Reviewer's report

Title: Perceived connections between ICT use and mental symptoms among young adults

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Reviewer: Marie Alricsson

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Comments to the Authors

I believe this study deals with an interesting issue, but it has some weaknesses. There are several areas that have been identified in the manuscript that could be improved.

Specific Comments and Recommendations for Revisions

Title
My suggestion is to add “–a qualitative study” in the title.

Abstract
In the abstract you have written only the specific aim not the overall aim as in the study. What is the right aim? I prefer to have the overall aim in the abstract and add the specific aim in the study.

In the end of the conclusions you talk about a model which may be used for intervention studies. That model is not presented in the aim only in the beginning of the results.

Introduction
The introduction is clear and the earlier research is well described. If you use references written in Swedish language you need to tell that in the reference list [1, 2, 4, 7].

Methods
You start to write in the methods that this is a qualitative study which based on semi-structured interviews with 32 young adults. Further you describe the cohort study group as if they were the subjects. Please delete; page 6, line 4 started with “High ICT exposure was…… until the next paragraph “Potential participants received……. Delete also the table 1-3.

You only need the table 4 in the study because it comprises the study group.

Results
I think you can write the results more compress. On the other hand the results
are well described.

Discussion
The discussions are interesting and well discussed.
Delete sentence; Page 28, the last line, after [59] “and can be in tables 1 and 2”

References
Please, write [in Swedish] after reference 1, 2, 4, 7?, if the reports are in Swedish language.

Tables
Delete tables 1-3 because you don’t need them in the study and they are also quantitative data and not belong to the study group.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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' below