

Reviewer Report

Title: Open Data Governance at the Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform (CONP): From the Walled Garden to the Arboretum

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

This article explains CONP's operation as an open neuro-data platform. Its mechanism and design provide a feasible data-sharing platform for Canadian and international researchers and scientists. My only concern is the manner in which CONP handles complex cases. Some countries may have restrictions on using data outside of a clinic for the purpose of sharing, while others may have no specific legal regulation on data ownership, albeit with administrative rules that would lead to a situation in which there are no declared boundaries or rules to be followed when sharing data. In nations where the majority of clinical data are collected in state-owned hospitals, data sharing may be difficult. Does CONP facilitate a mechanism that not only enables the sharing of current data but also encourages the sharing of potential data in an effort to increase the volume of such data? This may increase the need for a committee to supervise the platform, evaluate data submissions, and, most importantly, provide direction on data sharing procedures. In addition, since there are already clear and straightforward procedures (such as self-checklists), difficult cases requiring assistance from more specialists would be eliminated from the start. In other words, some researchers would be irritated by the clear-cut standard and somewhat automated processing of CONP. (such as self-checklist), which would eliminate difficult cases that require the assistance of more specialists.

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