Reviewer's report

Title: Development and Initial Testing of a Computer-Based Patient Decision Aid to Promote Colorectal Cancer Screening for Primary Care Practice

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Reviewer: Paul Taylor

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General

Very clear well written paper.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Some more detail on the nature of the information provided in the decision aid would be of value.

I think that the most interesting finding is that many patients who said, having consulted the tool, that they did not intend to be screened, actually were screened. What can your data tell us about this? Did these patients say that they were content with the information they obtained from the tool? I think you need to take seriously the possibility that patients did not make their minds up about screening until after the questionnaire was completed.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No