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[Intervention Review]

Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years

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ABSTRACT

Background

Adolescent overweight and obesity has increased globally, and can be associated with short- and long-term health consequences. Modifying known dietary and behavioural risk factors through behaviour changing interventions (BCI) may help to reduce childhood overweight and obesity. This is an update of a review published in 2009.

Objectives

To assess the effects of diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

Search methods

We performed a systematic literature search in: CENTRAL, MEDLINE, Embase, PsycINFO, CINAHL, LILACS, and the trial registers ClinicalTrials.gov and ICTRP Search Portal. We checked references of identified studies and systematic reviews. There were no language restrictions. The date of the last search was July 2016 for all databases.

Selection criteria

We selected randomised controlled trials (RCTs) of diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for treating overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

Data collection and analysis

Two review authors independently assessed risk of bias, evaluated the overall quality of the evidence using the GRADE instrument and extracted data following the guidelines of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*. We contacted trial authors for additional information.

Main results

We included 44 completed RCTs (4781 participants) and 50 ongoing studies. The number of participants in each trial varied (10 to 521) as did the length of follow-up (6 to 24 months). Participants ages ranged from 12 to 17.5 years in all trials that reported mean age at baseline.

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Most of the trials used a multidisciplinary intervention with a combination of diet, physical activity and behavioural components. The content and duration of the intervention, its delivery and the comparators varied across trials. The studies contributing most information to outcomes of weight and body mass index (BMI) were from studies at a low risk of bias, but studies with a high risk of bias provided data on adverse events and quality of life.

The mean difference (MD) of the change in BMI at the longest follow-up period in favour of BCI was -1.18 kg/m^2 (95% confidence interval (CI) -1.67 to -0.69); 2774 participants; 28 trials; low quality evidence. BCI lowered the change in BMI z score by -0.13 units (95% CI -0.21 to -0.05); 2399 participants; 20 trials; low quality evidence. BCI lowered body weight by -3.67 kg (95% CI -5.21 to -2.13); 1993 participants; 20 trials; moderate quality evidence. The effect on weight measures persisted in trials with 18 to 24 months' follow-up for both BMI (MD -1.49 kg/m^2 (95% CI -2.56 to -0.41); 760 participants; 6 trials and BMI z score MD -0.34 (95% CI -0.66 to -0.02); 602 participants; 5 trials).

There were subgroup differences showing larger effects for both BMI and BMI z score in studies comparing interventions with no intervention/wait list control or usual care, compared with those testing concomitant interventions delivered to both the intervention and control group. There were no subgroup differences between interventions with and without parental involvement or by intervention type or setting (health care, community, school) or mode of delivery (individual versus group).

The rate of adverse events in intervention and control groups was unclear with only five trials reporting harms, and of these, details were provided in only one (low quality evidence). None of the included studies reported on all-cause mortality, morbidity or socioeconomic effects.

BCIs at the longest follow-up moderately improved adolescent's health-related quality of life (standardised mean difference 0.44 ((95% CI 0.09 to 0.79); $P = 0.01$; 972 participants; 7 trials; 8 comparisons; low quality of evidence) but not self-esteem.

Trials were inconsistent in how they measured dietary intake, dietary behaviours, physical activity and behaviour.

Authors' conclusions

We found low quality evidence that multidisciplinary interventions involving a combination of diet, physical activity and behavioural components reduce measures of BMI and moderate quality evidence that they reduce weight in overweight or obese adolescents, mainly when compared with no treatment or waiting list controls. Inconsistent results, risk of bias or indirectness of outcome measures used mean that the evidence should be interpreted with caution. We have identified a large number of ongoing trials (50) which we will include in future updates of this review.

PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years

Review question

How effective are diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions in reducing the weight of overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years?

Background

Across the world, more adolescents are becoming overweight and obese. These adolescents are more likely to suffer from health problems in later life. More information is needed about what works best in treating this problem.

Study characteristics

We found 44 randomised controlled trials (clinical studies where people are randomly put into one of two or more treatment groups) comparing diet, physical activity and behavioural (where habits are changed or improved) treatments (interventions) to a variety of control groups delivered to 4781 overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. Our systematic review reports on the effects of multidisciplinary interventions, dietary interventions and physical activity interventions compared with a control group (no intervention, 'usual care,' enhanced usual care or some other therapy if it was also delivered to the intervention group). The adolescents in the included studies were monitored (called follow-up) for between six months and two years.

Key results

The average age of adolescents ranged from 12 to 17.5 years. Most studies reported the body mass index (BMI). BMI is a measure of body fat and is calculated by dividing weight (in kilograms) by the square of the body height measured in metres (kg/m^2). We summarised the results of 28 studies in 2774 adolescents reporting BMI, which on average was 1.18 kg/m^2 lower in the intervention groups compared with the control groups. We summarised the results of 20 studies in 1993 adolescents reporting weight, which on average was 3.67 kg lower in the intervention groups compared with the control groups. BMI reduction was maintained at 18 to 24 months of follow-up (monitoring participants until the end of the study), which on average was 1.49 kg/m^2 lower in the intervention groups compared with the control groups. The interventions moderately improved health-related quality of life (a measure of a person's satisfaction with their life and health)

but we did not find firm evidence of an advantage or disadvantage of these interventions for improving self-esteem, physical activity and food intake. No study reported on death from any cause, morbidity (illnesses) or socioeconomic effects (such as days away from school). Three studies reported no side effects, one reported no serious side effects, one did not provide details of side effects and the rest of the studies did not report whether side effects occurred or not.

We identified 50 ongoing studies which we will include in future updates of our review.

Currentness of evidence

This evidence is up to date as of July 2016.

Quality of the evidence

The overall quality of the evidence was rated as low for most of the outcomes (results) measured, mainly because of limited confidence in how studies were performed, inconsistent results between the studies and the way that some outcomes used do not capture obesity outcomes directly. Also, there were just a few studies for some outcomes, with small numbers of included adolescents.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Summary of findings for the main comparison. Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years

Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12-17 years

Patient or population: adolescents (aged 12-17 years) being overweight or obese

Settings: school; community; healthcare

Intervention: behaviour changing interventions (behavioural, diet, physical activity (or a combination) components)

Comparison: usual care; concomitant therapy; no intervention/wait list

Outcomes	Assumed risk	Corresponding risk	Relative effect (95% CI)	No of participants (trials)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Usual care, concomitant therapy, no intervention/wait list	Behaviour changing intervention				
a) Change in BMI Follow-up: 6-24 months b) Change in BMI z score^d Follow-up: 6-24 months c) Change in weight Follow-up: 6-24 months	a) The mean BMI change ranged across control groups from -1.18 kg/m ² to 2.1 kg/m ² b) The mean BMI z score change ranged across control groups from -0.31 units to 0.13 units c) The mean change in weight ranged across control groups from -1.8 kg to 8.3 kg	a) The mean BMI change in the intervention groups was 1.18 kg/m² lower (1.67 lower to 0.69 lower) b) The mean BMI z score change in the intervention groups was 0.13 units lower (0.21 lower to 0.05 lower) c) The mean change in weight in the intervention groups was -3.67 kg lower (-5.21 lower to -2.13 lower)	-	a) 2774 (28)	a) ⊕⊕⊕⊖ Low^a	a) Lower BMI indicates weight loss
				b) 2399 (20)	b) ⊕⊕⊕⊖ Low^b	b) Lower score indicates weight loss
				c) 1993 (20)	c) ⊕⊕⊕⊖ Moderate^c	c) Lower weight indicates weight loss
Adverse events	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	⊕⊕⊕⊖ Low^e	Only 5 trials reported adverse events and of these details were provided in only 1 showing no substantial differences between intervention and comparator groups

Health-related quality of life Validated self-reported measures Follow-up: 6-24 months	The standardised mean difference for health-related quality of life ranged across control groups from -1.34 to 9.73	The standardised mean difference for health-related quality of life in the intervention groups was 0.44 standard deviations higher (0.09 to 0.79 higher)	-	972 (7)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ Low^f	A standard deviation of 0.44 represents a moderate difference between groups. ^g
All-cause mortality	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	Not reported
Morbidity	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	Not reported
Socioeconomic effects	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	See comment	Not reported

*The basis for the **assumed risk** (e.g. the median control group risk across studies) is provided in footnotes. The **corresponding risk** (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the **relative effect** of the intervention (and its 95% CI)

BMI: body mass index; **CI:** confidence interval

GRADE Working Group grades of evidence

High quality: Further research is very unlikely to change our confidence in the estimate of effect.

Moderate quality: Further research is likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and may change the estimate.

Low quality: Further research is very likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and is likely to change the estimate.

Very low quality: We are very uncertain about the estimate.

^aDowngraded one level due to inconsistency ($I^2 = 78\%$), one level due to indirectness (surrogate outcome used); see [Appendix 9](#).

^bDowngraded one level due to inconsistency ($I^2 = 86\%$), one level due to indirectness (surrogate outcome used); see [Appendix 9](#).

^cDowngraded one level due to inconsistency ($I^2 = 96\%$); see [Appendix 9](#).

^d"A BMI z score or standard deviation score indicates how many units (of the standard deviation) a child's BMI is above or below the average BMI value for their age group and sex. For instance, a z score of 1.5 indicates that a child is 1.5 standard deviations above the average value, and a z score of -1.5 indicates a child is 1.5 standard deviations below the average value" ([NOO NHS 2011](#)).

^eDowngraded one level due to reporting and other bias and limited information (small number of studies and the majority of trials had less than 80% of participants enrolled included in the analysis); see [Appendix 9](#).

^fDowngraded one level due to reporting and detection bias (no blinding of participants and personnel) and inconsistency ($I^2 = 85\%$); see [Appendix 9](#).

^gA broadly accurate guide of how to interpret the standard mean difference (SMD) is: less than 0.40 = small, 0.40 to 0.70 = moderate, greater than 0.70 = large ([Higgins 2011a](#)).

BACKGROUND

The prevalence of overweight and obese children and adolescents has increased throughout the world, presenting a global public health crisis (Ng 2014; WHO 2015a). Although once considered to be a condition affecting only high-income countries, rates of paediatric overweight and obesity have started to rise dramatically in some low- to middle-income countries (Wang 2012). Using the International Obesity Task Force (IOTF) standard definition, the age-standardised prevalence of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents has increased in both high-income and low- to middle-income countries since the mid-1980s (Cole 2000). In 2013, the prevalence of overweight and obese children and adolescents in high-income countries was estimated at 23.8% (95% confidence interval (CI) 22.9 to 24.7) for boys and 22.6% (95% CI 21.7 to 23.6) for girls. In low- to middle-income countries, the prevalence was estimated as 12.9% (95% CI 12.3 to 13.5) for boys and 13.4% (95% CI 13.0 to 13.9) for girls (Ng 2014). Very young children are also affected. In 2010, de Onis 2010 used the World Health Organization (WHO) growth standards (WHO 2015b) to estimate that over 42 million children under five years of age were overweight or obese, with approximately 35 million of these children living in low- to middle-income countries.

Inequalities in overweight and obesity prevalence have also been documented. Generally, socioeconomically disadvantaged children in high-income countries (Knai 2012; Shrewsbury 2008), and children of higher socioeconomic status in low- to middle-income countries (Lobstein 2004; Wang 2012) are at greater risk of becoming overweight. However, this relationship may vary by population demographics (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity), and environment (e.g. country, urbanisation) (Wang 2012). The prevalence of obesity varies by ethnicity, with large data sets showing substantial ethnic variation in English (HSCIC 2015), US (Freedman 2006; Skinner 2014), and New Zealand (Rajput 2014) child populations.

While there is some evidence that the rate of increase in paediatric obesity may be slowing in some high-income countries, current levels remain too high, and continue to rise in many low- to middle-income countries (Olds 2011; Rokholm 2010). However, an additional concern in some high-income countries such as the USA (Kelly 2013; Skinner 2014), and England (CMO 2015; Ells 2015), is the rise in severe paediatric obesity. While the IOTF published an international definition for severe paediatric (morbid) obesity in 2012 (Cole 2012), often severe obesity prevalence is reported using country-specific cut-off points making international comparisons difficult. However, data from the USA (Skinner 2014), and England (Ells 2015), have shown that the prevalence of severe paediatric obesity varies by socioeconomic status and ethnicity, and may result in a greater risk of adverse cardiometabolic events and severe obesity in adulthood (Kelly 2013).

Description of the condition

Childhood overweight and obesity results from an accumulation of excess body fat, and can increase the risk of both short- and longer-term health consequences. Numerous obesity-related co-morbidities can develop during childhood, which include muscular skeletal complaints (Paulis 2014); cardiovascular risk factors such as hypertension, insulin resistance and hyperlipidaemia (Reilly 2003), even in very young children (Bocca 2013); and conditions such as sleep apnoea (Narang 2012), asthma (Egan 2013),

liver disease, and type 2 diabetes mellitus (Daniels 2009; Lobstein 2004). The condition can also affect psychosocial well-being, with obese young people susceptible to reduced self-esteem and health-related quality of life (Griffiths 2010), and stigmatisation (Puhl 2007; Tang-Peronard 2008). Evidence also shows that childhood obesity can track into adulthood (Parsons 1999; Singh 2008; Whitaker 1997), and is therefore associated with an increased risk of ill health later in life (Reilly 2003).

Description of the intervention

Given the serious implications associated with childhood and adolescent obesity, effective treatment is imperative. While the fundamental principles of weight management in children and adolescents are the same as in adults (i.e. reduced energy intake and increased energy expenditure), the primary aim of treatment (i.e. weight reduction or deceleration of weight gain) and the most suitable intervention approach vary, and are dependent on the child's age and degree of excess weight, among other considerations. Behaviour changing interventions combining dietary, physical activity and behavioural components are effective and are considered the current best practice in the treatment of childhood obesity in adolescents under 18 years of age (WHO 2015c).

Adverse effects of the intervention

It is not anticipated that diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions will lead to adverse outcomes. However, as with all obesity treatment interventions in children and young people, potential adverse effects should be considered, including effects on linear growth, eating disorders and psychological well-being.

How the intervention might work

The cause of childhood obesity is multifactorial, including dietary, activity, behavioural and environmental factors (Orsi 2011). Modifying these factors by behaviour changing interventions is considered the line of treatment of childhood overweight and obesity (Spear 2007). Behaviour changing interventions aim to improve dietary intake, increase activity levels, reduce sedentary behaviour, provide techniques to sustain healthy lifestyle and may have parental or family involvement (Kothandan 2014). Interventions may target one behavioural component (diet only or physical activity only) while other interventions integrate several components (diet, physical activity and behavioural modification) that seem to show promising results in decreasing overweight and obesity in adolescents (Jelalian 1999). Behavioural modification is often based on theoretical elements such as cognitive behavioural theory to help adolescents sustain changes and minimise relapse (Doak 2006). Theory-based interventions address different elements such as healthy food choices, environmental control, positive thinking and goal-setting that appear to be linked to positive weight outcomes (Dewar 2013; MacDonell 2010; White 2004). Earlier systematic reviews showed that behaviour changing interventions improved weight reduction in children aged 19 and younger (Ho 2012; Wilfley 2007), while one systematic review by Kelly and colleagues showed that interventions addressing nutrition, physical activity and behavioural skills with parental involvement appears to be an effective way to reduce adolescent obesity (Kelly 2008). One systematic review by Ruotsalainen and colleagues showed that supervised physical activity interventions have a favourable effect

on adolescent BMI. Ruotsalainen acknowledged the importance of complex interventions that involve behavioural modification and management in the implementation of physical activity in adolescents (Ruotsalainen 2015), while the effect of dietary interventions remains unclear. One systematic review by Collins and colleagues found inconsistent evidence on the role of dietetic interventions in the treatment of childhood obesity (Collins 2006). However, the length, delivery setting and long-term effect of behaviour changing interventions in the treatment of adolescent obesity remains unclear (Ho 2012; McGovern 2008; Wilfley 2007). The importance of behaviour changing interventions in treating childhood obesity has led to questioning their effectiveness in adolescents and whether different types of behavioural modification are more effective than others.

Why it is important to do this review

The first version of this systematic review was published in 2003 and included analysis of childhood obesity treatment trials published up to July 2001 (Summerbell 2003). The second version was published in 2009 providing an update to the 2003 review (Oude Luttikhuis 2009). To reflect the rapid growth in this field, the third update to this review has been split across six reviews focusing on the following treatment approaches: surgery; drugs; parent-only interventions; diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for young children aged 0 to 6 years; school children aged 5 to 11 years and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. The current review examines the effectiveness of interventions for adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. Previous systematic reviews identified gaps in research assessing interventions specifically for this age group (Doak 2006). Other systematic reviews did not focus on adolescents specifically (Ho 2012; Peirson 2015; Wilfley 2007) or focused on specific interventions (Ruotsalainen 2015). This review has extended the evidence base by including trials of any form of behaviour changing intervention aimed to treat obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. It also includes the effect of behaviour changing interventions on other adiposity indicators (e.g. waist circumference, body fat), behavioural change, quality of life, self-esteem and views of the intervention. The results of this current review and other systematic reviews in this series will provide information on which to underpin clinical guidelines and health policy on the treatment of childhood obesity.

OBJECTIVES

To assess the effects of diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obese adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

METHODS

Criteria for considering studies for this review

Types of studies

We included randomised controlled clinical trials (RCT). For cross-over trials, we only analysed the first phase before cross-over (if this was six months or more) to avoid the potential of carry over effects. Included studies observed participants for a minimum of six months (this time frame refers to the intervention itself or to a combination of the intervention with a follow-up phase).

Types of participants

We included studies of overweight or obese adolescents with a mean study age of 12 to 17 years at the commencement of the intervention. We excluded studies of critically ill people, pregnant or breastfeeding women, or adolescents with a syndromic cause for their obesity (e.g. Prader-Willi syndrome).

Diagnostic criteria

Any method of overweight or obesity classification was acceptable.

Types of interventions

We planned to investigate the following comparisons of intervention versus control/comparator.

Intervention

Any form of behaviour changing intervention with a primary aim to treat overweight or obesity. Behaviour changing interventions included any form of dietary, physical activity, behavioural therapy, or a combination of these delivered as a single or multicomponent intervention, in any setting, using any delivery method and included studies which examined weight loss or maintenance or both.

Comparator

No treatment/wait list control, usual care or an alternative concomitant therapy providing it is delivered in the intervention arm. Concomitant interventions had to be the same in the intervention and comparator groups to establish fair comparisons.

Types of outcome measures

Primary outcomes

- Changes in measured BMI or body weight.
- Adverse events.

Secondary outcomes

- Health-related quality of life.
- Self-esteem.
- All-cause mortality.
- Morbidity.
- Anthropometric measures other than BMI.
- Behaviour change.
- Participants' views of the intervention.
- Socioeconomic effects.
- Parenting skill and relationships.

Method and timing of outcome measurement

- Changes in BMI (kg/m²) and body weight (kg): measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- Adverse events: defined as an adverse outcome that occurred during or after the intervention but was not necessarily caused by it, and measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- Health-related quality of life: evaluated by a validated instrument such as Paediatric Quality of Life Inventory and measured at baseline and at least at six months.

- Self-esteem: evaluated by a validated instrument such as Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale and measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- All-cause mortality: defined as any death that occurred during or after the intervention and measured at six months or later. Morbidity: defined as illness or harm associated with the intervention and measured at baseline and six months or later.
- Anthropometric measures other than change in BMI: defined by validated tools such as waist circumference, skin-fold thickness, waist-to-hip ratio, dual x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) or bioelectrical impedance analysis and measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- Behaviour change: defined as validated measures of diet and physical activity and measured at baseline and at least at six months. Participants' views of the intervention: defined as documented accounts from participant feedback and measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- Parent-child relationship or assessment of parenting: evaluated by a validated instrument and measured at baseline and at least at six months.
- Socioeconomic effects defined as a validated measure of socioeconomic status such as parental income or educational status and measured at baseline and at least at six months.

'Summary of findings' table

We presented a 'Summary of findings' table reporting the following outcomes listed according to priority.

- Changes in BMI and body weight.
- Adverse events.
- Health-related quality of life.
- All-cause mortality.
- Morbidity.
- Socioeconomic effects.

Search methods for identification of studies

Electronic searches

We searched the following sources from inception of each database to 14 July 2016 and placed no restrictions on the language of publication.

- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (2016, Issue 6).
- Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) (from 1946).
- Embase Ovid (1974 to 2016 week 28).
- PsycINFO (1806 to July week 1 2016).
- CINAHL.
- LILACS (Latin American and Caribbean Health Science Information database) (last update 8 July 2016).
- ClinicalTrials.gov (www.clinicaltrials.gov).
- WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP) (www.who.int/trialsearch/).

We continuously applied a MEDLINE (via OvidSP) e-mail alert service established by the Cochrane Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders Group (CMED) to identify newly published studies using the same search strategy as described for MEDLINE (for details on

search strategies and search platforms, see [Appendix 1](#)). Should we have identified new studies for inclusion, we planned to evaluate these, incorporated findings in our review and resubmitted another review draft ([Beller 2013](#)).

If we detected additional relevant key words during any of the electronic or other searches, we modified the electronic search strategies to incorporate these terms and documented the changes.

Searching other resources

We tried to identify other potentially eligible trials or ancillary publications by searching the reference lists of retrieved included trials, (systematic) reviews, meta-analyses and health technology assessment reports. We also contacted study authors of included trials to identify any further studies that we may have missed.

Data collection and analysis

Selection of studies

Two review authors (two of LA-K, RJ, EL, JC, KR, CO, LA, EM, LE, HF, JO) independently scanned the abstract, title, or both, of every record retrieved, to determine which studies should be assessed further. We investigated all potentially relevant articles as full text. We resolved any discrepancies through consensus or recourse to a third review author (of KR, EL, LA-K). Where resolution of a disagreement was not possible, we added the article to those 'awaiting assessment' and contacted study authors for clarification. We present an adapted PRISMA flow chart showing the process of study selection ([Liberati 2009](#)).

Data extraction and management

For studies that fulfilled the inclusion criteria, two review authors (of LA-K, EL, JC, RJ, CO, LA, EM, KR, HF, RV, MM, JO) independently abstracted key participant and intervention characteristics and reported data on efficacy outcomes and adverse events using standard data extraction templates as supplied by Cochrane Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders Group, with any disagreements to be resolved by discussion, or, if required, by consultation with a third review author (KR or EL) (for details, see [Table 1](#); [Appendix 2](#); [Appendix 3](#); [Appendix 4](#); [Appendix 5](#); [Appendix 6](#); [Appendix 7](#); [Appendix 8](#); [Appendix 9](#); [Appendix 10](#)).

We provided information including trial identifier about potentially relevant ongoing studies in the [Characteristics of ongoing studies](#) table and in [Appendix 5](#) (Matrix of study endpoints (publications and trial documents)). We tried to find the protocol of each included study and reported primary, secondary and other outcomes in comparison with data in publications in [Appendix 5](#).

We e-mailed all authors of included studies to enquire whether they were willing to answer questions regarding their trials. [Appendix 10](#) shows the results of this survey. Thereafter, we sought relevant missing information on the trial from the primary author(s) of the article, if required.

Dealing with duplicate and companion publications

In the event of duplicate publications, companion documents or multiple reports of a primary study, we tried to maximise yield of information by collating all available data and use the most complete data set aggregated across all known publications.

In case of doubt, we gave priority to the publication reporting the longest follow-up associated with our primary or secondary outcomes.

Assessment of risk of bias in included studies

We used the Cochrane 'risk of bias' assessment tool ([Higgins 2011a](#); [Higgins 2011b](#)), and evaluated the following criteria.

- Random sequence generation (selection bias).
- Allocation concealment (selection bias).
- Imbalances in baseline characteristics.
- Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias).
- Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias).
- Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias).
- Selective reporting (reporting bias).
- Other potential sources of bias.

We judged the above 'Risk of bias' criteria as 'low risk', 'high risk' or 'unclear risk' and evaluated individual bias items as described in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* ([Higgins 2011a](#)). We present a 'Risk of bias' graph and a 'Risk of bias summary'. We assessed the impact of individual bias domains on study results at endpoint and study levels. In case of high risk of selection bias, all endpoints investigated in the associated study were marked as 'high risk'.

We evaluated whether imbalances in baseline characteristics existed and how these were addressed ([Egbewale 2014](#)).

For performance bias (blinding of participants and personnel) and detection bias (blinding of outcome assessors) we evaluated the risk of bias separately for each outcome type (objective and subjective) ([Hróbjartsson 2013](#)). We noted whether endpoints were self-reported, investigator-assessed or adjudicated outcome measures.

We considered the implications of missing outcome data from individual participants per outcome such as high dropout rates (e.g. above 15%) or disparate attrition rates (e.g. difference of 10% or more between study arms).

We assessed outcome reporting bias by integrating the results of 'Examination of outcome reporting bias' ([Kirkham 2010](#)) ([Appendix 6](#)), in the 'Matrix of study endpoints (publications and trial documents)' ([Appendix 5](#)), and 'Outcomes (outcomes reported in abstract of publication)' section of the [Characteristics of included studies](#) table. This analysis formed the basis for the judgement of selective reporting (reporting bias).

We defined the following endpoints as potentially self-reported outcomes.

- Adverse events.
- Health-related quality of life.
- Participant's views of the intervention.
- Changes in body weight.
- Self-esteem.
- Behaviour change.

We defined the following outcomes as potentially investigator-assessed outcomes.

- Changes in BMI and body weight.
- Adverse events.
- All-cause mortality.
- Morbidity.

