Reviewer’s report

Title: Data management and sharing policy: the first step towards promoting data sharing

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The paper tries to motivate the need for a data management and data sharing policy in low-and-middle-income countries and also outlines some properties that this policy should have.

It is generally clear and easy to read.

My major question regarding the paper is what are the specific characteristics of low-and-middle-income countries that require a different policy compared to the ones in high-income countries. This should be discussed first thing in the background, in my opinion. The suggested policy seems to me as very similar to the ones in high-income counties (e.g., UK).

Also, I would expect a brief review of technical means to protect data beyond policies, such as encryption, anonymization, and access control.

There are also the following concerns, questions and suggestions:

1. The main body part of the abstract does not mention the focus on low-and-middle-income countries, which is in contrast with the background section.

2. The sentence in lines 54-61 on page 2 should be explained. Why are such datasets valuable?

3. The sentence in lines 32-34 on page 4 requires some explanation and references. Please correct the font size too.

4. The sentence in lines 57-59 on page 4 does not explain whether low-and-middle-income countries have actually established repositories.

5. The sentence in lines 4 to 6 on page 5 is not clear. Please describe what is blank case report forms CRfs).

6. The sentence in line 28 on page 5. Please explain what is DAC.

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