Reviewer Report

Title: Multi-dimensional leaf phenotypes reflect root system genotype in grafted grapevine over the growing season

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

Thank you for your edits.

I saw the editor comments about appropriate data storage, but I disagree with those comments to the authors.

Github is not a permanent repository and as such it's not true that it's the most appropriate place to share scripts for a publication. It is only suitable as a place for collaboration. As the authors make changes, the version of record for this manuscript will no longer be available, and the authors could delete it at any time. The publication versions should be separately reposited in a permanent repository. In my opinion, if a script is meant to be a version of record and also living, then a link to both the permanent repository and to GitHub can be given.

I am not sure what is meant by 'large-scale' data. Figshare is a general use repository that I only recommended since the authors already were using it. It can host single files up to 5 gb in size, provides unlimited public space, and provides a DOI. So what exactly is unsuitable?

Zenodo is another free option, and there is Data Dryad and the Data Commons.

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