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Advanced and Accurate Mobile Health Tracking Devices Record New Cardiac ‘Vital Signs’

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Abstract

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death and disease worldwide. As demands on an already resource-constrained healthcare system intensify, disease prevention in the future will likely depend on out-of-office monitoring of cardiovascular risk factors. Mobile health tracking devices that can track blood pressure and heart rate, in addition to new cardiac ‘vital signs,’ such as physical activity level and pulse wave velocity, offer a promising solution. An initial barrier is the development of accurate and easily-scalable platforms.

In this study, we made a customized smartphone app, and used mobile health devices to track pulse wave velocity, blood pressure, heart rate, physical activity, sleep duration and multiple lifestyle risk factors in roughly 250 adults for 17 continual weeks. Eligible participants were identified by a company database, and then were consented and enrolled using only a smartphone app, without any special training given.

Study participants reported high overall satisfaction, and 73% of participants were able to measure blood pressure and pulse wave velocity, less than 1 hour apart, for at least 14 of 17 weeks. The study population’s blood pressure, pulse wave velocity, heart rate, activity levels, sleep duration, and the interrelationships among these measurements, were found to closely match either population averages, or values obtained from studies performed in a controlled setting. As a proof-of-concept, we demonstrated the accuracy and ease, as well as many challenges, of using mHealth technology to accurately track pulse wave velocity and new cardiovascular ‘vital signs’ at home.

Keywords

hypertension; pulse wave velocity; activity tracking; healthcare education; mobile health; smartphone; cardiovascular disease

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Introduction

Cardiovascular (CV) disease remains the leading cause of death and disease worldwide, responsible for roughly 46% of noncommunicable disease deaths in 2012.¹ As demands on an already resource-constrained healthcare system intensify, disease prevention in the future will likely depend on out-of-office monitoring of cardiovascular risk factors.²

Commerically-available mobile health tracking devices, that can continually track and wirelessly transmit blood pressure and heart rate, in addition to new 'vital signs,' such as physical activity level, sleep duration and pulse wave velocity, offers a promising solution.² An initial barrier is the development of accurate, easily-scalable, home monitoring platforms.

Pulse wave velocity (PWV) is a validated measure of arterial wall stiffness, and one of the most important measures of cardiovascular risk.³⁻¹⁰ PWV has traditionally been measured in a controlled setting using a Sphygmometer and applanation tonometry, but can now be accurately measured out-of-the-office using "smart" weight scales.^{11,12} Similarly, blood pressure (BP), a powerful contributor to cardiovascular disease,¹³ is still measured predominantly in a clinic setting, but can now be measured accurately at home using wireless BP monitors. In fact, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and American Heart Association (AHA) 2017 guidelines recommend taking BP measurements at home, citing strong evidence that an individual's BP outside the clinic setting is more predictive of health outcomes.¹⁴

ACC/AHA guidelines also recommend identifying and reversing other lifestyle CV risk factors. This goal is difficult to accomplish using physician office visits because patients often lie to physicians regarding their lifestyle behaviors, and there is limited face-to-face time between doctors and patients.¹⁵ The use of new mobile health (mHealth) technologies to assess and track CV risk factors at home offers a promising solution to improve monitoring, help meet guideline recommendations, and offload some burden placed on healthcare systems. In this proof-of-concept study, we made a customized smartphone app, and then used advanced mHealth technologies to determine the feasibility, accuracy and ease of tracking an array of different CV risk factors at home.

Methods

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request. Participants were enrolled and gave informed consent using a customized smartphone app with all protocols approved by an institutional review committee (IRB) at Scripps Health (La Jolla, CA). There were two inclusion criteria. First, participants had to already own three health tracking devices: a mHealth blood pressure monitor, an activity tracker, and a smart weight scale that can measure weight, heart rate, and PWV. Second, participants had to have measured their BP, on their own volition, at least once per week, for most weeks, over three months prior to enrollment. Owners of Nokia health tracking devices had agreed to share their health tracking data with the company, and so eligible study participants were identified by quering a company database. Eligible participants were contacted for enrollment through a push message on the Nokia Health

Mate app (Figure 1a). Participants volunteered from the general public, and no exclusions were made based on sex, race, etc. Exclusion criteria included aortic artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, atrial fibrillation, weight > 396 lbs. (scale weight limit) and pregnancy.

Participants provided demographic, medication usage, and medical history by completing a short survey, provided in Supplement S1. Stress levels were assessed using the validated Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) survey.¹⁶ Participants were asked to measure BP, heart rate (HR), PWV, and weight two days per week for 17 weeks from February to May, 2017 (Figure 1b). All measurements were transmitted wirelessly through the smartphone app to a secure database. Participants were instructed to take their BP using the Nokia wireless blood pressure monitor while sitting, but were not trained or observed or given any other special instructions. For the analysis, mean arterial pressure (MAP) was calculated based on the following formula: $MAP = DBP + 0.4(SBP - DBP)$,¹⁷ where DBP and SBP are the diastolic and systolic BP reported by the wireless blood pressure monitor. PWV, HR, and BMI/weight were measured by standing on the smart scale. Acceptable ranges of systolic and diastolic BPs were 80–225 and 30–110 mmHg, respectively. An acceptable time between BP and PWV measurements was less than 1 hour. An acceptable range for PWV was 4–14 m/s. PWV and BP values outside the specified acceptable ranges, and BP and PWV measurements taken more than 1 hour apart, were excluded, and the individual did not receive credit for those measurements.

Participants agreed to wear activity trackers during the day and night, for at least 2 days per week, throughout the study. The accuracies of smartphone applications and wearable activity tracking devices to track physical activity have been previously reported.^{18,19} The smartphone app also recorded activity using the built-in activity trackers on the participants' smartphones. In the case of activity device failure (e.g. battery exhaustion), the activity information was integrated.

Fifty-two participants used the Aura Total Sleep System to track sleep, which uses a method known as ballistocardiography, or a measurement of cardiac variability, to detect different sleep phases.^{20,21} The Aura system has proven accuracy by comparisons with polysomnography recordings, the current gold standard.²² Participants without an Aura device had sleep calculated by the smartphone app and wearable activity tracking devices, which has been shown to correlate strongly with research-grade devices and be of high accuracy.²³

Participants received two reminder messages on their smartphone each week. A weekly “dashboard” was provided on the smartphone app providing the number of weeks where the user successfully recorded BP, PWV, activity and sleep measurements (Figure 1c). Participants were compensated with a Nokia Thermo thermometer (Estimated Retail price: \$100) at eight weeks if requirements were met. Participants were compensated with a Nokia Steel HR (Estimated retail price: \$180) at 17 weeks if requirements were met. Participants were allowed to miss their BP and PWV measurements 4 times (weeks) in the study, and still be rewarded.

Results

Demographics

255 individuals were enrolled, and started the study by measuring at least 1 pulse wave velocity (PWV) and blood pressure (BP). 214 (83%) participants were male with an average age of 48.7 years (*see* Supplement S2 for full demographic info). Females were roughly the same age at 47.4 years. A small number of participants had a history of stroke (n=2), myocardial infarction (n=9) and kidney disease (n=4). 67 (26%) study participants were taking anti-hypertensive medications. 3.5% of users had greater than 12 alcoholic drinks per week, while 47% reported no alcohol use at all. 43 (17%) participants were taking over-the-counter medications, with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) comprising roughly 90% of all medications reported.

After a High Initial Drop Out, Participant Engagement and Satisfaction was High

Although 295 individuals responded to the push message on the mobile app and signed the digital informed consent, 40 (14%) of these individuals never recorded a BP or PWV, and 9 (3%) participants measured a BP or PWV only once. This initial drop out was expected, as market research shows that 22–27% of smartphone users will open a downloaded app only once.²⁴ Of the remaining 246 study participants (that started the study), 180 (73%) of participants successfully measured BP and PWV, less than 1 hour apart, for at least 14 of 17 weeks, and thereby qualified for the study rewards (Figure 2). In comparison, a study of 5115 participants that used a mHealth app to regularly measure BP, but did not give out monetary rewards, reported that 74% were using the app at 2 weeks and only 6% at 16 weeks.²⁵ Individuals did not receive credit for BP and PWV measurements that were outside the specified acceptable ranges, or when BP and PWV measurements were taken more than 1 hour apart. These failed ‘attempts’ were not recorded, but were filtered by the app. *See* Supplement S3 for full details of adherence.

