Reviewer Report

Title: Fast-SG: An alignment-free algorithm for hybrid assembly

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

I have read the article and I found it well written and informative, especially for the genome assembly community. While the idea of generating synthetic mate-pairs is not now, you implemented it in the new context of long reads and unique kmers.

I have also managed to download, install and run Fast-sg, and reproduce some of results described in the article. However I had difficulties installing and running ScaffMatch, Integrating it in your package and creating a seamless interface between the two programs would be highly recommended.

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