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Title: "Shared Decision Making of Burdensome Surveillance Tests Using Personalized Schedules and Their Burden and Benefit"

Dear Mr. Tomer:

I am sorry to say that we have decided not to take your paper in its present form. The reviewers and associate editor agree that the topic presented is interesting and also the case study on prostate surveillance. They raise some serious issues, however, both at the conceptual and the more technical level.

The main concern is that the decision on the schedules of the next several biopsies is based on the information of the current visit as proposed, however, the timing of the future tests should be decided based on the updated information in future clinical visits prior to these tests. Therefore the projected schedules beyond the next test may not reflect the real clinical practice. Clarification is needed and possibly an adapted development. Furthermore the performance of the proposed method appears low, prompting further investigation into model fit and questions on the advantage of the proposed method. Answering these questions is nontrivial. Please see the comments from the reviewers at the end of this message.

If you feel that you can address adequately the reviewers' concerns then I would encourage you to revise and resubmit this paper. I can make no prior commitment regarding publication and any resubmission would undergo further peer review.

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