At on a scale from 1 to 10, where a 10 is considered an “extremely good” experience, the study scored an average of 9.1. The protocol design graded at 9.3, which was considered “easy to follow.” Remarkably, 99% of participants were willing to participate in another similar research study.

Study Population Device Values Match Population Means or Clinically Based Studies

The study population’s values recorded or calculated by the health tracking devices are provided in Table 1. The average body mass index (BMI) was 29.3 for men and 29.5 for women, which are above national averages at 26.6 and 26.5, respectively.²⁶ The mean number of steps per person per day were 6,915, and values were similar between men and women. In comparison, an external study of 103,383 employees wearing wearable activity trackers reported a remarkably similar 6,886 steps per employee per day.²⁷ As expected, the mean daily steps significantly correlated with BMI ($R^2=0.22$), weight ($R^2=0.20$), heart rate (HR) ($R^2=0.09$), mean arterial pressure (MAP) ($R^2=0.08$) and PWV ($R^2=0.02$). In a newly identified relationship, PWV showed an inverse relationship with steps per day ($p_{wv} = 7.9 - 4.4e-5 * \text{steps/day}$, $p=0.017$, $R^2=0.023$). *See* Supplements S4 and S5 for full statistical details of this analysis. We calculated that BMI decreased by roughly 1 point for every additional

1000 steps taken per day (Linear equation: $BMI = 35.7 - 0.001 \times \text{Steps per day}$; $p < 0.0001$, $R = 0.48$).

Using the activity devices to calculate sleep, we found that roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ of study participants had less than 7 hours of sleep per night, the amount recommended by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research. In comparison, 35% of persons surveyed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported less than 7 hours of sleep per night,²⁸ suggesting individuals overreport the amount of sleep they get each night. Females in the current study slept longer than males (7.7 vs. 7.2 hrs.; $p < 0.0001$). Sleep duration had an inverse relationship with weight and BMI, but at overall low R^2 values ($R^2 = 0.02$ and 0.01 , respectively).

A total of 22,475 PWV measurements were recorded in the study. Men had a higher PWV than women at 7.6 m/s vs. 7.3 m/s ($p = 0.04$), respectively. In a subanalysis of 2207 European subjects with similar age and demographics, PWV was also greater in men (7.8 m/s) vs. women (7.7 m/s; $p = 0.04$) with comparable mean values.²⁹ In the current study, PWV significantly correlated with age, BP, weight/BMI, and total daily steps (see Supplement S6). The strongest relationships with PWV were found with mean arterial pressure (MAP) ($R^2 = 0.13$) and age ($R^2 = 0.20$) (Figure 3). This finding is in agreement with a clinic-based study featuring 16,867 subjects, also finding that MAP and age best predicted PWV.³⁰ The authors of this study calculated R^2 values ranging from 0.07–0.26 for MAP, and 0.31–0.46 for age, but used full quadratic equations ($a + b \times \text{age} + c \times \text{age}^2$) to improve regression equations and boost R^2 values. Alternatively, another study of 174 participants that measured PWV using an invasive method demonstrated modestly lower correlations with MAP ($R^2 = 0.06$) and age ($R^2 = 0.13$).³¹ In our study, a linear regression model using MAP, age, weight, HR, and standard deviation of the PWV as dependent variables predicted PWV with an overall R^2 of 0.36.

A total of 22,888 BP measurements were recorded. Roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of hypertensive participants had uncontrolled BPs (systolic greater > 135 mmHg or diastolic > 85 mmHg), which is actually below the national average at 47%.³² Supporting strong medication adherence as the reason for higher than average BP disease control, only 1 study participant reported missing BP meds 2–4 days/week and only 8 reported missing 1–2 days/week. As expected, participants with hypertension were found to take an average ~ 1200 less steps per day (6900 vs. 5700, $p = 0.01$) and have a higher BMI (31.5 vs. 28.6, $p = 0.003$). After excluding participants on anti-hypertensive medications, a logistic regression model using PWV, standard deviation PWV, and BMI could predict hypertension with an area under the curve (AUC) of 0.81 (sensitivity = 0.89, specificity = 0.63) (Figure 3). See Supplement S7 for statistical details.

