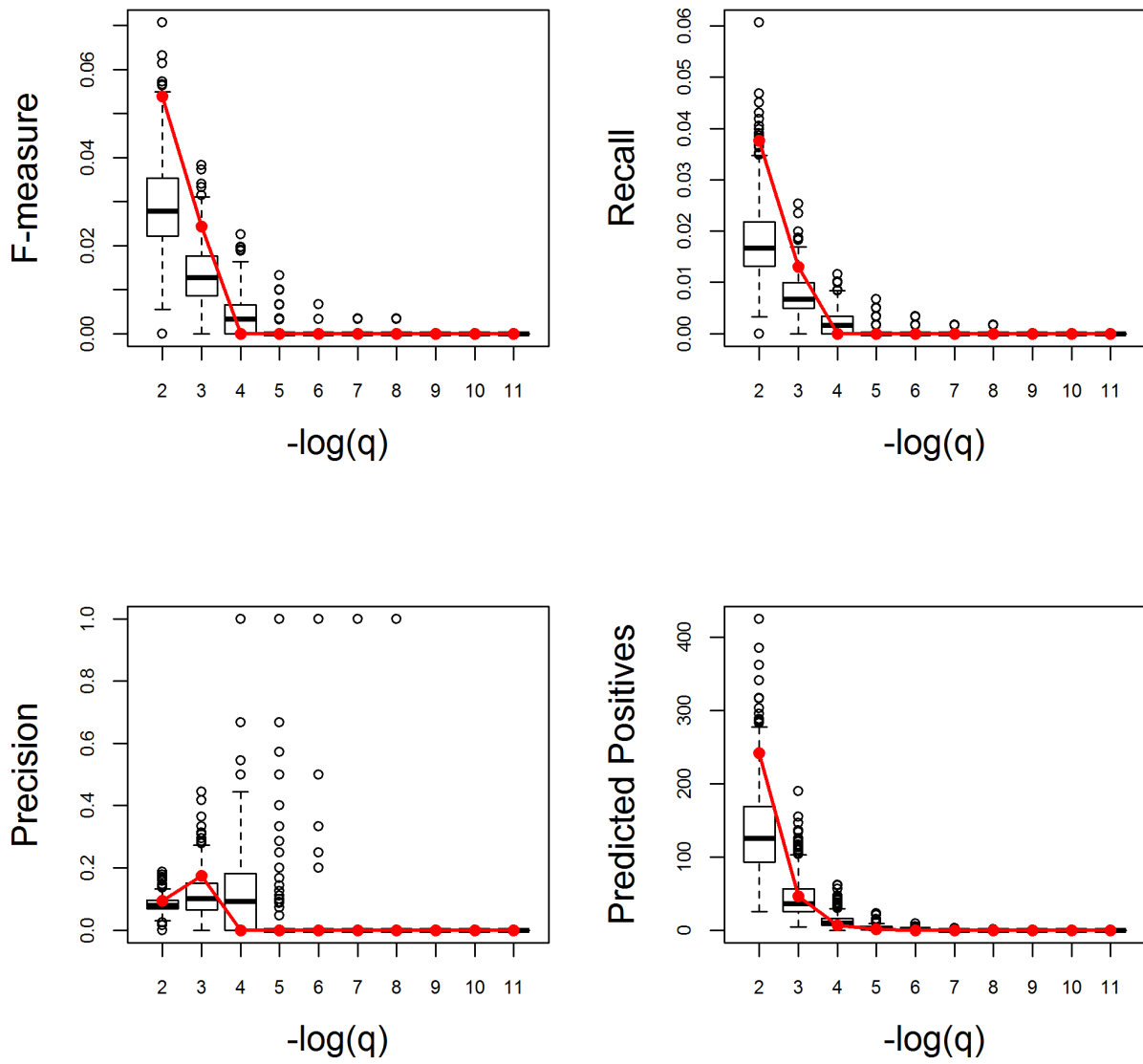
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Response to red or far red light. Very Poor



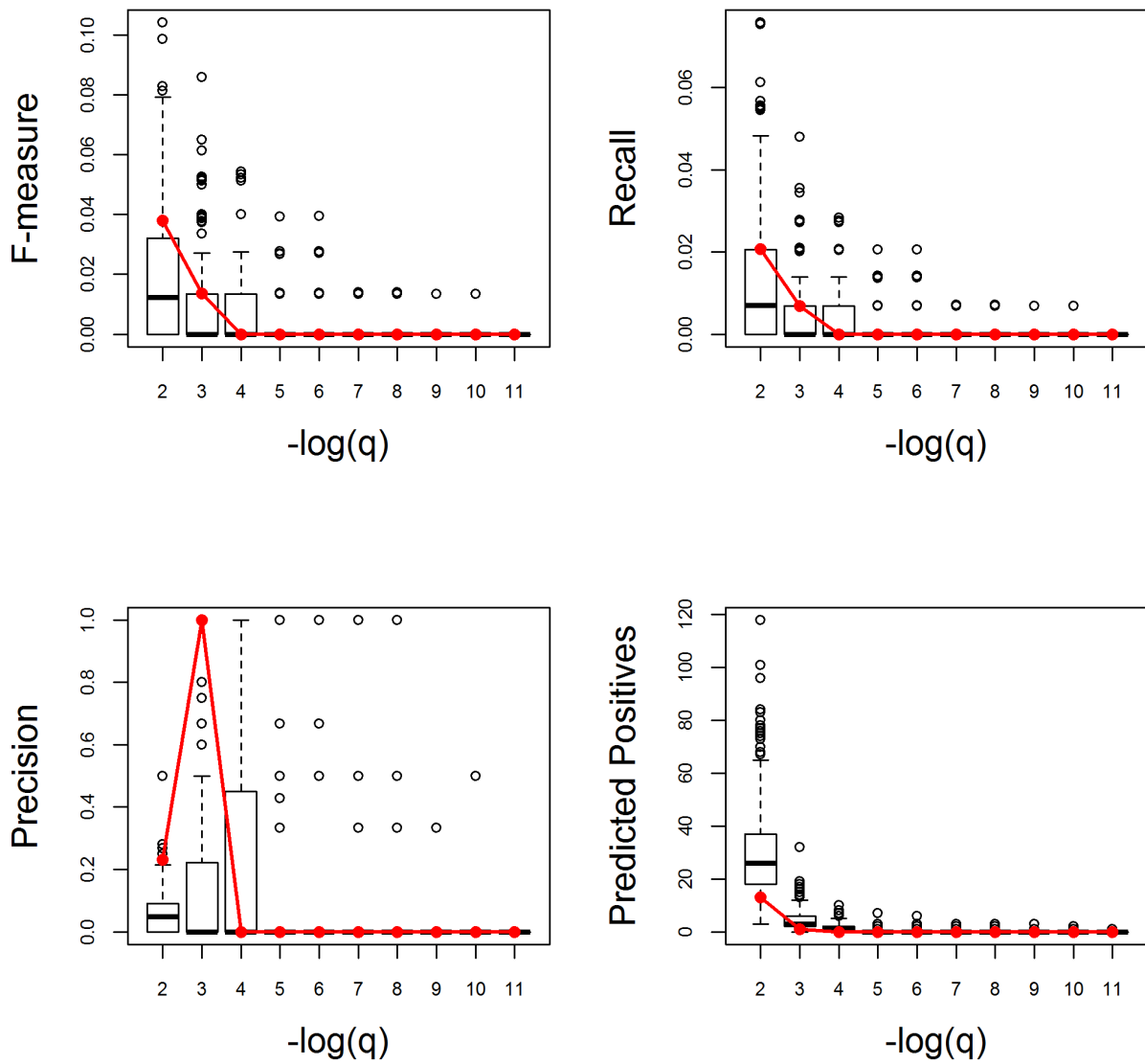
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Response to salt stress. Very Good



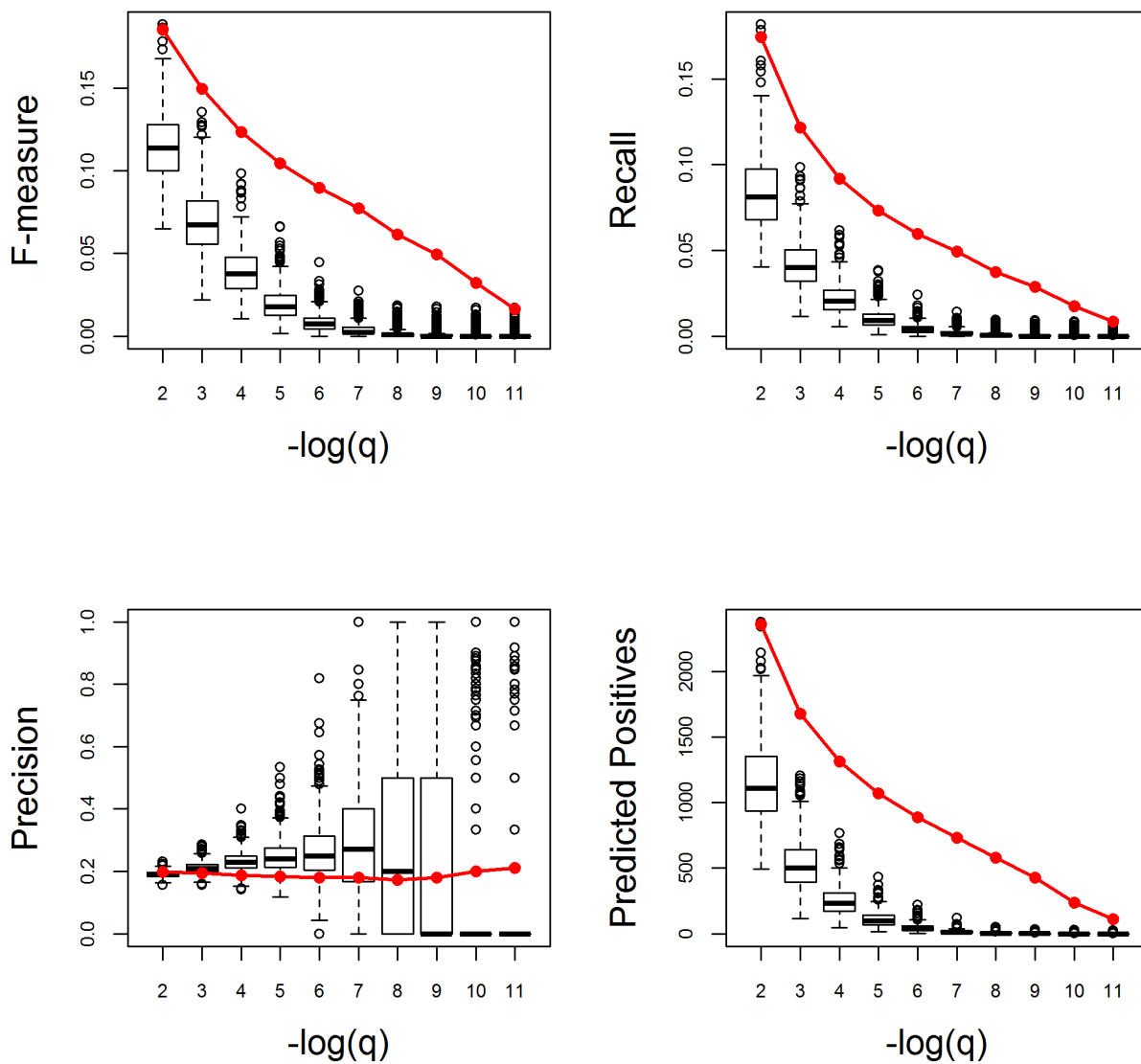
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Response to starvation. Very Good



