Reviewer's report

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Discretionary Revisions

1. In the background section, the authors mentioned three standard pathway exchange formats: BioPAX, SBML and SBGN. The manuscript describes the support of BiNoM to both BioPAX and SBML, but there is no mention about SBGN. The figures don't seem to be compliant with SBGN standard. It would be helpful if the authors can provide some description about their plan on the graphical representation standards.

2. A supplement with more details on the installation of BiNoM would be helpful, especially to users who are novice to Cytoscape.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.