As expected, standing and resting heart rates (HRs) taken by the weight scale, $n = 22,026$, were significantly greater than sitting and resting HRs taken by the BP monitor (83.5 vs. 71.4 bpm, $p = 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$, Supplement S8). There was noted to be 449 more PWV than HR measurements recorded by the weight scale. These two measurements are calculated by independent algorithms, and this finding demonstrated a roughly 2% failure rate of the HR algorithm when the PWV is measured. HRs significantly correlated with daily steps

($R^2=0.10$), BMI ($R^2=0.09$), MAP ($R^2=0.07$), weight ($R^2=0.06$), age ($R^2=0.05$) and Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) ($R^2=0.05$) (*see Supplement S9*).

At 8 weeks, 143 participants completed the perceived stress scale (PSS) questionnaire with a median of 22 (interquartile range (IQR)=13–28), which is within the range of “moderate stress.” Roughly 1/3 of participants had “high” perceived stress. Compared to those with low or moderate stress, high stressed individuals were younger (44.7 vs. 49.6 years, $p=0.02$), had slightly higher heart rates (74.5 vs. 70.5, $p=0.04$), but demonstrated no difference in BP, BP medication use, sleep duration, alcohol use or tobacco use. PSS did not have a significant relationship with BP or PWV.

Discussion

In this proof-of-concept study, we demonstrate that advanced mHealth technology can be used to accurately track PWV and new cardiovascular ‘vital signs’ at home, while requiring minimal study personnel and no prior participant training. The study population’s mean blood pressure, pulse wave velocity, heart rate, activity levels, sleep duration, and the interrelationships among these measurements, were found to closely match reported population averages, or values obtained from studies performed in controlled, clinical settings featuring research-grade devices, strongly supporting the study’s methods and accuracy the devices. The demographics of the study population, which was comprised mostly of middle-aged and older individuals, clearly demonstrates an interest of older adults, particularly older men, to adopt new health monitoring technologies.

As mentioned, there was a significant, expected initial drop-out rate in our study, with ~17% of participants measuring BP or PWV only once or less. Yet, for those that started the study, the adherence was quite high, as 73% were able to successfully meet the study criteria and qualify for the rewards. A recent meta-analysis of 25 studies (10,487 patients) showed that BP reduction through self monitoring was most related to the intensity of the co-intervention (e.g. follow-up telephone conversations with study personnel).³³ While our study maintained a relatively high adherence, we largely depended on both monetary rewards and co-interventions, i.e. a reminder system and a “dashboard” system that provided the user updated adherence numbers. Whether this level of adherence is obtainable with no, or lower, monetary awards, is an important question worth further investigation.

PWV is a validated measure of arterial wall stiffness and an important measure of cardiovascular health.³⁴ In the study, several older individuals demonstrated high PWV values despite low or normal mean blood pressures. PWV is the cumulative effect of multiple factors on arterial wall stiffness over time, where aging, genetics and other factors are likely equally as important as chronic BP control. Thus, PWV provides an independent measure of cardiovascular risk that goes beyond BP control. Unfortunately, an inability to measure PWV outside of specialized clinic environments has limited its adoption in current clinical practice. To our knowledge, this is the first study to successfully assess PWV in the home environment. Supporting the plausibility and accuracy of our home PWV system, PWV values reported here closely matched the means reported by studies where PWV was measured in a clinical setting and/or invasively.^{15,29} Most importantly, PWV correlated

strongest to the same covariates, age and BP, with comparable R^2 values. Of interest and of obvious clinical importance, PWV in combination with BMI, i.e. measurements obtained by the smart scales, was also able to accurately predict hypertension.

As expected, BP values positively correlated with age, BMI, and PWV. Yet, as demonstrated by the heat map of Supplement S10, where yellow and blue colors represent individual values that are higher and lower than population averages, such relationships do not hold true for all individuals. For example, several individuals have normal blood pressures despite a high BMI, high PWV, and/or being of older age. While the heterogeneity that exists between BP and these other factors or clinical characteristics is well known, it underscores the need for care providers to develop medical and lifestyle recommendations that are intentionally tailored to the individual. The physician office visit often does not provide adequate time for such an assessment using the physician-patient interview alone, but a proposed solution would be to summarize an individual's health tracking device data and present it as cumulative report or scorecard, such as the example provided in Table 2. An individual's scorecard could be autopopulated by health tracking technologies, and used to quickly inform both the individual and his/her care provider of problem areas that need further assessment and intervention, providing greater efficiency and more meaning to the physician office visit.

There were several salient findings in this proof-of-concept study that can be used to improve and advance future mobile health tracking studies. Identified *post hoc*, HR was found to differ significantly between the sitting vs. standing position. HR is known to increase with standing because of baroreflex activation, where proportional activation of the sympathetic nervous tract maintains BP despite orthostatism,^{35,36} but it shows that the home environment provides endless opportunities for systematic errors to occur.

In agreement with clinical studies of BP and PWV, a significant amount of the variation seen in these measurements could not be explained with the extensive array of lifestyle factors measured. It is likely that factors not easily measured, such as current emotional state or technique differences, acted together influence BP recordings, perhaps with incalculable results. This finding underscores the need for high periodicity of measurements, something that can likely only be done using out-of-office technologies, before making medical treatment decisions.

There are several important limitations to performing mHealth studies that warrant further discussion. The difficulties in sustaining user engagement, in combination with a traditionally high initial drop-out rate, are major problems for almost all mHealth studies. A recent meta-analysis of 25 studies (10,487 patients) showed that BP reduction through self monitoring was most correlated to the intensity of the co-intervention used (e.g. follow-up telephone conversations with study personnel).³³ While our study maintained a relatively high adherence rate (in comparison to similar studies), we depended on both monetary rewards and co-interventions, i.e. a reminder system and a “dashboard” system that provided the user updated adherence numbers. The monetary rewards used in this study, to maintain 4 months of adherence, totaled over \$280. Although this cost per individual is arguably lower than 2 physician office visits in the same period (average physician visit cost = \$200), while

providing substantially more insight into cardiovascular vital signs, an ability to obtain funding for these mHealth endeavors will likely be a future challenge, and may limit access to those of lower socioeconomic status. Further, our sample size was relatively small, while scaling to a large population will be accompanied by increasing and unique expenses, such as the costs associated with large data storage.

The use of mHealth technologies are also accompanied intrinsic, perhaps underappreciated, challenges. Wearable activity tracker batteries may unexpectedly fail, limiting data captures. Activity trackers worn on the wrist may also falsely record the number steps, such as during eating or other activity, and have the potential to be less accurate when individuals walk at different paces. To limit or correct for these potential problems, we allowed users to give step data recorded by their smartphone activity trackers, integrating this data with the wearable device data, improving robustness of the physical activity data. Perhaps reassuringly, a recent study found that activity devices worn on the chest, pants pocket and wrist demonstrated good-to-excellent correlation to the gold standard, step counts during treadmill experiments when users were walking at 2.5, 5 and 8 km/h.³⁷

Mobile health tracking devices often change, and commercial companies may tweak software algorithms, upgrade software or device versions, integrate devices, or even discontinue product lines altogether. After the study's completion, Nokia voluntarily deactivated the PWV feature from its smartScale, perhaps temporarily, for regulatory concern that it no longer falls under the "wellness device" classification. Any of these changes have the potential to disrupt or permanently stop mHealth studies.

Perspectives

In summary, we provide new evidence that new cardiovascular 'vital signs,' including the newly adopted PWV, can be accurately measured and tracked outside of the physician office visit using new mobile health technologies, a system that requires minimal designated study or medical personnel, minimal participant training, and thereby is likely scalable to much larger populations. In our study, the home mHealth monitoring system was associated with high adherence, satisfaction, and participant engagement, which when taken together with strong indicators of accuracy, sets the stage to assess and potentially reduce cardiovascular risk in the general population.

Supplementary Material

Refer to Web version on PubMed Central for supplementary material.

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Abbreviations

BMI	Body mass index
BP	Blood pressure
CV	Cardiovascular
HR	Heart rate
MAP	Mean arterial pressure
PSS	Perceived Stress Scale
PWV	Pulse wave velocity
SE	Standard Error

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Novelty and Significance

1) What is New?

- a. The study is the first to successfully assess and track pulse wave velocity outside of a controlled clinical setting using new smart scales.
- b. The first study to combine multiple health tracking devices to holistically assess cardiovascular risk factors outside of the clinical setting along with demographics, medication adherence, and stress levels. Measurements taken by health monitoring devices, and the relationships among these measurements, were found to closely match national averages and/or prior studies performed in controlled, clinical settings, supporting their accuracy and reliability.
- c. The study demonstrates the new ability to predict hypertension using BMI and PWV.
- d. The study shows that individuals likely overreport the amount of sleep they obtain each night.

