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Peer Review of "Challenges in Implementing a Mobile AI Chatbot Intervention for Depression Among Youth on Psychiatric Waiting Lists: Randomized Controlled Study Termination Report"

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Round 1 Review

Thank you for inviting me to review this paper [1]. However, my suggestion would be that this paper should be rejected. I am very cognizant of publication biases, and I am a firm believer that the publication of negative results is very important. I therefore have no problem with the fact that the sample decreased to zero. However, I do believe that more detail is needed in terms of *why* people disengaged. The rationale for the paper is set up as efficacy of the intervention, but the main message of the paper is that the sample declined. I would therefore like more emphasis on qualitative interviews that examined why people disengaged. Follow-up work such as this would make a very interesting paper.

Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

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