Reviewer’s report

Title: Response to 'Increasing value and reducing waste in data extraction for systematic reviews: tracking data in data extraction forms'

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I found this manuscript to be a useful response to the letter by Shokraneh and Adams. I suggest a few additional pieces of information:

1. Could the authors please clarify what is meant by "tracking of data to published reports of studies" in the first instance?

2. Could the authors please define "PDF-independent" in the first instance?

3. Could the authors please add a sentence or two explaining what the DAA is? As of now, the letter just says it should be used and the motivation for its creation, but it’s not clear to the unfamiliar reader what exactly DAA is/entails.

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