Reviewer's report

Title: How can continuing professional development better promote shared decision-making? Perspectives from an international collaboration

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This paper reports on a two-day workshop which explored ideas for improving professional development in shared decision-making. The paper is well written and clear but I have a few suggestions for making the paper more useful and relevant to a wider international readership of this journal.

Minor revisions:

1. Rather than focussing too much on the detailed agenda of the meeting (supp 1) can we expand supp 2 to show more of a profile of participants and speakers (not necessarily named). How did the 35 people get invited to the meeting? Advertised? Personally invited? etc... I don't get a sense of how representative this group is in formulating these issues on SDM professional development. How experienced are they etc. Are they opinion leaders/experts?

2. I agree with some of the comments from the participants that the purpose and methods of the environmental scan were not very clear. It is important to know what was done, why and how in order to make sense of the comments arising from the discussions in Supp 3.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.