

Reviewer Report

Title: The genome draft of coconut (*Cocos nucifera*)

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

The manuscript by Xiao and colleagues presents a draft genome assembly of coconut. To my opinion the research is sound and the analysis of the data is mostly correct. It is a pity the authors did not attempt to anchor their scaffolds onto a linkage map or use modern assembly methods to achieve pseudo-chromosome assembly. Nevertheless, I believe this fragmented genome will be a useful starting point for people working in coconut genetics. My only major concern about the manuscript is that the written style is not ready for publication. There are many typos and grammatical mistakes all over the main text, figure captions and table legends. The manuscript needs some extensive copy editing to be publishable.

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