Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of a 5As-based technology-assisted weight management intervention for Veterans in primary care

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Reviewer: Graham Thomas

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This manuscript describes the iterative development and early testing of a behavioral weight management intervention for US Veterans. It combines intervention delivered online with intervention delivered by human counselors. The ultimate design of the intervention was heavily influenced by members of the target audience. The manuscript is extremely well written and describes one of the most sophisticated, programmatic, and effective processes for development of an online intervention that I have seen. I anticipate that it will serve as a model and exemplar for other researchers. I have only two minor suggestions: The end of the first sentence of the Background is missing punctuation. Also, I would suggest briefly defining the "Patient-Centered Medical Home" as it is referred to frequently throughout the text but I do not believe that it is described, and its meaning can vary somewhat depending on the region and other contextual factors.

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