Reviewer’s report

Title: Deficiencies in the transfer and availability of clinical trials evidence: a survey of existing systems and standards

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The authors revised the manuscript following the recommendations from the peer reviewers. I think that this revised version is much better and close to the point. The authors outlined the concepts and flaws in shared decision making based on aggregate clinical trials results. Research directions would benefit from exact operational definitions of the proposed policy and data management changes. However, such details may be more suitable for a grant proposal rather than a research paper. Considering the importance of the topic and tremendous author’s efforts I recommend this manuscript for the publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 that I have no competing interests