Reviewer’s report

Title: Study protocol for Enhancing Parenting in Cancer (EPIC): Development and evaluation of a brief psycho-educational intervention to support parents with cancer who have young children

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Reviewer: Maiken Pontoppidan

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This is a very well written paper with a clear rationale. The study is a well designed feasibility study of an important novel intervention for parents with cancer.

I only have a few minor comments:

1. Background. As the intervention is not only aimed for the parent with cancer but also the partner that is not sick it would be nice if you could add information about how cancer in one parent impacts the partner.

2. Background l. 59: There is something wrong in the sentence: "In a randomized trial, mothers with breast cancer old child received..."

3. Background: literature review: are there any studies of interventions aimed at children of parents with cancer?

4. DVD: are you sure that you want to produce an actual DVD and send to the participants? Why not just offer it as a web-based intervention? You can design it so that you can Watch it on a mobile phone if you are not sure that everyone has access to a computer.

5: Consent form: Is there any way of obtaining digital consent and not sent by mail?

6: Data Collection l 16: There is something wrong in the sentence: "The questionnaire will be posted, or the emailed with a web-link..."

7: SDQ: If you use the follow-up version you should include the impact questions.

8: Analysis: Do you plan to use Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test because of the small sample (and therefore not normally distributed)?

Good luck conducting the study. I hope that you will find it feasible as there is a need for low cost interventions like this one.

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