Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Sturgiss

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I thank the authors for their meticulous review. It was very easy for me to understand their responses, and see the changes in the document. Thank you for your clear responses.

Two minor suggestions:

Abstract - consider re-writing the first sentence as "disproportionately" does not tell the reader if obesity prevalence is higher or lower in the Veteran population.

In the limitations section - "Compared to both national and New York state Veteran demographics, our sample population was more inclusive and representative of minority groups, specifically female, African American, and Hispanic Veterans [45]." this explanation of the difference between your sample population and the target population does not make sense to me. It sounds like it is being suggested that this is a positive? I suggest re-framing the difference as a limitation.

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