2) What is Relevant?

- a. The study assesses hypertension in the home setting using wireless BP monitors, and assesses the influence of an array of lifestyle factors, such as stress, sleep, activity on BP.
- b. The study correlates BP to pulse wave velocity at home, and shows that hypertension can be predicted using BMI and PWV recorded from a smart scale.

3) Summary

- a. With high adherence, satisfaction, and participant engagement, we provide new evidence that cardiovascular risk factors, including the newly adopted PWV, can be reliably measured and tracked outside of the physician office visit using new mobile health technologies, a system that requires minimal designated study or medical personnel, and thereby is likely scalable to much larger populations.

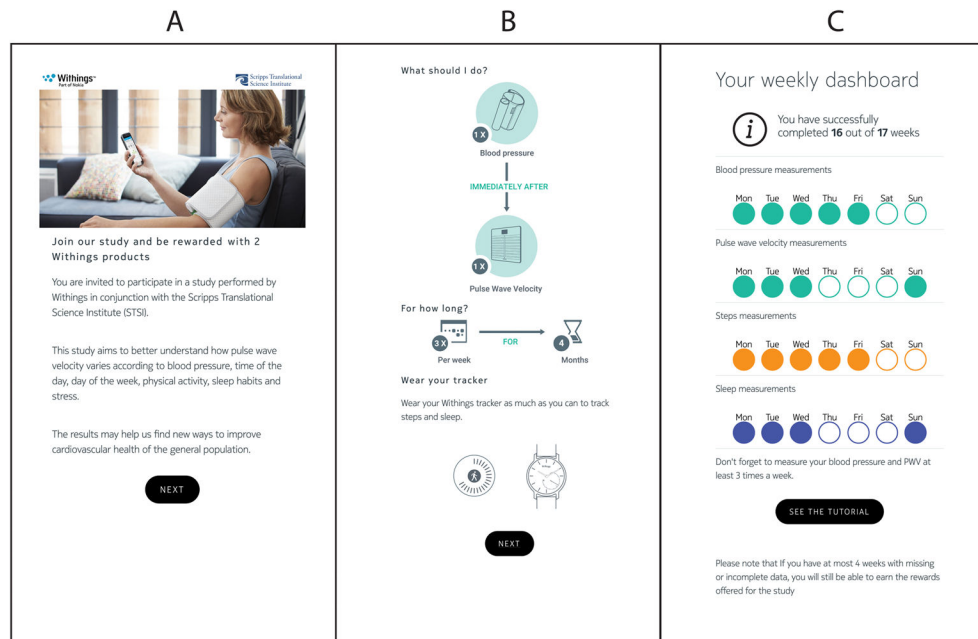


Figure 1. Screenshots of mobile app developed for the study
 A) Screenshot of invitation sent to eligible participants for study enrollment B) Diagram used to explain the study protocol, and to obtain informed consents C) Weekly dashboard presented to app users detailing progress and successful completion of study measurements.

