

## **Reviewer Report**

**Title:** eHistology image and annotation data from the Kaufman Atlas of Mouse Development

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### **Reviewer Comments to Author:**

Summary of paper: This paper describes work to bring Kaufman's classic atlas of mouse anatomy into a digital form. The methods used (including annotation with EMAPA IDs, use of DOIs, and Dublin Core elements) will preserve this information for future uses.

I have only a few minor suggestions for improving the manuscript:

1. The eHistology Viewer is mentioned in the abstract and shown in the figure. It would be helpful to include a URL link to that tool. (Right now there is only the link to the GitHub repository.)
2. In part b of the figure (showing the pop-up box), taking that screenshot over white background -- instead of showing the semi-transparent view of the image in the background -- would clarify what is in that box.
3. In Background & Summary, the wording "Providing for a secure (in terms of data preservation) and long-term accessibility..." is a bit awkward.
4. In Usage Notes, there appears to be some miswording, or perhaps a missing word, in "...which can be used to identify the set of physical glass slides help by the University of Edinburgh on which each histological section can be found."

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