Reviewer's report

Title: Economic evaluation of an experience sampling method intervention in depression compared with treatment as usual using data from a randomized controlled trial

Version: 1 Date: 30 Oct 2017

Reviewer: Christian Brettschneider

Reviewer's report:

The authors performed a thorough revision of their manuscript and considered or at least answered to all my concerns. Thank you for your energy and your commitment.

Although I do not agree completely with all answers or opinions of the authors, these disagreements are not essential but of mere academic nature. Therefore, there are no further or new comments. I can accept all changes.

However, I want to ask the authors for one more addition and have one short comment.

Concerning comment 5: Please add a short comment on the non-adjustment to the limitations section.

Concerning comment 4: This must be a misunderstanding. I did not ask you to perform a model-based evaluation. I only mentioned to use a GLM which assumes a Gamma distribution to analyze the cost data. This is a common approach for handling trial-based data.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
If not, please explain in your comments to the authors.

Yes
Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?
If an additional statistical review is recommended, please specify what aspects require further assessment in your comments to the editors.

I am able to assess the statistics.

Quality of written English
Please indicate the quality of language in the manuscript:

Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests
Please complete a declaration of competing interests, considering the following questions:

1. Have you in the past five years received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

2. Do you hold any stocks or shares in an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

3. Do you hold or are you currently applying for any patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

4. Have you received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organization that holds or has applied for patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

5. Do you have any other financial competing interests?

6. Do you have any non-financial competing interests in relation to this paper?

If you can answer no to all of the above, write 'I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.

I declare that I have no competing interests.

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal. I understand that my name will be included on my report to the authors and, if the manuscript is accepted for publication, my named report including any attachments I upload will be posted on the website along with the authors' responses. I agree for my report to be made available under an Open Access Creative Commons CC-BY license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). I understand that any comments
which I do not wish to be included in my named report can be included as confidential comments to the editors, which will not be published.

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal