Reviewer’s report

Title: Indivo: a Personally Controlled Health Record for Health Information Exchange and Communication

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Reviewer: Dean Sittig

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General:
excellent paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) - none

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
1. please explain..."display a federation token upon request"
2. what is "presenteeism" is this the opposite of absenteeism?
3. I think the first paragraph of conclusions should be a section called "future work".
4. I would like to read more about how "coded data" is extracted from the CDA or CCR and put into the database for future processing.
5. I would like more information on the clinical decision support engine. is there a paper describing this elsewhere?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.