Reviewer’s report

Title: Model Consent Clauses for Rare Disease Research

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Nguyen and colleagues have risen up to the challenge of charting the course for unifying the language used in research consent forms in the context of rare diseases. As they eloquently explain, this is a timely subject given the growing appreciation of the importance of data sharing in rare disease research. The basic elements they propose to be included and the suggested language in the generic examples given are very well thought out and will likely help researchers develop their consent forms in a way that meets the special needs of the rare disease genetics community. I highly recommend this work for publication. I only have a few minor comments:

1- The Conclusion section of the Abstract is too long. I suggest you limit it to the part starting with "The model consent…".

2- "core elements founds in" should be "core elements found in".

3- Figure 1 looks nothing like a figure. Should it be called "box" or something similar?

4- There seems to be an error in "Figure 1" where trends #1 and #2 are exact duplicates.

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