Reviewer's report

Title: Development of a Modelling and Simulation Method Comparison and Selection Framework for Health Services Management

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Discretionary Revisions
1. There is no clear impression or direct evidence given from the paper of the value and benefits to be gained from using the framework in practice, rather its value is outlined in terms of potential. Some examples of scenarios of use would be useful. More also could have been said about the potential methods of implementation of the framework using paper and internet media.

2. A clear weakness in the paper is the lack of a systematic approach to user testing and evaluation. Although user workshops are reported, the outputs from these seem very vague and indistinct and it is not clear how the feedback has been integrated into the development of the framework itself. Although by its nature such feedback is qualitative in nature there is no reason why this cannot be presented systematically.

3. It is surprising that a broader user base is not defined since one might expect the tool to be useful to clinicians and commercial consultants working in healthcare as well as other researchers.

4. The results section of the paper is over long and wordy. This section needs to be simplified and reduced in size. This would make it more readable. Effective use of bulleted lists and tables could go a long way to achieve this.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. There are a few grammatical errors in the text which need correcting

Major Compulsory Revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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