

Reviewer Report

Title: De novo genome assembly of *Camptotheca acuminata*, a natural source of the anti-cancer compound camptothecin

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

The authors made satisfying answers and changes to the manuscript according to my comments.

Below are two last comments:

1. Figure 3 should be improved. The Venn diagram is not informative because too many species are compared. The articles cited by the authors display Venn diagrams for 4 species (5 at most). Up to 4 species, the Venn diagram representation is understandable, but over 5 species, it becomes very difficult to read. Moreover, in the current Figure3, all the numbers are not displayed and no colors are used to make the figure look good. I strongly suggest to change the representation or at least improve the figure.
2. I am still not convinced by the novelty of the annotation method : it sounds classical to me, although it was efficient to produce a good quality annotation.

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