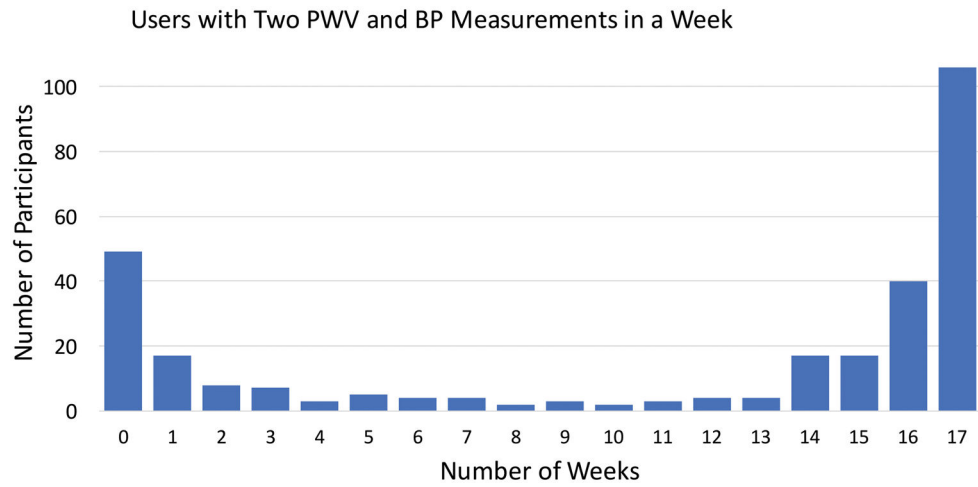


Figure 2. Histogram Plot of Adherence Data

Represented is a histogram of the number of participants that successfully measured blood pressure and pulse wave velocity, less than 1 hour apart according to number of weeks in the study. For example, 49 individuals signed up for the study online, but never recorded a measurement. This is represented by the 1st column, or 0 number of weeks.

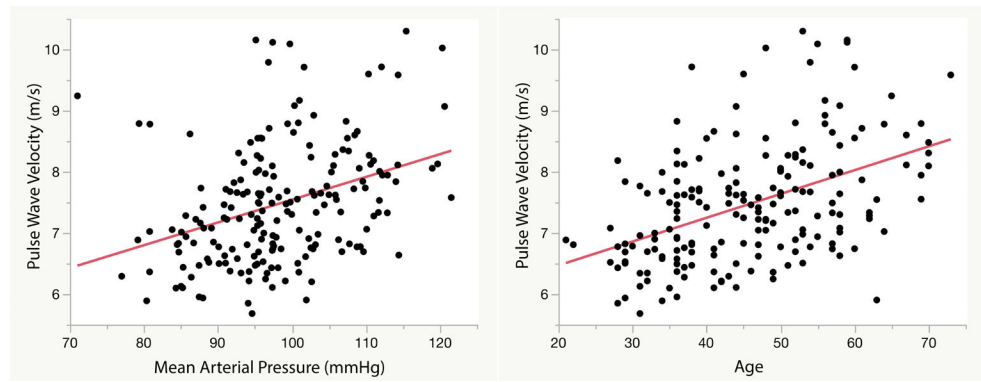


Figure 3. Correlation of pulse wave velocity with mean arterial pressure (MAP) and age
Pulse wave velocity demonstrated the strongest relationship with A) MAP ($R^2=0.13$) and B) age ($R^2=0.20$) in the population not taking anti-hypertensives.