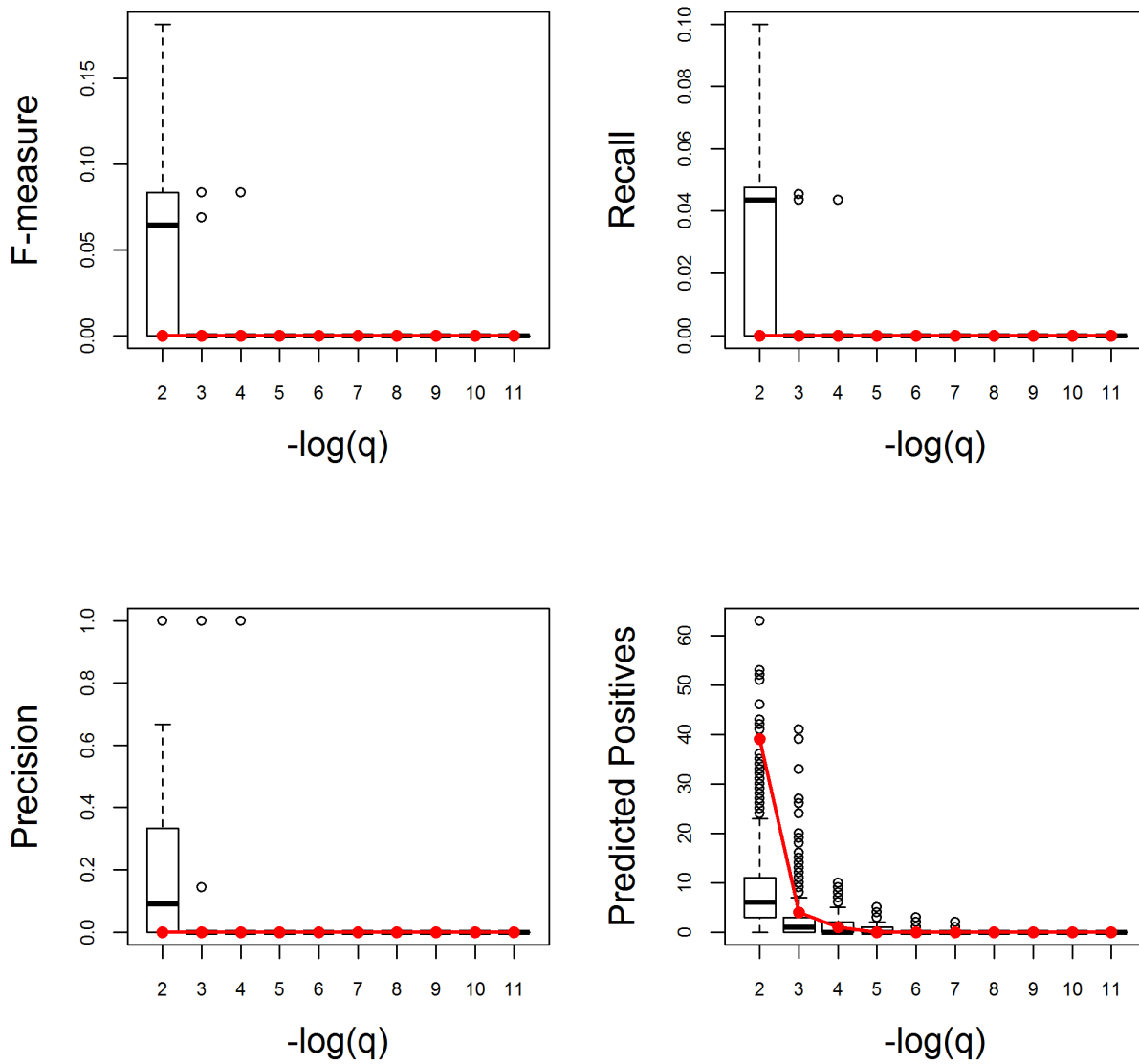
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Response to stress. Very Good



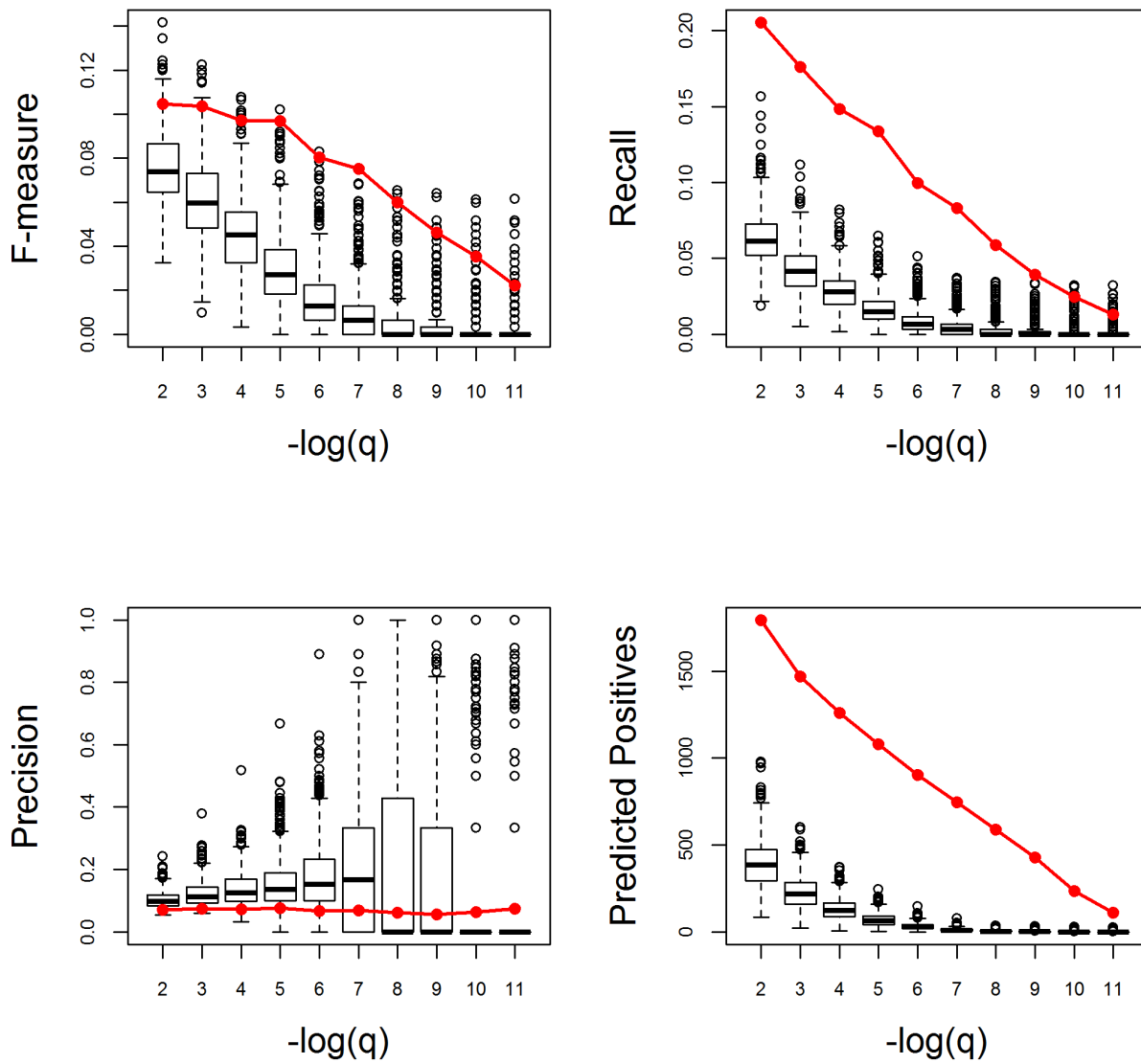
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Response to symbiont. Poor



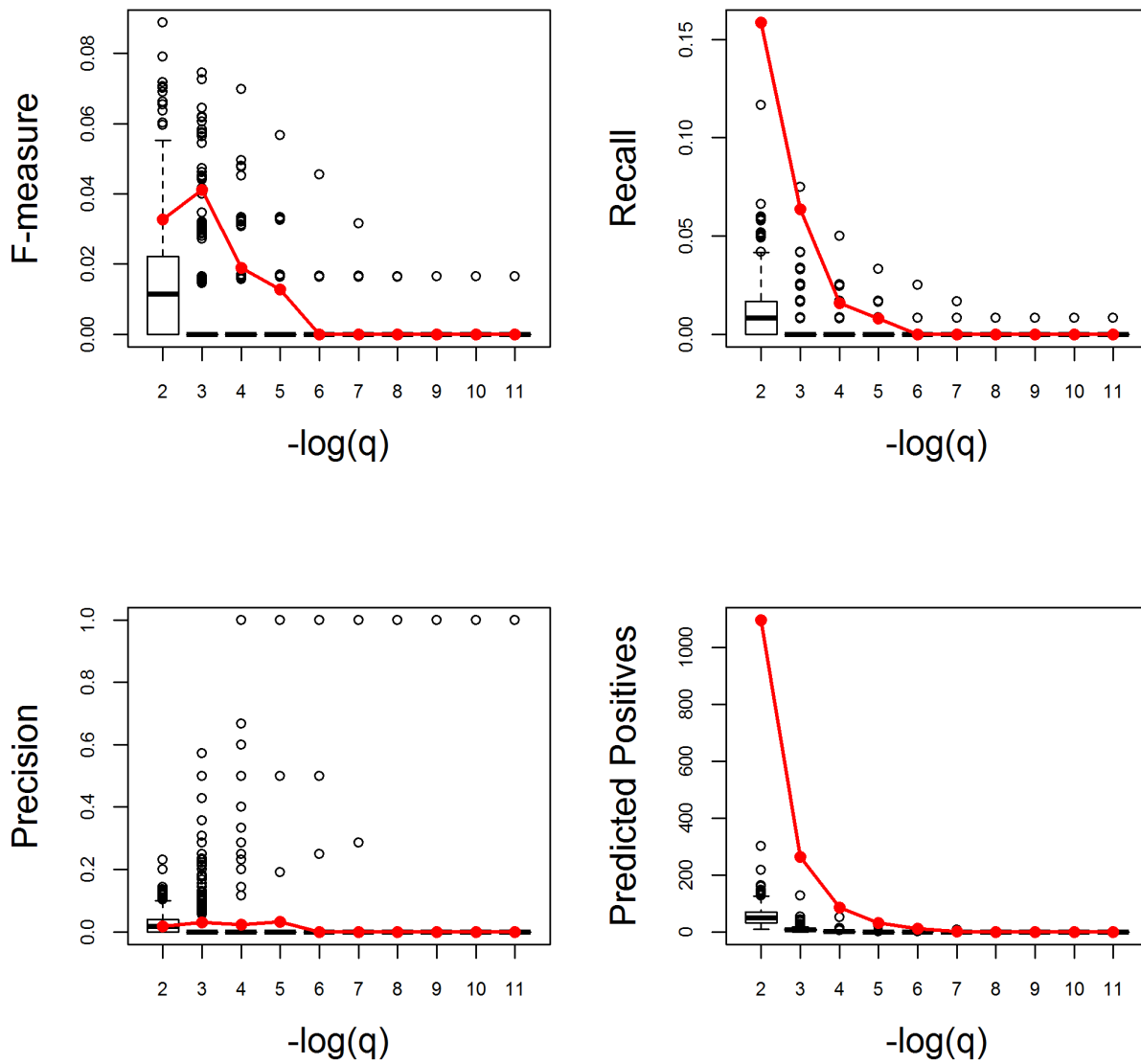
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Response to temperature stimulus. Very Good



