Reviewer's report

Title: Development and initial evaluation of a treatment decision dashboard

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Major compulsory revisions

"Interactive decision dashboards can be adapted for clinical use and have the potential to foster informed patient decision making."

"These results suggest that the interactive decision dashboard format can be effectively adapted to serve as a patient decision aid."

"that the interactive dashboard format can be successfully adapted to create a patient decision aid capable of helping people make a decision based on a large amount of complex data quickly and efficiently."

This is your plan and does not follow from your data. Whether the created patient decision aid is capable of this has to be tested with real patients. These statements have to be attenuated. Until now you must use the conjunctive ("might" etc.).

I am still not convinced that this study adds much. Even in phase 2 of the MRC framework real patients should be included in such a study. But I don´t want to be unfair just because I don´t like this study. The scientific community may judge whether this is a promising approach.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.