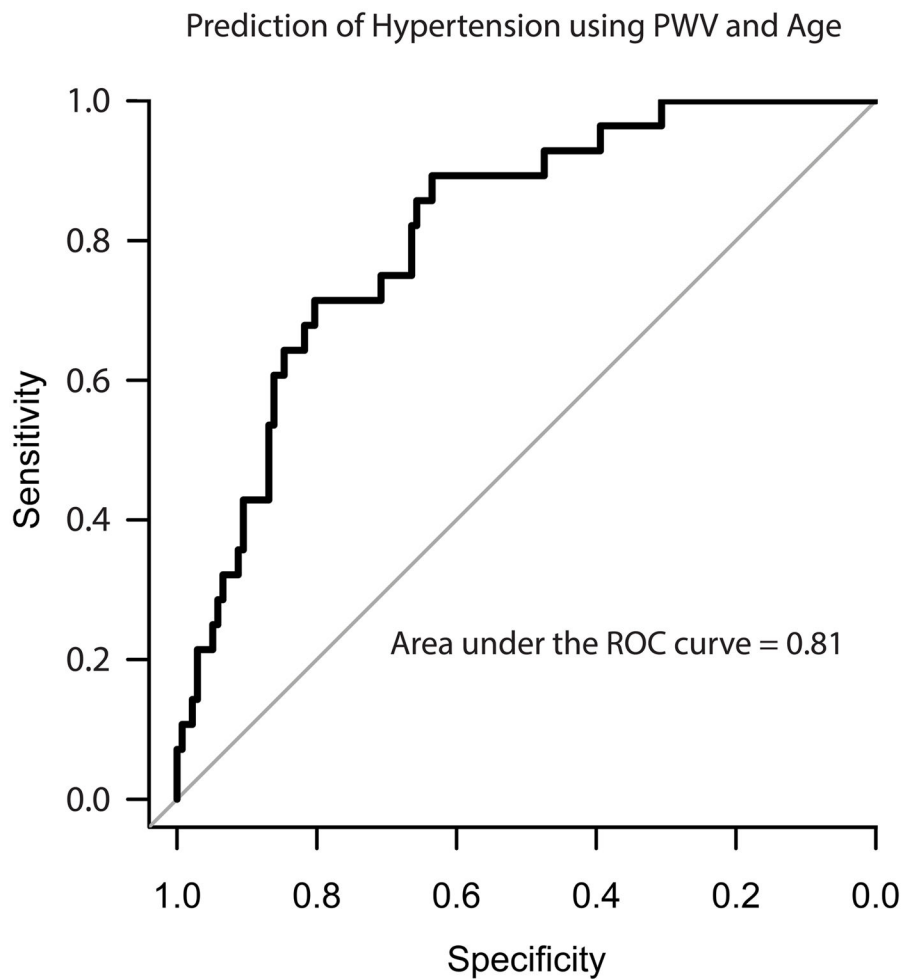


Figure 4. Prediction of hypertension using PWV and BMI

A) A logistic regression model using only PWV, standard PWV and BMI could predict hypertension with an area under the curve (AUC) of 0.81 (sensitivity = 0.89, specificity = 0.63).

Table 1
Average values measured by health tracking devices

The following values were measured by using mobile technology devices in conjunction with the customized mobile app, apart from the Perceived Stress Scores (PSS) that were obtained by surveys on the app.

Measurement	Overall Study Values (\pm SE)	Study Values Men (\pm SE)	Study Values Women (\pm SE)	p-value
BMI (m/s)	29.3 (\pm 0.4)	29.3 (\pm 0.4)	29.5 (\pm 1.0)	0.9
Steps per person per day	6915 (\pm 217)	6664 (\pm 232)	6236 (\pm 514)	0.4
Sleep (hours/night)	7.2 (\pm 0.1)	7.2 (\pm 0.1)	7.7 (\pm 0.1)	0.0001
PWV (m/s)	7.6 (\pm 0.1)	7.6 (\pm 0.1)	7.3 (\pm 0.1)	0.04
Sys BP (mmHg)	126.3 (\pm 0.7)	127.1 (\pm 0.7)	122.6 (\pm 1.6)	0.01
Dias BP (mmHg)	80.0 (\pm 0.5)	80.2 (\pm 0.6)	78.3 (\pm 1.4)	0.2
MAP (mmHg)	98.4 (\pm 0.6)	99.0 (\pm 0.6)	96.0 (\pm 1.4)	0.05
Heart Rate (bpm)	71.5 (\pm 0.7)	71.3 (\pm 0.7)	72.4 (\pm 1.6)	0.5
PSS1	21.2 (\pm 0.8)	20.6 (\pm 0.9)	24.5 (\pm 1.9)	0.2
PSS2	21.5 (\pm 0.8)	21.2 (\pm 0.9)	22.6 (\pm 1.9)	0.5

Abbreviations: BMI: body mass index, BP: blood pressure, MAP: mean arterial pressure, PSS: perceived stress score

Table 2
Proposed Individual Health Scorecard

An individual's mHealth measurements are compared to known population values or study's mean values. The score is based on individual values that deviate from the population mean. Values greater than 1 standard deviation (SD) from the mean are scored ± 0.5 point, while values greater than 2 SD are scored ± 1 point. Red values indicates increased risk of CV disease, while green suggests decreased risk.

Measurement	Individual Value	Study Population Mean (\pm SD)	Ideal Range	Points
Age	49	47.6 (\pm 11.5) years	NA	0
BMI	28	29 (\pm 6.6) m/s	18.5–24.9	–0.5
PWV*	8.5	7.6 (\pm 1.0) m/s	5.9–8.6 m/s	–0.5
Systolic BP [†]	160	126 (\pm 11) mmHg	< 135 mmHg	–1.0
Heart Rate	99	71.1 (\pm 13.0) bpm	60–100 bpm	–0.5
Steps per day*	13,000	6915 (\pm 3350) steps/day	>10,000 steps/day	+1.0
Sleep duration	7.5	7.2 (\pm 0.8) hours	7–9 hours	0
Stress	5	21 (\pm 9.7) PSS score	< 21	+0.5
Engagement	1	# Meas/week	2–3	–0.5
Total Score				–3.0

* Ideal values change based on age.

[†] May substitute with mean arterial pressure or diastolic BP