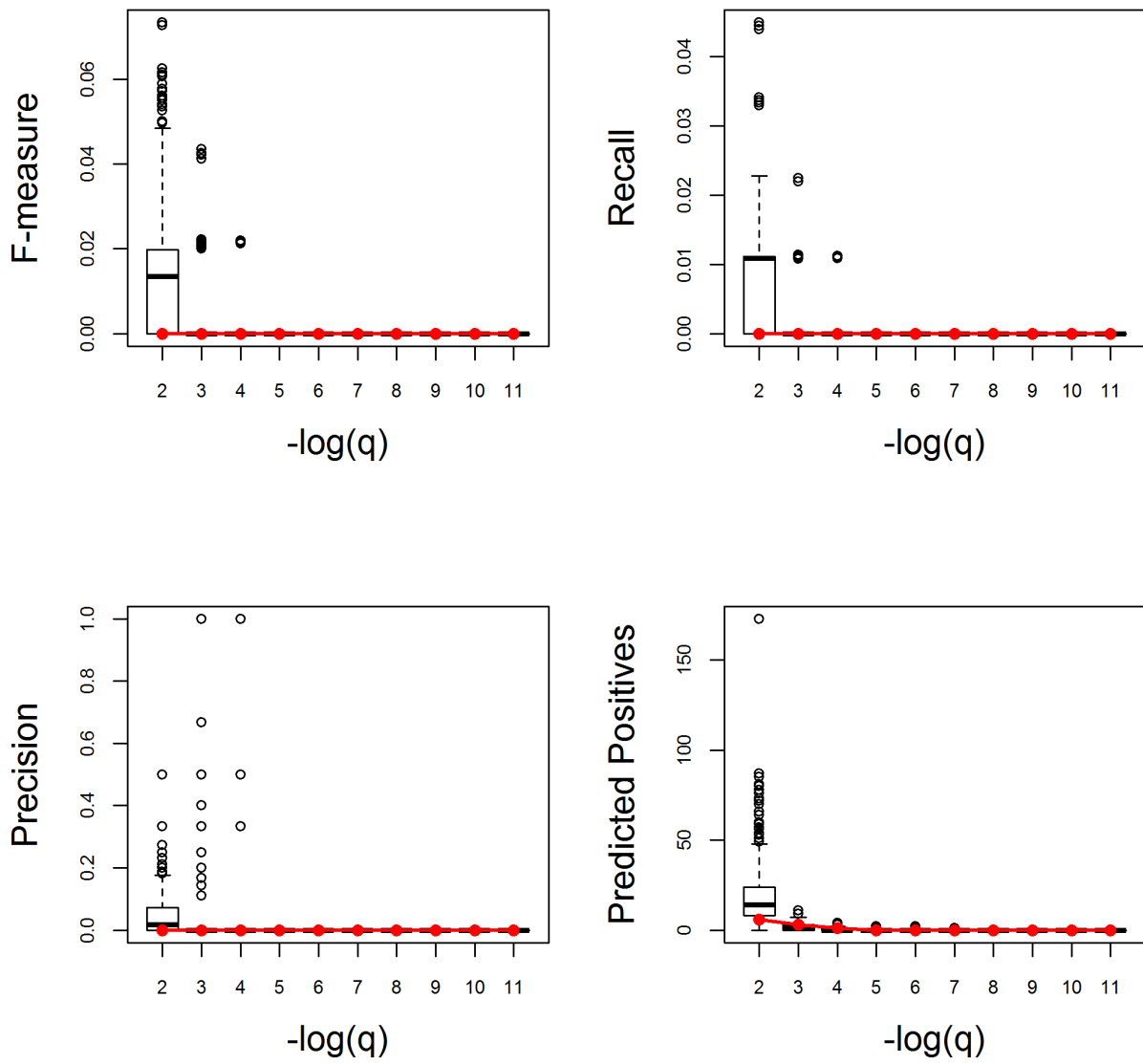
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Response to UV. Very Good



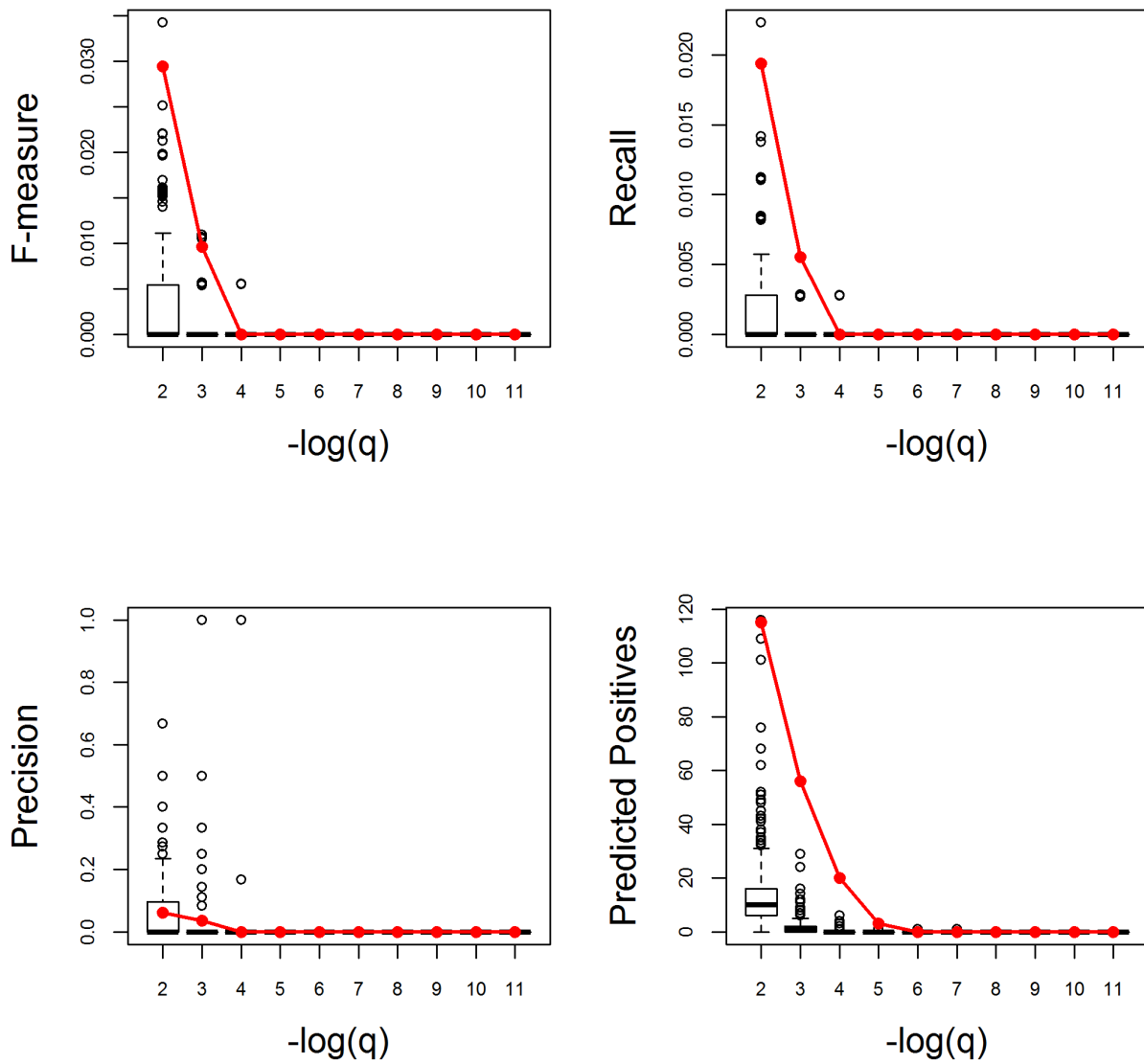
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Response to virus. Poor



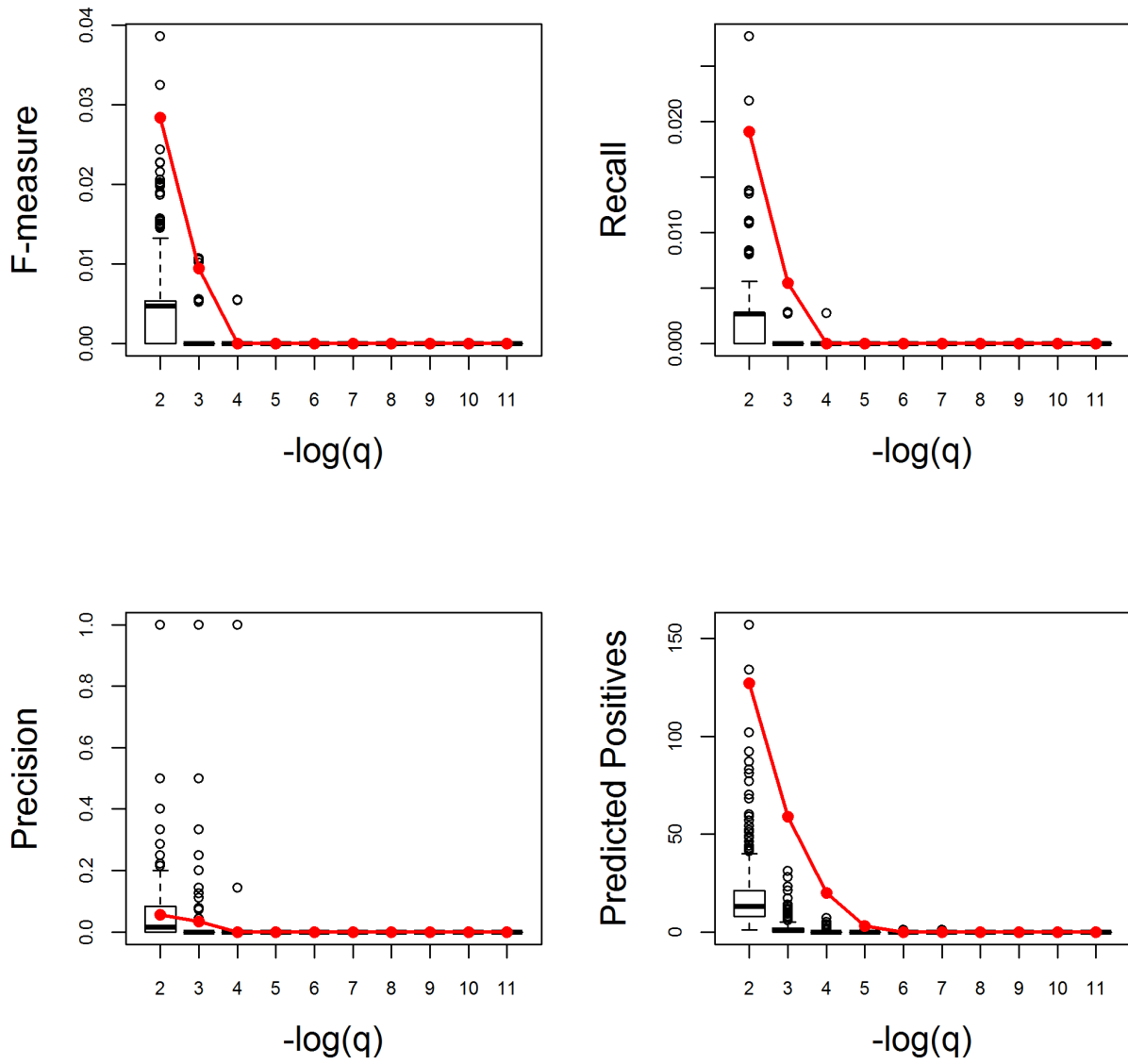
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Response to water deprivation. Very Good



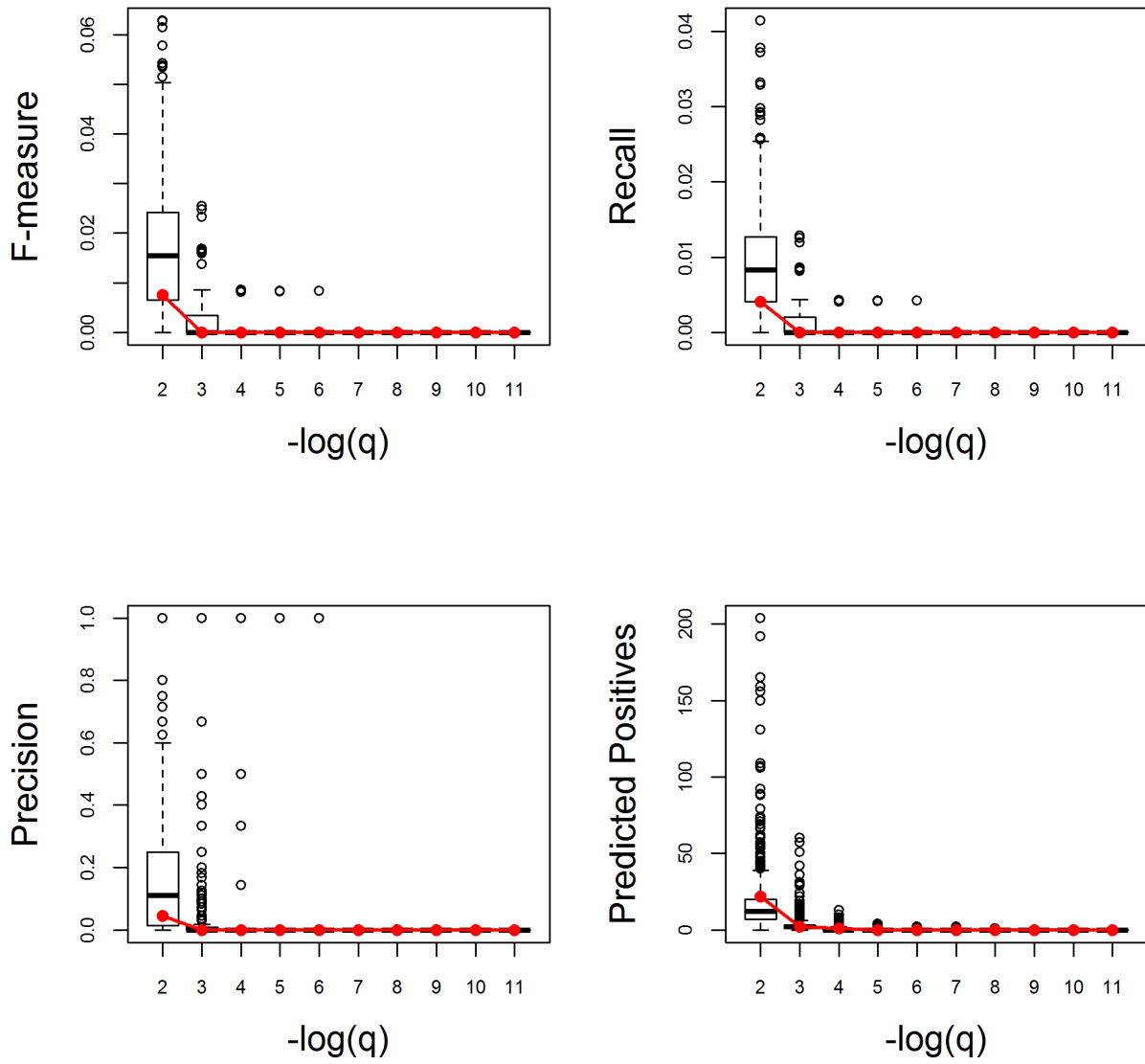
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Response to water. Very Good



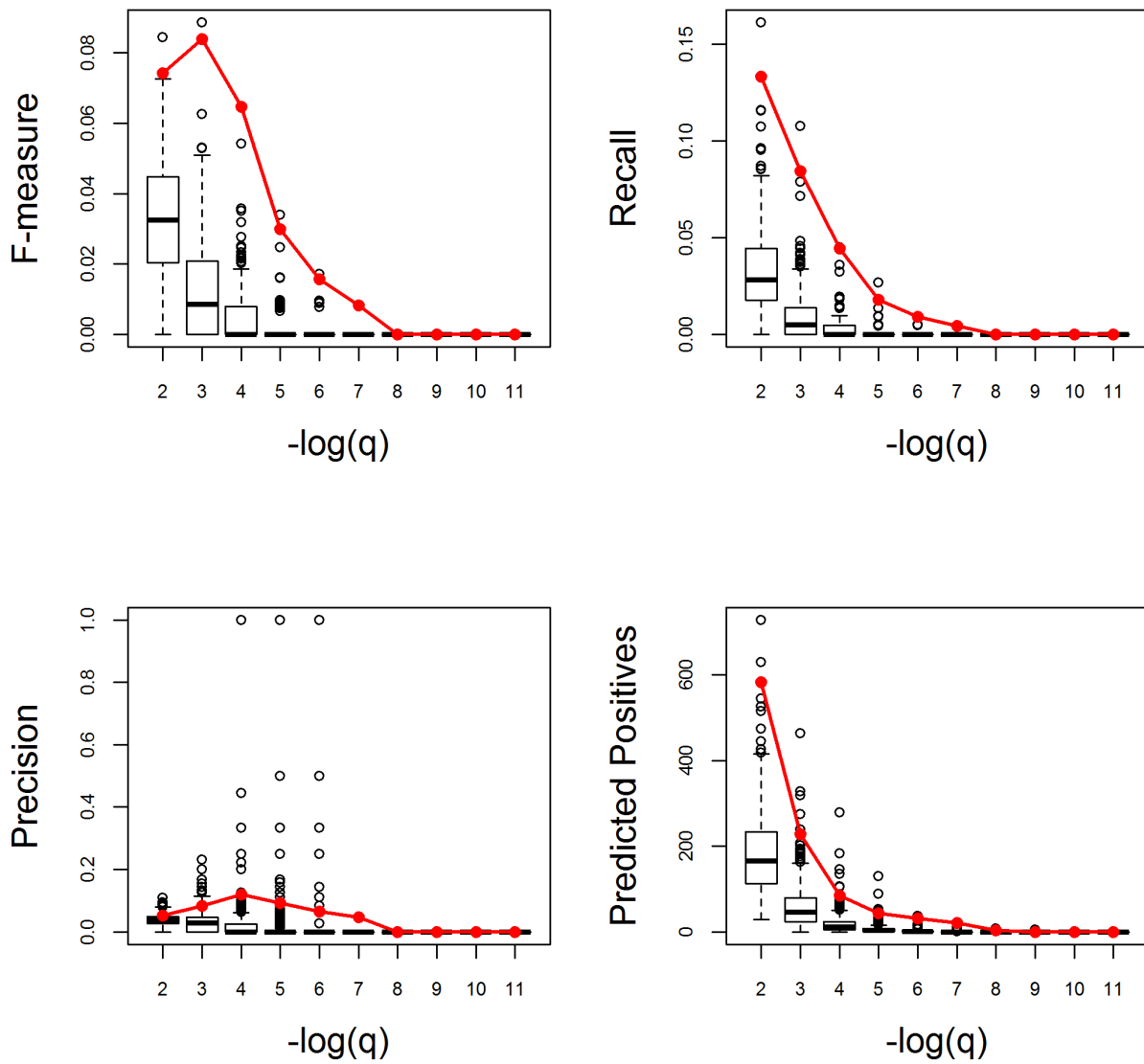
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Response to wounding. Poor



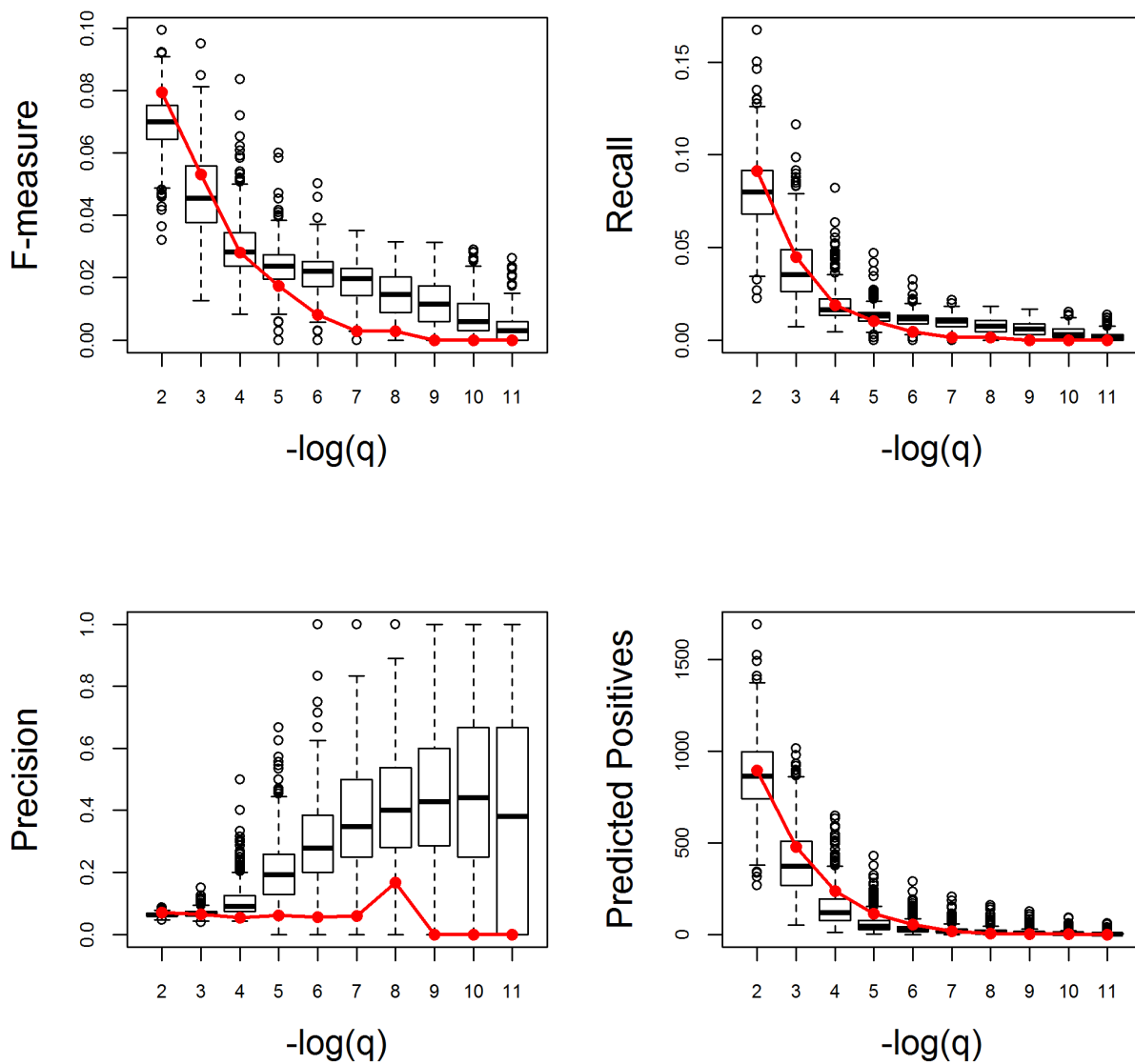
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Secondary metabolic process. Very Good



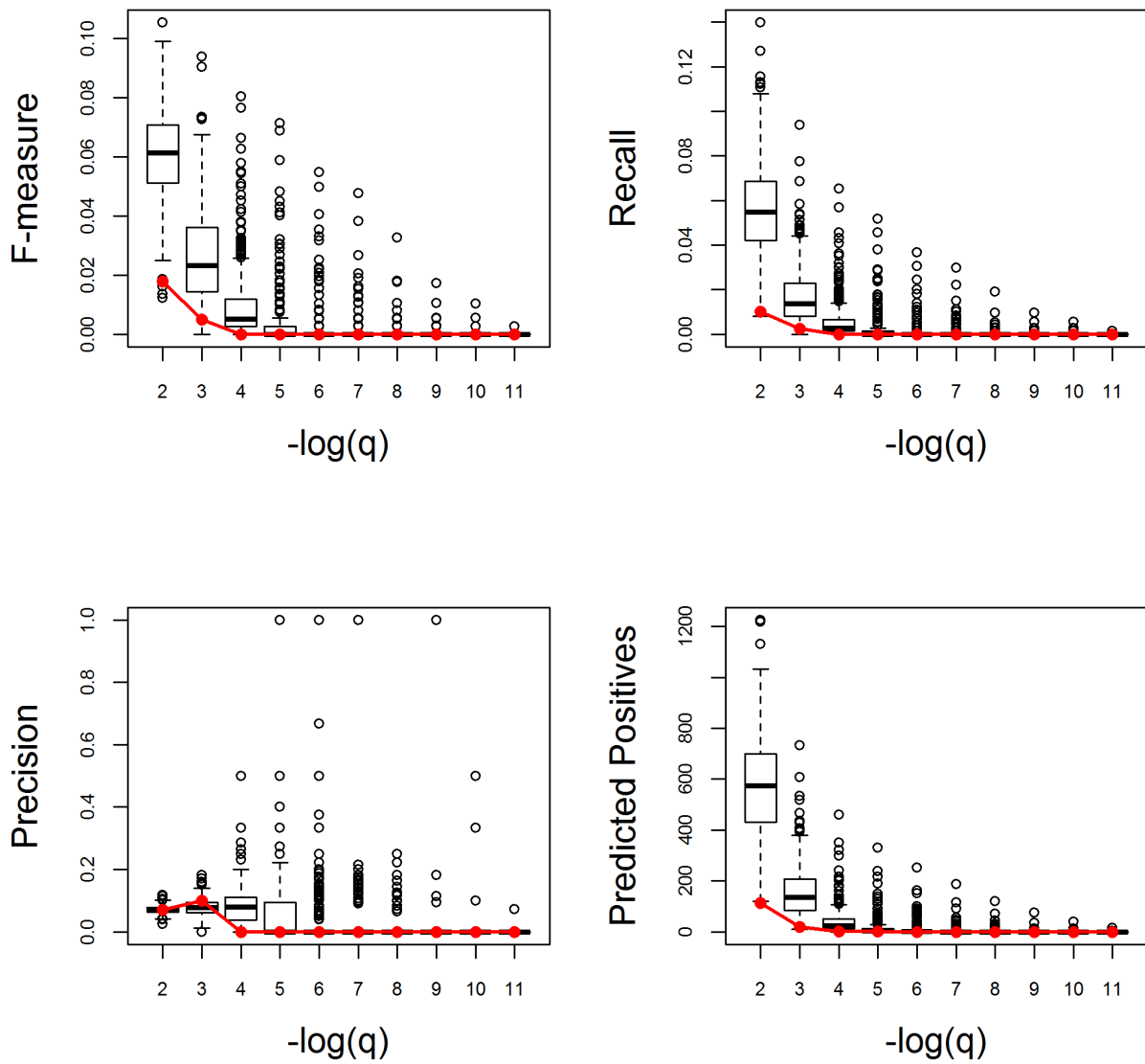
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Seed development. Very Poor



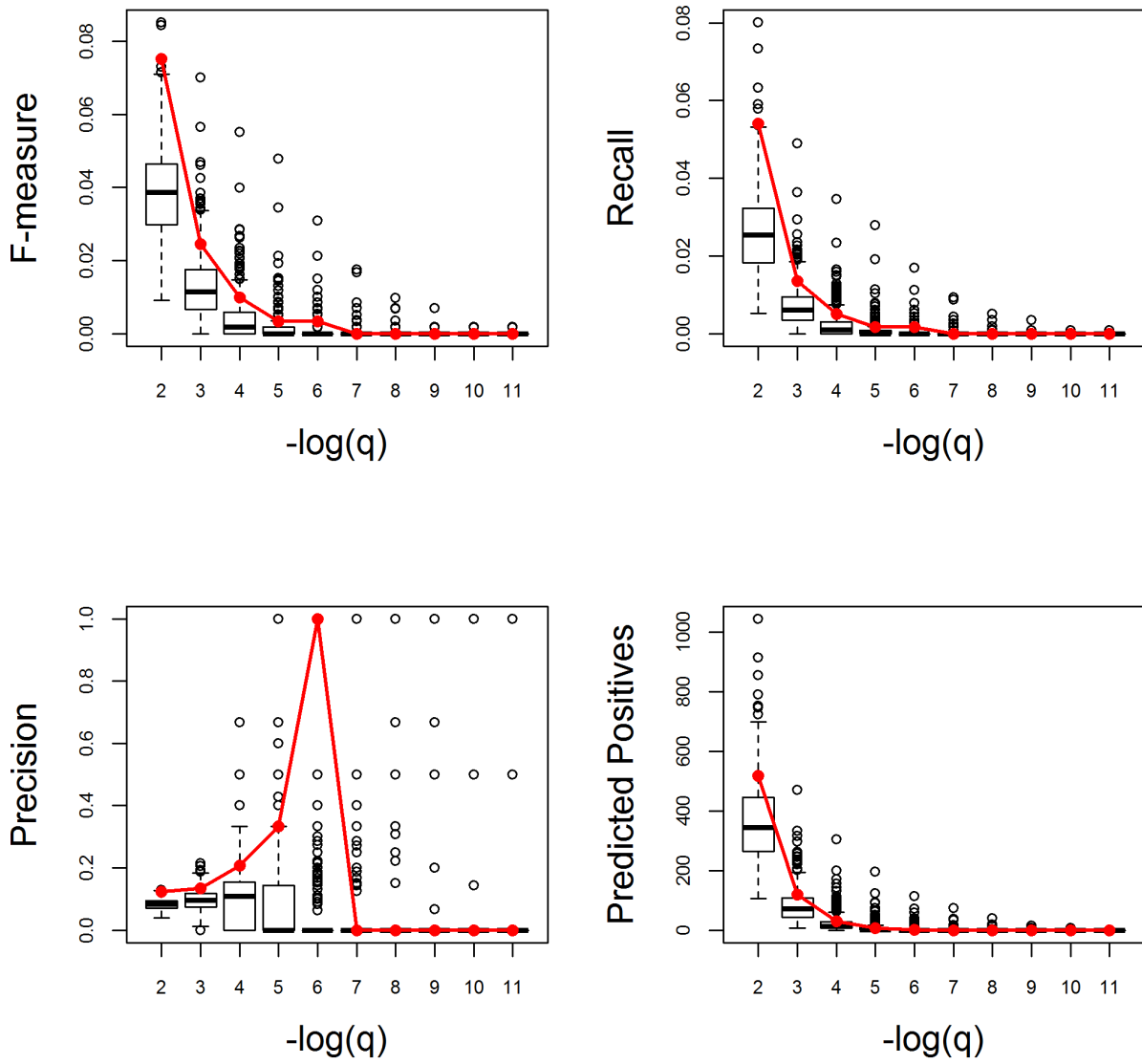
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Shoot system development. Very Poor



