Reviewer's report

Title: Using New Technologies to Promote Weight Management: A Randomised Controlled Trial Study Protocol

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This is an interesting paper describing the design of a randomized trial comparing two active interventions for weight loss to a control group. The two active interventions include a facebook based and a pamphlet based intervention. Although the topic is important, the paper can be more helpful to the readers if the authors considering addressing the following comments.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The introduction is nice in that the review is thorough, however, it may not be necessary in this case. A shorter and more concise review may be better.

2. The authors stated that studies with a dietary component and those using social media is scarce, however, many health intervention studies using facebook have been conducted previously. The authors should discuss how and why their study will perform better than previous studies.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The authors are encouraged to send the paper to be edited by a professional editor.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.