Reviewer’s report

Title: The adaptation and evaluation of a CBT-based manual for the inpatient treatment of youth depression: a pilot study

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Good piece or research in an important topic.
Some comments:

I would have liked more comments and research on the relatively high attrition rate. From 29 participants 10 dropped out. This might constitute an important sub group and the reasons for dropping out should be explored extensively.

I am not sure if it is worth noting the third aim. The views of therapists might as well be a completely different paper. I think the paper should focus on effectiveness and implementation. I would delete that section.

I would also recommend discussing possible scaling of the intervention and commenting on follow up and the care packages that should come after the intervention.

I would also like to have more figures and graphs explaining: a) the recruitment process b) attrition rate c) different psychometry applied to participants and domains measured d) graphs with the overall results e) table with the study participants characteristics and clear description of symptom severity and co-morbidities

Overall good piece of work

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