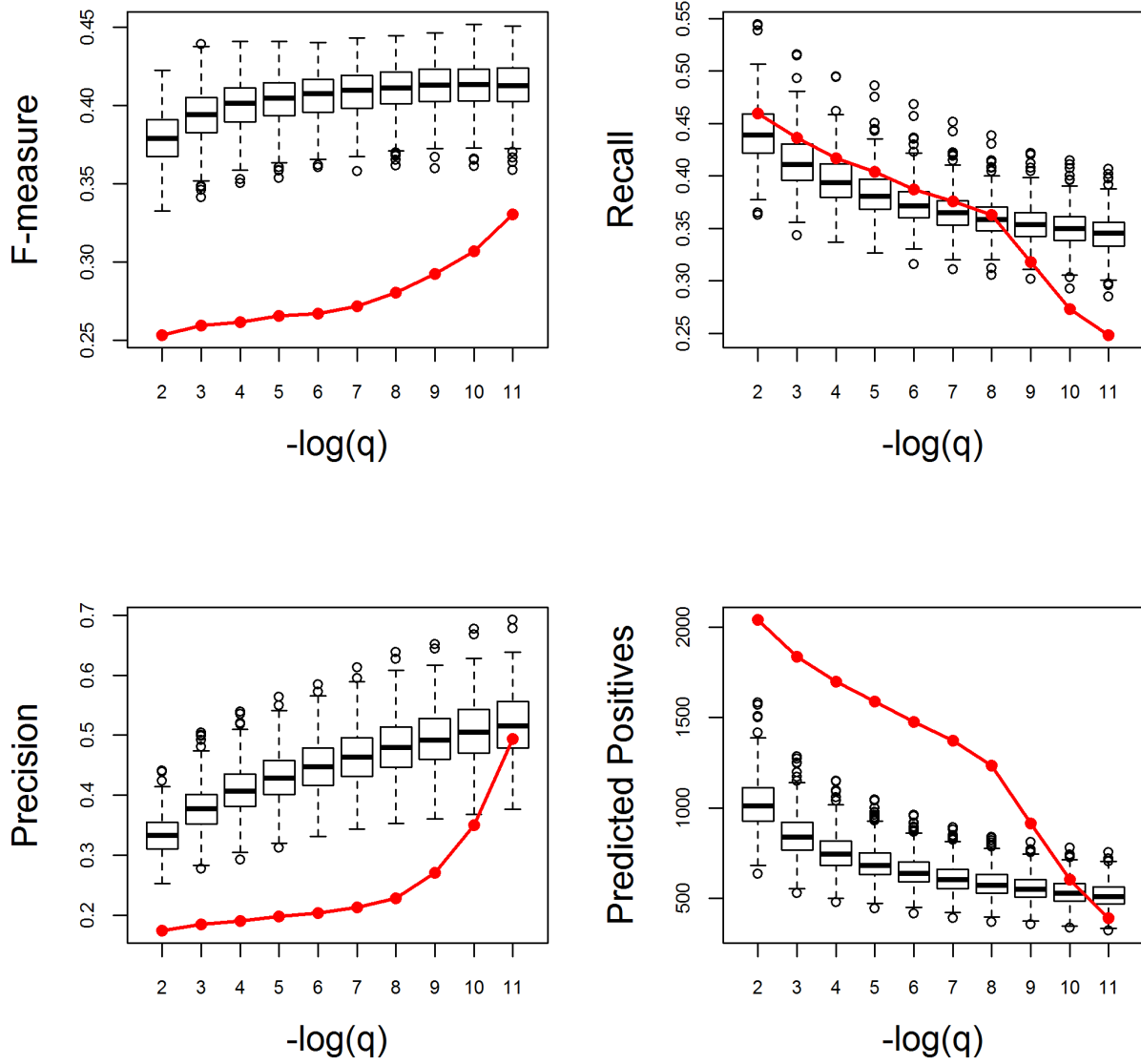
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Signal transduction. Very Good



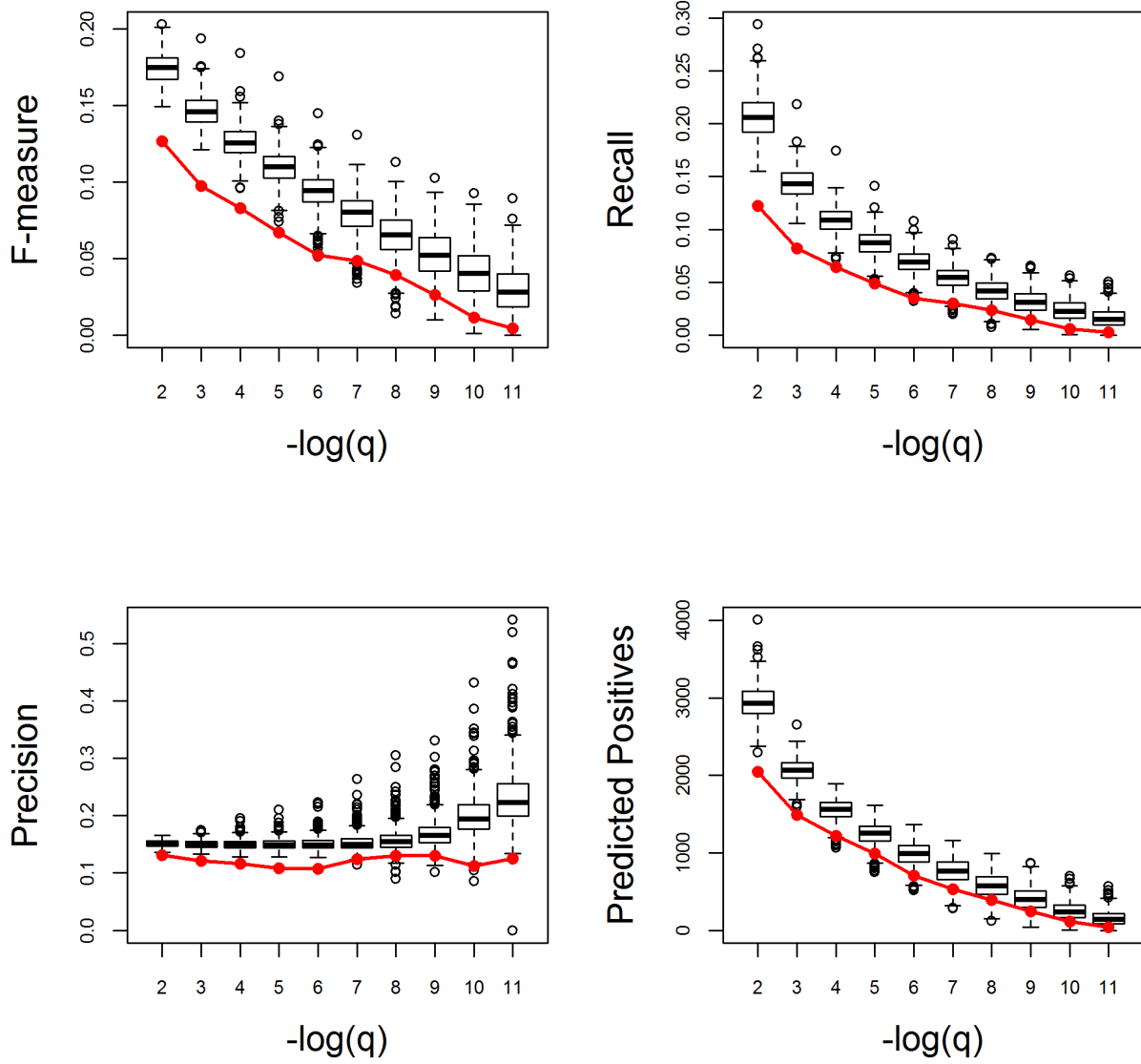
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Translation. Very Poor



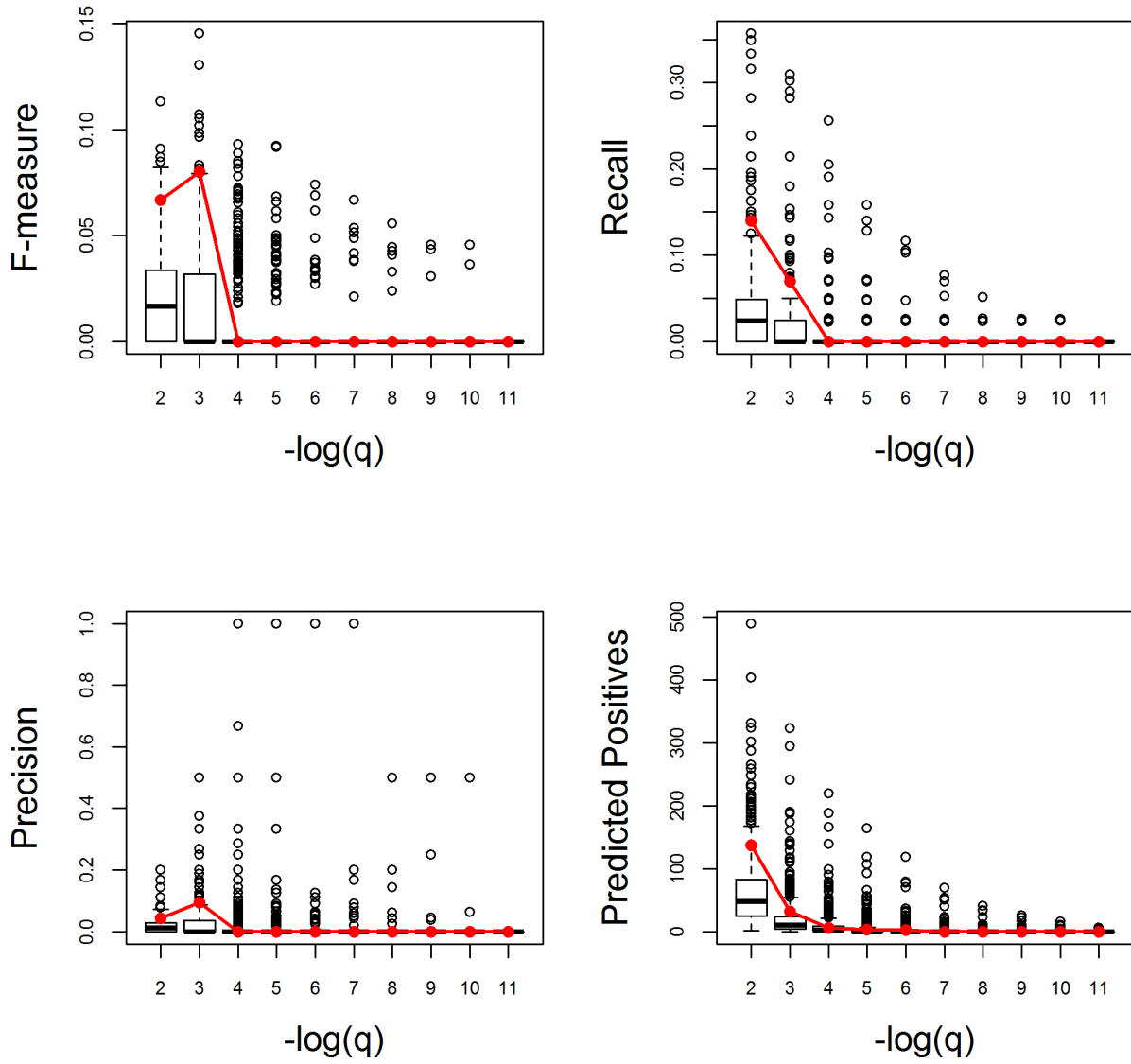
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Transport. Very Poor

