Reviewer’s report

Title: Beyond pros and cons – Developing a patient decision aid to cultivate dialog to build relationships: Insights from a qualitative study and decision aid development

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable
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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This is a well-planned, 4 phased study that is well described. The investigators took a thorough stepped-approach in developing a diabetes decision aid. Other than some "copy editing" to address some typos, etc., the study is nicely outlined.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

This is a carefully planned study that is clearly presented in the manuscript. The investigators began with a qualitative approach with a mix of patient and provider interviews in gaining their insights into the development of the decision aid. All of the critical elements of shared decision aids, e.g. knowledge, risks and barriers, goal setting were built into the program. Implementation and training users was well-described.

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Yes

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