Reviewer’s report

Title: Editorial Promoting Help-seeking using E-Technology for ADolescents: The ProHEAD Consortium

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The authors have written a clear and convincing editorial about their consortium on facilitating research on help-seeking behavior among adolescents including randomized controlled trials investigating internet and technology based screening and treatment. The authors have provided a strong rational including the relevant literature and have clearly addressed the gaps of knowledge in their editorial. The screen and treat approach, with screening at the school level and interventions applied online seems highly suitable for adolescents who face several treatment barriers.

I have only two minor comments:

1) To me it was somewhat unclear whether the RCT studies investigate "preventive" interventions with subthreshold symptomatology/disorders or whether they also include adolescents with clinically relevant symptoms of depression, eating disorders and substance abuse

2) The authors could explain in more detail how the referral within the ProHEAD consortium after screening will be performed. If this is suitable for an editorial a flow chart/figure would be helpful to understand the study arms and referral pathways.

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