

Reviewer's report

Title: Dual equipoise shared decision making: definitions for decision and behaviour support interventions

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It is a much improved paper and the arguments are much clearer. Certainly the history of this approach to decision aid research is much more well defined. I would argue still that the authors have taken a problem focused approach to the paper and theory plays a secondary role but in this version of the paper this role is satisfactory. However, I do feel quite strongly that Elwyn needs to add one more reference to point readers to a more theoretical approach to understand the differences between decision aids and behaviour change interventions. Elwyn has known of my work in this area for 10 years, and this has been an argument of mine for a long time. He and Edwards even asked me to write the chapter for their book. It seems appropriate that it is used to support the assertion on page 11 that decision aid and behaviour change interventions are different:

Bekker HL. Using decision making theory to inform clinical practice. (2009) In (eds) Elwyn G and Edwards A. Shared Decision Making - Achieving Evidence-based patient choice. London: OUP

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'