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Dear BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making Editor:

Attached is the second revision (version 3) of our article, "Evidence-based patient choice: A prostate cancer decision aid in plain language" for consideration for publication in BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making. The new version is responsive to the critique in the following ways:

1) We have added a comment in the discussion about the limitations of historical controls

2) We were asked to add n in addition to %s in Table 3. When I went back to Table 3, I realized that it should be recalculated with statistical testing, due to the changes made since the first submission. It is now much improved, and the statistician has been added to the author list.

3) Table 4 has no missing data, as missing data are included in the Don't Know/Refused category. Refused in a telephone survey brings it to the full n. Table 4 has been improved in format by making it landscape.

4) Page 22 para 2 has been revised to be consistent with the new order of presentation in Table 3. Some language in the paragraph above has been changed to be consistent with not presenting the 3 media separately.

5) The abstract has been re-written to reflect the emphasis following from the revisions

Thank you for these helpful comments. The manuscript is again improved. I am very pleased to have the prospect of publishing it in BioMedCentral, both due to open access, and the freedom to publish a full description of the design process.

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