Reviewer’s report

Title: Uptake of a web-based oncology protocol system: How do cancer clinicians use eviQ Cancer Treatments Online?

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The authors present an observational study evaluating the use of an oncology reference website among medical professionals and others. The authors report that website users are typically healthcare professionals and the site is used most often during the day. They also report that users spend more time viewing clinical pages within the site than registration or transition pages.

Major compulsory revisions

1. Perhaps a more interesting question to ask than who is using the site or when they are using it is how physicians are using the site. What question are they looking to answer on the site? Are they finding the information they are looking for? Are they referencing treatment protocols at the time of care? The format of this data does not appear to offer the kind of granularity necessary to answer these more relevant questions.

2. Did you consider that nurses or other health care associates may be logging for physicians to reference in an ambulatory setting. How do you account for misclassification bias?

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests