Reviewer's report

Title: Designing an automated clinical decision support system to match clinical practice guidelines for opioid therapy for chronic pain

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Reviewer: Kevin Zacharoff

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Major Compulsory Revisions -
None

Minor Essential Revisions -
The are some typos throughout, for example on the final page with Figure 3. The date of pain onset says September, 3 1466. I would recheck the grammar in some instances as well.

Discretionary Revisions -
I would consider including a statement or two about situations where clinicians either ignore or decide against recommended decisions.

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 beyond doing research in similar subject matter that could someday incorporate similar principles, regarding decision support systems for pain assessment and treatment that I have no other competing interests.