Reviewer’s report

Title: The clinical effectiveness of an ultra-brief intervention for common mental health syndromes in primary care: study protocol for a cluster randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: Catherine D'Este

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This is a re-review of a paper previously submitted.

The authors have done a very thorough job of addressing the issues raised by the reviewers.

There are a couple of minor issues outstanding.

Minor Essential Revisions

While HADS is a secondary outcome, it is still being analysed as part of the study and thus should have an appropriate power estimation.

Discretionary Revisions

The second objective might be better worded in a more similar way to objective one.

In the response to point 4b of Reviewer 2 - Randomisation by stratification – the authors report that randomization is now referred to as restricted randomisation but I could not see this in the manuscript (maybe I missed this?)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests