Reviewer Report

Title: Genome-wide determination of on-target and off-target characteristics for RNA-guided DNA Methylation by dCas9 methyltransferases

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

The authors have addressed most of my concerns, although I wish there could be more thorough analysis to separate direct off-targets (with seed+PAM match) from secondary effect or measurement noise.

Methods

Are the methods appropriate to the aims of the study, are they well described, and are necessary controls included? Yes

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