Author's Response To Reviewer Comments

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Dear Mr Zauner,

We are pleased to know our manuscript has been accepted for publication in GigaScience. As requested, we have provided a clean version of the main text and added a note citing the recent publication in Science.

The text now reads:

"The underlying giraffe SOAPdenovo assembly described in this paper is the same as the one used by Chen and co-workers [45]."

Sincerely yours,

Marta Farré Denis Larkin Harris Lewin

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