

Reviewer Report

Title: A haplotype-resolved draft genome of the European sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*)

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

The manuscript is much improved and the annotation appears much better. All concerns appear to be addressed. One remaining question I have is how the 97 orthologs were identified to build the phylogeny. Did these come from the Orthofinder analysis? These methods to be elaborated on to show they are true orthologs. Otherwise the manuscript seems ready for publication.

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