Reviewer’s report

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I would like to thank the authors for their thoughtful and detailed responses to the reviewers. This manuscript has been greatly enhanced with the subsequent revisions. In particular, I appreciated the thorough responses to my own comments and queries.

I have one remaining comment to the authors. In two reviews, the authors were urged to adhere to relevant reporting guidelines. The authors’ response was to report relevant aspects of CONSORT; however, they did not address the relevance of the WIDER Recommendations (http://interventiondesign.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/wider-recommendations.pdf), which were suggested by both reviewers (editor & me). This points to a lack of knowledge regarding about the importance of guidelines to standardize detailed reporting of interventions, such as the one that is the subject of this manuscript. I would like to encourage the authors to use the WIDER Recommendations and to visit the EQUATOR Network website (www.equator-network.org) for a wide variety of reporting guidelines. Detailed, standardized intervention reporting is essential for intervention replicability. Given that this paper is reporting the development and pilot testing of an intervention prior to an efficacy trial, reporting guidelines would greatly enhance the content and rigor of this manuscript as well as its relevance to the field.

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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.