Reviewer's report

Title: Shared decision making for patients with type 2 patients: a randomized trial in primary care

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Major Compulsory Revisions

METHODS

1. Add - earlier in the paper, in the methods section - information about your tactic to provide minimal training to clinicians: What training was provided to clinicians on how to use the decision aids to create shared decision-making? Why was it “minimal”? Was the checklist referred to in the Results section provided to them? What did the checklist consist of?

(Research has shown the importance of clinician training to the successful implementation of an innovation to their workflow.)

"Patient-centered decision making means a process that involves directed interaction between a health care professional and the patient or the patient’s legal representative to assist the patient in understanding the patient’s health condition, available treatment options, and the benefits and harms of each option, and in deciding what treatment is best for the patient based on the patient’s circumstances, values, and preferences. The interaction may be conducted by a health care provider or through the use of patient decision aids, or both.” (Definition from Journal of the Senate, State of Minnesota, May 11th, 2011.)

2. Knowledge transfer at baseline is reported in Table 2a, but not easily found in the methods. Was this the video data? Or was there a survey immediately after the clinic visit?

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Appendix: Add the decision aids (pamphlets) to the Appendix. I did review them from the link provided.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Did you use the demographic data for any statistical analyses?

Quality of written English

Section: Implications for Policy, Practice and Research

1. Suggest deleting “Thankfully” and improving sentence structure regarding
PCORI.

2. The following sentence beginning “Thus, ….” I suggest leaving out a conclusive statement about “the right balance” because that is an opinion, yet to be proven.

3. Correct/improve sub-headings so they are uniform in format (some sub-headings contain caps for all words; some do not)

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.