Reviewer’s report

Title: Using mobile technology to deliver a cognitive behaviour therapy-informed intervention in early psychosis (Actissist): a study protocol

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Some comments for compulsory revisions or responses are needed and suggested at below:


2. Similarly, a balance view of strengths and limitations of the use of mobile phone device or information technology for behavioral interventions should be explained and how (some of) these weaknesses will be addressed in your proposed study.

3. Please also explain why the service users are randomly allocated at a ratio of 2:1 into the study groups.

4. Please describe any criteria or clinical assessment to confirm the service users are early psychosis or any co-morbidity allowed in your study.

5. Sample size estimation or not done should be described and explained. It is also important to explain how the sentences under Statistical Analyses section: “The proposed sample size is sufficient size for establishing feasibility and obtaining parameters to inform a robust power calculation for such a later trial’ be proved or supported by relevant literature on sample size or power calculation, statistics or any related research.

6. There is not a clear plan for testing or comparing the outcome data at the post-tests between groups, using inferential statistics. Please further elaborate.