Author’s response to reviews

Title: Ethical issues and practical barriers in internet-based suicide prevention research: A review and investigator survey.

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Reviewer 2 comments:

1. P. 4 line 16; I think 'give' should be 'gives'

This has been changed.

2. p. 16 line 2; p. 17 line 24; the Declaration line 10 should all include the word 'research' before 'ethics committee' in the newly added text, as was done to the revised manuscript.

This has been done.

3. Because the authors decided to leave the Discussion sequence unchanged (with part 2 presented first), which is acceptable, a simple explanation of this sequence should be added for the reader who might expect the Discussion to start with findings from part 1 of the study.

The following amendment has been made to the first paragraph of the discussion:
“This is the first study to examine ethical and practical issues associated with internet-based intervention research for people who experience suicidal thoughts or behaviours. The findings are discussed here in order of their perceived importance.”

Editorial office comments (formatting changes):

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2. Funding: Please state clearly the role the funder(s) had in your study in the "funding" section of the declarations.

As already stated in this section, the project received no specific funding. We have specified here how authors' salaries are funded - editor please remove if not appropriate in this section.

3. Abbreviations: Please list all abbreviations used in your manuscript under the heading "Abbreviations" after the conclusions section. If no abbreviations are used in the manuscript, please state "Not applicable" in this section.

This has been done (no abbreviations are used).