Reviewer’s report

Title: Participants' perspectives of weekly telephonic mood monitoring: A feasibility study

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Summary:

This study assessed the feasibility of weekly telephonic mood monitoring by assessing the perspectives of participants. This is an interesting topic area, however, the structure of the methods, and particularly the qualitative results need to be altered to provide a clearer overview of the findings.

Comments

Aims and objectives:

It is stated that one of the aims is to adapt the full study to improve retention, however the full study is not mentioned until the methods. The study should be mentioned prior to this.

Methods:

The method section needs restructured. For clarity, the description of the feasibility study needs to be set out separately from the methods of the interview study, more detail needed about the study such as where participants were recruited from etc.

A separate participant and procedure section should be included.

Results:

I am confused by the participant numbers in the Feasibility study adherence section (lines 127 - 133). This should be written more clearly, firstly stating how many people were in the feasibility study, how many completed/did not complete the study and when they dropped out.

Line 135 - give an exact number of people included and the percentage.
The results section needs restructured. Highlighting of the rich quotes is confusing as they look like subheadings.

Small quotes within the paragraphs are not needed. It would be better to restructure the qualitative results by writing the results narratively and using rich and more substantial quotes as examples. These should be separated and indented to signify they are participant quotations. The use of participant quotations within the text reads awkwardly (e.g. Lines 245 -246, Some participants perceived the weekly mood monitoring to be beneficial in terms of helping the doctors to "know how I'm feeling and give advice and stuff").

Line 187 - please change 'and so forth'. This could easily just say that participants expressed positive feelings about the study and refer to Table 3.


The way in which the thematic findings are presented is not clear. Refer to previous thematic analysis literature to see ways that qualitative results can be presented clearly.

Discussion:

Lines 285 and 291 - please provide author names in text.

Line 325 - cognisant used, whereas cognizant used in rest of text.

In the limitations section it is stated that because the interviews were not recorded the robustness of the data could be affected. Please make it clear that the accuracy of the information is likely affected. Important pieces of information could be missing due to transcription after the interview.
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