Reviewer's report

Title: Usability evaluation with adolescents and mental health professionals to develop a web-based cognitive-behaviour therapy program for adolescents with anxiety disorders

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Overall
This paper was very well written and the topic itself is important. Very few eCBT programs have undergone such intensive and methodical testing for usability. It is certainly a strength of the BREATH program that such testing has been conducted as it will ultimately enhance the program and in turn assist with program compliance and reduce drop out rates. The authors should be congratulated on this study.

Introduction
The introduction was well written and the purpose of the study was well argued. All relevant literature was included. It was informative and provided a sound rationale for a usability study.

Methods
The methods were well described. The rigour with which this study was conducted was encouraging and certainly the best of its kind within the youth anxiety research base.

The only thing I would have like to have seen included, was a session by session outline of the program. Although an overview was provided, a table highlighting session composition would have been useful.

Results
The results were well written and informative.

Discussion
The results were well discussed and explained. Important points for future studies and directions for future research were outlined. My initial concern regarding small sample size was alleviated to some extent by the discussion of this potential weakness of the study.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests