

Reviewer Report

Title: The first near-complete assembly of the hexaploid bread wheat genome, *Triticum aestivum*

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

I think I am a person whom you are looking for in this Editorial Board Adjudication, because I have experiences of rice genome sequencing and publication in the formation of consortium but no involvements with wheat genome sequencing. So, let me make my comments on the present case as a neutral Editorial Board member of GigaScience. I have read through Steve Salzberg's response to the three reviewers. Although his reactions to the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium look a bit too strong, his response to the reviewers are quite reasonable and understandable. Indeed, it seems that he has made great attempts for revising the manuscript following the comments of the reviewers. In fact, he made revisions in many points that have been raised by the reviewers. Judging from scientific value of the present manuscript as the Data Note, I think that the present manuscript is acceptable for publication in GigaScience.

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