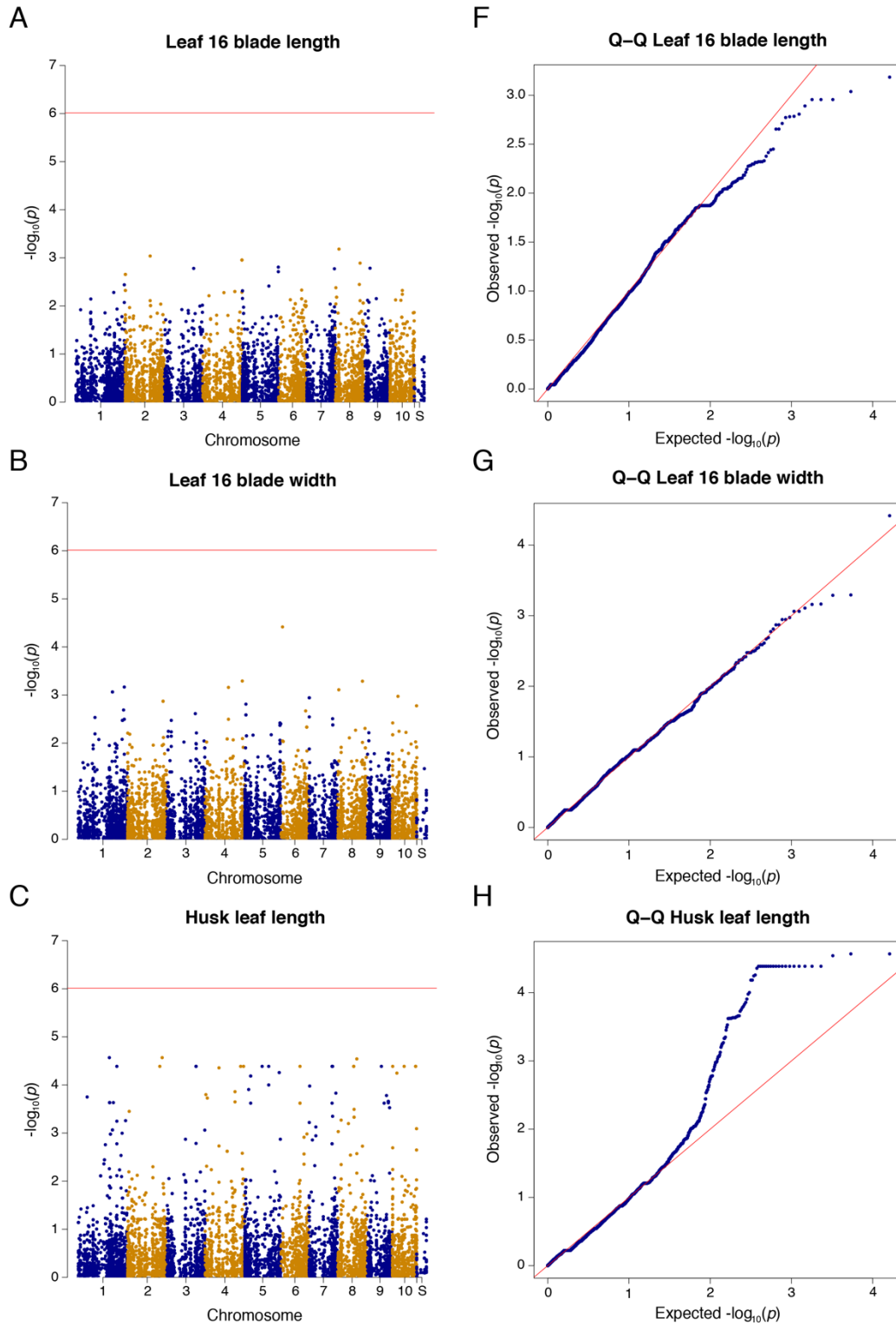


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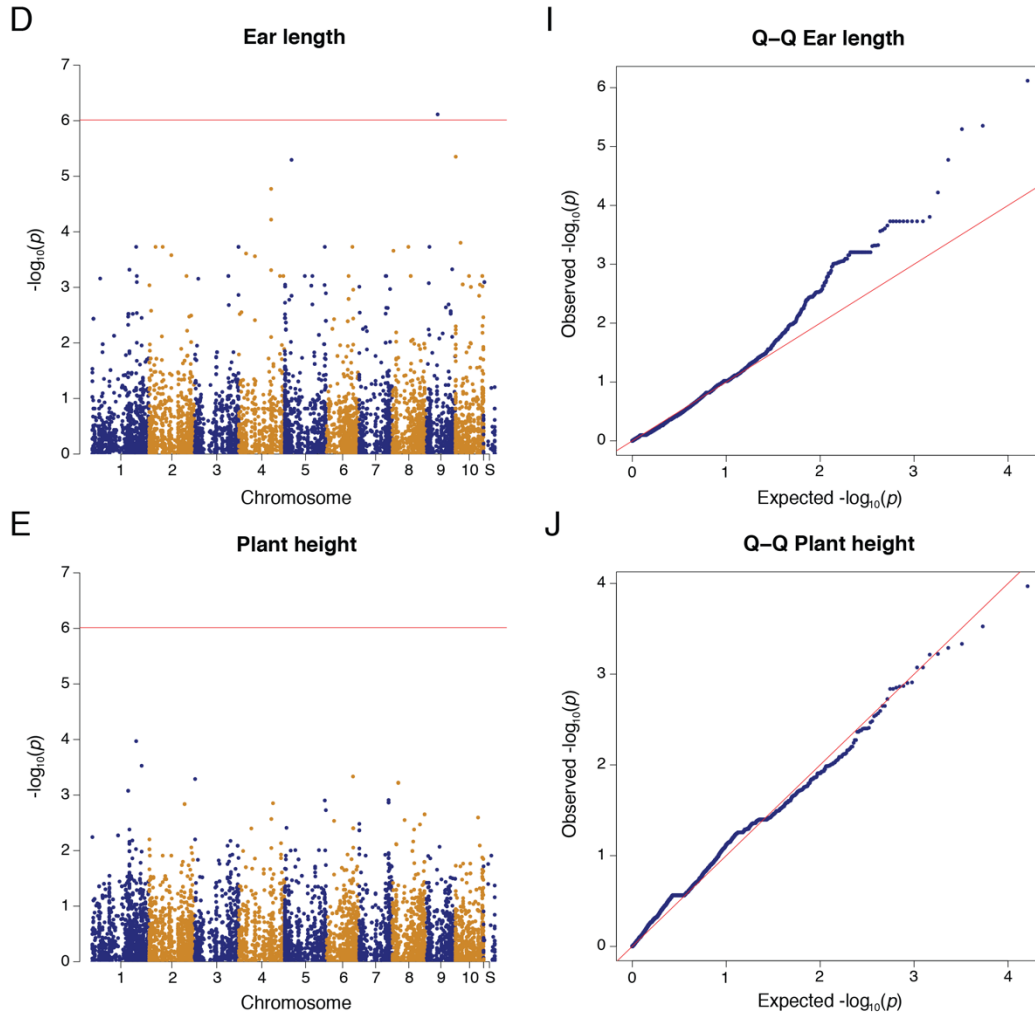
Xylan metabolic process. Very Good



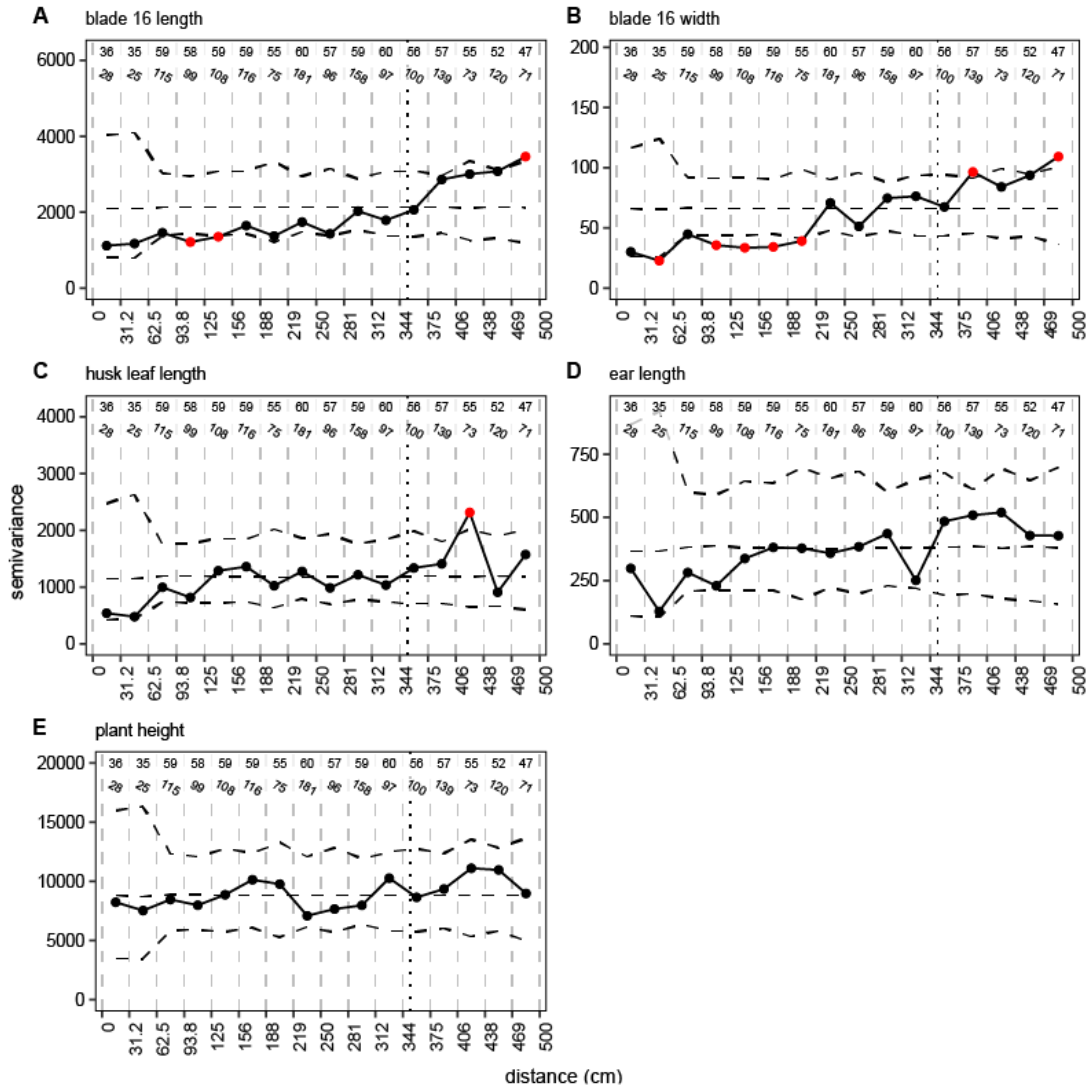
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Appendix Figure S15. Manhattan and Q-Q plots for GWAS on single-plant phenotype data. See legend on next page.



Appendix Figure S15 (continued). Manhattan and Q-Q plots for GWAS on single-plant phenotype data. Panels (A) to (E) and panels (F) to (J) display Manhattan plots and quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plots, respectively, for the phenotypes indicated on top of the panels. The red line in the Manhattan plots indicates the threshold for significant SNP associations at Bonferroni-corrected $p \leq 0.01$ ($p \leq 9.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$).



Appendix Figure S16. Range estimates for each phenotype. Semivariance for each continuous phenotype in the study : **(A)** leaf 16 blade length, **(B)** leaf 16 blade width, **(C)** husk leaf length, **(D)** ear length, and **(E)** plant height. Semivariance (y-axis) is plotted with a solid black line for each distance bin (x-axis). The number of samples involved in the semivariance calculation is shown in the top row of numbers in each panel, the number of pairs in each bin is shown just below (slanted numbers). The semivariance was recalculated 10,000 times after permuting the locations of each plant to get an empirical null distribution. Dashed lines show the mean and the 0.15625th (= 2.5/16) and 99.84375th (= 1 - 2.5/16) percentiles of the empirical semivariance null distribution in each of the 16 bins. Red dots indicate distance bins in which the observed semivariance is significantly different from null expectations (Bonferroni-corrected $p < 0.05$). The vertical black dotted line in each panel indicates the half-maximal distance in the field, after which the semivariance becomes hard to interpret.

Appendix Table S1. Number of transcripts, metabolites and phenotypes with significant batch, DOH, SNP or SAC effects at $q \leq 0.01$. DOH = day of harvest, SAC = spatial autocorrelation.

	Transcripts	Metabolites	Phenotypes
RNA-seq batch	224	-	-
DOH	4,034	23	2
SNP	103	1	0
SAC	2,574	48	3

Appendix Table S2. Genomic characteristics of highly variable genes and lowly variable genes in the single-plant transcriptome dataset. The highly variable gene (HVG) and lowly variable gene (LVG) sets are defined as the sets of genes with the 10% highest and lowest normalized transcript CV, respectively, after removing the 5% lowest-expressed genes. The Q1 and Q3 columns give the first and third quartiles, respectively, of the genomic attribute distributions. The q -value column contains BH-corrected p -values of one-tailed Mann–Whitney U (MWU) tests to assess whether genomic attribute medians are significantly different between HVG and LVG. sd = standard deviation.

	min	Q1	median	Q3	max	mean	sd	q
Gene length (bp)								
HVG	269	1,480.3	2,290.0	3,948	153,142	3,379.6	6,387.4	8.55E-239
LVG	600	3,752.3	5,547	8,702.0	136,766	7,793.2	8,512.4	
CDS length (bp)								
HVG	110	635.5	1,054	1,527.0	6,717	1,172.6	730.3	2.41E-07
LVG	77	723.5	1,143.0	1,701.8	5,771	1,314.9	812.1	
# Introns								
HVG	0	0	2	7	121	6.0	10.5	5.51E-187
LVG	0	5	11	20.8	208	15.4	15.0	
# Exons								
HVG	1	1	4	9	126	7.7	11.4	6.39E-179
LVG	1	7	13	24	213	17.8	16.0	

Appendix Table S3. Top-10 novel regulators predicted to be involved in the response to chitin based on the single-plant data. Predictions supported by literature evidence are highlighted in yellow. Genes linked to defense responses in literature but not specifically the response to chitin are highlighted in orange.

Rank	Gene ID	Predicted GO ID	Predicted GO Name	q-value	Gene Description
1	GRMZM2G012724-ZmWRKY53	10200	response to chitin	4.09E-19	WRKY-transcription factor 53
2	GRMZM2G174558	10200	response to chitin	4.63E-16	DNA-binding WRKY
3	GRMZM2G301089-ZmbHLH103	10200	response to chitin	5.91E-16	bHLH-transcription factor 103
4	GRMZM2G079323	10200	response to chitin	3.99E-15	Protein phosphatase type 2A regulator
5	GRMZM2G174347-ZmEREB92	10200	response to chitin	9.93E-15	AP2-EREBP-transcription factor 92
6	GRMZM2G027958	10200	response to chitin	1.44E-14	BRASSINOSTEROID INSENSITIVE 1-associated receptor kinase
7	GRMZM2G449681-ZmWRKY92	10200	response to chitin	2.36E-14	WRKY-transcription factor 92
8	GRMZM2G091331-ZmWRKY14	10200	response to chitin	3.74E-14	WRKY-transcription factor 14
9	GRMZM2G106792	10200	response to chitin	2.00E-13	harpin-induced-1(HIN1)-like gene
10	GRMZM2G379005	10200	response to chitin	2.57E-13	C2C2-Putative GATA transcription factor 13

Appendix Table S4. Top-10 novel regulators predicted to be involved in the response to water deprivation based on the single-plant data. Predictions supported by literature evidence are highlighted in yellow.

Rank	Gene ID	Predicted GO ID	Predicted GO Name	<i>q</i> -value	Gene Description
1	GRMZM2G429113-ZmXLG3b	9269	response to desiccation	0.00113719	Extra-large guanine nucleotide-binding protein 3
2	GRMZM2G053987-ZmMPK3-1	9414	response to water deprivation	0.00272679	activated protein kinase
3	GRMZM2G073427-ZmbZIP111	9269	response to desiccation	0.0031642	bZIP transcription factor 111
4	GRMZM2G059428-ZmNACTF53	9414	response to water deprivation	0.00347129	NAC transcription factor 53
5	GRMZM2G092137-ZmbZIP9	9819	drought recovery	0.00370633	bZIP transcription factor 9
6	GRMZM2G012724-ZmWRKY83	9414	response to water deprivation	0.00370633	WRKY transcription factor 83
7	GRMZM2G316967-ZmTPL1	9819	drought recovery	0.00393454	topless-related 1
8	GRMZM2G025812-ZmbZIP60	9269	response to desiccation	0.00394123	bZIP transcription factor 60
9	AC196475.3_FG005-ZmNACTF77	9414	response to water deprivation	0.00394123	NAC transcription factor 77
10	GRMZM2G089736-ZmZIM23	9414	response to water deprivation	0.00409773	ZIM-transcription factor 23

Appendix Table S5. Top-10 novel regulators predicted to be involved in C₄ photosynthesis based on the single-plant data. Predictions supported by literature evidence are highlighted in yellow. Genes linked to photosynthesis in literature but not specifically C₄ photosynthesis are highlighted in orange.

Rank	Gene ID	Predicted GO ID	Predicted GO Name	<i>q</i> -value	Gene Description
1	GRMZM2G111216-ZmCSP41A	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	1.91E-20	
2	GRMZM2G165655-ZmCRB	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	1.29E-17	Chloroplast stem-loop binding protein of 41 kDa b
3	GRMZM5G807064	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	6.34E-16	BTB/POZ and TAZ domain-containing protein 3
4	GRMZM2G158662	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	2.76E-14	Blue-light photoreceptor PHR2
5	GRMZM2G074393	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	8.25E-12	
6	GRMZM5G854901	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	3.73E-11	cytidine(34)-2'-O)-methyltransferase
7	GRMZM2G180406-ZmbHLH32	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	4.13E-11	Transcription factor bHLH32
8	GRMZM2G543629-ZmSIG5	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	4.15E-11	sigma factor SigA, Sigma70-like
9	GRMZM2G027640	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	7.72E-11	Lil3 protein
10	GRMZM2G101004-ZmELM2	9760	C ₄ photosynthesis	9.97E-11	heme oxygenase

Appendix Table S6. Genetic variants identified in the maize single-plant RNA-seq dataset.

The following genomic variants were detected from the RNA-seq reads without filtering: biallelic single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), biallelic indels, biallelic short tandem repeats (STRs), multiallelic SNPs, multiallelic indels and multiallelic STRs. The middle and lower parts of the table show how many biallelic SNPs were called in at least 48 of the 60 plants (80%) and had a minor allele frequency (MAF) $\geq 5\%$ before and after imputation of missing values, respectively.

	Biallelic SNPs	Biallelic Indels	Biallelic STRs	Multiallelic SNPs	Multiallelic Indels	Multiallelic STRs
Whole dataset						
Variants	1,089,101	79,531	4,428	3,932	3,884	2,941
Genotype calls	43,826,714	2,835,679	250,376	205,820	190,990	164,573
Present in at least 48 samples with MAF $\geq 5\%$						
Variants	10,227	-	-	-	-	-
Genotype calls	567,040	-	-	-	-	-
Present in at least 48 samples with MAF $\geq 5\%$ after imputation						
Variants	10,311	-	-	-	-	-
Genotype calls	618,660	-	-	-	-	-

Appendix Table S7. Performance of SNP e-net and random forest models for trait prediction. The pooled R^2 , median R^2 and Pearson correlation (PCC) measures are shown for the prediction performance of the models learned for all traits using 5,007 biallelic SNPs as features. No permutation tests p -values are shown as all oob R^2 values are negative.

	Method	Pooled R^2	Median R^2	PCC
Blade 16 length	Elastic Net	-0.035	-0.033	-0.291
	Random Forest	-0.040	-0.055	-0.124
Blade 16 width	Elastic Net	-0.147	-0.183	-0.184
	Random Forest	-0.054	-0.173	-0.062
Husk leaf length	Elastic Net	-0.024	-0.188	-0.216
	Random Forest	-0.021	-0.137	0.017
Ear length	Elastic Net	-0.092	-0.274	-0.223
	Random Forest	-0.024	-0.183	-0.009
Plant height	Elastic Net	-0.073	-0.325	-0.519
	Random Forest	-0.125	-0.511	-0.263