Reviewer’s report

Title: Designing and developing a co-produced theoretical and evidence-based online support for family caregivers of people with dementia at the end of life

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: I was not one of the original reviewers on this paper, but echo the comments of other reviewers that this study is well written, interesting, and addresses an important issue for caregivers of people with dementia. The link to the previously published earlier stages of the research are mainly clear.
The authors have addressed the majority of the reviewers comments fully and have clearly specified
why they have chosen not to make changes suggested where relevant.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
I have a few minor comments that would help add clarity to the manuscript.

1. Page 6 - clarify why there are 4 stages in the abstract and 3 stages discussed here.
2. Page 10 - where the authors state that phase 1 & 2 data was analysed elsewhere, please include the reference(s)
3. Were there any disagreements within the discussions of content for the website?
4. It would be useful for the authors to include some information about how the planned website will be accessed - how will caregivers learn about the existence of the website?

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?
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Yes

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