Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Internet-based Interventions for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Anxiety and/or Depression: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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- Minor Essential Revisions

Was there a protocol written for this study? If there was, it should be mentioned at the beginning of the Methods.

Below the inclusion and exclusion criteria heading, there is no mention of the intervention (internet-based interventions for depression and anxiety). Even though it looks obvious, you need to address it because all the other components of the PICOS framework are mentioned. Also, it should be more explicit the type of studies used for inclusion.

Add a Title of “Study Selection” before mentioning how the articles were screened.

How the full text screening was done should be mentioned in the methods part.

The last sentence below the Critical appraisal title (“Figure 1 describes the process the process and the number of studies reviewed…”) should be in the results section.

Under the Results, there is a sentence that says: “All interventions included online self-help sessions; six supplemented online self-help with therapist support via email, short text message (SMS), and/or phone call (one of the six studies also included family support [16]); one included school-based group support and teacher support”. It is unclear when you are talking about the “intervention” or about the “studies” (you are numbering both).

In Table 1, under the column of Reference it should appear the name of the first author as well as the year instead of the number of the reference.

One of the last paragraphs in the results section should be moved to the discussion: “This suggests that the effect might not be maintained over a long period of time.”

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