Reviewer’s report

Title: User perspectives on a psychosocial blended support program for partners of patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and progressive muscular atrophy: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Jo Hart

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This is an interesting article, developing the important area of understanding caregivers. As the RCT is published in this journal, it feels like a good fit.

The article is well written, thorough and clear.

Title - I wondered why the authors hadn't included the term caregiver in the title and think it should do so - a recognisable term for identifying articles in this area.

Theme 1. Product evaluation doesn't seem like a title that reflects the content (internationally, product is usually associated with something that is sold). Would program evaluation be appropriate instead?

Conclusions. I think the conclusions in the main text and the abstract would appropriately include some of the mixed feelings about the mindfulness and peer support elements.

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