Reviewer’s report

Title: The (cost) effectiveness of an online intervention for pregnant women with affective symptoms: protocol of a randomised controlled trial

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major revisions:
introduction: needs to clearly describe the protocol on which this current protocol seems to be based -as per publications 22 and 23. at present this only comes out in the methods section.

sample choice: is problematic in that it is very heterogeneous and includes mild to severe symptoms with allowance for women on medication or having psychotherapy which are very major confounders.

stats: this section does not explain how these key confounders will be controlled for.

minor revision:
uptake of healthcare services (TiC-P) is referenced as number 31; this is incorrect as that is a reference to EPDS.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'