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Dear Editors,

We are submitting a revision to our manuscript titled “Developing a modern data workflow for living data” to be considered for publication as a Community Page article in *PLOS Biology*. In response to reviewer comments, we have also renamed our manuscript, “Developing a modern data workflow for regularly updated data”.

We appreciate the enthusiasm and constructive advice for revising the paper. We agree that the core of our message will be better received in a streamlined format, and have restructured the manuscript accordingly. There is a newly expanded figure. We use this as the centerpiece of the paper. The main text expands on what is diagrammed in the figure. These are the main points we feel necessary for understanding our workflow and its importance for efficient data curation. There are many other details to understand when making decisions about how to set up a data workflow. We have included these in a supplementary file. This way, the manuscript focuses on the design of and motivation for the workflow, while the supplement helps others to implement it, regardless of their skill level. These changes have greatly reduced the length of the main text, as requested. We appreciate both your and the reviewers’ comments which helped us to find this ideal format for the paper.

Thank you for your consideration of our revision.

Sincerely,

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