Reviewer’s report

Title: Moving toward the automation of the systematic review process: A summary of discussions at the Second Meeting of International Collaboration for the Automation of Systematic Reviews (ICASR)

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Reviewer: Karen Dawe

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This is a detailed and clear summary of a meeting on the important topic of the automation of systematic reviews. The meeting was clearly hugely interesting and stimulated some fruitful discussion on many ideas for future directions and the steps that must be taken both now and in the longer term. These include practical issues and cultural considerations. It is therefore of great importance that such a summary be published and disseminated widely such that awareness of these issues be raised and cultural discussions can take place.

I wonder if the authors would like to consider structuring the paper slightly differently? In such a way as to give prominence to the various needs and challenges, next steps and so on. These are currently slightly lost under the 'Purpose' heading. However I appreciate this may disrupt the chronological nature of the report which is meant to reflect the progression of discussion in the meeting.

This is an exciting initiative and sounds like a great group to be leading!

There are a couple of minor typos;

"second meeting ot" (Abstract)

"This diversity was intended to communicate broadly about progress..." p2 consider rewording?

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