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Title: A case for using grid architecture in state public health informatics: the Utah perspective

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- Minor Essential Revisions
1. The graphic quality of Figure 3 is not readable.

- Discretionary Revisions
1. The sentence 'Use of grid computing to meet public health needs has not been adequately explored' on the page 7 should be rephrased to something like 'Use of grid computing to meet public health needs has been increasingly explored as far as the maturity of grid technology allows it'.

2. In the state of the art, cite the projects VOTES and AneurIST that follow very similar approach to the system described in the paper.

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