Measures of treatment effect

We expressed dichotomous data as odds ratios (ORs) or risk ratios (RRs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs). We expressed continuous data as mean differences (MD) if they used the same instruments or standardised mean differences (SMD) if they used different instruments with 95% CI. We expressed time-to-event data as hazard ratios (HRs) with 95% CIs.

We included studies reporting multiple comparison groups in this review. Where this was the case, we considered whether the aim of the trial was to test for differences between these groups, and whether the study authors found a significant difference. Where there were no demonstrated differences, we merged groups as recommended by the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (Section 7.7.8, [Higgins 2011a](#)). In studies that found a difference between groups, we used the data for the control group for each intervention group comparison and reduced the weight assigned to the control group by dividing the number of participants in the control group by the number of intervention groups.

Unit of analysis issues

We used data from the first period of cross-over trials if available. We collected data from the latest available time point in the follow-up reported in the studies to avoid double-counting trials in the same analysis. For cluster RCTs, we used the denominator reported in the trial and considered how the analysis methods used took account of the effect of clustering. Due to the small number of cluster RCTs found, we decided not to adjust the data so we performed sensitivity analyses to ascertain if the results were sensitive to the inclusion of studies with a cluster design.

Dealing with missing data

We obtained relevant missing data from study authors, if feasible, and evaluated important numerical data such as screened, eligible, randomised participants as well as intention-to-treat (ITT), as-treated and per-protocol populations. We investigated attrition rates (e.g. dropouts, losses to follow-up and withdrawals), and critically appraised issues of missing data and imputation methods (e.g. last observation carried forward (LOCF)).

Where standard deviations (SD) for outcomes were not reported, and we did not receive information from study authors, we imputed these values by assuming the SD of the missing outcome to be the same as the largest SD from those studies where this information was reported. We investigated the impact of imputation on meta-analyses by means of sensitivity analyses. Where papers did not report results as change from baseline, we calculated this and for the SD differences followed the methods presented in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Intervention* for imputing these (Section 16.1.3.2, [Higgins 2011a](#)), and assumed a correlation of 0.5 between baseline and follow-up measures as suggested by [Follmann 1992](#).

Assessment of heterogeneity

In the event of substantial clinical or methodological heterogeneity, we did not report study results as meta-analytically pooled effect estimates. We identified heterogeneity by visual inspection of forest plots and by using a standard Chi^2 test with a significance level of $\alpha = 0.1$, in view of the low power of this test. We examined heterogeneity using the I^2 statistic, which quantifies inconsistency across studies to assess the impact of heterogeneity on the meta-analysis (Higgins 2002; Higgins 2003), where an I^2 statistic of 75% or more indicates a considerable level of inconsistency (Higgins 2011a).

When we found heterogeneity, we attempted to determine potential reasons for it by examining individual study and subgroup characteristics.

Assessment of reporting biases

If we included 10 studies or more for a given outcome, we used funnel plots to assess small-study effects. Due to several explanations for funnel plot asymmetry, we interpreted results carefully (Sterne 2011).

Data synthesis

Unless there is good evidence for homogeneous effects across studies we primarily summarised low risk of bias data using a random-effects model (Wood 2008). We interpreted random-effects meta-analyses with due consideration of the whole distribution of effects, ideally by presenting a prediction interval (Higgins 2009). A prediction interval specifies a predicted range for the true treatment effect in an individual study (Riley 2011). In addition, we performed statistical analyses according to the statistical guidelines presented in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (Higgins 2011a).

Quality of evidence

We presented the overall quality of the evidence for each outcome according to the GRADE approach which takes into account issues related to internal validity (risk of bias, inconsistency, imprecision, publication bias) and also to external validity, such as directness of results. Two review authors (LA-K and KR/EL) rated the quality for each outcome. We presented a summary of the evidence in a [Summary of findings for the main comparison](#), which provides key information about the best estimate of the magnitude of the effect, in relative terms and absolute differences for each relevant comparison of alternative management strategies, numbers of participants and studies addressing each important outcome and the rating of the overall confidence in effect estimates for each outcome. We created the 'Summary of findings' table based on the methods described in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (Higgins 2011a). We presented results on the outcomes as described in [Types of outcome measures](#). If meta-analysis was not possible, we presented results in a narrative 'Summary of findings' table.

In addition, we established an appendix 'Checklist to aid consistency and reproducibility of GRADE assessments' (Meader

2014) to help with standardisation of 'Summary of findings' tables (Appendix 9).

Subgroup analysis and investigation of heterogeneity

We expected the following characteristics to introduce clinical heterogeneity, and planned to carry out subgroup analyses with investigation of interactions for our primary outcomes.

- Duration of follow-up.
- Duration of the intervention.
- Duration of postintervention follow-up.
- Type of comparator group.
- Mode of delivery of the intervention.
- Setting.
- Type of intervention.
- Theoretical basis to the intervention.
- Parental involvement.

Sensitivity analysis

We planned to perform sensitivity analyses to explore the influence of the following factors on effect size.

- Restricting the analysis to published studies, and by publication language.
- Restricting the analysis taking into account risk of bias, as specified in the section [Assessment of risk of bias in included studies](#) section.
- Restricting the analysis to studies of adolescents without specific health conditions.
- Restricting the analysis to studies with no uncertainties (such as study duration, imputed data).

We also tested the robustness of the results by repeating the analysis using different measures of effect size (RRs, ORs, etc.) and different statistical models (fixed-effect and random-effects models).

RESULTS

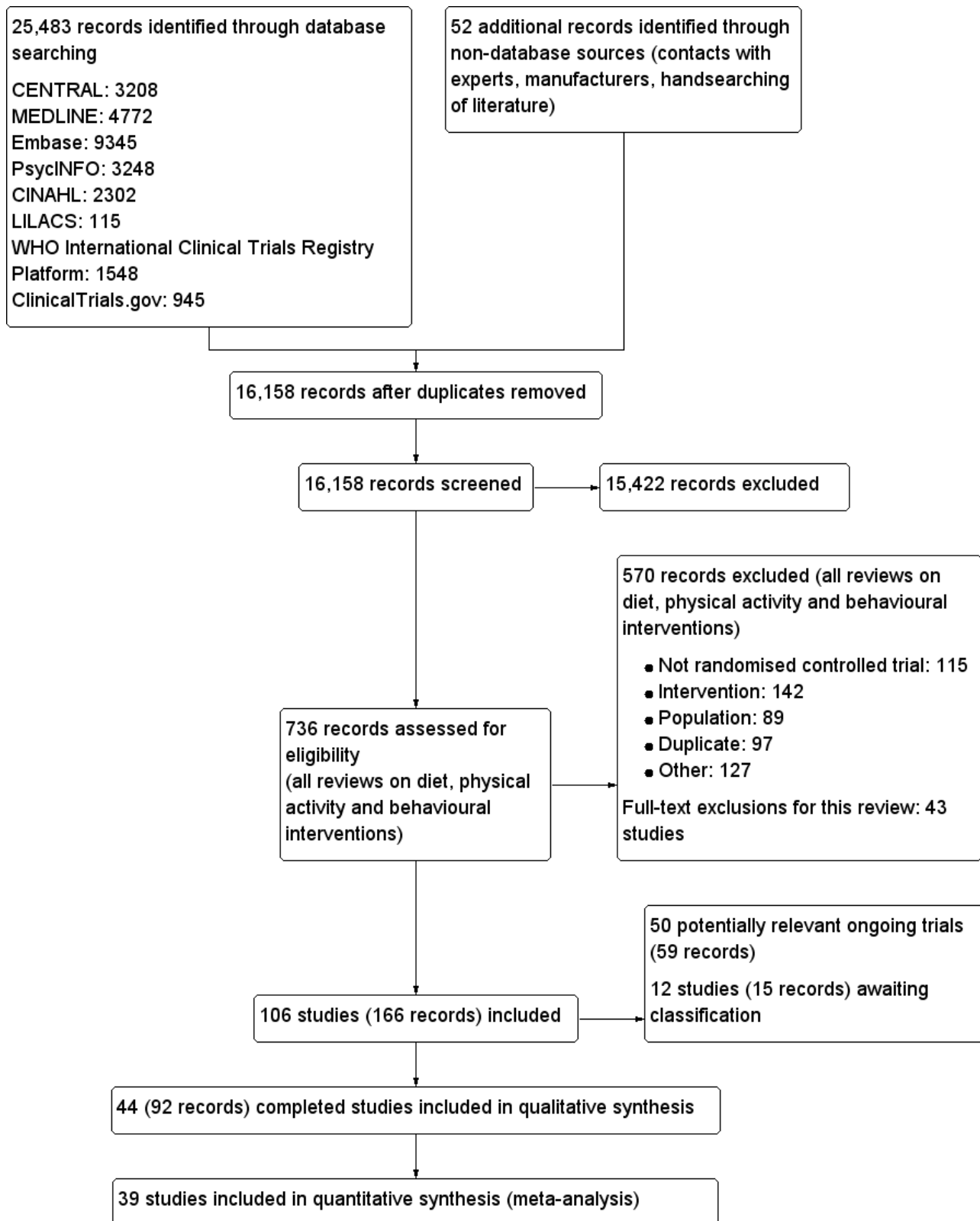
Description of studies

For a detailed description of trials, see the [Characteristics of included studies](#), [Characteristics of excluded studies](#), and [Characteristics of ongoing studies](#) tables.

Results of the search

This search is up to date as of July 2016 in addition to ongoing e-mail alerts from MEDLINE. The searches generated 16,106 hits after duplicates were removed. Fifty-two additional records were identified through non-database sources. Screening of titles and abstracts identified 736 records to go forward for formal inclusion and exclusion. Forty-four completed RCTs fulfilled the inclusion criteria and were included in the review. For a detailed description of the included trials, see the [Characteristics of included studies](#) table. The search identified 50 ongoing trials, which are reported in the [Characteristics of ongoing studies](#) table. The flow of trials through the review is presented in [Figure 1](#).

Figure 1. Study flow diagram.



Included studies

A detailed description of the characteristics of included studies is presented elsewhere (see [Characteristics of included studies](#)

and [Appendix 2](#); [Appendix 3](#); [Appendix 4](#); [Appendix 5](#); [Appendix 6](#); [Appendix 7](#); [Appendix 8](#); [Appendix 11](#)). The following is a succinct overview.

Source of data

All data presented in the review were obtained from the published literature. We contacted all study authors for additional information and results are presented in [Appendix 10](#).

Comparisons

To meet the inclusion criteria for the review comparators could be no treatment, usual care or a concomitant therapy providing it was also included in the intervention group. In nine trials the comparator was either no intervention or a wait list control (Brennan 2013; Carraway 2014; Ebbeling 2012; Luna-Pech 2014; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017; Schranz 2014; Toulabi 2012; Vos 2011). Twenty-three studies used usual care comparators (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Carrel 2005; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Hofsteenge 2014; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Vissers 2008; Visuthranukul 2015; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006). Twelve trials used a concomitant therapy (Brownell 1983; Chandra 1968; Grey 2009; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2014; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Resnicow 2005; Sigal 2014; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015).

Overview of trial populations

The 44 trials included 4781 participants. Approximately 2555 were randomised to an intervention and 1850 to a comparator. The proportion of participants finishing the study, where reported, ranged from 34% to 100% in the intervention groups and from 38% to 100% in the comparator groups. Individual sample size ranged from 10 to 521.

Study design

Thirty-nine trials were parallel comparisons with individual randomisation. Four trials were cluster RCTs (Grey 2009; Kong 2013; Pbert 2013; Resnicow 2005), and one was a cross-over trial (Brennan 2013). All 44 trials had a superiority design. Five trials had three arms (Brownell 1983; Daley 2005; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017), and two trials had four arms (Patrick 2013; Sigal 2014). The majority (24) were single centre trials, although the number of centres was unclear or not reported in 10 trials. Two trials had six centres (Grey 2009; Kong 2013), and one study each had two (Brennan 2013), eight (Pbert 2013), 10 (Resnicow 2005), 12 (Toulabi 2012), 15 (Patsopoulou 2017) or 18 (Patrick 2013) centres. Trials were performed from 1968 to 2015. The duration of the intervention ranged from six weeks to two years, and the duration of follow-up ranged from six months to two years. Eight trials had some form of run-in period prior to the start of the study (Brownell 1983; Chandra 1968; Luna-Pech 2014; Norman 2016; Pitetti 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Wengle 2011). None of the trials was terminated early.

Settings

The interventions were carried out in a variety of settings. These included in schools in nine trials (Carrel 2005; Grey 2009; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008), in the community or home in eight trials (Ebbeling 2012; Nguyen 2012; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014), and various healthcare settings, including outpatients, primary care,

research clinics and other hospital sites in 26 trials (based on author locations where the study did not explicitly report this) (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carraway 2014; Chandra 1968; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Savoye 2007; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015).

Participants

The diagnostic criteria for overweight and obesity differed between the trials. Twelve trials included participants with BMI on or above the 85th percentile for age and height (Bean 2014; Carraway 2014; Ebbeling 2012; Grey 2009; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Pbert 2013; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011), nine trials used a cut-off of on or above the 95th percentile (Boodai 2014; Carrel 2005; Ebbeling 2003; Ford 2010; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Savoye 2007), three trials used a cut-off of on or above the 90th percentile (Debar 2012; Gourlan 2013; Resnicow 2005), and two trials used a cut-off of on or above the 98th percentile (Christie 2011; Daley 2005). The remaining trials used a range of different criteria to define overweight or obesity for inclusion in the trials (Characteristics of included studies table; Appendix 3).

Thirty-four trials reported the mean BMI at baseline (Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carrel 2005; Christie 2011; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Jiang 2005; Kong 2014; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011) and ranged from 26 kg/m² to 37 kg/m² in all but one study (Brownell 1983), which was an outlier with BMIs in the three study groups ranging from 42 kg/m² to 45.5 kg/m². Sixteen trials reported BMI z scores (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Carraway 2014; Daley 2005; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011), and these ranged across all trials between 1.8 and 3.2 with the exception of one study (Vos 2011), which had a mean BMI Standard Deviation Score (SDS) of 4.2. One study reported BMI percentile only at baseline (at 94.5%) (Kong 2013), and two trials did not report BMI measures at baseline (Chandra 1968; Gourlan 2013). Twenty trials reported on change in weight.

Thirty-seven trials reported the gender of the study participants (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Vissers 2008; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013), and the proportion of participants who were female ranged from 33% to 77% in all cases except the trials by Debar 2012 and Resnicow 2005 where all participants were female, and Schranz 2014 where all participants were male. Four trials did not report the gender of participants at baseline (Saelens 2002; Toulabi 2012; Wengle 2011;

Wong 2015). Participants ages ranged from 12 to 17.5 years in all trials that reported mean age at baseline, 11 trials did not report mean age at baseline (Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Chandra 1968; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Gourlan 2013; NCT00132132; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Toulabi 2012; Wong 2015).

Nineteen trials reported ethnicity (Bean 2014; Brownell 1983; Carraway 2014; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; Norman 2016; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Sigal 2014; Vos 2011). Most trials reported a mixture of ethnic backgrounds for their participants as can be seen in Appendix 3, two trials reported exclusively on African-Americans (Resnicow 2005) and participants described as 'white' (Brownell 1983).

Three trials focused on participants with specific conditions, Jelalian 2016 included people with depression, Luna-Pech 2014 included people with asthma and Pitetti 2007 included people with autism living in a residential school.

Interventions

Thirty-four trials included interventions that were multidisciplinary (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Vissers 2008; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015), where the focus was on at least two components of diet, physical activity and behavioural approaches to weight management. Five trials were focused solely on dietary interventions (Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Luna-Pech 2014; Visuthranukul 2015), and five focused solely on physical activity interventions (Carraway 2014; Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Pitetti 2007; Schranz 2014). Twenty-nine trials had a theoretical basis to their interventions, these included six which had a cognitive behavioural or social cognitive theoretical basis (Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pbert 2013; Vos 2011), eight which used motivational interviewing approaches (Bean 2014; Brennan 2013; Christie 2011; Gourlan 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; Pakpour 2015; Resnicow 2005; Walpole 2013), and 15 that used a variety of other psychological approaches (Boodai 2014; Brownell 1983; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Grey 2009; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00132132; Patrick 2013; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008; Wengle 2011). Thirteen trials did not use a behavioural approach or did not report the theoretical basis to any behavioural component of their intervention (Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00807560; Patsopoulou 2017; Pitetti 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Visuthranukul 2015; Wong 2015). Twenty-six trials involved parents in the intervention (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carraway 2014; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Toulabi 2012; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Wengle 2011). In 15 trials, there was no parental involvement (Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Ebbeling 2003; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00132132; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Saelens 2002; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014;

Vissers 2008; Walpole 2013), and in three trials there were two intervention groups, one which included the parent and one which did not (Brownell 1983; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017).

Nineteen trials delivered the intervention in a group format (Boodai 2014; Brownell 1983; Carrel 2005; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; NCT00132132; Nguyen 2012; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017; Pitetti 2007; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Toulabi 2012; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011), for specific details see Characteristics of included studies table. In 14 studies, the intervention was individually based (Bean 2014; Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; Norman 2016; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Sigal 2014; Walpole 2013), and in 10 studies, there was a mixture of some group and some individual sessions, or the trial did not report the mode of delivery (Carraway 2014; Chandra 1968; Ebbeling 2003; Jelalian 2016; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00807560; Patrick 2013; Vissers 2008; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015).

The duration of the intervention was six months or less in 30 trials (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carraway 2014; Chandra 1968; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00807560; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015), and greater than six months in 14 trials (Carrel 2005; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Hofsteenge 2014; Jiang 2005; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00132132; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Patrick 2013; Pitetti 2007; Savoye 2007; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006).

Outcomes

Twenty-three trials explicitly stated a primary endpoint in the publication (Appendix 5); in 20 of these, this was a measure of body composition such as weight or BMI. In the trial by Schranz 2014, the primary outcomes were exercise self-efficacy, physical self-worth and self-esteem. In the trial by Walpole 2013, the primary outcome was self-efficacy and in Daley 2005 the primary outcome was physical self-perceptions. All except one of the included trials (Chandra 1968) reported a BMI variable as an outcome; this was BMI in 29 trials, BMI z score in 20 trials, BMI percentile in five trials (15 trials reported more than one BMI variable, Brennan 2013; Debar 2012; Hofsteenge 2014; Jiang 2005; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Visuthranukul 2015; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011). Twenty trials reported weight and five trials reported rates of adverse events as described in the Effects of interventions section. Twenty-nine trials reported other anthropometric measures (Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Brownell 1983; Carraway 2014; Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00132132; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011); this was percent body fat in 14 trials, trunk fat percentage in two trials, waist circumference in 16 trials, waist-to-height ratio in three trials, waist-to-hip ratio in two trials, fat mass in five trials, trunk fat mass in two trials, lean mass in three trials and percentage of overweight in two trials. Nine trials reported health-related quality of life (Debar 2012; Ford 2010; Hofsteenge 2014; Nguyen 2012; Luna-Pech 2014; Pakpour 2015;

Patrick 2013; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Vos 2011). Nine trials reported self-esteem (Brennan 2013; Carraway 2014; Daley 2005; Debar 2012; Hofsteenge 2014; Nguyen 2012; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Schranz 2014). Eleven trials reported behavioural change in terms of dietary intake (Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Visuthranukul 2015; Wengle 2011), while four trials reported dietary behaviour (Brennan 2013; Ford 2010; Grey 2009; Pakpour 2015). Twelve trials reported behavioural change in terms of physical activity (Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Gurlan 2013; Grey 2009; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Pakpour 2015; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Sigal 2014; Wengle 2011), while three trials reported physical activity behaviour (Grey 2009; Kong 2013; Pakpour 2015). One trials reported parenting and relationships (Brennan 2013). Eight trials reported views of the intervention (Brennan 2013; Christie 2011; Debar 2012; Jelalian 2016; Nguyen 2012; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Wengle 2011).

Ten trials reported outcomes at more than one time point (Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Hofsteenge 2014; Jiang 2005; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Patrick 2013; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014).

Excluded studies

We excluded 570 of 736 articles after evaluation of the publication. The main reasons for exclusion were the intervention (aim not focused on treating overweight/obesity and duration of intervention and follow-up less than six months) and study design (not an RCT). Many trials had other reasons for exclusion

such as lack of relevant outcomes or the control was not no intervention/usual care or concomitant intervention as long as this was also provided in the intervention arm (for further details see [Characteristics of excluded studies](#) table, which lists the 44 studies that closely missed the inclusion criteria for this review).

Studies awaiting classification

Twelve studies are awaiting classification as we await clarification from the study authors. These may be included when this review is updated if they meet the inclusion criteria.

Ongoing studies

Fifty studies are ongoing or have completed but results are not available. These may be included when this review is updated if they meet the inclusion criteria.

Risk of bias in included studies

For details on risk of bias of included studies, see the [Characteristics of included studies](#) table. For an overview of review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item for individual studies and across all studies, see [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#). Many trials did not report adequate information to assess the risk of bias and we assessed 30 trials at high risk of bias on at least one domain. We assessed 10 trials at high risk of bias on three or more domains (Daley 2005; Hofsteenge 2014; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00807560; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006).

Figure 2. Risk of bias graph: review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item presented as percentages across all included studies (blank cells indicate that the particular outcome was not investigated in some studies).

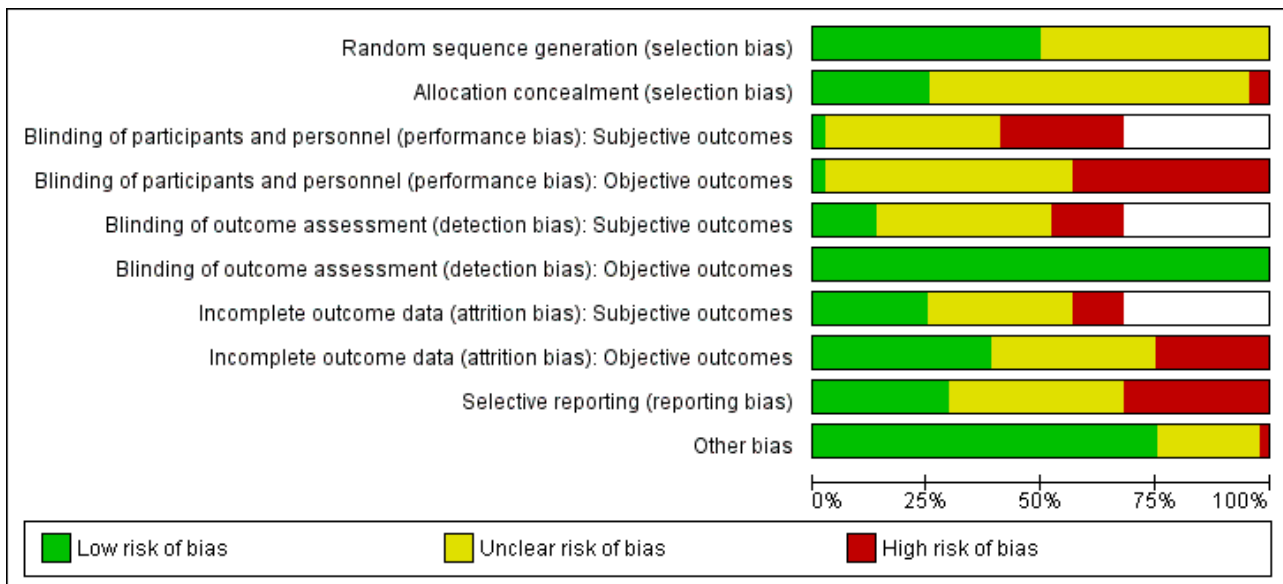


Figure 3. Risk of bias summary: review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item for each included study (blank cells indicate that the study did not report that particular outcome).

	Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias): Subjective outcomes	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias): Objective outcomes	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias): Subjective outcomes	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias): Objective outcomes	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias): Subjective outcomes	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias): Objective outcomes	Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Other bias
Bean 2014	+	?		-		+		?	?	?
Boodai 2014	+	+		-		+		?	-	?
Brennan 2013	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	-	?
Brownell 1983	?	?		?		+		?	?	+
Carraway 2014	?	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	?	?
Carrel 2005	+	?		-		+		-	+	+
Chandra 1968	?	?		?		+		?	?	+
Christie 2011	+	+	-	-	?	+	?	?	?	+
Daley 2005	+	+	-	-	-	+	?	?	+	+
Debar 2012	+	?	?	-	?	+	?	?	+	+
Ebbeling 2003	?	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	-	+
Ebbeling 2012	+	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Ford 2010	+	?		-		+		?	-	+
Gourlan 2013	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+
Grey 2009	?	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	?	?
Hofsteenge 2014	+	?	-	-	-	+	?	+	-	+

Figure 3. (Continued)

Hofsteenge 2014	+	?	-	-	-	+	?	+	-	+
Jelalian 2016	+	+	?	?	+	+	-	-	+	+
Jiang 2005	?	?		?		+		?	?	+
Kong 2013	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	-	+	?
Kong 2014	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Love-Osborne 2014	?	?		?		+		-	-	+
Luna-Pech 2014	?	?	-	-	-	+	?	?	?	+
NCT00132132	?	?		-		+		-	+	?
NCT00807560	?	-	-	-	?	+	?	-	-	?
Nguyen 2012	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Norman 2016	+	?	?	?	+	+	?	+	-	-
Pakpour 2015	+	?	-	-	+	+	?	?	+	+
Patrick 2013	?	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Patsopoulou 2017	?	-	-	-	?	+	?	?	+	+
Pbert 2013	?	?	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	?
Pitetti 2007	+	?		?		+		+	-	+
Resnicow 2005	?	?		?		+		+	?	+
Saelens 2002	?	?	?	?	?	+	-	-	?	+
Savoye 2007	+	?		-		+		+	?	+
Schranz 2014	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Sigal 2014	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Toulabi 2012	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?	?	+
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	?	?	?	?	?	+	-	-	-	+
Vissers 2008	?	?		?		+		-	?	+
Visuthranukul 2015	+	+	?	?	?	+	?	?	+	+
Vos 2011	+	+	?	?	?	+	+	+	-	+
Walpole 2013	+	+		?		+		+	?	+
Wengle 2011	+	?	?	?	?	+	?	?	?	+
Wong 2015	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?	?	?

Allocation

The majority of trials provided sufficient information on random sequence generation and were judged at low risk of bias. However,

most trials provided inadequate information on concealment of allocation. Twenty-two studies reported adequate random sequence generation, but only 11 of these also described adequate

concealment of allocation (Boodai 2014; Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2014; Nguyen 2012; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013), and therefore have a low risk of selection bias. One trial described allocation concealment and was at high risk of bias (Patsopoulou 2017). One trial was also high risk of bias for allocation concealment (NCT00807560). The risk of selection bias was uncertain in the remaining 31 included studies.

Blinding

Only one study had a low risk of performance bias (subjective and objective outcomes) as participants and personnel were blinded to treatment allocation (Gourlan 2013). Nineteen studies had a high risk of performance bias for subjective and objective outcomes (Christie 2011; Daley 2005; Hofsteenge 2014; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Pakpour 2015; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014) or objective outcomes only (subjective outcomes not reported) (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Carrel 2005; Debar 2012; Ford 2010; NCT00132132; Savoye 2007). The risk of performance bias was unclear in the remaining 24 studies.

The risk of detection bias was low for objective outcomes (regardless of whether outcome assessors were blinded to treatment allocation) in 44 studies. For subjective outcomes, six studies blinded outcome assessors (Brennan 2013; Gourlan 2013; Jelalian 2016; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015), and this was unclear in 17 studies (Carraway 2014; Christie 2011; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Grey 2009; Kong 2013; NCT00807560; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Saelens 2002; Toulabi 2012; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Visuthranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Wengle 2011; Wong 2015). The risk of detection bias was judged to be high in the remaining seven studies reporting subjective outcomes (Daley 2005; Hofsteenge 2014; Kong 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; Pbert 2013; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014).

Incomplete outcome data

The risk of attrition bias was low in 17 studies (Brennan 2013; Carraway 2014; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Patrick 2013; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Resnicow 2005; Savoye 2007; Sigal 2014; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013). Eleven studies had a high risk of attrition bias on objective and subjective (where reported) outcome measures due to an imbalance in attrition between study groups (Carrel 2005; Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Saelens 2002; Schranz 2014; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Vissers 2008). The remaining 16 studies were at unclear risk of bias due to insufficient reporting of attrition, such as not providing reasons for missing data.

Selective reporting

Fourteen studies were at high risk of reporting bias (Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2003; Ford 2010; Hofsteenge 2014; Love-Osborne 2014; NCT00807560; Norman 2016; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Vos 2011). In 17 studies, this was unclear, as the study protocol or trial record were unavailable, or the trial had yet to be fully published. The remaining 13 studies reported all outcomes as stated.

Other potential sources of bias

There was high risk of bias in one study as the run-in programme was conducted to minimise participant attrition, but may have resulted in a more motivated sample of participants and parents compared with non-run-in trial cohorts (Norman 2016). There was an unclear risk of other sources of bias in 10 studies (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Carraway 2014; Grey 2009; Kong 2013; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Pbert 2013; Wong 2015). In one of these studies, the participating churches (which were the unit of randomisation) requested that the comparison condition received a meaningful intervention, which may have had an impact on results (Resnicow 2005). The remaining 32 studies were at low risk of other sources of bias.

Effects of interventions

See: **Summary of findings for the main comparison Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years**

None of the included studies reported all-cause mortality, morbidity and socioeconomic effects.

All diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions versus controls

Primary outcomes

Forty-four trials compared a diet, physical activity, behavioural intervention or a combination of these with usual care, no active intervention or wait list control or a concomitant therapy. Five studies assessed more than one intervention (Brownell 1983; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Sigal 2014). In one three arm trial, Brownell 1983 assessed a multicomponent intervention with three different approaches; mothers attended sessions with the adolescents, mothers attended separate sessions to the adolescent or only the adolescents received the intervention. The study by Pakpour 2015 compared motivational interviewing with a passive control (no details); there were two intervention groups, one with parental involvement and one without. In the study by Patsopoulou 2017, there were two intervention groups compared to no intervention, an activity group and an activity plus diet group with parental involvement. Sigal 2014 allocated participants to four arms comparing different physical activity interventions with a diet-only control group. All groups received the dietary intervention and this was compared to a diet plus aerobic exercise intervention, a diet plus resistance training intervention and a diet plus aerobic plus resistance training intervention. The study by Patrick 2013 compared three different website interventions (website alone, website and group sessions, website and text messages) with a usual care control. There were no substantial differences in the study between the interventions and these were therefore merged into one group as described in the Measures of treatment effect section. One study provided gender stratified analyses (Norman 2016). One study had two control groups, a usual care control and an exercise placebo of body conditioning (an attention control) (Daley 2005). As there was no aim in the study to test the difference between these two control groups, and the attention control was not intended to promote weight control, we merged these two groups into one control arm for the purpose of the review. The other 37 trials each assessed different interventions as described above (Bean 2014; Boodai 2014; Brennan 2013; Carrel 2005; Chandra 1968; Christie

2011; Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Gourlan 2013; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Jelalian 2016; Jiang 2005; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Love-Osborne 2014; Luna-Pech 2014; Norman 2016; Pbert 2013; Pitetti 2007; Resnicow 2005; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; van Egmond-Frohlich 2006; Vissers 2008; Visutranukul 2015; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011).

Outcomes are considered here at the longest point of follow-up for each study. Sensitivity analyses and subgroup analyses around these outcomes are reported below.

Changes in body mass index or body weight

All but one study (Chandra 1968) reported BMI variables as outcomes. Twenty-nine studies reported BMI and 20 studies reported BMI z score. Twenty-eight trials (33 comparisons) reported BMI change data that were suitable for meta-analysis. Pooling the studies in a random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated a reduction in BMI in the intervention groups compared with control groups at the longest point of follow-up (MD -1.18 kg/m² (95% CI -1.67 to -0.69); $P < 0.00001$; 2774 participants; 28 studies; 34 comparisons; low quality evidence; Analysis 1.1).

Meta-analysis of BMI z score at the longest point of follow-up showed a reduction in the intervention groups compared with the control groups (MD -0.13 units (95% CI -0.21 to -0.05); $P = 0.002$; 2399 participants; 20 studies; low quality evidence; Analysis 1.2).

Five studies did not report BMI or BMI z score outcomes in a format that was suitable for meta-analysis (Carraway 2014; Christie 2011; Love-Osborne 2014; Walpole 2013; Wong 2015). The study by Walpole 2013 reported median BMI and BMI z scores and the study reported no substantial differences between groups. In the study by Wong 2015, the mean BMI z score did not substantially differ between groups. Christie 2011 reported the effect estimate for BMI at six months, which was not substantially different between groups. The study by Love-Osborne 2014 reported the proportion of participants with increases or decreases in BMI z scores at different thresholds. The only relevant result was that a higher proportion of participants in the control group decreased their BMI z score by at least 0.1 compared with the intervention group. One study has not currently reported BMI outcomes having only recently published secondary outcomes (Bean 2014). The study by Carraway 2014 did not present BMI data for a mentor-led exercise programme compared with wait list control.

Five studies reported BMI percentiles (Bean 2014; Brennan 2013; Debar 2012; Kong 2013; Patrick 2013). Analysis 1.3 shows results from four studies (Brennan 2013; Debar 2012; NCT00807560; Patrick 2013). The results favoured the interventions in two studies. In one study, where three interventions were combined, there was a reduction in the BMI percentile in the control group (Patrick 2013). Kong 2013 reported the median BMI percentile. This reduced in the intervention group and increased in the control group ($P = 0.04$). Bean 2014 did not report data.

Twenty studies (24 comparisons) reported weight change and were pooled in a random-effects meta-analysis which demonstrated a reduction in weight in the intervention groups compared with controls at the longest point of follow-up (MD -3.67 kg (95% CI -5.21 to -2.13); $P < 0.00001$; 1993 participants; 20 studies; moderate quality evidence; Analysis 1.4).

Adverse events

Five trials reported rates of adverse events (Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Sigal 2014). There were no adverse events reported in either group in the studies by Ford 2010; NCT00132132; and NCT00807560. In the study by Ebbeling 2012, 6.4% of participants experienced an adverse event in the intervention group (no details); it was not reported whether adverse events occurred in the comparator group. Sigal 2014 reported the proportions of participants experiencing adverse events, the proportion withdrawing owing to adverse events and detailed the specific adverse events in each of their four groups (see Appendix 8 for details). Adverse events were experienced in 25% of participants in the diet plus aerobic exercise group; 19% in the diet plus resistance training group; 21% in the diet plus aerobic plus resistance training group and 24% in the diet-only group.

Secondary outcomes

Anthropometric measures other than body mass index

Twenty-eight trials reported anthropometric measures other than BMI using objective measures (Boodai 2014; Brownell 1983; Brennan 2013; Carrel 2005; Ebbeling 2003; Ebbeling 2012; Ford 2010; Grey 2009; Hofsteenge 2014; Kong 2013; Kong 2014; NCT00132132; NCT00807560; Nguyen 2012; Norman 2016; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Patsopoulou 2017; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Savoye 2007; Schranz 2014; Sigal 2014; Toulabi 2012; Vissers 2008; Vos 2011; Walpole 2013; Wengle 2011). Fourteen studies reported percentage of body fat change that was suitable for meta-analysis. Meta-analysis demonstrated a reduction in percentage of body fat in the intervention group compared with the control group at the longest follow-up points (MD -1.08% (95% CI -1.69 to -0.46); $P = 0.0006$; 1886 participants; 14 studies; Analysis 3.1). Three studies reported other measures of body fat that included percentage of fat (Carraway 2014; Pakpour 2015), and percentage of body fat-SDS (Ford 2010). All three studies found a reduction in body fat in the intervention group compared to the control group (see Table 2 for details).

Two trials reported data for percentage of trunk fat that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis showed an MD of -0.84% ((95% CI -3.10 to 1.43); $P = 0.47$; 123 participants; 2 trials; Analysis 3.2).

Seventeen trials reported data for waist circumference that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated a reduction in waist circumference in the intervention group compared with the control group at the longest follow-up points (MD -2.26 cm (95% CI -3.80 to -0.72); $P = 0.004$; 1997 participants; 17 trials; Analysis 3.3). Two studies reported other measures of abdominal adiposity (Kong 2014; Vos 2011). Percentage of visceral fat did not change in either the intervention or control group (Kong 2013). One study found that both waist circumference minus SDS and waist-to-height ratio significantly decreased in the intervention arm compared to the control arm (Vos 2011) (see Table 2 for details).

Pooling three trials in a random-effects meta-analysis showed no substantial reduction in waist-to-height ratio in the intervention group compared to control group at the longest follow-up points (MD 0 (95% CI -0.02 to 0.02); $P = 0.98$; 276 participants; 3 trials; Analysis 3.4). Waist-to-hip ratio did not substantially reduce in the intervention group compared to the control group (MD 0.01 (95% CI

-0.01 to 0.03); $P = 0.22$; 211 participants; 2 trials; [Analysis 3.5](#)). In one study, hip circumference seemed to decrease in the intervention group compared to the control group ([Toulabi 2012](#); see [Table 2](#)).

Five trials reported data for fat mass that was suitable for meta-analysis. Pooling the studies in a random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated a reduction in fat mass in the intervention group compared to the control group at the longest follow-up points (MD -3.13 kg (95% CI -4.70 to -1.56); $P < 0.0001$; 673 participants; 5 trials; [Analysis 3.6](#)). The study by [Schranz 2014](#) found no substantial difference for the reduction in body mass between the intervention and control groups (see [Table 2](#) for details).

Two trials reported data for trunk fat mass that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analyses showed no substantial reduction in trunk fat mass in the intervention group compared to the control group (MD -0.94 kg (95% CI -2.49 to 0.61); $P = 0.24$; 184 participants; 2 trials; [Analysis 3.7](#)).

Three trials reported data for lean mass that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis showed no substantial increase in body lean mass in the intervention group compared to the control group (MD -0.21 kg (95% CI -0.88 to 0.47); $P = 0.55$; 417 participants; 3 trials; [Analysis 3.8](#)). The [Brennan 2013](#) trial found that participants in the intervention group had lower truncal lean mass compared to the control group, however, statistical significance was not reported (see [Table 2](#) for details).

Two trials reported data for percentage of overweight that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis showed no substantial difference in the percentage of overweight between the intervention group and control group (MD -5.55% (95% CI -13.67 to 2.57); $P = 0.18$; 73 participants; 2 trials; [Analysis 3.9](#)). One study reported percentage of BMI reduction and found that 75% of participants in the intervention group reduced their BMI compared to 23% of participants in the control group ([NCT00132132](#)). In one trial, percentage of overweight reduced in both intervention and control at seven months' follow-up ([Carraway 2014](#); see [Table 2](#) for details). In one study, percentage of boys over the median BMI was lower in the intervention group compared to boys in the control group ([Norman 2016](#)). In an earlier study, average weight loss was not lower in the intervention group compared to the control ([Chandra 1968](#); see [Table 2](#)).

Health-related quality of life and self-esteem

Thirteen trials reported health-related quality of life and self-esteem using validated self-reported tools ([Brennan 2013](#); [Carraway 2014](#); [Daley 2005](#); [Debar 2012](#); [Ford 2010](#); [Hofsteenge 2014](#); [Luna-Pech 2014](#); [Nguyen 2012](#); [Patrick 2013](#); [Pakpour 2015](#); [Schranz 2014](#); [van Egmond-Frohlich 2006](#); [Vos 2011](#)). Seven trials reported data for health-related quality of life change that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated an improvement in health-related quality of life in the intervention group compared with the control group at the longest follow-up points ((SMD 0.44 (95% CI 0.09 to 0.79); $P = 0.01$; 972 participants; 7 studies; low quality evidence [Analysis 4.1](#)). An SD of 0.44 represents a moderate difference between groups ([Higgins 2011a](#)). The study by [Ford 2010](#) reported narrative findings of health-related quality of life that improved in both the intervention and control arms but did not reach statistical significance (see [Table 3](#) for further details).

Six trials reported data for self-esteem change that was suitable for meta-analysis. Random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated no substantial improvement in self-esteem for either group at the longest follow-up points (SMD 0.09 (95% CI -0.08 to 0.27; $P = 0.30$, 613 participants; 6 trials; [Analysis 4.3](#)). Four trials reported other measures of self-esteem and found no substantial improvement in either group for body appearance, weight satisfaction, body attribution ([Hofsteenge 2014](#)), weight efficacy ([Pakpour 2015](#)), and physical self-worth ([Schranz 2014](#); [van Egmond-Frohlich 2006](#)). One trial reported improvement in global self-esteem post intervention and at seven months' follow-up for both intervention and control ([Carraway 2014](#)) (see [Table 3](#) for further details).

All-cause mortality

None of the studies reported all-cause mortality.

Morbidity

None of the studies reported morbidity.

Behavioural change

Dietary intake

Six trials (454 participants) reported macronutrient and glycaemic consumption assessed by either food record or 24-hour dietary recall ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Ebbeling 2012](#); [Kong 2014](#); [Pbert 2013](#); [Saelens 2002](#); [Visuthranukul 2015](#)). Monitored intakes included fat, protein, carbohydrates, sugar, fibre, glycaemic load and glycaemic index.

Three trials reported fat intake as percentage of total energy intake for 132 participants ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Pbert 2013](#); [Saelens 2002](#)). There was no substantial reduction in fat intake in either group in the studies by [Pbert 2013](#) and [Saelens 2002](#). In the study by [Ebbeling 2003](#), fat intake significantly decreased in the control group but increased in the intervention group at 12 months (see [Table 4](#) for details).

Two trials reported protein intake as percentage of total energy intake for 75 participants ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Kong 2014](#)). At 12 months, there was no substantial increase in protein intake in the either group in the study by [Ebbeling 2003](#). In the study by [Kong 2014](#) the intervention group increased protein consumption compared to the control group at six months (see [Table 4](#) for details). The same trials ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Kong 2014](#)) reported carbohydrate intake. There was no substantial change in carbohydrate consumption in either the intervention or control group at six and 12 months (see [Table 4](#) for details).

Two trials reported total sugar intake for 291 participants ([Ebbeling 2012](#); [Pbert 2013](#)). Participants in the intervention group reported lower intakes compared to the control group in both studies ([Ebbeling 2012](#); [Pbert 2013](#)). See [Table 4](#) for details.

Two trials reported fibre intake for 75 participants ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Kong 2014](#)). At 12 months, fibre intake did not change substantially in either the intervention or control group in one study ([Ebbeling 2003](#)). The second study reported an increase in fibre consumption in the intervention group compared to the control group ([Kong 2014](#)). See [Table 4](#) for details.

Three trials reported glycaemic load intake for 157 participants ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Kong 2014](#); [Pbert 2013](#)). Glycaemic load decreased in the intervention group in two studies ([Ebbeling 2003](#); [Pbert](#)

2013), but there was no substantial difference between the intervention and control groups in one study (Kong 2014). See Table 4 for details.

Three trials reported glycaemic index intake for 127 participants (Ebbeling 2003; Kong 2014; Visuthranukul 2015). Glycaemic index did not change in either group in the studies by Ebbeling 2003 and Kong 2014. At six months, the intervention group (25 participants) reported a higher consumption of low glycaemic index foods compared to the control group (27 participants) in one study (Visuthranukul 2015). See Table 4 for details.

Five trials (650 participants) reported fruit and vegetable intake (Brennan 2013; Kong 2013; Pakpour 2015; Patrick 2013; Wengle 2011), while two trials (408 participants) reported vegetable intake (Brennan 2013; Pakpour 2015). Dietary consumption was assessed using the Fat, Fruit and Vegetable Diet Questionnaire (FFVDQ), diet record or dietary questions from the Center for Disease Control Youth Risk Behavior System (YRBS). In all studies, except for one (Pakpour 2015), fruit and vegetable consumption did not substantially increase. In the study by Pakpour 2015, the motivational interviewing and parental involvement group had a significantly higher intake of fruit servings compared to the control group. See Table 4 for details.

Four trials (668 participants) reported beverage consumption (juice, milk and sugar-sweetened drinks) assessed by either dietary questions YRBS, 24-hour dietary recall or Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ) (Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2012; Kong 2013; Pakpour 2015). Juice and milk consumption did not change substantially in either the intervention and control group in three trials (Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2012; Pakpour 2015). Reports on sugar-sweetened drinks (606 participants) were significantly lower in the intervention group compared to the control group (Ebbeling 2012; Kong 2013; Pakpour 2015). See Table 4 for details.

Five trials (742 participants) reported several dietary findings assessed by the FFQ, 24-hour dietary recall or the food record (Brennan 2013; Ebbeling 2012; Pakpour 2015; Pbert 2013; Wengle 2011) (see Table 4 for details). The consumption of fatty food items generally decreased in the intervention group compared to the control group (Pakpour 2015; Wengle 2011). There was no substantial difference between the intervention and control groups in healthier dietary consumption such as increasing salad intake and reducing added sugar (Brennan 2013; Pbert 2013). However, whole-grain intake (Wengle 2011) and unsweetened beverage consumption (Ebbeling 2012) were higher in the intervention group compared to the control group.

Dietary behaviour

Four trials (674 participants) reported changes in dietary behaviours assessed by either objective (e.g. Mandometer) or validated self-reported questionnaires (e.g. FFVDQ) (Brennan 2013; Ford 2010; Grey 2009; Pakpour 2015). Eating behaviours such as eating speed and usual food choices did not change substantially in either group in studies by Grey 2009 and Ford 2010. Dietary self-efficacy improved in the intervention group (118 participants) but not in the control group in one study (Pakpour 2015), while there was no change in either group (198 participants) in another study (Grey 2009). Dietary behaviour in relation to fat intake did not improve in either the intervention or control group (Brennan 2013). See Table 5 for details.

Physical activity

Thirteen trials (1376 participants) reported several measures of physical activity assessed using objective tools (Jelalian 2016; Kong 2013; Pbert 2013; Sigal 2014; Wengle 2011), or validated self-reported tools (Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Grey 2009; Gourlan 2013; Kong 2014; Pakpour 2015; Saelens 2002; Sigal 2014). Three trials reported data for mild-to-vigorous physical activity that was suitable for meta-analysis (Kong 2013; Pbert 2013; Wengle 2011), while the study by Jelalian 2016 could not be meta-analysed (Table 6). Random-effects meta-analysis demonstrated no substantial improvement in mild-to-vigorous physical activity (MD 0.39 (95% CI -15.07 to 15.85); P = 0.96; 129 participants; 3 trials; Analysis 5.1). Two trials reported data for activity length (hours per day) that was suitable for meta-analysis (Gourlan 2013; Pakpour 2015). Random-effects meta-analysis showed no substantial improvement in activity length (MD -0.11 hours/day (95% CI -0.98 to 0.75); P = 0.80; 129 participants; 2 trials; Analysis 5.2). Only two trials reported screen time (hours per day) that was suitable for meta-analysis (Ebbeling 2012; Wengle 2011). Random-effects meta-analysis showed a favourable effect for the intervention group compared with the control group at the longest follow-up points (MD -0.60 hours/day (95% CI -0.65 to -0.55); P < 0.00001; 241 participants; 2 trials; Analysis 5.3).

Overall, physical activity from validated self-reported measures did not substantially improve in either the intervention or control groups for increasing number of steps per day (Sigal 2014; Wengle 2011), amount per day (Debar 2012; Saelens 2002), intensity (Kong 2013), and metabolic equivalent for self-reported physical activity (Debar 2012; Ebbeling 2012; Grey 2009; Kong 2014). See Table 6 for details.

Physical activity behaviour

Three trials (566 participants) reported behavioural change in relation to physical activity assessed by self-reported measures (Grey 2009; Kong 2013; Pakpour 2015), or objective measures (Jelalian 2016). There was no substantial reduction in the hours spent viewing television for either the intervention or control groups in one trial (Kong 2013), while one trial showed a decrease in hours spent in sedentary behaviour in the intervention arm (Jelalian 2016). Two studies reported improvement in physical activity self-efficacy in the intervention group at 12 months (Grey 2009; Pakpour 2015). See Table 7 for details.

Participants' views of the intervention

Eight trials reported participants' views of the multidisciplinary intervention (Brennan 2013; Christie 2011; Debar 2012; Jelalian 2016; Nguyen 2012; Pbert 2013; Saelens 2002; Wengle 2011). Participants reported high levels of satisfaction for the components (Jelalian 2016; Nguyen 2012; Saelens 2002), services (Debar 2012), and overall quality (Brennan 2013) of multidisciplinary interventions. Similarly, participants were satisfied with the person delivering the intervention whether it was a nurse (Debar 2012), mentor (Pbert 2013; Wengle 2011), or clinician (Brennan 2013). Overall, participants thought that a multidisciplinary weight-related programme met their needs (Debar 2012), and in terms of comfort in discussing their behaviour (Pbert 2013), and ability to focus and deal with their concerns (Brennan 2013), and helped them to make behavioural changes (Christie 2011; Nguyen 2012). See Table 8 for details.

Socioeconomic effects

None of the studies reported socioeconomic effects.

Parenting and relationships

Only one trial reported parent-adolescent communication (Brennan 2013). There was no substantial difference between adolescents in the intervention and control groups for parent-adolescent negative, problematic and supportive communication measures (see Table 9). However, participants in the intervention group reported higher positive communication with parents compared to the control group (Brennan 2013).

Subgroup analyses

We performed a number of subgroup analyses to test the effects of different durations of follow-up, duration of the interventions, different types of comparators, mode of delivery of the intervention, setting, type of intervention, psychological basis for the interventions and involvement of parents on the outcomes of BMI and BMI z score.

For duration of follow-up, the studies were divided into three subgroups, six months' follow-up, 12 months' follow-up and 18 months' follow-up or more. Some studies reported follow-up at more than one time point and are included in the analyses. There were no subgroup differences regarding duration of follow-up (Analysis 2.1; Analysis 6.1; Analysis 6.2). For change in BMI score (Analysis 2.2), combining studies with a duration of the intervention of six months or less and studies with a duration of the intervention of greater than six months indicated a statistically significant subgroup difference ($P = 0.02$).

Studies were furthermore divided by whether they had a period of postintervention follow-up (defined as the period after the active intervention and up to the final measurement) and the duration of that period: no postintervention follow-up, less than six months, six months to less than 12 months and postintervention follow-up lasting 12 months or longer. The duration of no postintervention follow-up was calculated by subtracting the active intervention period from the total duration of the study (i.e. intervention and all follow-up duration). There were no subgroup differences for BMI (Analysis 7.1). For BMI z score, there was a statistically significant subgroup difference ($P = 0.007$). The effect size for BMI z score appeared greater in studies with a postintervention follow-up lasting 12 months or longer (Analysis 7.2).

When outcomes from studies with comparators described as no intervention or wait list control, usual care or a concomitant therapy were combined, the effect sizes for BMI change appeared larger for studies with no intervention or wait list control comparators and for studies with usual care controls ($P = 0.008$; Analysis 8.1).

Studies were divided into three groups to test the effect of the mode of delivery of the intervention: group, individual and group plus individual delivery. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 9.1; Analysis 9.2).

For setting, the studies were divided into three subgroups, school, community and healthcare settings. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 10.1; Analysis 10.2).

The majority of studies were multidisciplinary interventions; however, some studies focused on diet alone or physical activity interventions alone. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 11.1; Analysis 11.2).

Studies were categorised into four groups according to any theoretical basis for the intervention. These were those applying cognitive behavioural techniques, those applying motivational interviewing techniques, those reporting any other psychological technique and those not reporting any theoretical basis to the intervention or no psychological component to the intervention (BMI: Analysis 12.1; BMI z score: Analysis 12.2). For BMI change, there was a subgroup difference ($P = 0.09$).

A number of studies involved parents in their interventions while others did not explicitly provide any intervention to parents. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 13.1; Analysis 13.2).

We performed subgroups analyses to test the effects of different tools of self-reported measures and different outcomes reported. For health-related quality of life, studies were divided into two subgroups, studies using the Pediatric Quality of Life (PedsQL) tool and studies using other self-reported tools. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 4.4).

Studies measuring self-esteem were divided into two subgroups, studies measuring total self-esteem and studies measuring global self-worth. There were no subgroup differences (Analysis 4.4; Analysis 4.5).

Results of the subgroup analyses should be interpreted with caution given the large number of variable that we assessed.

Sensitivity analyses

We did not perform sensitivity analysis restricting to published studies as all included studies were published. We did not perform sensitivity analysis restricting studies to type of funding as there was no industrial funding influence. We performed sensitivity analyses for the following factors: longest follow-up with 20% or less attrition; longest follow-up with 30% or less attrition; language of publication; study design; removal of one trial specifically aimed at adolescents with severe autism (Pitetti 2007); removal of one trial specifically aimed at overweight adolescents with asthma (Luna-Pech 2014); removal of one trial specifically aimed at overweight or obese adolescents with depression (Jelalian 2016); removal of one trial where there was some uncertainty over the duration of follow-up and no response was received to a request for clarification from the authors (Toulabi 2012), and removal of one study where SDs were imputed from other studies (Pitetti 2007). These sensitivity analyses were undertaken on both the BMI and BMI z score meta-analyses as appropriate to each study.

For the sensitivity analysis testing the effect of attrition, results did not differ between comparisons for either sensitivity analyses when compared with the main summary effects for studies with 20% or less attrition at the longest follow-up: BMI (MD -1.34 kg/m² (95% CI -2.05 to -0.63); $P = 0.0002$; 1486 participants; 15 studies; 18 comparisons); BMI z score (MD -0.22 (95% CI -0.39 to -0.05); $P = 0.01$; 951 participants; 11 studies; 11 comparisons) and for studies with 30% or less attrition at the longest follow-up: BMI (MD -1.07 kg/m² (95% CI -1.62 to -0.51); $P = 0.0002$; 2135 participants; 20 studies; 25 comparisons); BMI z score (MD -0.18

(95% CI -0.32 to -0.05); $P = 0.008$; 1066 participants; 13 studies; 13 comparisons). Heterogeneity for these sensitivity analyses did not vary consistently when compared with the heterogeneity seen in the main analyses (20% or less attrition: BMI: $I^2 = 72\%$; BMI z score: $I^2 = 91\%$; 30% or less attrition: BMI: $I^2 = 77\%$; BMI z score: $I^2 = 90\%$). Therefore, we included all studies regardless of rates of attrition in the analyses and subgroup.

Sensitivity analyses on the primary analyses for BMI and BMI z score removing individual trials did not have a considerable impact on the results and these trials were retained in the analyses. The removal of the study by [van Egmond-Frohlich 2006](#) (published in German) slightly increased the BMI z score (MD -0.14 (95% CI -0.23 to -0.05); $P = 0.002$; 1878 participants; 19 studies; 21 comparisons), but heterogeneity remained the same ($I^2 = 86\%$). The removal of the study by [Pitetti 2007](#) from the BMI analysis did not change the MD or the CIs (MD -1.18 (95% CI -1.67 to -0.69); $P < 0.00001$; 2764 participants; 27 studies; 33 comparisons). The removal of the study by [Jelalian 2016](#) changed BMI MD and CIs by one second decimal point only (MD -1.17 kg/m² (95% CI -1.66 to -0.68); $P < 0.00001$; 2750 participants; 27 studies; 33 studies). The removal of the study by [Toulabi 2012](#) reduced the MD in BMI slightly and narrowed the CIs slightly (MD -1.15 kg/m² (95% CI -1.66 to -0.64); $P < 0.0001$; 2622 participants; 27 studies; 33 comparisons) but the result remained statistically significant with heterogeneity of $I^2 = 78\%$. Removing

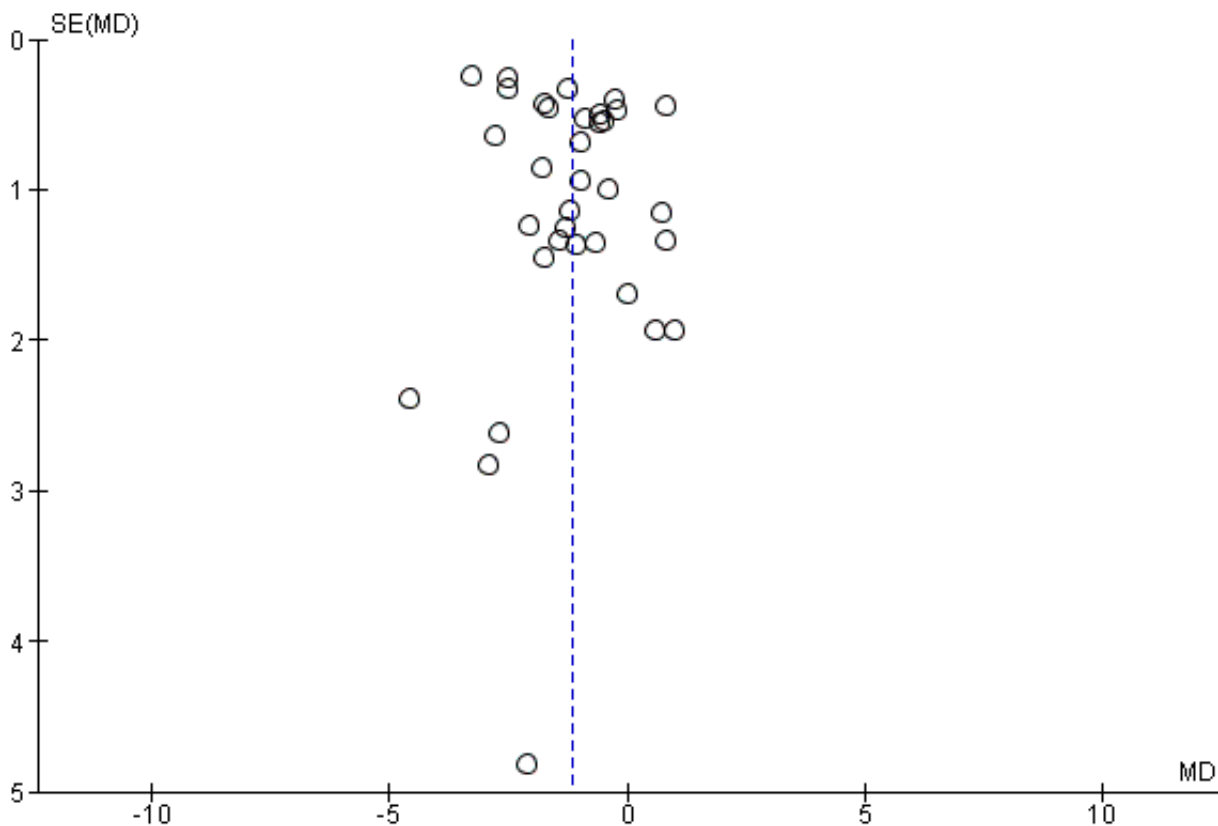
the study by [Luna-Pech 2014](#) from the BMI z score meta-analysis reduced the MD slightly and narrowed the CIs slightly (MD -0.11 (95% CI -0.19 to -0.03); $P = 0.006$; 2348 participants; 19 studies; 21 comparisons) but the result remained statistically significant and only reduced the heterogeneity slightly to $I^2 = 83\%$. One study did not report measures of variance for the BMI z score ([Jiang 2005](#)), and we imputed the SDs from another study. Removing this study from the meta-analysis reduced the effect size and reduced the 95% CIs; however, the direction of effect remained the same (MD -0.08 (95% CI -0.14 to -0.02); $P = 0.007$; 2331 participants; 19 studies; 21 comparisons) and reduced heterogeneity but remained considerable ($I^2 = 70\%$).

The removal of cluster RCTs where it was unclear if the effect of clustering had been taken account of in the analysis ([Grey 2009](#); [Pbert 2013](#)) from the BMI analysis increased the MD (MD -1.34 (95% CI -1.80 to -0.89); $P < 0.00001$; 26 studies; 32 comparisons; 2494 participants) but heterogeneity remained highly significant ($I^2 = 71\%$).

Assessment of reporting bias

We generated a funnel plot for the primary outcome of BMI as this analysis included the highest number of studies on which to assess publication bias. Inspection of the funnel plot suggested the possibility of a small-study bias ([Figure 4](#)).

Figure 4. Funnel plot of comparison: 1 Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up, outcome: 1.1 BMI change (kg/m²)



Ongoing studies

We found 50 ongoing RCTs (see [Characteristics of ongoing studies](#) table). Forty-four of these RCTs are parallel trials, two are cluster trials, two are cross-over trials, one is a factorial trial and in one the design is unclear. Eight trials are three-arm trials and one is a four-arm trial. The ages of the participants in these trials incorporate the range of five to 18 years in 43 trials and are not clearly reported in seven trials. In one trial, the target population is classed as overweight according to Cole international cut-offs for child obesity, in 22 trials the target population are children classed as obese (using different methods), in 23 trials the population is described as overweight or obese and in four trials the classification is unclear.

Six trials include a physical activity intervention, four trials include a nutritional intervention, three trials include dietary supplements, 19 trials include a behavioural intervention and 21 trials include a multicomponent intervention.

Thirty-four trials compare the intervention to usual care or no intervention, 12 compare to a concomitant therapy also delivered in the intervention arm, one trial compares to wait list control, two trials compare the intervention to placebo and in one trial the control is not clearly defined.

BMI was the primary outcome (BMI, BMI z score, BMI-SDS, BMI percentile) in 36 trials and secondary outcome in five trials. Weight change was the primary outcome in four trials and the secondary outcome in one trial. Two trials did not state if weight change was the primary or secondary outcome and body composition (unclear what parameters) are the secondary outcome in one trial and other outcome in one trial. The estimated study completion dates, where reported, range from March 2011 to December 2021.

DISCUSSION

Summary of main results

This systematic review summarised 44 RCTs examining the effect of behaviour changing interventions for treating overweight and obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. We only included trials with at least a six-month outcome assessment with the aim of assessing the longer-term effects of these types of interventions. Interventions and comparators varied between the included trials. Outcomes assessed also varied between groups; although all trials reported a measure of body weight, the most commonly reported measures were BMI and BMI z score. To allow comparisons across trials, we analysed outcome data at the longest follow-up period. Many trials did not report adequate information to assess the risk of bias and 27 trials were at high risk of bias on at least one domain.

Overall, behaviour changing interventions were more successful than the comparators in reducing BMI (low quality evidence), BMI z score (low quality evidence) and weight (moderate quality evidence) in overweight and or obese adolescents. The effects of behaviour changing interventions were maintained at 18 to 24 months' follow-up for both BMI and BMI z score.

There were subgroup differences showing larger effects for both BMI and BMI z score where comparison groups were described as no intervention/wait list control or usual care compared to those testing concomitant interventions delivered to both the intervention and control group ($P = 0.008$). There were no subgroup

differences between interventions with and without parental involvement or by intervention type or setting (health care, community, school) or mode of delivery (individual versus group).

Adverse events were reported in only five trials (low quality evidence). Minor adverse events occurred in one four-arm study, but there were no details in the others.

Secondary outcomes were reported less consistently across trials. Overall, behaviour changing interventions were more successful than the comparators in reducing percentage of body fat, waist circumference and total fat mass. Fewer trials measured quality of life and self-esteem. Behaviour changing interventions improved quality of life at the longest follow-up period (low quality evidence) but not self-esteem.

Overall, trials measuring physical activity showed no improvement for objective and self-reported activity although evidence was limited. However, two trials reported improvement in physical activity self-efficacy at 12 months. Dietary intakes were inconsistently measured and reported across trials, and trials used different tools to assess dietary intake and reported outcomes using different units of measure. The majority of trials reported no substantial effect of behaviour changing interventions on dietary intake although again evidence was limited.

Overall completeness and applicability of evidence

This review identified 44 completed trials and 50 ongoing trials assessing the effect of diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions at six months or longer. The review included studies conducted in the US, Europe, Asia and the Middle East including participants of different ethnicity. Most trials included both genders except for two trials that were restricted to females and one trial was restricted to males. Over half of the trials followed the percentile range to diagnose overweight or obesity. The majority of interventions had a multidisciplinary approach which included a combination of behavioural, dietary and physical activity components. Most trials reported details of the intervention that were mainly carried out for six months or less. The theoretical approach behind the intervention varied across studies with five studies using only the cognitive behavioural approach and four studies using only motivational interviewing. The majority of studies used either a mixture or other psychological theories (e.g. social cognitive theory, social learning theory, theory of planned behaviour) or did not have a theoretical approach behind the intervention. Only five trials used a mixed delivery approach (both individual and group mode) while the majority used either an individual or group delivery mode of the intervention. Studies were mainly conducted in healthcare settings while fewer trials were conducted in schools.

All 44 trials reported measures of body weight but BMI and BMI z score were the commonly assessed outcomes. Adverse events were only reported in five trials and only one trial provided sufficient details of adverse events. Reports on quality of life, self-esteem, diet, physical activity, views of the intervention, and parenting and relationships were less consistent across trials. There was heterogeneity in measurement tools, assessed outcomes and unit of outcome measures. The duration of follow-up varied across trials with most trials reporting outcomes at six to nine months and fewer trials reporting outcomes at two years. Overall, behaviour changing interventions have a favourable effect on measures of

body weight including BMI, BMI z score and weight change in adolescents. We found no results for our outcomes of morbidity, mortality or socioeconomic effects of intervention.

Quality of the evidence

We rated the quality of evidence for the outcomes of interest in this review as low with the exception of weight which was moderate ([Summary of findings for the main comparison](#)). We judged the risk of bias for many individual studies to be unclear or high for a number of domains, but we found the impact of bias on the results for BMI and weight outcomes to be limited due to the influence of low risk of bias studies in the analysis. For some outcomes where studies had high loss to follow-up, we saw a bigger effect size in sensitivity analyses. Anthropometric measures (BMI, BMI z score, weight) were downgraded for inconsistency (some variation in point estimates, poor overlap of CIs, significant statistical heterogeneity). Both BMI outcomes were downgraded further for indirectness due to the surrogacy of outcome measures (BMI and BMI z score). We maintained our decision to downgrade BMI outcomes for inconsistency even though we had some evidence that variation in effect could be explained by use of active controls in some studies. Within subgroup analysis heterogeneity remained high, indicating that there may be factors in addition to type of control intervention which give a credible explanation for inconsistency of effects across these outcomes.

Adverse events were downgraded due to risk of bias (inconsistency in reporting of data, reporting bias and attrition bias). Health-related quality of life was downgraded for risk of bias (lack of blinding of outcome assessors) and inconsistency (variability in point estimates, overlap in CI and significant statistical heterogeneity). Therefore, results should be interpreted with caution.

Potential biases in the review process

We included four cluster randomised trials in this review but did not adjust the data to account for the unit of randomisation due to their limited influence on the review findings. While our approach risks introducing a unit of analysis error, the impact of this decision was questionable for the outcomes affected. Most information in our review came from studies which randomised participants rather than clusters. Sensitivity analyses restricted to individually randomised trials provided some indirect evidence that supported our approach. Given that the removal of cluster trials did not change the results, calculating effective sample sizes would reduce their weight in the analysis. Therefore, it is unlikely that the nature of the results would alter with less weight accorded to the cluster trials.

The large number of subgroup analyses in our review carries inherent risks of multiplicity and the statistically significant results for subgroup analyses we have found could simply reflect a chance finding. This should be borne in mind when considering the applicability of the results to decision-making. We conducted several other sensitivity analyses and found no significant differences. Where data of relevance were missing, either to allow assessment of eligibility, or at the data extraction stage and assessment of bias, we contacted the study authors for further information. Twelve trials are awaiting classification as information is currently unavailable to the review.

Agreements and disagreements with other studies or reviews

The UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance emphasises the importance of behaviour changing weight management services in the treatment of overweight and obesity in young people under the age of 18 years ([NICE 2013](#)). However, the guidelines show that there is inconsistent evidence on the long-term effect of such interventions. The short-term effect of behaviour changing interventions on weight loss has been reported in a previous review ([Wilfley 2007](#)). Our results add to the evidence base and demonstrate that in trials with longer follow-up at 18 to 24 months, weight loss is maintained. Group-based interventions have been recommended by NICE and our review is consistent in that there were no differences between group-based and individually delivered interventions.

Overall the findings of our review are consistent with previous systematic reviews examining the effect of behaviour changing interventions for the treatment of childhood obesity ([Kelly 2008](#); [Ruotsalainen 2015](#); [Whitlock 2010](#)). Several reviews have questioned the optimal length of behaviour changing interventions ([Ho 2012](#); [Kelly 2008](#); [Wilfley 2007](#)), we found that both short-term interventions (less than six months) and long-term interventions (greater than six months) have a favourable effect on BMI, although in subgroup analyses longer interventions seemed to produce a greater effect on BMI. We found inconsistent evidence on the effect of behaviour changing interventions on dietary intake as reported by one previous systematic review ([Collins 2006](#)). One previous review reported the beneficial effect of physical activity on quality of life ([Penedo 2005](#)), we found similar favourable effect of behaviour changing interventions on quality of life but not self-esteem. The current review synthesises the most up-to-date and highest-quality research available on the effectiveness of different types of behaviour changing interventions for treating overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years on a large range of outcomes. Future updates will incorporate the large number of ongoing trials which may strengthen this evidence base.

AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS

Implications for practice

We explored the impact of different types of behaviour changing interventions on adolescents being overweight and obese. Overall, there is low-to-moderate quality evidence that behaviour changing interventions reduce measures of body weight including BMI, BMI z score and weight change in adolescents. Additionally, lifestyle interventions seem to reduce indicators of adiposity such as percentage of body fat, waist circumference and total fat mass. There is low quality evidence that behaviour changing interventions have a moderate effect on health-related quality of life. There is inconclusive evidence on the effects of behaviour changing interventions on self-esteem, dietary intake and physical activity in adolescents. Most of the evidence is from multicomponent interventions which include a combination of behavioural, dietary and physical activity interventions. We found no subgroup differences for type of intervention, behavioural approach, mode of delivery or setting. Similar levels of weight reduction are seen in trials with longer follow-up periods of up to two years suggesting that weight loss is maintained in these studies. However, the results of this review should be interpreted with caution as most of the evidence was rated as low quality due to

inconsistency, indirectness or risk of bias for many of the outcomes measured. The risk of adverse events could not be assessed reliably as they were not measured by most of the trials.

Implications for research

This systematic review identified 50 ongoing trials of behaviour changing interventions targeting adolescent overweight and obesity and incorporation of the results of these when they become available may strengthen the evidence base. Further research is required to determine whether the interventions have any adverse effects. Economic data are needed and trials reporting the costs of behaviour changing interventions should be measured and reported. Consistent measures of health-related quality of life, self-esteem, dietary and physical activity outcomes using validated tools should be used in future research and reports should provide adequate and transparent methodological details such as allocation concealment, blinding, attrition, selective reporting and validity of tools. Higher quality trials are required as the current evidence is of low methodological quality.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDIES
Characteristics of included studies [ordered by study ID]
Bean 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 11-18 years; BMI \geq 85th percentile for age and gender (CDC 2000); parent willing to participate; an identified primary care physician; no underlying medical condition which would preclude weight loss through behavioural intervention</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: one</p> <p>Treatment before study: all participants had been enrolled in the TEENS RCT. Parents attended bi-weekly groups. Participants met on alternating weeks with a dietitian and behavioural support specialist for 6 months. Supervised physical activity at least 3 times per week</p> <p>Description of interventions</p>

Bean 2014 (Continued)

MI Values : 3 main components of TEENS family-based intervention are physical activity, dietary intervention and behaviour support. MI Values targets adolescents alone to enhance autonomy for change. 2 × 30-minute sessions at weeks 1 and 10. Trained interventionists were independent of TEENS. Participants selected target behaviours and included TEENS participation, diet, exercise or a combination. Session 1 included a values clarification exercise, session 2, explored progress in TEENS, re-examined value/behaviour congruency and elicited participant ideas for change

Education control : 30-minute videos focused on healthy eating and exercise for adolescents at weeks 1 and 10. Participants complete a knowledge quiz to ensure treatment adherence

All participants proceeded with TEENS multidisciplinary obesity treatment programme as usual

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: adherence (overall, dietitian visits, behavioural support visits)
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: NCT00167830
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to investigate if brief (two-session) MI can enhance treatment effects among adolescents with obesity enrolled in a multidisciplinary treatment [the T.E.E.N.S. (Teaching Encouragement Exercise Nutrition Support) Program]."
Notes	Implemented within the TEENS programme. Publication reported no eligible outcomes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "participants are randomized to treatment condition using a random number generator" Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "T.E.E.N.S. interventionists (dietitian and behavioral support specialists) are blind to participant treatment condition" Comment: suggests that the MI interventionists were unblinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no details but low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Ninety-nine participants were randomized and completed baseline assessments..." Comment: no details of numbers randomised who did not complete baseline assessments

Bean 2014 (Continued)

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: limited outcomes published to date, study reports that BMI-percentile to be published
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: trial reported no data and it was unclear if they tested for interaction

Boodai 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 10-14 years, obese (BMI) > 95th percentile, have at least 1 parent who expressed a willingness to attend the intervention, no serious underlying medical condition that might be either a cause or consequence of their obesity</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: non-obese, major disease, underlying pathological cause of obesity, aged < 10 years or > 14 years at study inception, not attending a mainstream school in the public sector, unable or unwilling to attend treatment sessions if randomised to intervention group</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: one</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Low-intensity group programme : 6 sessions of 1 hour. Delivered by a physician with specialist training in nutrition and a dietitian. Programme adapted from the Scottish Childhood Obesity Treatment Trial. Treatment materials were provided. Sessions focused on changing behaviours such as reduction in sedentary behaviour (screen-media use); diet (used a modified 'traffic light diet' reference given); promotion of physical activity</p> <p>Theoretically based on behaviour change techniques to all 3 of the targeted behaviours (including self-monitoring of sedentary behaviour; identifying the main barriers to behaviour change; problem solving; goal setting; relapse prevention). Ideally at least 1 parent should have been present</p> <p>The intervention group split into boys (n = 21) and girls (n = 20) in accordance with cultural norms of Kuwait. Sessions were delivered on 2 consecutive days</p> <p>Control : informed that they were obese and advised to attend primary care</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p> <p>Trial identifier: ISRCTN37457227</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to test the hypothesis that a 'good practice' intervention for the treatment of adolescent obesity in Kuwait would have a greater effect on primary and secondary outcomes than allocation to a control group. The secondary aims were to test the feasibility of conducting such a trial in

Boodai 2014 (Continued)

Kuwait and to test the feasibility of using a good practice intervention and referral to primary care as a control condition."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "computer generated randomisation list that allocated participants to intervention or control group, with participants balanced for gender in blocks of 10." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "participants assigned a unique study code prior to random allocation ... To ensure concealment of allocation, codes were sent electronically to a statistician (JHM) who produced a computer generated randomisation list." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "The statistician informed the researcher responsible for delivering the intervention (SAB) of the allocation, and families were invited to intervention or control groups as appropriate." Comment: investigator-assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Outcome measures were made by the same trained research assistants who were blinded to group allocation and were not involved in delivery of the treatment intervention." Comment: investigator-assessed
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "The analysis was intention-to-treat, where we used data from all adolescents for whom data were available on the basis of the group to which they were allocated, regardless of their adherence to the protocol (attendance)." Comment: reported and reasons explained ITT is a modified ITT as only those who had data were included
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: quality of life, blood lipids, fat-mass and fat-free mass not reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: no participants in the control arm attended primary care and received the intervention

Brennan 2013

Methods

Cross-over RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design

Participants

Inclusion criteria: aged 11-19 years, overweight or obese according to the international cut-off points for BMI in children, living with a parent or adult carer who was prepared to be involved in treatment

Exclusion criteria: had an intellectual or physical disability that prevented them from participating in the programme

Brennan 2013 (Continued)

Diagnostic criteria: as above

Interventions

Number of study centres: 2

Treatment before study: none

Description of interventions

M : individual sessions aimed at improving body composition, cardiovascular fitness, improve eating habits, physical activity habits and promote positive psychosocial functioning by moving participants closer to the Australian recommendations. The programme aimed to instigate small maintainable improvements. Theoretical basis.

Sessions included a review of the previous session, discussion of homework, goal achievement and monitoring; discussion, questions and practice of strategies; setting of exercises for the session and assisted with setting goals; summary of the session material and setting of home practice tasks. Adolescents were then given the choice of attending the remaining sessions alone, or with the support of a parent. 12 sessions over 4-6 months (psycho-education; eating behaviour; physical activity; healthy food choices; exercise; behaviour charts and barriers; recognising thoughts and emotions; helpful thoughts and emotions; assertive communication; problem solving and planning; staying on track; maintenance and closure). Between session 11 and 12 had a telephone call, maintaining change. Weekly sessions for the first 10 weeks.

Parents and adolescents received a programme workbook. Between sessions, adolescents were encouraged to monitor their behaviour change goals and record their eating and physical activity habits. The physical activity component aimed to promote physical activity habits consistent with guidelines recommending at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per day and no more than 2 hours per day in non-educational screen activities. Rather than specifying goals in terms of specific caloric intake or expenditure targets, aimed to move participants closer to recommendations for eating such as consumption of a variety of foods from each of the 5 food groups (cereals, vegetables, fruit, dairy, and meat products and alternatives), the selection of low-fat alternatives, and the consumption of water.

Parental support: provided with written session materials for sessions 7 (strengthening parent adolescent relationship), 8 (encouraging appropriate behaviour) and 9 (discouraging inappropriate behaviour).

Maintenance phase: while the control group given the intervention telephone call sessions were completed every second week and a face-to-face session at 3 months which was followed by monthly telephone call session and a final face-to-face session conducted at 6 months.

Researcher received training in MI

Control : wait list control - offered the intervention after 6 months (postintervention)

Outcomes

Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: weight control behaviour, impulse regulation, social support from family and parent-adolescent problem communication, treatment acceptability, body composition (body fat, % body fat, lean mass) and anthropometric measures (weight, BMI, BMI-for-age z score and percentiles), cardiovascular fitness

Study details

Run-in period: none

Study terminated early: no

Trial identifier: [ACTRN12610000111077](https://www.anzctr.org.au/Trial/Registration/Trial.jsp?ACTRN12610000111077)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Brennan 2013 (Continued)

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "evaluate the efficacy of the CHOOSE HEALTH program, a family based cognitive behavioural lifestyle program targeting improved eating and activity habits, in improving body composition, cardiovascular fitness, eating and activity behaviours in overweight and obese adolescents; 2) to explore the impact of The CHOOSE HEALTH Program on psychosocial wellbeing in overweight and obese adolescents."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "After completing all assessments, participants were asked to select a number between 1 and 3 and the selected number was compared to an investigator randomly selected number, which was then used to allocate the participant to the treatment or control condition." Comment: unclear how the investigator number was randomly selected or how the combination of these 2 elements produced an allocation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details. The reliance on self-report data to measure psychosocial factors, and the use of indirect self-report measures of physical activity and energy intake, may result in self-report biases
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Assessors and observers were blind to participant's group allocation, treatment adherence, and stage of intervention. The treating clinician was not involved in physical assessment sessions. The analysis of all monitoring data was completed by an independent research assistant who was blind to treatment stage and condition." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Assessors and observers were blind to participant's group allocation, treatment adherence, and stage of intervention. The treating clinician was not involved in physical assessment sessions. The analysis of all monitoring data was completed by an independent research assistant who was blind to treatment stage and condition." Comment: appropriate
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: reasons for dropout unclear. Intervention group was larger and had a higher % of dropouts compared to the control group. Complete valid data were not available for all measures or participants. It is possible that the non-completers differed from the completers in important ways and consequently results were not representative of those obtained had the entire sample completed all assessments. ITT was used with first value carried forward method
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: reasons for dropout unclear. Intervention group was larger and had a higher % of dropouts compared to the control group. Complete valid data were not available for all measures or participants. It is possible that the non-

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completers differed from the completers in important ways and consequently results were not representative of those obtained had the entire sample completed all assessments. ITT was used with first value carried forward method

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: psychosocial outcomes not published
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: the lead author was both the clinician and evaluator which may result in an evaluator bias

Brownell 1983

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-16, $\geq 20\%$ mean weight for age, gender and height; free of medical conditions or medications that would influence body weight, not involved in other formal weight loss programmes, able to attend all sessions with their mothers. Mothers could be any weight</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: -</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Programme of behaviour modification, nutrition education, exercise instruction and social support, described in a treatment manual. 16 weekly sessions 45- to 60-minutes' duration, groups of 5-8. Discussed the week's didactic material and matters such as feelings about being overweight, family difficulties and food preparation.</p> <p>Follow-up sessions every 2 months during 1-year maintenance period.</p> <p>Each parent deposited USD15: USD10 refunded if all treatment sessions were attended, and USD5 refunded for attendance at follow-up meetings. Mothers also paid USD3 fee before each meeting. As an incentive, each child deposited USD8 at the start of each month during treatment; USD2 was returned to the child each week ≥ 1 lb was lost.</p> <p>Trainer was a Masters level psychologist and a Doctoral level psychologist</p> <p>Mother-child separately : mothers and children met concurrently in separate groups</p> <p>Mother-child together : attended all treatment sessions and met together in the same group</p> <p>Child alone : children met in groups, but the mothers did not take part in the formal treatment programme</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: weight loss, blood pressure
Study details	<p>Run-in period: orientation session prior to programme</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p>

Brownell 1983 (Continued)

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "to test three methods of parent involvement in the treatment of obese adolescents aged 12 to 16 years. Short-term and long-term changes in weight and blood pressure were assessed."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "assigned randomly from stratified blocks." Comment: method of randomisation not stated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not reported
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not reported
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not reported but low risk of bias from objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: missing data reported but reasons not explained
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: outcomes reported as in methods, but protocol not available
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Carraway 2014

Methods Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: -, superiority design

Participants **Inclusion criteria:** male and female adolescents aged 12-17 years, who were at or above the 85th percentile for BMI based on age and gender, willing and able to complete 3 sets of physical and questionnaire assessments (at baseline, postintervention and follow-up), come to the gym 3 times per week to exercise with their assigned mentor for the duration of 3 months.

Exclusion criteria: -

Diagnostic criteria: as above

Interventions **Number of study centres:** 1

Treatment before study: none

Description of interventions

Mentor : mentor-led exercise programme

Carraway 2014 (Continued)

Control : wait list control

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: perceived athletic competence, physical activity, social anxiety, social support
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no
Publication details	Language of publication: English Unclear funding Publication status: unpublished thesis Trial identifier: -
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "the purpose of the current pilot study was to assess whether adding a group-based component to increase problem-solving skills, communication skills, parental social support, and problem-focused coping with teasing as a part of a mentor-led exercise intervention (MENTOR+CBT) would decrease social avoidance, improve social support, and increase perceived competence for physical activity as well as physical activity level in obese adolescents beyond the effects of mentor-led exercise alone (MENTOR only)."
Notes	Relevant for this review is MENTOR only vs wait list control. The second cohort examining MENTOR + CBT are not randomised. Contacted author (17 January 2017) for stratified outcomes and risk of bias

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: dropouts described. Attrition low for both groups but different between groups with 9% in the intervention group and 15% in the control group

Carraway 2014 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: dropouts described. Attrition low for both groups but different between groups with 9% in the intervention group and 15% in the control group
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: insufficient information to judge
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: insufficient information to judge

Carrel 2005

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: BMI > 95th percentile for age</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: unclear</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Behaviour changing-focused, fitness-oriented gym classes : class size limited to 14 students to allow for increased instructor attention, increased opportunity for motivation and less time standing in line. The curriculum was personalised to match the student's skill levels and encourage student participation. Competitive games were de-emphasised, and behaviour changing focused activities (walking, cycling and snowshoeing) were encouraged. A consistent warm-up plan brought students into movement participation as quickly as possible soon after they entered the gym. Typical movement time was 42 minutes of a 45-minute class period, as children did not change clothes for this class to increase activity time. Skills were taught with the class broken down into groups of 2 for promoting more movement and less time watching. The ethos of the class encouraged physical fitness, less self-conscious focus on appearance and full group participation. Training for instructors not stated.</p> <p>Standard gym classes : movement time averaged 25 minutes of the 45-minute period. Participated in the traditional physical education classes of 35-40 students. The same class topics (e.g. football, mile run/walk, kickball) were taught as in the intervention group, but in a different format, as typical issues in the traditional class were a greater range of skill levels, longer lines during skill development drills and larger numbers of students on teams when games were played. These issues tended to result in less movement and a tendency for students to hold back and not enter into play.</p> <p>For both groups: 36-week (9-month) intervention, 90 sessions. The frequency of classes was 5 times every 2 weeks for a 45-minute class period. All received a small nutrition education component. This consisted of educational handouts to participants to develop healthier eating habits. The nutrition portion focuses on the Food Guide Pyramid, recommended servings of food, appropriate portion sizes, healthier food choices</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, % body fat, VO _{2max} , insulin level
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>
Publication details	Language of publication: English

Carrel 2005 (Continued)

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "To determine whether a school-based fitness program can improve body composition, cardiovascular fitness level, and insulin sensitivity in overweight children..."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "randomly assigned," "using a random number generator from our statistician." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "participants were not blinded to their intervention (they knew if they were in the intervention or control class)." Comment: high risk of performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: dropouts only in control arm (differential attrition between groups), reasons provided, baseline characteristics only reported on completers
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: no CT record; however, author confirmed "reported all outcomes."
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Chandra 1968

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: not clearly mentioned: 43 children with simple nutritional obesity were enrolled. All had a weight excess of $\geq 20\%$ more than the 50th percentile for American boys and girls (Stuart and Stevenson 1959) Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: as above
Interventions	Number of study centres: 1 Treatment before study: none, observed for 1 month prior to trial Description of interventions

Chandra 1968 (Continued)

Intervention (low-calories formula) : low-calorie formula using Limical (Sarabhai Chemicals) for 1 day (4 servings) contains proteins 70 g, fat 20 g, Carbohydrate 110 g

Control : given a low-calorie diet without the aid of Limical

All participants received general instructions such as abstention from sweets, chocolates, cakes, ice-cream and potatoes. Advised not to take any snacks in between meals but the number of meals was not reduced

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: no abstract
Study details	Run-in period: children were observed for 1 month before being included in trial Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -
Publication details	Language of publication: English Other funding: "Limical was supplied in generous quantities through the courtesy of Dr. Barbhaiya, Medical Director, Sarabhai Chemicals, for which the author is grateful." Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Comment: no stated aims

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "By a random allocation, they were assigned to the two groups." Comment: no further details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "By a random allocation, they were assigned to the two groups." Comment: no further details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: nothing stated, objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: unclear why the sample fell from 43 to 35 at 3 and 7 months
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: only mean weight loss reported
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Christie 2011

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-17 years living in Greater London, UK, Obese defined as BMI > 98th centile for BMI using the UK 1990 growth reference</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: significant mental health problems; chronic illness (asthma permitted as long as has not more than 1 course of oral steroids in preceding 3 months or on 2nd dose or more of inhaled steroids); known secondary obesity, monogenic obesity syndrome or use of medications known to promote obesity; significant learning disability; insufficient command of English language; previous participation in behavioural weight management programmes in the past 12 months (excluding commercial programmes such as Weight Watchers); BMI \geq 40 kg/m²</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>HELP : a solution-focused and motivational weight management programme based on national guidelines. Young people and families attended 12 × 40- to 45-minute sessions over 6 months. 4 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modifying eating behaviours and encouraging regular eating patterns; • decreasing sedentary behaviour and increasing behaviour changing and programme activity; • reducing intake of energy dense foods, and increasing healthy nutritional choices; • addressing emotional eating triggers. <p>Providers (trained Graduate Health Workers) received training in specific MI techniques and use of solution-focused questioning. Used manual to enable delivery in a standardised manner by all the providers.</p> <p>Control : enhanced standard care, 1 prewritten standardised educational session delivered to young people within 3 months of recruitment by a practice nurse. The session lasted 40 minutes (although the abstract stated 2 hours) and incorporated standard national guidance and published information on obesity, addressing eating behaviours, healthy activity levels and healthy eating patterns. No training in delivery style offered.</p> <p>Recruitment compensation: all participants received a voucher (GBP20) and travel costs</p>
Outcomes	<p>Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, BMI z score, fat mass, self-esteem, eating behaviours, quality of life, process evaluation, association of pulse wave velocity (proxy for arterial stiffness) and breathlessness score post-step test, self-reported exertion</p>
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: ISRCTN99840111</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: journal supplement</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "To assess whether a motivational multi-component lifestyle intervention delivered in the community was effective in reducing body mass index (BMI) and improving related health outcomes in obese adolescents."

Christie 2011 (Continued)

Notes Data reported in 2 abstracts only, therefore limited information available. Main source of information was a published protocol

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Randomisation to the HELP Trial is performed using a secure website." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Randomisation will be undertaken independently of the investigators." Comment: third party allocation to groups undertaken
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: investigator-assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "assessments will be undertaken blind to allocation status." Comment: investigator-assessed
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: missing data not reported for each group separately, stated used ITT principles
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: missing data not reported for each group separately, stated used ITT principles
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: data not fully published, available in 2 abstracts only
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Daley 2005

Methods Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1, superiority design

Participants **Inclusion criteria:** clinically obese and aged 11-16 years (BMI centile > 98th UK standard), no medical condition that would restrict ability to be active 3 times per week for 8 weeks, not diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes or receiving oral steroids

Daley 2005 (Continued)

Exclusion criteria: medical conditions that would restrict the ability to be active 3 times per week for 8 weeks, unwillingness to attend supervised exercise sessions 3 times per week for 8 weeks, major cognitive or psychiatric impairments, and diagnosis of insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or oral steroid treatment

Diagnostic criteria: as above

Interventions

Number of study centres: 1

Treatment before study: none

Description of interventions

Exercise counselling : knowledge and psychological skills and tools to sustain changes in their exercise behaviour (Transtheoretical Model) to promote positive exercise attitudes and experiences. 8 weeks, hourly sessions (1-4: focus on cognitive-based intervention strategies such as cognitive reappraisal and consciousness raising; 5-8, more behavioural-based interventions were introduced, e.g. goal setting, self-monitoring and finding social support). Participants followed a broad structured curriculum of topics over the course of the intervention (provided in the protocol).

Encouraged participants to discuss their thoughts and feelings about exercise, to assist with problem-solving. Weight loss per se was not an intervention goal and no weight loss targets were set, although sensible eating habits were encouraged as part of the exercise therapy intervention.

Offered a range of aerobic exercise modalities, such as stepping, cycling, seated rowing, dance mat and walking, and asked to exercise intermittently for 30 minutes (4-minute warm up, 4 minutes' moderate intensity at 40-59% heart rate reserve, 2 minutes' rest between each bout), 3 times per week for 8 weeks. Mini games also included.

A GBP25 sports store voucher was given to participants at the end of the intervention phase, and a contribution of GBP2.50 toward travel expenses to attend intervention sessions and assessments was made for each visit to the trial centre. An additional GBP10 sports store voucher was given to participants when they completed their final follow-up assessment.

Training of interventionists not reported

Exercise placebo : 24 sessions over 8 weeks; performed light body-conditioning/stretching exercises, during which heart rate was maintained at 40% of heart rate reserve, and no exercise counselling or behavioural change advice was given. Also, participated in other sedentary activities, such as balance and catching tasks, pool, darts and table football

Control : usual care group continued with their lives as usual; were given the opportunity to complete exercise sessions at the centre once they had completed the study

Outcomes

Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: Children's Depression Inventory score, physical self-worth, self-esteem, and physical activity over time, BMI.

Study details

Run-in period: none

Study terminated early: no

Trial identifier: [ISRCTN83888112](#)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "The primary aim of SHOT [SHEffield Obesity Trial] is to examine the effects of a supervised exercise therapy intervention in young people who are obese."

Daley 2005 (Continued)

Notes For the purpose of the review, we combined the exercise placebo group and control group as the exercise placebo was not intended to promote weight loss and was therefore considered to be a no treatment comparator

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "A researcher from an independent University will perform the randomisation procedures by allocating participants to groups according to a computer generated random list."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "A researcher from an independent University will perform the randomisation procedures by allocating participants to groups according to a computer generated random list."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: not blinded
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: not blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "The second author provided the intervention and collected measures. The trial statistician was blinded to group codes."</p> <p>Comment: no blinding</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "The second author provided the intervention and collected measures. The trial statistician was blinded to group codes."</p> <p>Comment: no blinding but objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: numbers reported but no reasons provided, used ITT analysis
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: numbers reported but no reasons provided, used ITT analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Debar 2012

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-17 years, female health plan members with an age- and gender-adjusted BMI \geq 90th percentile</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: significant cognitive impairment or psychosis, severe obesity (BMI > 45), use of medications known to affect body weight and pregnancy</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: -</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Primary care-based multicomponent behaviour changing intervention : 90-minute group sessions over 5 months. Addressed issues associated with obesity in adolescent girls (e.g. depression, disordered eating patterns, poor body image). Session included reviewing goals and problem solving to overcome barriers and challenges to increased activity, discussion of topics particularly pertinent to adolescent girls and specific behavioural and cognitive tools for coping, including: self-monitoring of dietary intake, physical activity and screen time; stimulus control and environmental changes, step-wise goal-setting and problem solving; setting goals for increasing pleasant activities; cognitive restructuring techniques to combat negative self-talk. Groups met 16 times, weekly for 3 months and biweekly during months 4 and 5.</p> <p>Increasing physical activity was promoted by using tailored forms of exercise (e.g. exergaming), goals included 30-60 minutes of physical activity at least 5 days per week; 15 minutes of daily yoga (provided with training in safe and basic yoga practices, equipment, an instructional booklet and CD), limiting screen time to 2 hours per day; and increasing "found exercise" opportunities whenever possible. Core activities chosen to overcome obstacles such as embarrassment. Participants provided with exergaming equipment (details provided). Also, strategies for increasing physical activity (e.g. pedometers, resistance bands) promoted.</p> <p>Dietary intake and eating patterns followed caloric guidelines (1600- 1800 kcal daily), and 3 main areas for dietary change emphasised: decreasing portion sizes, limiting consumption of energy dense foods and increasing consumption of lower energy-dense foods. Other dietary strategies also covered.</p> <p>Parents had 12 separate weekly group sessions in the first 3 months. Nutritional and physical activity principles the teens would learn discussed, encouraged to increase or maintain the frequency of family meals.</p> <p>Paediatric providers received study-sponsored training in motivational enhancement techniques for health behaviour change. Interventionist included Master's level nutritionists and health educators and Doctoral level clinical psychologists, nutritional and physical activity principals</p> <p>Usual care control : participants met with their paediatric primary care providers to encourage healthy behaviour changing changes. Received a packet of materials, including outlines of evidence-based approaches to weight management for youths and adults, a parents' guide to help adolescents make healthy lifestyle changes, local resources for weight management and healthy activity, and suggested books and online materials on healthy lifestyle change</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT01068236</p>
Publication details	Language of publication: English

Debar 2012 (Continued)

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "This study evaluated a primary care-based, multicomponent lifestyle intervention specifically tailored for overweight adolescent females."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Eligible adolescents were randomized to the intervention or control condition by a computer program using a well validated procedure to balance age and obesity severity. Project interventionists informed participants of treatment assignment to keep assessors masked." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Project interventionists informed participants of treatment assignment to keep assessors masked." Comment: participants not blinded
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Project interventionists informed participants of treatment assignment to keep assessors masked." Comment: participants not blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: self-reported outcomes collected by staff for some subjective outcomes (diet and physical activity)
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: measures were collected by staff blinded to participant treatment assignment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: numbers but not reasons for drop-outs were reported, ITT analysis was used
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: numbers but not reasons for drop-outs were reported, ITT analysis was used
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Ebbeling 2003

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-21 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: BMI that exceeded gender- and age-specific 95th percentiles</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Both groups received similar behavioural therapy: social cognitive theory provided a conceptual framework for the educational and behavioural components of treatment that was consistent between intervention groups. Counselling focused on enhancing self-efficacy for dietary change using the concepts of behavioural capability (knowledge and skill) and self-control. Participant expectations (anticipated outcomes), expectancies (values ascribed to outcomes) and perceptions of environmental influences were discussed during treatment sessions.</p> <p>The topic modules were the primary mechanism for facilitating self-assessment, goal setting and problem solving. These modules were designed to promote dialogue between the participant and study dietician. 1 topic module was devoted to physical activity, with participants in both groups receiving information based on current recommendations.</p> <p>12 sessions over 6 months (12 dietary counselling sessions) and a 6-month follow-up (2 dietary counselling sessions)</p> <p>Reduced GL diet : written materials included topic modules, food choice lists and a select-a-meal menu. The topic modules were the primary mechanism for presenting nutrition intervention messages. These modules were designed to promote dialogue between the participant and study dietician. Food choice lists were used to enhance practical application of intervention messages presented in the topic modules. For the intervention group, lists corresponded to food groups delineated by a reduced GL food pyramid.</p> <p>The select-a-meal menu contained recipes and ideas for meal planning to complement the food choice lists. Nutrition bars were offered to participants in the experimental (Balance Bar; provided by Kraft Foods, Inc, Northfield, IL)</p> <p>Reduced fat diet, described as a conventional diet : written materials included topic modules, food choice lists and a select-a-meal menu. The topic modules were the primary mechanism for presenting nutrition intervention messages. These modules were designed to promote dialogue between the participant and study dietician. Food choice lists were used to enhance practical application of intervention messages presented in the topic modules. For the conventional group, the lists corresponded to the diabetes food pyramid and were presented as an exchange system. Nutrition bars were offered to conventional groups (Nature Valley Granola Bar; General Mills, Inc, Minneapolis, MN) for occasional use as snacks.</p> <p>The interventionist was a dietician trained in the study protocol</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: GL, BMI, fat mass, insulin resistance
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p>

Ebbeling 2003 (Continued)

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "(1) to develop a reduced-GL diet for use in an adolescent population; (2) to determine whether adolescents following this diet will successfully achieve long-term reduction of GL; (3) to compare the long-term effects of a reduced-GL diet with those of a conventional reduced-fat diet in a pilot study involving obese adolescents."
Notes	Participants aged 13-21 years, unclear mean age. Control described as conventional diet based on recommendations in 2002

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "participants were randomly assigned to experimental (reduced GL) or conventional (reduced fat) dietary treatment." Comment: no other details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not described
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no mention of blinding, but objective outcome
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: body mass was calculated but not reported in follow-up measures
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Ebbeling 2012

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
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Ebbeling 2012 (Continued)

Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: grade 9 or 10 and BMI \geq 85th percentile for gender and age, aged 13-18 years, reported consuming \geq 1 serving (i.e. 360 mL or 12 fluid ounces) per day of sugar-sweetened beverages (i.e. soft drinks, juice drinks containing $<$ 100% juice, punches, lemonades, iced teas and sports drinks). Each participant lived predominantly in 1 household (i.e. no more than 1 weekend every 2 weeks in a secondary household)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: dieting for the purpose of weight loss or taking prescription medications that might affect body weight, reported smoking \geq 1 cigarette in the past week or diagnosed as having a major medical illness or eating disorder, BMI $<$ 25th percentile</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: -</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Multicomponent intervention : designed to reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. Emphasis on displacing sugar-sweetened beverages with non-caloric beverages in the home as a strategy to decrease consumption.</p> <p>Home delivery of non-caloric beverages (e.g. bottled water and 'diet' beverages) every 2 weeks. Written intervention messages with instructions to drink the delivered beverages and not to buy or drink sugar-sweetened beverages were mailed to participants. Unsweetened water was recommended over artificially sweetened beverages.</p> <p>Discussions during telephone calls and check-in visits focused exclusively on beverage consumption, with no attention to other dietary behaviours or to physical activity.</p> <p>3 check-in visits with participants (20 minutes per visit). Monthly motivational telephone calls with parents (30 minutes per call). Home delivery of non-caloric beverages (e.g. bottled water and 'diet' beverages) every 2 weeks.</p> <p>At 6 months (pilot study), each participant received a USD100 gift certificate to a local shopping mall at the end of the study. Control group received weekly home deliveries of non-caloric beverages for 4 weeks after completion of follow-up measurements. At 1 year, control group received USD50 supermarket gift cards at 4 and 8 months but did not receive instructions on what to purchase with the cards.</p> <p>Groups were led by dietitians, Master's level therapists, psychologists or psychiatrists. Staff were trained</p> <p>Control : no details</p>
Outcomes	<p>Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, BMI, weight, change in body fat as % body weight</p>
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT00381160</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>
Stated aim for study	<p>Quote from publication: "assess the effect on weight gain of an intervention that included the provision of non-caloric beverages at home for overweight and obese adolescents."</p>

Ebbeling 2012 (Continued)

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Eligible participants were entered sequentially onto a list of random group assignments prepared in advance by the study statistician, stratified by gender and BMI (< 85th percentile for gender and age, ≥ 85th percentile). The sequence of random assignments was permuted within stratum in blocks of 2, 4, and 6."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "To avoid any bias in the enrolment procedure, personnel conducting recruitment were masked to sequence."</p> <p>Comment: no details of how allocation was concealed</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details on blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details on blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "All personnel who assessed study outcomes were unaware of the group assignments. The interviewer was masked to group assignment."</p> <p>Comment: self-reported data</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "All personnel who assessed study outcomes were unaware of the group assignments. The interviewer was masked to group assignment."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, used ITT for analysis
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, used ITT for analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Ford 2010

Methods Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design

Ford 2010 (Continued)

Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 9 to < 18 years, BMI > 95th centile, minimal or no learning difficulties, no underlying medical problem, no medication for insulin resistance</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: BMI > 95th centile</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Titration period: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Mandometer group : computerised device providing real-time feedback during meals to slow down speed of eating and reduce total intake. Saw a research nurse trained in use of Mandometer once per week for 6 weeks, every second week for a further 6 weeks, and once every 6th week thereafter. Research nurse telephoned support and encouragement every second week from week 12 onwards. Participants were trained in the use of Mandometer including test meals, setting of training lines and eating speed. Dietary advice by a paediatric dietitian 4 times over 12 months based on the UK Food Standards Agency 'eatwell plate' educational tool. Clinician met the participants every 4 months, emphasising the need to change eating habits and improve physical activity as advocated in the standard clinic.</p> <p>Standard care controls : initial 1-hour discussion about reasons for, and implications of, obesity and behaviour changing measures that may improve BMI.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary team composed of a clinician, paediatric dietitian and exercise specialist. Emphasis placed on implementing changes to increase levels of enjoyable physical activity to national recommended levels (60 minutes of exercise per day) alongside a balanced diet, based on the 'eatwell plate.' Set their own dietary goals and targets, with practical advice and guidance from the dietician, facilitation to exercise rather than prescription. MI techniques used to engage participants and families in the decision-making process for changes in behaviour. Appointments at 3-monthly intervals</p>
Outcomes	<p>Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI-SDS, body fat SDS, change in portion size, HDL cholesterol</p>
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT00407420</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Other funding (a charity funded by a commercial organisation)</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>
Stated aim for study	<p>Quote from publication: "To determine whether modifying eating behaviour with use of a feedback device facilitates weight loss in obese adolescents."</p>
Notes	<p>Galhardo 2011 is a linked publication but this is a substudy of 27 participants only with no relevant outcomes. Not extracted</p>
Risk of bias	
Bias	Authors' judgement Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	<p>Low risk</p> <p>Quote from publication: "An independent statistician unconnected with clinical practice used computer generated random numbers... to prepare randomisation lists..."</p>

Ford 2010 (Continued)

		Comment: block randomisation. Methods appear appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "assigned patients sequentially according to the generated lists..." Comment: unclear if concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "we could not blind participants." Comment: no blinding, investigator-assessed outcomes
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not described, investigator-assessed, outcomes objective unlikely to be affected by outcome assessor blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: reported and reasons explained for drop-outs but further exclusions from analyses at 18 months were not detailed
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: HRQoL, lipids, insulin and blood pressure data not reported, narrative comment only
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Gourlan 2013

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: aged 11-18 years, BMI > 90th age- and gender-specific percentiles, no unstable or uncontrollable diseases Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: as above
Interventions	Number of study centres: 1 Treatment before study: none Description of interventions MI + standard weight loss : MI-based intervention and self-determination theory to elicit and reinforce the adolescent's change talk to minimise resistance and resolve ambivalence to change (reference provided). 2 face-to-face, semi-structured interviews for 30 minutes over 3 months where 4 MI principles (making the participant's acquaintance and building awareness, alternatives and problem solving, goal setting and agenda setting, behaviour modification consequences and perspectives) were used to encourage adolescents to articulate their concerns and goals, and develop their autonomy. 6 × 20-minute telephone sessions over 6 months. Standard weight loss programme aimed to promote physical activity, provide information and tips to encourage/help with physical activity and the benefits of performing physical activity, promote a balance diet and provide information/tips/self-monitoring on how to achieve healthy behaviour. A sport and exercise sciences Doctoral student delivered MI sessions following MI training including 40 hours of reading and 32 hours of training formation Standard weight loss programme (SWLP) : as described above.

Gourlan 2013 (Continued)

Delivered by a Doctor of Medicine specialised in paediatric obesity and certified in behavioural and cognitive therapies

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, autonomy support, integrated and identified regulations, motivation
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal Trial identifier: -
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "The primary purpose of this study was to assess the effectiveness of an MI-based intervention in addition to a standard weight loss programme (SWLP) on PA [physical activity] and body mass index (BMI) of obese adolescents. The second purpose was to explore some of the underlying motivational processes accompanying these effects."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "The project manager assigned each adolescent randomly and independently to the SWLP [standard weight loss programme] group (n = 34) or the SWLP + MI group (n = 28)." Comment: no further details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "The project manager assigned each adolescent randomly and independently to the SWLP group (n = 34) or the SWLP + MI group (n = 28)." Comment: no further details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Participants, the health care provider and data collectors were blinded to the group (SWLP or SWLP + MI) the adolescents were assigned to." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Participants, the health care provider and data collectors were blinded to the group (SWLP or SWLP + MI) the adolescents were assigned to." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Participants, the health care provider and data collectors were blinded to the group (SWLP or SWLP + MI) the adolescents were assigned to." Comment: appropriate

Gourlan 2013 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Participants, the health care provider and data collectors were blinded to the group (SWLP or SWLP + MI) the adolescents were assigned to." Comment: appropriate
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons reported
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons reported
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not enough information to judge, no protocol or trial registry data available
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Grey 2009

Methods	Cluster RCT, randomisation ratio: 2:1, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: in 7th grade, BMI > 85th percentile, family history of type 2 diabetes mellitus, parents who were English or Spanish speaking, no other major health problems Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: as above
Interventions	Number of study centres: 6 Treatment before study: none Description of interventions CST : nutrition and exercise educational content enhanced by the inclusion of CST, based on Bandura's social learning theory). To increase students' sense of competence and mastery, open discussion and questions and answers about events occurring in the past week with which the youth had difficulty, youth role-playing common situations, practicing new coping skills. Encouragement and reinforcement provided by other students and teacher. Materials developed by a clinical psychologist who was an expert in CST. 13 sessions over 16 weeks. No mention of length of sessions: 8 nutrition and activity classes + 5 coping skill training (Getting to know you; Change in actions; Get up and move; Stress identification and reduction; Aim for life skills; Healthy lifestyle tic-tac-toe; Resolving conflict and effective communication; What's on your plate?; Size up your portions; What's in a food label?; Eating in a fast food world; How to "go out" without guilt; Recipe makeover). Physical activity component focused on reducing leisure time sedentary behaviours that may compete with activity, learned creative ways to increase physical activity in a non-structured exercise programme, including culturally relevant approaches, such as aerobic dancing. Materials developed by a registered dietitian. A non-diet, family centred approach used as nutrition education component. Major dietary goal was to provide highest nutritional quality for lowest caloric intake. Emphasis placed on lowering dietary fat intake to < 30%, improving food and drink choices, and decreasing total calories by focusing on appropriate portion sizes, while including culturally specific foods and being sensitive to the costs of foods.

Grey 2009 (Continued)

Health coaching provided only to participants in intervention group, commencing at end of 16-week intervention programme, and lasting until the 12-month data collection - 9 months of weekly 5- to 10-minute telephone health coaching provided by an advanced practice nurse, nutritionist, family therapist or psychologist, on a rotating basis.

Teachers in schools trained by study staff to deliver intervention. Students compensated for their time with a small token (toy worth USD5-10) following data collection

General education : 8 sessions in 16 weeks. Intervention component: Get up and move; Healthy lifestyle tic-tac-toe; What's on your plate?; Size up your portions; What's in a food label?; Eating in a fast food world; How to "go out" without guilt; Recipe makeover. Physical activity and nutritional component as above

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: anthropometric measures, lipids, depressive symptoms, BMI
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "To evaluate the impact of a multifaceted, school-based intervention on inner city youth at high risk for type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and to determine whether the addition of coping skills training (CST) and health coaching improves outcomes."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Schools were randomized." Comment: no description of randomisation process but there were some baseline differences (not anthropometric measures) likely due to the cluster randomisation - potential bias
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no description of allocation concealment
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding

Grey 2009 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no mention of blinding, objective measures
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons stated, ITT analysis used
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons stated, ITT analysis used
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: outcomes reported as stated but no protocol to confirm
Other bias	Unclear risk	Unclear if they accounted for clustering in analysis. Attendance at sessions/telephone calls received very low. Dropout rate moderate

Hofsteenge 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 3:2, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: adolescents with overweight or obesity (defined according to the Cole criteria) aged 11-18 years who were referred to the outpatient paediatric obesity clinic of the VU University Medical Center</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: not Dutch-speaking, obesity as a result of a known syndrome or organic cause (hypothyroidism), mental retardation, physical limitations and diagnosed type 2 diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: Cole criteria</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Go4it multidisciplinary group treatment : based on evidence and published educational materials (references given). 7 group sessions (90-minute duration) with interval of 2-3 weeks: education on dietary behaviour, physical activity and energy balance. Group size 8-12 adolescents. Also received CBT regarding how to improve lifestyle regarding a healthy weight and how to maintain an adequate energy balance. Dietician, paediatrician/endocrinologist and psychologist involved. Booster groups sessions scheduled after 6, 14, 26 and 36 weeks. 2 parental sessions consisted of education concerning the health risks of overweight, healthy physical activity and dietary behaviour and how to support their children. Special materials were developed for this programme; an information book, workbook, and dietary and activity diary, and specific worksheets for every session</p> <p>Current regular care : consisting of referral to a dietitian in the home care setting</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI-SDS, body composition, metabolic components, effect modifiers, blood pressure, HDL cholesterol, PedsQL, Body Esteem Scale
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NTR691, ISRCTN27626398</p>

Hofsteenge 2014 (Continued)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "to investigate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of this multidisciplinary group treatment for obese adolescents."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "block randomisation...using SPSS for random selection." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details of concealment of allocation
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "The randomisation could not be blinded to the researcher and participants." Comment: self-reported outcome measurement could be at risk of bias owing to lack of blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "The randomisation could not be blinded to the researcher and participants." Comment: adjudicated/investigator-assessed outcomes
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "The randomisation could not be blinded to the researcher and participants." Comment: outcome assessor not blind
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "The randomisation could not be blinded to the researcher and participants." Comment: adjudicated/investigator-assessed, outcome assessor not blinded but unlikely to be at risk of bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "numbers and reasons explained. No ITT analysis for subjective outcomes..." Comment: unclear
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "all participants were analyzed in the group to which they were randomly assigned..." Comment: reported and reasons explained
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: physical activity and sedentary behaviour not reported
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias noted

Jelalian 2016

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 2:1, superiority design	
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: 12- to 18-years-old, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders criteria for current major depressive episode or dysthymia; Clinical Depression Severity Rating Scale (CDRS) score ≥ 65; BMI $> 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$ or BMI percentile ≥ 85th percentile for gender and age; and parent or carer willing to participate</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: without reliable transportation; taking weight-altering medications within 6 months prior to study initiation; unable to do moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; weighing $> 300 \text{ lb}$; in foster care; receiving special needs education; previous participant in study authors' weight loss studies; currently enrolled in a weight loss programme; diagnosed with obesity-related disorders; requiring immediate weight loss management or diseases affecting absorption or processing of nutrients</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>	
Interventions	<p>Description of interventions</p> <p>CBT for depression and healthy lifestyle + exercise : individual CBT treatment adapted into 1 integrated protocol that addressed depression, exercise component, weight and advice regarding healthy eating. Weekly 60-minute group aerobic exercise sessions were required and facilitated by a physio-therapist. Individual meetings with a nutritionist individually up to 4 times. Parents involved</p> <p>CBT for depression : standard CBT treatment only. Parents involved</p>	
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: depressed mood, BMI</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, sedentary behaviour</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>	
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT01128764</p>	
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "Test the feasibility of a novel intervention that integrated healthy lifestyle enhancement and CBT in a clinical sample of depressed, overweight/obese adolescents."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from author: "stratified randomization was conducted with an urn randomization computer program using a 2:1 randomization schedule in favor of CBT-HL [cognitive behavioural therapy-healthy lifestyle]."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Study staff was masked to allocation sequence until interventions were assigned. The project coordinator was responsible for enrolling participants and notifying families of treatment assignment."

Jelalian 2016 (Continued)

		Comment: appropriate
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: investigator-assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from author: "research assistants were blinded to condition." Comment: not reported
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from author: "research assistants were blinded to condition." Comment: not reported
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: only report number of participants reporting positive views of the intervention
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: numbers reported and reasons explained. Authors mentioned ITT but presented completers outcomes only. High attrition rate; however, this was a pilot study
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: reported all outcomes
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias noted

Jiang 2005

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: grades, defined as weight-for-height $\geq 120\%$ of the Chinese reference Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: as above
Interventions	Number of study centres: 1 Treatment before study: none Description of interventions Family-based behavioural treatment : 104 weeks (2 years). Unclear how many sessions. Focused on dietary behaviour modification, 1 or 2 main behaviours which were related to obesity were chosen for each child based on an assessment of relevant dietary and exercise patterns at baseline. Then a new goal behaviour and interval behaviours were defined. Each goal and interval behaviour was discussed with the child and the parents and was agreed to by the child. A diary was kept by the children on their behaviour to monitor adherence to the recommended lifestyle changes. The parents monitored the diary and their child's progress in achieving the new behaviours.

Jiang 2005 (Continued)

Paediatricians (researchers) visited the families once per month to observe the family environment, look for where foods were stored, cooking styles and what types of foods were used commonly in the family. The behavioural diary was checked and gaps in the recordings were discussed. Potential methods of reinforcement and penalty were also discussed with the parents and children during home visits. A 'traffic light' food item list was provided to help decrease energy intake and promote a balanced diet: 'red light' foods were those high in fat or calories; 'green light' foods were low in fat and calories; and 'yellow light' foods were intermediate. Children encouraged to eat fewer red light foods and more green light foods and parents encouraged to buy more green light foods instead of red light foods. Daily calorie requirements, based on the Chinese recommended daily allowance, were discussed and Chinese food composition tables given to each family. Dietary behaviours were suggested to the family, including eating slowly, having soup before meals, eating green light foods first, brushing teeth immediately after each meal and having meals without staple foods for supper.

Exercise for 20-30 minutes per day for 4 days per week (3 weekdays and 1 day on weekends) was advised. Children were asked to choose from running, playing football, climbing stairs and using a skipping rope. Children also urged to decrease sedentary time, e.g. watching television, and to go for a walk after supper instead

Control : normal school and family life and did not receive any special intervention, the school had a similar curriculum, including physical education, as most other middle schools in Beijing

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure	
Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -	
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "A family based behavioural treatment was developed and tested, to see if its use was feasible in China and to evaluate its impact on obese schoolchildren."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "children were then divided randomly..." Comment: no other details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not specified
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes

Jiang 2005 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no discussion of drop-outs
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: primary outcomes were all reported, but no clinical trial record of protocol
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Kong 2013

Methods	Cluster RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: 9th-11th grade, BMI \geq 85th percentile</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: BMI \geq 40 kg/m², previous diagnosis of diabetes, blood pressure in the range of stage 2 hypertension, antipsychotic or corticosteroid medications, not ambulatory, anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, psychosis, suicidal ideation, hospitalisation, pregnancy</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 6</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>ACTION : based on the Transtheoretical Model, 3 primary components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinical encounters with the school-based health centres clinician every 2-3 weeks for a total of 8 visits over 1 academic year. First visit dedicated to reviewing pertinent personal and family history, physical examination and laboratory findings, and assessment of dietary and physical activity behaviour; • use of MI; • obesity risk reduction strategies from a toolkit that was co-created with a community advisory group made of overweight and obese adolescents and their parents. The toolkit included a DVD and print materials to provide a 'menu of options' during clinical encounters - general content of clinician toolkit used as a 'menu of options' during clinical encounters with participants. DVD sections: adolescent motivation for change, strategies targeting energy balance and nutritional quality, physical aerobic dance and strength training, print materials: weight loss guidelines for clinicians, MI for clinicians, newsletter for carers, clinic displays, adolescent session tools. <p>At the first visit, participants received the DVD, a DVD player and a summary of medical results, along with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) obesity prevention/treatment recommendations.</p> <p>Feedback was provided to the adolescent. Participants were asked to review the DVD and to follow-up in 2-3 weeks with topics they would like to discuss. Subsequent visits were individually tailored to the adolescent's stage of change with the intention of moving towards goal setting for healthier eating and physical activity. Also had a newsletter for carers (obesity risk reduction strategies) and after each visit, telephone updates were given to the carer using MI techniques.</p> <p>The intervention provider received a 2-day training workshop in MI</p> <p>Standard care : trained clinician with trial protocol. Received 1 clinic visit similar in content to the first visit of the intervention group given at baseline, except not given the DVD or DVD player. Published recommendations were provided</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI percentile and waist circumference, blood pressure, HOMA-IR, triglycerides and HDL cholesterol

Kong 2013 (Continued)

Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: NCT00841334 .
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "Was undertaken to determine feasibility of a school-based health center (SB-HC) weight management program."
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Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "were randomised." Comment: randomisation process was not described but there were no baseline differences
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no mention of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no mention of blinding; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: numbers and reasons reported
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: numbers and reasons reported, but differential attrition between groups. Missing outcomes for individuals within each cluster
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: unclear if they have accounted for clustering in the analysis

Kong 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 15-18, male or female of Chinese ethnicity, obesity BMI \geq 95th percentile of local age- and gender-specific references no major medical illnesses, no chronic medications</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: concurrent participation in any clinical trial, dietary intervention or weight loss programme, concomitant intake of weight-reducing agent, active and uncontrolled endocrine diseases, significant renal impairment or liver impairment, gastrointestinal problems that would prevent them from following the test diets, active malignant disease, pregnant or lactating, any medical illness or condition including known non-compliance, as judged by the investigators</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Low GI diet : counselled by dietitian at weeks 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 and at 8-week intervals, total 7 \times 30-minute sessions. Parents encouraged to participate. Strategy of increasing energy expenditure and reducing caloric intake using lifestyle behavioural change. Individualised menu plan with 20% caloric restriction based on his/her current diet. Practical tips were given based on behavioural principles including goal setting, knowledge acquisition, problem solving, feedback and reinforcement. Consumption of low GI food, use of healthy fat and avoidance of high GI food based on the low GI pyramid emphasised. Targeted proportion of energy from carbohydrate and fat: 45-50% and 30-35%, remainder from protein. 2 booklets were provided, 1 with food portion size exchange and tips, the other listing low GI foods and meal plans. Encouraged to perform aerobic exercise \geq 3 days of 30 minutes per week. Ongoing support and encouragement was provided, target goals were redefined based on the participant's feelings and progress, efforts and achievements were acknowledged to enhance self-efficacy.</p> <p>Motivational telephone calls (10-15 minutes) were made 5 times</p> <p>Control : conventional Chinese diet, based on the standard food pyramid promoted by Hong Kong Department of Health with advice on daily proportion of carbohydrate, fat and protein without information about low GI diet. Emphasis on reducing energy intake by limiting dietary fat intake and high caloric foods. Targeted proportion of energy from carbohydrate and fat: 55-60% and 25-30%, remainder from protein. The conventional Chinese diet was presumed to be a high GI diet (\geq 70). Received counselling from a research nurse.</p> <p>The contact times, both individual counselling and telephone reinforcement, and the dietary assessment methods were the same in each group</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, body weight and waist circumference
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT01278563</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to evaluate the impact of low GI diet versus a conventional Chinese diet on the body mass index (BMI) and other obesity indices of obese adolescents."

Kong 2014 (Continued)

Notes Interim analysis of 6-month data (18-month trial)

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Randomization were carried out using computer-generated random numbers." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "sealed in opaque envelopes and in blocks of 6 further stratified by gender. Treatment assignment was done by an independent personnel who opened the envelopes with consecutive numbers." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement. No details on blinding
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: investigator-assessed, no details on blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement, no details on outcome assessor blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: investigator-assessed, no details on outcome assessor blinding but objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "All the outcome variables were analysed on the basis of the intention-to-treat (ITT) principle..." Comment: missing data but reasons not reported, imbalance between groups, numbers suggest no ITT
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "All the outcome variables were analysed on the basis of the intention-to-treat (ITT) principle..." Comment: missing data but reasons not reported, imbalance between groups, numbers suggest no ITT
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: nothing of note

Love-Osborne 2014

Methods Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design

 Participants **Inclusion criteria:** adolescents with BMI \geq 85%

Love-Osborne 2014 (Continued)

Exclusion criteria: -

Diagnostic criteria: as above

Interventions	Number of study centres: 1 (2 schools) Treatment before study: - Description of interventions Health educator involvement : health educator visits in school, participants completed an assessment tool on dietary and exercise habits and the educator used feedback from this tool within a motivational framework to support change and start goal-setting discussions. Goals were reviewed and modified at each visit. Participants encouraged to choose 1 nutrition goal and 1 physical activity goal. Recommended targets for physical activity (1 hour per day) were discussed but participants could choose their own goal. The frequency of visits was participant led, they could choose from 2-week, 1-month, or 2-month return visits. Mean 5 visits (range 1 to 8). Existing resources for physical activity and healthy eating within the school or community were linked to. Participants asked to complete a weekly log (self-monitoring of weight weekly and lifestyle behaviours daily) and return this, when 5 were returned a USD10 gift card was received, and a second gift card for an additional 10 log sheets. Intervention group randomised to receive 2 weekly text messages (1 individualised to reinforce goals and 1 log sheet reminder) or no text messages for the first semester. All received text messages during second semester. Study staff received training in MI Control : no details Both groups received preventive services, including physical examinations and laboratory screening in the school-based health centre.	
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score, sports participation	
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no	
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal Trial identifier: -	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to evaluate whether a health educator (HE) providing additional contact time with students and helping them to set personal goals to improve lifestyle would lead to improved BMI outcomes in overweight or obese adolescents."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "students were randomised." Comment: no other details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details

Love-Osborne 2014 (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: investigator-assessed. Blinding not reported but low risk of bias from objective outcome
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: reasons for withdrawals only partially explained. Imbalance in dropouts
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: outcomes only reported in categories and subgroups, no overall results by study arm. The intervention group were also randomised into 2 groups, but no results were reported for these 2 groups
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Luna-Pech 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-16 years; stable asthma (diagnostic criteria stated); obesity (BMI \geq 95th percentile of the CDC BMI-for-age growth charts); Tanner scale stage 2-3; skin prick test positive for \geq 1 allergen, forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV₁) > 80% predicted value for age and height. Medically treated for asthma for at least 6 months</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: other prescribed dietary programme, undergoing allergen immunotherapy or other chronic diseases or comorbidities</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Normocaloric diet : programme adjusted at follow-up visits by nutritionist according to individual feeding habits and preferences based on an equivalent exchange system using food lists with a group of measured or weighed foods of approximately the same nutritional value. Individual energy needs calculated according to resting energy expenditure using standard guidance (references given), applying mild or moderate physical activity criteria and individually adjusted. 10-15% proteins, 50-60% carbohydrates, 25-30% fat. Daily meal pattern: breakfast 25%, lunch 30%, snack 15-20%, dinner 25-30%.</p> <p>Free diet : no details</p> <p>Both groups instructed to fill in a daily 24-hour dietary recall at home, and attend follow-up visits every 2 weeks for 28 weeks.</p> <p>All attended the follow-up sessions of 45 minutes to assess aspects of asthma control (i.e. need of rescue and basal medications, review the dietary recall, perform peak expiratory flow and establish an action plan for worsening of asthma symptoms</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: ARQoL, BMI z score, acute asthma attacks, night-time awakenings, use of inhaled corticosteroids, pulmonary function

Luna-Pech 2014 (Continued)

Study details	Run-in period: 2-weeks (written dietary and respiratory symptoms recall to corroborate stability of asthma and adherence to researcher's instructions)	
	Study terminated early: no	
Publication details	Language of publication: English	
	Non-commercial funding	
	Publication status: peer-reviewed journal	
	Trial identifier: -	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to evaluate whether a program of supervised ND [normocaloric diet] would improve asthma-related quality of life (AR-QOL), specifically in obese pubertal adolescents with asthma. Secondly, we assessed the effects of the dietary program on some clinical indicators of asthma control."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "were randomly allocated to." Comment: details not reported
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: details not reported
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Due the nature of the intervention, the study could not be blinded, and this could have induced investigator bias."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Due the nature of the intervention, the study could not be blinded, and this could have induced investigator bias."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Due the nature of the intervention, the study could not be blinded, and this could have induced investigator bias."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Ordinary scheduled medical follow-up was assigned to a single pediatric allergist, who was blinded to group allocation." "Due the nature of the intervention, the study could not be blinded, and this could have induced investigator bias." Comment: investigator-assessed, low risk of bias from objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not clearly reported, missing data reported, did not correspond to the numbers used for the final analysis and no discussion of this made
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not clearly reported, missing data reported, did not correspond to the numbers used for the final analysis and no discussion of this made

Luna-Pech 2014 (Continued)

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated in methods, but protocol not available
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: nothing of note

NCT00132132

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design	
Participants	Inclusion criteria: 10-20 years; BMI > 85% Exclusion criteria: endocrine disorder; on psychotropic medications Diagnostic criteria: BMI > 85%	
Interventions	Number of study centres: 1 Treatment before study: - Description of interventions Behavioural education programme : monthly meetings for 4 hours; included exercise, education, empowerment and incentives: registration-monitoring of choices of liquid intake, monitoring of sedentary behaviours (hours watching television, computer, video games), monitoring of heart rate, monitoring of metabolic equivalents, MI, monitoring of exercise abilities; 1 hour of exercise (including strength training); educational lectures on nutrition and medical aspects of obesity and Type 2 diabetes; projects/games; empowerment tools such as leading exercises and presenting food labels for discussion. Referral to a dietitian (minimum 3 visits) Standard of care control : education on physical activity and nutrition in a primary care clinic setting. Referral to a dietitian (minimum 3 visits)	
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: no abstract	
Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: NCT00132132	
Publication details	Language of publication: English Funding not reported Publication status: results published in ClinicalTrials.gov record: NCT00132132	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "evaluate the impact a behavioural intervention can have on BMI."	
Notes	Unpublished study, results posted in ClinicalTrials.gov	

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no information on random sequence generation

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Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no information on concealment of allocation
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: designated as an open-label study. Outcomes investigator-assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from trial record: "open label." Comment: objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from trial record: "Per protocol analysis: participants who attended at least one intervention session in addition to their final assessment..." Comment: missing data with minimal explanation, differential loss between groups
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes stated reported
Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: no baseline measurements of key outcomes reported. Limited details reported in ClinicalTrials.gov record

NCT00807560

Methods	Parallel, open-label RCT
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-17 years; living with at least 1 parent or guardian who was willing to participate in treatment; BMI percentile > 85% for gender and age</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: current psychotic illness; current alcohol/drug dependence; active suicidality; eating disorders; history of bariatric surgery; medication associated with significant weight changes (e.g. antipsychotic drugs); serious medical or physical conditions resulting in significant weight changes (e.g. pregnancy, genetic disorders); complications of obesity that contraindicate moderate physical activity (e.g. orthopaedic disorders)</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria:-</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres:-</p> <p>Treatment before study:-</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Family-based therapy for paediatric overweight : to resolve the eating disorder and return the participant to healthy psychosocial and physiological developmental trajectories through active family involvement across 3 treatment phases. No further details provided</p> <p>Nutritional educational control condition : minimal nutrition and physical activity education curriculum across 16 sessions over 24 weeks</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: height and weight for BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: Youth and Parent/Guardian Eating Questionnaire; Child Depression Inventory; PedsQL; Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity Measure; Sedentary Activity Checklist; PACE + Fruit Vegetable Screening Measure; PACE+ Dietary Fat Screening Measure; parent 24-hour dietary recall; parent overweight status, height and weight (converted into BMI z score)</p>

NCT00807560 (Continued)

Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated early:- Trial identifier: NCT00807560
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: results published in ClinicalTrials.gov record: NCT00807560
Stated aim for study	Quote: "to determine whether a parent/guardian intervention for adolescent overweight/obesity more effective than a nutritional counselling education curriculum for reducing body mass index z-score (BMI Z-score) and related outcomes."
Notes	Unpublished study, results posted in ClinicalTrials.gov

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	Comment: open label
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: open label
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: open label
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: data for subjective outcomes not provided
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: high number of dropouts, 66% for intervention group and 71-77% for control group and no reasons provided. Study flow chart indicated all participants completed but data at follow-up were provided for only approximately one-third of participants
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: did not report secondary outcomes

NCT00807560 (Continued)

Other bias	Unclear risk	Comment: not enough information to judge
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Nguyen 2012

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-16 years; overweight to moderately obese (i.e. BMI z score range 1.0-2.5); home access to a landline telephone; home access to the Internet to receive e-mails or access to a mobile telephone to receive SMS messages; ability to attend the group programme for 7 weeks in the first instance on the specified days; at least 1 of the adolescent's parents/carers willing to participate in the initial 7 parent group sessions</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: severely obese (i.e. BMI z score > 2.5) or if there was a secondary cause for overweight/obesity; intellectual disability, significant medical illness, psychiatric disturbance; taking medications that affect weight status; inability to take part in physical activity sessions; poor level of spoken English (adolescent or parent/carer)</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: BMI z score range 1.0-2.5</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: unclear</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Loozit intervention : 2 phases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: adolescent and parent weekly group sessions: simultaneous group sessions. Benefits of a Loozit healthy active lifestyle (increasing physical activity; reducing sedentary behaviour, healthy eating, food labels, measuring fat and sugar in food and drinks, lunch box and snack ideas); positive self-esteem; stress management; review and maintenance; goal setting. Based on social cognitive theory. Parent sessions focussed on practical support of behavioural change in adolescents and parental role modelling of healthy lifestyle changes for the family unit. Booklets used for adolescents and parents/carers during the sessions Phase 2: extended therapeutic contact (adolescents only). Main educational content of sessions was generally new (e.g. healthy take-away food options; eating out) but key messages from phase 1 were reinforced. Also sessions promoted physical activity skills development through approximately 20 minutes/session of indoor resistance activities and fun active indoor games. Group facilitators (and outcome assessors) received standardised training. A facilitators' manual was used. Facilitated by dietitians and could be run by nurses or other healthcare professionals. 14 sessions: Phase 1: 7 × 75-minute sessions; Phase 2: 5 × 60-minute sessions and 2 outcomes assessment sessions <p>Intervention 2 : same interventions as above with additional therapeutic contact of 14 telephone coaching sessions +32 SMS/e-mail messages aimed to enhance adolescents' knowledge, skills and confidence to initiate and maintain required changes in dietary and activity behaviours. If there was a parking fee when attending to the community health centres participants were reimbursed</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score; waist-to-height ratio; total cholesterol level; triglycerides; global self-worth; dietary, physical activity or sedentary behaviour
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: ACTRN12606000175572</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p>

Nguyen 2012 (Continued)

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to determine the effect of additional therapeutic contact to usual treatment on body mass index (BMI) z score and waist circumference z-score in overweight and obese adolescents aged 13-16 years (at baseline) who participate in a community-based weight management program (the Loozit group program)."
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Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "A computer generated randomisation sequence..." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "a set of consecutively numbered opaque envelopes containing the group allocation ...the next numbered envelope is opened by a research assistant... revealing the group allocation and this is recorded along with the individuals pre-assigned identification number." Comment: appropriate
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: self-reported outcome measurement, no blinding of participants or personnel
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: no blinding of participants or personnel
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: outcome assessors blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: outcome assessors blinded
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "An estimation of intervention effect on outcome measures will be obtained at each follow-up observation on an intention to treat basis."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "An estimation of intervention effect on outcome measures will be obtained at each follow-up observation on an intention to treat basis."
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other risks of bias

Norman 2016

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 11-13 years, BMI \geq 95th age- and gender-specific percentiles; literate in English; planned to be a San Diego County resident for the next year; willing to return to the physician's clinic for counselling sessions; could attend measurement visits; had a parent or guardian willing to participate who were literate in English or Spanish.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: without reliable transportation; taking weight-altering medications within 6 months prior to study initiation; unable to do moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; weight > 300 lb; in foster care; receiving special needs education; previous participant in study authors' weight loss studies; currently enrolled in a weight loss programme; diagnosed with obesity-related disorders; requiring immediate weight loss management or diseases affecting absorption or processing of nutrients</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: not clear</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Stepped-down care : based on a combination of Chronic Care Model and social cognitive theory. Chronic Care Model provided a conceptual framework for the healthcare delivery for adolescents with obesity of chronic illness management in a primary care setting. Chronic Care Model emphasises interdisciplinary team input. Within the Chronic Care Model framework, social cognitive theory constructs of behaviour self-management were applied and included: building self-efficacy, goal setting, feedback, identifying barriers and social support. The intervention followed modified recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics for treatment of childhood obesity and consisted of 3 \times 4-month steps. The goal was for adolescents to lose at least 4 lb every 4 months. If the participant did not meet the goal, then the step was repeated. If a 4-lb weight loss was achieved, the participant was 'stepped-down' to the next level of reduced intensity. The number and frequency of treatment elements varied for each intervention step. At the start, the physician provided brief counselling on healthy behaviours. If progress was not made, then follow-up occurred and focused on weight management strategies. Face-to-face health educator visits occurred monthly in step 1 and bi-monthly in step 2 and were available to the child and parent, but the parent was not required to attend. Biweekly telephone calls were used to review progress and help adolescents set new goals and discuss barriers and solutions, and speak to parent to reinforce parental involvement and emphasise importance of healthy changes in the home environment to encourage goal attainment. Diet and physical activity education materials were distributed to adolescents and their parents at each visit. Pedometers were distributed at the initial health educator visit to monitor physical activity and help participants set appropriate physical activity goals.</p> <p>Enhanced usual care : received an initial counselling session, 1 health education visit, materials on how to improve weight-related behaviours, monthly follow-up mailings on weight-related issues and a pedometer. At baseline, and 4- and 8-month assessments, adolescents in both study groups received USD15, and at 12 months they received a USD25 incentive for completing measurements. Parents received a USD15 incentive for completing measures at each assessment and USD20 at each measurement point to compensate for transportation costs. Physicians, nurse practitioners and health educators delivered the therapy</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, adiposity, biometric outcomes
Study details	<p>Run-in period: 2-week run-in screening programme was conducted. Adolescent-parent dyads were asked to perform some of the activities that would be required of them if they were to be enrolled in the intervention trial. These tasks included attending a measurement visit; scheduling and completing a telephone call with a study staff member; locating a food item at home, reading the food label and describing the nutrition content; tracking basic food intake and physical activity in a written diary over 4 days; and scheduling and attending a follow-up appointment</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p>

Norman 2016 (Continued)

Trial identifier: -

Publication details	Language of publication: English Funding not stated Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "evaluating the stepped-down approach to weight loss, targeting changes in body mass index (BMI), adiposity, blood pressure, fasting blood glucose and lipids among adolescents with obesity."
Notes	

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Simple randomization to study arm was determined by a computer using a permuted block algorithm and was stratified within the primary care provider site." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details of concealment of allocation
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not mentioned
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not mentioned
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from author: "Measurement staff were blinded, self-reported." Comment: outcome assessors blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from author: "Measurement staff were blinded." Comment: outcome assessors blinded
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not applicable as data not reported
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Intent-to-treat analyses were conducted using available data and assuming data were missing at random." Comment: stated ITT and reports all numbers randomised
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Quote from author: "There were other outcome measures that were not included in the paper. These included the following: Physical Activity based on self-report, Quality of Life, Calories, food and nutrient intake based on self-report, sedentary behavior based on self-report."

Norman 2016 (Continued)

Comment: reported by the author but reasons not explained

Other bias

High risk

Quote from publication: "The run-in programme was conducted to minimize participant attrition, but may have resulted in a more motivated sample of participants and parents compared with non-run in trial cohorts."

Comment: study participants may have had higher motivation and much more likely to follow the intervention

Pakpour 2015

Methods

Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1, superiority design

Participants

Inclusion criteria: aged 13-18 years, obese (\geq 95th percentile for age and gender), adolescents lived with a parent or adult carer who was prepared to be involved in treatment

Exclusion criteria: taking weight-related medication, having a diagnosis of an eating disorder, being pregnant, having clinical mental health conditions or psychosis

Diagnostic criteria: BMI > 95th percentile for age and gender

Interventions

Number of study centres: 1

Treatment before study: none

Description of interventions

Weekly sessions: participants in both intervention groups received 6 × 40-minute individual counselling sessions on diet and exercise

MI : targeted improved eating and physical activity behaviour. All adolescents were encouraged to express their personal motivation to change their physical activity and dietary behaviour. Adolescents assisted with reducing resistance and overcoming ambivalence about behaviour change. MI techniques such as reflective listening, open-ended questions and eliciting self-motivational statements. The intervention was initiated based on the underlying spirit of the MI.

Session included: in the first phase, the counsellors aimed to foster a confident relationship with the adolescents, address the positive and negative effects of obesity, and increase the adolescents' awareness of their current weight status. In the second phase, alternative courses of action were taken into account, costs and benefits of actions were discussed, and adolescents' readiness to change was evaluated. In the third phase, adolescents were invited to engage in goal setting and planning for change. Adolescents were encouraged to create an action plan.

Also encouraged to achieve at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity daily as recommended by the World Health Organization. Encouraged to eat a variety of foods from each of the 4 major food groups and low-fat alternatives.

The facilitators (dietitian or exercise specialist) completed 20 hours of MI training from a certified and experienced MI trainer

MI + parental involvement : identical MI sessions to above. In addition, 1 in-person parent MI session identical in MI style as used for adolescents, focusing on the adolescents' weight, parents' attitudes and behaviours regarding children's physical activity and dietary habits, parent monitoring and supervision; the goal was to promote progress toward the child's intervention goals and attitudes by the parents. The role of parenting in preparing healthy foods for their child and encouraging/monitoring them for being physically active were discussed. Delivered at the end of the 6th session and lasted for > 60 minutes.

Passive control group : no details

Pakpour 2015 (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score, anthropometric, biochemical, psychometric and behavioural outcome variables	
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: NCT02180802	
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to evaluate and compare the role of parental involvement in MI interventions for obese adolescents."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "To ensure adequate concealment of allocation, a research coordinator performed the randomization procedure by using a computer generated randomization schedule/sequence." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details of how allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Adolescents could not be blinded to intervention allocation." Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "Adolescents could not be blinded to intervention allocation." Comment: no blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "All outcomes were assessed by 2 blinded and trained physicians. The blinded assessors passed a series of training courses for testing and interviewing according to the standard program protocol." Comment: investigator assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Anthropometric measures at baseline and 12 months after randomization were taken by 2 assessors blinded to group allocation." Comment: investigator assessed
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Due to financial restrictions, only 25 randomly selected adolescents in each group (n = 75) provided accelerometer data." Comment: states ITT but only reported completers in the table

Pakpour 2015 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Due to financial restrictions, only 25 randomly selected adolescents in each group (n = 75) provided accelerometer data." Comment: states ITT but only reported completers in the table
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: reported what was initially stated except for BMI percentile which was not reported at 12 months
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Patrick 2013

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-16 years, at "high risk" for diabetes, as defined by the American Diabetes Association expert consensus panel, overweight BMI > 85th percentile for age and gender, weight and height > 85th percentile, or weight > 120% of ideal for height) + any 2 of the following risk factors: family history of Type 2 diabetes mellitus in a first- or second-degree relative, race/ethnicity (American Indian, African-American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander), or signs of insulin resistance (acanthosis nigricans, hypertension, dyslipidaemia, polycystic ovary syndrome)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: diagnosis of diabetes, pregnant, not planning to be in the San Diego area over the entire study period, had any medical condition that would prevent them from participating in the intervention</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 18</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>4 comparator groups, 3 included a website intervention: website only, website and group and website and SMS, and 1 usual care.</p> <p>Website only: website and tutorials designed to promote weight loss and healthy behaviours related to obesity such as educational topics and challenges based on skill building exercises, a reward system to encourage success, evaluation for assessment of progress and feedback on progress. Web tutorials on several behaviour change strategies, such as goal setting, seeking social support and positive self-statements. Theoretical based on the behavioural determinants model and the Transtheoretical Model of behaviour change.</p> <p>3 phases, phase 1 (weeks 1-17) entailing education on healthy behaviours, phase 2 (weeks 18-34) interactive games and quizzes for the participant to select challenges and goals, phase 3 (weeks 35-51) interactive and also encouraged working on multiple behaviours at the same time. Also had weekly "check-in" e-mails, monthly mailed tip sheets and, if necessary, a telephone call from a health counselor.</p> <p>Based on the "stoplight approach," participants were encouraged to limit red-light activities (unproductive, low energy), increase green-light activities (high energy) and do yellow-light activities in moderation.</p> <p>The website also included information on recommended food portion sizes, categorisation of foods into the stoplight approach, and a resource library that included tip sheets and recipes. Parent completed an adult version of the programme website and received monthly group sessions.</p> <p>Website and group: attendance and participation in group sessions in addition to the website (treatment as 'website only'). Rewarded with mileage incentives and a lottery for prizes such as cookbooks</p>

Patrick 2013 (Continued)

or other materials to assist with healthy behaviour change. Providers underwent a 2-hour counselling training.

Website and SMS : minimum of 3 text messages per week that related to weekly challenges and intervention goals as well as the website (treatment as 'website only'). Reminder text messages sent if the participant did not log on to the website by the 4th day of the intervention. Participants could also communicate via text messages with a health counsellor if they had questions. Participants were provided with mobile phones and prepaid text message plans that allowed research staff to monitor SMS use

Control : given printed materials produced by the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, adiposity, physical activity, diet, sedentary behaviour
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal Trial identifier: NCT00412165
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to evaluate the effectiveness of an intervention targeting this population that was offered to participants recruited through clinical sites but primarily delivered through combinations of three modalities: the web, group sessions for adolescents and parents, and short message service (SMS). Hypothesized that, compared with usual care, all active treatment conditions would produce better behavioral, weight, and quality-of-life and psychological outcomes."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Participants were randomized..." Comment: no other details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details

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Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no details; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, used ITT analysis
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, used ITT analysis
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as stated
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Patsopoulos 2017

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1, superiority design	
Participants	Inclusion criteria: overweight or obese students Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: Cole criteria	
Interventions	Number of study centres: 15 Treatment before study: - Description of interventions Activity : training was directed by a professional teacher of physical education. The training programme was designed according to the type and intensity of exercise that school children normally performed. Many activities were delivered as games to encourage enthusiasm and participation. Endurance type activities accounted for most of the time spent in training (about 50% team sports and 50% running games), with attention to co-ordination and flexibility skills Diet + activity : training programme + the same activity trainer information was presented about the reasons behind childhood obesity, dietary and cooking habits, and the motivation for weight loss to involve the whole family in the "battle" against obesity. Discussion with participants on the food pyramid, food choices, food labels, food preparation and cooking, eating habits, regular meals and controlling environments that stimulate overeating. The topics discussed were given to the adolescents in the form of a printed notebook, while parents were also invited to attend these sessions Control : no intervention	
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, waist circumference, blood pressure, Family Eating and Activity Habits Questionnaire	
Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: NCT02653508	
Publication details	Language of publication: English	

Patsopoulos 2017 (Continued)

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "test the efficacy of two intervention groups, physical activity in isolation and combination of physical activity with provision of dietary information, in improving overweight and obesity in adolescents and also to compare each of them to a control group."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "All public middle and high schools (26 in the total) in the city of Larissa in Greece were informed about the purposes of the study. Seventeen secondary and high schools took part in the study..."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	Quote from publication: "One hundred eighty one adolescents were enrolled and randomized in the three groups of the study, by the same professional teacher of physical education who conducted the program."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "randomized in the three groups of the study, by the same professional teacher of physical education who conducted the program." Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Quote from publication: "randomized in the three groups of the study, by the same professional teacher of physical education who conducted the program." Comment: investigator-assessed
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "completed by parents and adolescents. randomized adolescents in each group were not aware of the existence of the other two study groups." Comment: self-reported outcome measurement
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "measurement by a single trained nurse, member of the research team." Comment: investigator-assessed, not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Low drop-outs and a modified ITT was carried out Comment: reported but not all reasons explained
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Low drop-outs and a modified ITT was carried out Comment: reported but not all reasons explained
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: all outcomes reported as mentioned in the clinical trial record
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Pbert 2013

Methods	Cluster RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: participants in grade 9-11, BMI \geq 85th percentile for age and gender. Provided assent and had parental consent. Had at least 1 English-speaking parent</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: planning to move out of the area, had a medical condition that precluded adherence to the intervention, diagnosis of a serious psychiatric illness, genetic or endocrine cause of obesity, taking a medication associated with weight gain or weighing \geq 300 lbs</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 8</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>"Lookin' Good Feelin' Good" intervention : incorporated recommendations for the prevention and treatment of child and adolescent overweight and obesity and based on social cognitive theory. 6 \times 1-to-1 counselling sessions of 18-29 minutes over 2 months, during the school day in non-academic classes in the school nurse's office. Used the 5-3-2-1-0 approach to support making 5 daily key behaviour changes: \geq 5 servings of fruit and vegetables; 3 structured meals; \leq 2 hours of television, computer, electronic games; \geq 1 hour moderate physical activity, 0 limit soda and sugar-sweetened drinks.</p> <p>A participant-centred counselling approach allowed school nurses to tailor the intervention to the student's needs. At each visit there was a weigh-in and feedback, review of diet and physical activity logs, assessing progress to behaviour change goals, reviewing successes, problem solving, setting new goals, assessing behaviour and identifying barriers.</p> <p>Provided and instructed in the use of a pedometer.</p> <p>A USD25 gift certificate was provided at each assessment.</p> <p>School nurses were trained through a daylong group training session</p> <p>Control : 6 \times 1-to-1 visits with the school nurse for 8.5-9 minutes over 2 months to review behaviour changes, read 6 informational pamphlets on weight management and had questions answered</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: ate breakfast, intake of total sugar and added sugar, drink soda \leq 1 time/day, ate at fast-food restaurants \leq 1 time/week, BMI, activity, caloric intake
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Funding not stated</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "The purpose of this study was to test the feasibility and efficacy of a school nurse delivered weight management intervention on BMI, diet, physical activity, and sedentary behavior among overweight and obese adolescents."
Notes	

Pbert 2013 (Continued)

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Schools were pair matched on total enrolment, gender, race and ethnicity, and percent receiving reduced or free lunch; 1 from each pair was then randomly assigned to either the school nurse counselling intervention group or the control group". "Random assignment was conducted by the study statistician."</p> <p>Comment: majority of baseline characteristics associated with obesity were similar</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Comment: no details</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Participants were not blinded to condition as they received the intervention allocated to their school."</p> <p>Comment: high risk of performance bias</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Participants were not blinded to condition as they received the intervention allocated to their school."</p> <p>Comment: high risk of performance bias</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Assessments were completed by a research assistant who was not blinded to school condition at baseline and 2 and 6 months following baseline in the school nurse office."</p> <p>Comment: not blinded</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Assessments were completed by a research assistant who was not blinded to school condition at baseline and 2 and 6 months following baseline in the school nurse office."</p> <p>Comment: not blinded; however, objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: low drop-outs, reasons given, ITT analysis</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: low drop-outs, reasons given, ITT analysis</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "We reported on all physiologic and eating and activity behavioral outcomes. We did not report on psychosocial outcomes that could be considered intermediary variables."</p> <p>Comment: not reported baseline weight controls or intervention or height data</p>
Other bias	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Models were also adjusted for baseline level of the outcome and for any baseline characteristics that differed significantly by group at baseline."</p> <p>Comment: unclear if they have accounted for clustering in the analysis</p>

Pitetti 2007

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 14-19 years; a physician and a psychologist, both experienced in autism, confirmed that diagnosis met the DSM-IV-Text Revised; manifested moderate-to-profound mental retardation as assessed by standardised tests of intelligence, including the Leiter International Performance Scale, Slosson Intelligence Test, Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, or a combination of these; all had histories of lengthy and restrictive placement resulting from their severe maladaptive behaviours; identified by staff as able to follow instructions to perform treadmill walking</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: had no medical contraindications (i.e. cardiovascular/respiratory anomalies) or significant primary sensory or motor impairments that restricted them from treadmill walking</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: not stated</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Treadmill walking group : weekly activity, regular activity classes (i.e. 15-30 minutes, Monday-Wednesday-Friday) consisted of treadmill walking, when regular activity classes were not planned (i.e. Tuesday and Thursday), taken to the gym and given the opportunity to walk on the treadmill, given the opportunity to walk on the treadmill at their residence in the evenings.</p> <p>All 10 participants trained to walk unassisted on the treadmill during their regular class time.</p> <p>Initial frequency of twice per week, progression of 1 day every 2 weeks to a peak frequency of 5 times per week. Duration was for 8 minutes per session, with a progression of 1-2 minutes every 2-3 weeks to a peak duration of 20 minutes per session. Initial treadmill speed 2.4-3.5 mph, with a progression of 0.1-0.3 mph every 2-3 weeks to a peak speed of 3.7-4.1 mph. Initial grade of 0%, with progressive increases of 0.5%.</p> <p>The activities took place under the guidance of a staff member with a Master's degree in adapted physical activity</p> <p>Control group : leisure activity of choice 3 times per week. Not a strict schedule. Student Support Plan designed and implemented by the residential treatment facility staff members, allowed for 30 minutes of 'leisure activity', 3 times per week, at the campus gym. These activities took place under the guidance of a staff member with a Master's degree in adapted physical activity. Classes permitted participants to engage in the following activities; basketball (shooting, dribbling, passing), jumping rope, roller skating, scooter-board activities, object control skills (i.e. throwing and catching the ball), striking a ball (i.e. tennis or nerf) with a tennis racket or plastic bat and cycling skills (e.g. adult bicycle or tricycle)</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI, treadmill walking
Study details	<p>Run-in period: prior to initiating the study, all 10 participants had been trained to walk unassisted (i.e. not holding on to railing) on the treadmill during their regular class time (e.g. 1-3 times per week, duration of 5-10 minutes) and, therefore, were acclimated to the use of the treadmill</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Funding not stated</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>

Pitetti 2007 (Continued)

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "The purpose of this study was to determine the efficacy of incorporating a 9-month treadmill walking program into the weekly academic curriculum of youth with severe developmental disabilities including autism."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Comment: randomisation was unclear from the manuscript. After contact with the authors to check on method of randomisation information was provided: "it was a randomized allocation using random assignment or random placement. We flipped a coin and "heads" assigned the participant to the treadmill group and "tails" assigned the participants to the control group." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: randomisation by coin toss
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: authors stated, "Participants were severely developmentally disabled, so they had limited to no ability to be cognizant of whether they were in the supplemental treadmill walking or control group."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no details blinding outcomes assessors. No member of the research team or outcome assessors participated during or was present in the exercise portion, respectively. Objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: no attrition
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: exercise capacity (treadmill walking frequency, speed, elevation) not reported. Authors stated that all measured outcomes were reported
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Resnicow 2005

Methods	Cluster RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: African-American girls aged 12-16 years and BMI > 90th percentile for age and gender, churches where the majority of members' household income was above USD40,000. Exclusion criteria: unclear Diagnostic criteria: used the 90th percentile as inclusion cut-off point rather than the 85th percentile based on formative research and pilot studies. Girls on the lower end of the obesity continuum, i.e. 85th to 90th percentile, were different behaviourally and psychologically, and combining girls from the low and high ends of the obesity continuum would adversely affect group cohesion
Interventions	Number of study centres: 10 Treatment before study: none

Resnicow 2005 (Continued)

Description of interventions

High intensity (24-26 sessions) : girls attended weekly group behavioural sessions. Parents were encouraged to attend sessions (around 12 sessions). Each group session included an experiential, interactive behavioural activity, at least 30 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical exercise, and preparation or consumption (or both) of low-fat, portion-controlled meals or snacks. Target behaviours included: increased fruit and vegetable intake, decreased fat intake, decreased fast-food intake, decreased sedentary behaviour and increased physical activity. Girls were taught to reshape their target behaviours using the principles of substitution, moderation and abstinence. Girls focused their behaviour change on target foods or priority behaviours identified or selected by the girls. At the beginning of each intervention cycle, girls only attended a 1-day retreat where participants completed a low ropes course and team building activities, ate healthy portion-controlled meals and attended a group session on hunger and satiety. All girls received a 2-way paging device. Messages, developed by the girls based on their target foods and activity patterns, were sent to them throughout the day and in key times when they needed reminders about their eating or physical activity. Received 4-6 MI calls by telephone over the 6 months of intervention to support and help in behavioural change

Moderate intensity (6 sessions) control : sessions were selected from the larger pool of sessions delivered to the high-intensity group. Parents were encouraged to attend sessions (3 sessions). Topics included fat facts, barriers to physical activity, fad diets, neophobia (i.e. fear of new foods) and benefits of physical activity. Girls did not receive the 2-way pagers, MI telephone calls or kick-off retreat

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI units and % body fat	
Study details	<p>Run-in period: churches were contacted either by telephone or in-person and administered a brief screening instrument that queried their membership numbers and socioeconomic status</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: -</p>	
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Other funding: "given that the sponsoring agency was unable to provide any additional funding, we were able to complete the study in only 10 of the projected 12 churches."</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "The primary aim of the project, called Go Girls, was to develop and test a culturally tailored intervention program for overweight 12- to 16-year-old AA [African-American] adolescents and their parents."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Before randomization, a pool of middle and upper income churches was identified by project staff based on prior projects as well as telephone directory and internet searches, Churches were then contacted either by telephone or in person. Only churches that reported that the majority of members' household income was above \$40,000 [USD40,000] were included." "A total of 10 churches (including the aggregate church) were randomized to condition, five treatment (high intensity) and five comparison (moderate intensity)."</p> <p>Comment: there was no difference in baseline parameters between groups</p>

Resnicow 2005 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "A total of 10 churches (including the aggregate church) were randomized to condition, five treatment (high intensity) and five comparison (moderate intensity)."</p> <p>Comment: no further details</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	<p>Comment: no mention of blinding</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: no mention of blinding, objective outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "no evidence of differential attrition, because girls in the moderate-intensity group who dropped out did not significantly differ from drop-outs in the high-intensity group." "In intention-to-treat analysis, there was no significant group difference for BMI, the trial's main outcome, nor were there significant group effects for any of the secondary outcome."</p> <p>Comment: reported numbers lost to follow-up but reasons not provided</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Comment: protocol unavailable</p>
Other bias	Low risk	<p>Comment: before randomisation, a pool of middle- and upper-income churches was identified by project staff based on prior projects as well as telephone directory and Internet searches. Churches were then contacted either by telephone or in-person and administered a brief screening instrument that queried their membership numbers and socioeconomic status. Only churches that reported that the majority of members household income was above USD40,000 were included. Churches requested that the comparison condition receive a meaningful intervention. It was agreed on by the church representatives and study staff that 6 sessions represented a meaningful intervention of sufficient benefit that would not jeopardise between-group differences. However, using different timings in the comparator (once per month instead of once per week) and this may have had an impact.</p> <p>For cluster analysis - quote: "Outcomes were analyzed with a mixed model repeated measures ANOVA program, SAS PROC MIXED (SAS Institute, Cary, NC), that allows for adjustment of subject non-independence within churches."</p>

Saelens 2002

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-16 years, 20-100% above the median (50th percentile) for BMI for age and gender. Interested in weight control, not currently engaged in another weight control programme, and otherwise healthy as determined by a paediatrician</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above.</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: unclear</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p>

Saelens 2002 (Continued)

Description of interventions

Healthy Habits : computer and telephone intervention. Adolescents engaged in a computer program after baseline assessment, the program was adapted from PACE+ software designed for adolescents and modified for overweight adolescents. It assessed eating, physical activity and sedentary behaviour and guided adolescents through individualised plans generated to increase physical activity or decrease sedentary behaviour and decrease dietary fat or increase fruits/vegetables or decrease overeating/snacking. Plan generation included identifying benefits, barriers and specific strategies to achieve goals. Action plan summaries were generated, and a provider summary was produced for the behaviours targeted by the adolescent. Met with a paediatrician to discuss action plans (tailored physician counselling), and approximately 1 week after the clinic visit met the study author to discuss upcoming mail and telephone contacts and to learn food self-monitoring.

Calls from a telephone counsellor 1 week later detailed telephone scripts to address adolescents' weight change since the last call, the link between weight change and eating and physical activity behaviours, instruction and feedback on self-monitoring, goals and behavioural skills.

Provided with a manual and information sheets. Self-monitoring of food and beverage intake and calories consumed.

Foods were categorised into green, red or no colour foods. Green defined as ≤ 1 g of fat per serving, 150 calories per serving and providing a good source of ≥ 1 valuable dietary components (e.g. calcium, fibre or protein), red foods were defined as having ≥ 5 g of fat per serving or were diet versions of high-fat foods. The eventual green food goal was 40 green food servings (based on standard serving sizes) or more per week, and the red food goal was 15 red food servings per week.

Encouraged to self-monitor physical activity daily with a goal of a minimum of 60 minutes of at least moderate-intensity physical activity on 5 days per week with gradual increases from baseline.

Overall duration 16 weeks with 13 sessions.

Paediatricians trained with the study protocol and telephone counsellors (with at least a Bachelor's degree in psychology or nutrition) received weekly supervision

Standard care control : non-tailored physician-counselling session. 1 session in the 16-week treatment period by the same paediatrician as the intervention group. Assessed/encouraged the adolescent's motivation for weight-related behaviour change, provided information about short- and long-term health consequences of high weight status and benefits of better weight control, made recommendations for healthful eating consistent with the Food Guide Pyramid, reviewed physical activity recommendations for adolescents (60 minutes per day of at least moderate-intensity physical activity), and encouraged consistency and persistence with health behaviour changes. Used a worksheet to facilitate the discussions. Adolescents encouraged to implement recommended behaviour changes on their own and with the help of their family.

Adolescents received USD25 for post-treatment and USD25 for follow-up assessment. In the intervention group, a lottery occurred after all adolescents had completed post-treatment assessment for USD50. Adolescents were awarded 1 point each for meeting self-monitoring, physical activity, calorie, green food goals and red food goals each week based on the counsellor's review of self-monitoring booklets. Points were accumulated for tickets for a study-based lottery (1 point = 1 ticket)

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z scores, behavioural skills use, energy intake, % calories from fat, physical activity, sedentary behaviour and problematic weight-related or eating behaviours/beliefs, feasibility and participant satisfaction
Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding

Saelens 2002 (Continued)

Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "This study evaluates the post-treatment and short-term follow-up efficacy of, as well as participant satisfaction for, a 4-month behavioral weight control program for overweight adolescents initiated in a primary care setting and extended through telephone and mail contact."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Randomization occurred by selection among opaque envelopes labelled with levels of percent overweight, each envelope containing an HH [Healthy Habits] or TC [typical care] card."</p> <p>Comment: unclear how envelopes were selected or how the labelling affected selection</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Randomization occurred by selection among opaque envelopes labelled with levels of percent overweight, each envelope containing an HH or TC card."</p> <p>Comment: unclear if assignment envelopes were used with appropriate safeguards (e.g. if envelopes were sealed or sequentially numbered)</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no blinding of carers, unclear if participants blinded
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no blinding of carers, unclear if participants blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not specified
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified, outcomes unlikely to be affected by blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: reasons not provided, imbalance in dropouts, ITT used
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: reasons not provided, imbalance in dropouts, ITT used
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not enough information to judge
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Savoie 2007

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 2:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: BMI > 95th percentile based on the CDC growth chart, aged 8-16 years, English-speaking ability, shown an interest in the weight management programme, have a carer (e.g. father, mother or grandparent) who was willing to participate in the educational component of the programme.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: had diabetes, psychiatric disorder (e.g. schizophrenia, severe autism or mental retardation, or psychosis) or other serious medical condition that would preclude participation in the programme, taking medications that potentially cause significant weight gain (e.g. risperidone, olanzapine, clozapine) as well as using medications for weight loss or involved in a coexisting weight management programme.</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Bright Bodies weight management : nutrition/behaviour modification once (40 minutes each) per week: behaviour modification classes for participants and carers were held separately. Topics were provided from the Smart Moves Workbook, a curriculum developed for overweight children and used in the authors' pilot study. Sample topics included Ready, Set, Goal!, Risky Business: Identifying High-risk Situations, Environmental Engineering, Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Bullies, Teasers, and Other Annoying People and Oops I Slipped - Understanding a Relapse. Attended the programme twice per week for 6 months and then every other week for an additional 6 months.</p> <p>Techniques included self-awareness, goal setting, stimulus control, CST, cognitive behaviour strategies and contingency management. Behaviour modification classes for carers included topics that reflected the challenges that parents verbalised. Classes emphasised the importance of the parents' roles in modelling healthy behaviour change. Motivational tools were used to encourage regular attendance.</p> <p>Each class of high-intensity exercise to sustain 65-80% of the age-adjusted maximal heart rate held twice (50 minutes each) and nutrition/behaviour modification once (40 minutes each) per week. Participants were also encouraged to exercise 3 additional days at home per week and to decrease sedentary behaviours. The minimum activity that each participant completed was 100 minutes per week (2 × 50-minute sessions) for the first 6 months and 100 minutes twice per month for the last 6 months.</p> <p>The nutrition education component of the weight management programme used a non-diet approach that emphasised low-fat, nutrient-dense foods of moderate portion sizes.</p> <p>No details of trainer provided, registered dietitians supervised nutritional component</p> <p>Control : received diet and exercise counselling by registered dietitians and physicians along with brief psychosocial counselling by a social worker. The participant and carer were both involved in setting the nutrition and activity goals to ensure that the clinic plan was realistic and accepted by both. Exercise counselling included decreasing sedentary activities (computer and video games) and finding an activity the participant enjoyed enough to engage in on a regular basis. Nutrition counselling included decreasing intake of juice, switching to diet beverages, switching from whole-fat to low-fat milk and bringing lunch to school vs choosing hot lunch. 30-minute session every 6 months</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score, BMI, % body fat, total body fat mass, total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, insulin resistance
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT00409422</p>

Savoie 2007 (Continued)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "to compare changes in BMI, body composition, insulin sensitivity, blood pressure, and lipid profiles, a secondary aim was to compare nutrition components by randomizing families in the weight management group to either the better food choices or structured meal plan approaches."

Notes

The study initially re-randomised those in the weight management group to either a meal plan group or a better food choices group. After high levels of attrition in the meal plan group (at 6 months, 83%) this arm was discontinued. No results for this group were reported

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Participants were randomly assigned 2:1 by using a permuted block design to the weight management or clinic control group by the same co-investigators who recruited the participants. Random assignments were generated by computer and concealed by the study statistician (Dr Dziura)."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Comment: stated allocation was maintained by the study statistician and was concealed but no details reported.</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Participants were not blinded to treatment group. They knew if they were returning back to clinic only (control) or Program (experimental) at the school. Personnel were not blinded during treatment phase either because they knew if subject was going to the Program."</p> <p>Comment: high risk of performance bias</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: no details on blinding; however, low risk of bias from objective outcomes</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: numbers and reasons provided, used ITT analysis</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "We have reported all the outcomes measured except for psychosocial outcomes which we are writing a manuscript for as we speak. We assessed self-concept of children and family dynamics of family using Piers-Harris Self Concept Scale and Family Assessment Device, respectively. We plan to submit this manuscript by January 1."</p> <p>Comment: the results at 6 and 12 months were different in each publication</p>
Other bias	Low risk	<p>Comment: no other bias</p>

Schranz 2014

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design	
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: males aged 13-17 years; considered to be very overweight or obese (very overweight defined as being above the mid-point between the age- and gender-specific BMI cut-offs for overweight and obese, e.g. if the age- and gender-specific BMI cut-offs for overweight and obesity were 23 kg/m² and 25 kg/m², respectively, then the BMI cut-off for very overweight was calculated to be 24.0 kg/m²; Cole criteria); Tanner stage ≥ 2; categorised as a low or moderate risk by the Sports Medicine Australia screening questionnaire or, if categorised as high risk, obtained a medical clearance from their general practitioner and had no history of injuries or musculoskeletal conditions</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: < Tanner stage 2; categorised as a high risk by the Sports Medicine Australia pre-exercise screening questionnaire and did not obtain a medical clearance; current or previous injuries which would prevent them from participating in resistance training; exhibit musculoskeletal conditions which would place them 'at risk' as a result resistance training</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>	
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1 or 2 gymnasias</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>6-month resistance training programme : 3 × 75-minute sessions per week on non-consecutive days. Each session included a 10-minute warm-up, 60 minutes of resistance training, and a 5-minute static stretching cool down. A total of 10 separate multijoint exercises and single-joint exercises for major muscle groups were trained during each session. Weight-stacked machines and free-weight exercises were used</p> <p>Control : no intervention: instructed to continue with normal everyday activities. After completion of the 12-month assessment, offered a complimentary 3-month gym membership</p>	
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: exercise self-efficacy, resistance training confidence, self-esteem, body composition	
Study details	<p>Run-in period: orientation to the resistance training equipment run by 1 of the trainers to familiarise with machines, estimate 1-repetition maxima to guide strength testing, to determine a starting load</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: ACTRN12609001078246</p>	
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to determine the effect of a 6-month resistance training intervention on the self-concept strength and body composition of overweight and obese adolescent males."	
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Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "random number generator."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>

Schranz 2014 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Before recruitment began an impartial individual, using a random number generator, produced a random list of group allocation for a possible 70 participants... Each group allocation was written on a piece of paper and concealed inside a non-transparent envelope which was sealed and the corresponding participant number written on the outside."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "group allocation which was revealed to the participant (and the Principal investigator) after baseline testing was complete."</p> <p>Comment: self-reported outcome measurement</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "group allocation which was revealed to the participant (and the Principal investigator) after baseline testing was complete."</p> <p>Comment: investigator-assessed</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "All outcome variables (with the exception of DEXA [dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry] which the lead author conducted) were conducted by trained research assistants who were blinded to group allocation."</p> <p>Comment: self-reported outcome measurement</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "All outcome variables (with the exception of DEXA which the lead author conducted) were conducted by trained research assistants who were blinded to group allocation."</p> <p>Comment: investigator-assessed</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "they were included in the analysis at all subsequent assessment sessions."</p> <p>Comment: no missing data reported and reasons explained, but handling of missing data not reported, differential dropout between groups; however, states all were included in the analysis at all assessment sessions which suggests an ITT analysis (although no details) and baseline BMI is differently reported which may suggest a different number was used</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "they were included in the analysis at all subsequent assessment sessions."</p> <p>Comment: no missing data reported and reasons explained, but handling of missing data not reported, differential dropout between groups, however, states all were included in the analysis at all assessment sessions which suggests an ITT analysis (although no details) and baseline BMI is differently reported which may suggest a different number was used</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	<p>Comment: bone mineral density not reported</p>
Other bias	Low risk	<p>Comment: no other bias</p>

Sigal 2014

Methods Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1:1:1, superiority design

Sigal 2014 (Continued)

Participants

Inclusion criteria: BMI \geq 95th percentile for age and gender or \geq 85th percentile for age/gender with an additional diabetes risk factor (criteria stated), or both; waist circumference \geq 75th percentile for age and gender; aged 14-18 years; post-pubertal (Tanner stage IV or V); sedentary for \geq 4 months prior to enrolment. Had to attend \geq 13 out of 16 prescribed sessions ($>$ 80% adherence) during run-in

Exclusion criteria: participation in previous 4 months in a regular programme of exercise or aerobic sports \geq 2 times per week for at least 20 minutes per session; diabetes; body weight $>$ 159 kg or BMI $>$ 45 kg/m², or both; use of any performance-enhancing medication; use of medication/herbal supplement likely to affect body composition, lipids or glucose metabolism (metformin permitted); significant weight change; uncontrolled hypertension; activity restrictions due to disease; other illness; unwillingness/lack of availability to attend exercise and/or nutrition sessions; significant cognitive deficit; pregnancy or intention; inability to communicate in English or French

Diagnostic criteria: as above

Interventions

Number of study centres: 1

Treatment before study: -

Description of interventions

All groups had 3 counselling sessions (baseline, 3 months and 6 months) by a registered dietitian to promote healthy eating, with a daily energy deficit of 250 kcal (see details of run-in session). Also had telephone support at 6 weeks and 4 months.

The 3 exercising groups attended gyms 4 times weekly. Duration 22 weeks. Exercise was supervised by personal trainers weekly to 3 months, and biweekly from 3-6 months. Personal trainers monitored attendance and exercise progression by reviewing sign-in sheets and exercise logs. To encourage adherence and retention, participants completing all measurement assessments received a USD50 gift certificate. In addition, participants who maintained good compliance (\geq 70% of sessions attended) obtained a free gym membership renewal for a subsequent 6-month period (postintervention)

Diet + aerobic exercise : followed diet plan + exercised on treadmills, elliptical machines or bicycle ergometers. Heart rate monitors used to adjust workloads to achieve target heart rates. Gradual progressed in exercise duration (20-45 minutes per aerobic exercise session) and intensity (65-85% of maximum heart rate)

Diet + resistance exercise : followed diet plan + performed 7 exercises using weight machines or free weights, progressing from 2 sets of 15 repetitions at moderate intensity to 3 sets of 8 repetitions at the maximum resistance that could be moved 8 times (8-RM), duration progressed to a maximum of 45 minutes

Diet + aerobic + resistance exercise : followed diet plan + full aerobic training programme + resistance training programme during each session

Diet-only control : followed the same eating plan as those in the exercise groups, wait list control as offered the option to begin an exercise programme (with a free gym membership) for the subsequent 6 months

Outcomes

Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: % body fat, waist circumference

Study details

Run-in period: 4-week run-in period to assess compliance with low-intensity aerobic and resistance exercise for 4 sessions per week. Individually supervised by a personal trainer 2 sessions per week. Also small group sessions (n = 12) covering various topics: barriers in achieving healthful eating, solutions to overcome them, taste panels. The recommended macronutrient energy distribution was 15-20% protein, 50-55% carbohydrates and 30% fat. To qualify for randomisation, participants had to attend at least 13 out of 16 prescribed sessions ($>$ 80% adherence) during run-in

Study terminated early: no

Trial identifier: [NCT00195858](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT00195858)

Sigal 2014 (Continued)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "to determine the effects of aerobic training, resistance training, or their combination on percentage body fat and cardiometabolic risk markers in previously inactive postpubertal overweight and obese adolescents."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Randomization was stratified by degree of overweight (85th-95th BMI percentile or \geq95th BMI percentile) and sex and done in blocks randomly varying between 4 or 8 participants. Randomization sequences were prepared by an independent statistician and entered into a telephone based central randomization program."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Comment: as above</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "The exercise specialist ... informed participants of their group assignments allowing the research coordinator to remain blinded."</p> <p>Comment: no blinding of participants or personnel</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	<p>Quote from publication: "The exercise specialist ... informed participants of their group assignments allowing the research coordinator to remain blinded."</p> <p>Comment: no blinding of participants or personnel</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	<p>Comment: self-reported outcome measurement, high risk of bias for self-reported outcomes</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Outcome assessors...were blinded to the study group of participants..."</p> <p>Comment: investigator-assessed outcomes. Unlikely that blinding was maintained, but low risk of bias from objective outcomes</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: missing numbers reported and reasons explained</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Comment: missing numbers reported and reasons explained</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	<p>Comment: self-esteem, HRQoL and Past Day Physical Activity Recall not reported</p>

Sigal 2014 (Continued)

Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias
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Toulabi 2012

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: absence of morbid obesity (hormonal disorders such as hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome, etc.), absence of weight-reducing diets or drugs affecting body weight, participation of 1 parent (with a minimum educational level of 9th grade) in the study, tendency of the students and parents to lose weight, BMI > 28 kg/m² in the 1st grade students (15 years old), and BMI ≥ 29 kg/m² in the 2nd grade and 3rd grade students (16 and 17 years old)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: consuming special diets, taking drugs affecting body weight, or not complying with the intended conditions or criteria (due to the holidays or examination periods)</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 12 schools</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Behaviour modification programme : implemented by a nursing expert and a physical education expert for the participants (based on the compiled training booklets). 24-hour diet record for participants and parents; face-to-face nutritional instructions for the parents supported by an educational booklet (during 4 × 1-hour weekly sessions); face-to-face nutritional instructions for the participants on dietary modification and techniques for increasing physical activity, supported by an educational booklet (during 8 × 45-minute sessions, held twice per week); exercises demonstrated by the physical education expert at school in a group, 1 hour per day, 3 days per week, for 6 weeks.</p> <p>The exercise programme consisted of warming up for 10 minutes, performing aerobic exercises for 40-45 minutes and cooling down for 5-10 minutes, and included rapid and vigorous walking, running, rope jumping, zigzag movements, high-knees, butterfly movements, stepping exercises and exercises for strengthening important muscles (e.g. rectus abdominal, quadriceps, trapezius and latissimus dorsi)</p> <p>Control : provided with educational booklets after data collection</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: weight, BMI, and waist and hip circumferences; students' and parents' nutrition knowledge; symptoms of depression
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: trial was registered at Metabolism Research Center, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran under the number 578</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "to determine the influence of a "behavior modification" program on body mass index (BMI) in obese public high school students in Iran."

Toulabi 2012 (Continued)

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "Participants were randomly assigned to either intervention or control." Comment: no other details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: the same nurse who provided the intervention measured outcomes
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: the same nurse who provided the intervention measured outcomes; however, low risk of bias from objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no discussion of attrition
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no discussion of attrition
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no clinical trial record or protocol identified
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

van Egmond-Frohlich 2006

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: participating in an inpatient rehabilitation programme with obesity as the primary indication (BMI > 97th percentile), aged 9-16 years, informed consent.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: secondary obesity, language barriers, duration of rehabilitation < 28 days, type 1 diabetes, psychiatric disease.</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: BMI > 97th percentile.</p>

van Egmond-Frohlich 2006 (Continued)

Interventions	Number of study centres: 320 physicians Treatment before study: rehabilitation programme Description of interventions Behavioural education programme : after the rehabilitation programme, participating physicians of the intervention group received a practice guideline. Telephone consultation was offered. Key items of the guideline were: addressing the guilt or fate problem; treatment aims (health promotion activities); guidance on fat-limiting mixed diet; promotion of a physical active lifestyle; local support resources; promotion of flexible control of eating; patient guidance according to the public health counselling and self-management model; the outpatient programme was intended to have health check-ups every 4 weeks during the first 12 months (10-12 appointments); the intervention was financed by the health insurer AOK Sachsen-Anhalt in the context of research funding Standard of care control : -	
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI-SDS, HRQoL, behaviour, self-efficacy	
Study details	Run-in period: rehabilitation programme (unknown duration) Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: none	
Publication details	Language of publication: German Non-commercial funding: BMBR, AOK Sachsen-Anhalt, LVA Sachsen-Anhalt Publication status: peer-reviewed journal	
Stated aim for study	"To study the effects of structured outpatient care on the long-term rehab success in children and adolescents" [translation]	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication (translation): "... according to randomisation criteria ... allocation ... according to sex and age ..." Comment: no further details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication (translation): "... external methods centre of the Martin-Luther-University Halls ..."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: nothing stated

van Egmond-Frohlich 2006 (Continued)

Subjective outcomes

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	High risk	Comment: intervention was used by < 50% of participants
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: intervention was used by < 50% of participants
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: data only partially reported with usually no differentiation between intervention and control group
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Vissers 2008

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: overweight volunteers in 3rd grade secondary vocational education schools who donated a blood sample. Were in 3rd grade secondary vocational education schools in the Flemish province of Antwerp, Belgium</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: no details</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: -</p> <p>Treatment before study: none</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>School-based behaviour changing intervention : intervention was based on concepts from health behaviour change models such as the Social Cognitive Theory, Theory of Planned Behavior and Transtheoretical Model and Stages of Change.</p> <p>A monthly counselling session with a physiotherapist to coach them to increase their daily physical activity. They also received a free subscription to a nearby fitness club and were instructed to work out at least 3 times per week. These workout sessions consisted of a mix of aerobic and strength exercises. In general, a session this would typically include: short warming up and stretching; 30 minutes of aerobic exercises such as treadmill running, cycling, rowing, stepping; strength exercises focused on large muscle groups such as pectoral, upper arm, abdominal and leg muscles; and a cooling down period. The practical implementation of these general guidelines was left to the respective fitness centres.</p> <p>Participants in the intervention group were offered nutritional counselling by a dietitian. Topic of these counselling sessions was healthy food choices and maintaining a proper energy balance. Every session there was a specific theme, e.g. breakfast, snacks, drinks, dairy products, fast food, portion sizes, nutritional labelling, motivation and coping strategies, based on the Flemish model of 'the active food pyramid', as proposed by the Flemish institute of Health Promotion, an inventory of specific food product and popular brands in adolescents, categorised by health effect, was developed as an attractive hang-up model. Main goals were improving food knowledge, attitude and behaviour</p>

Visser 2008 (Continued)

Total sessions: 6 nutrition sessions: individual or group (maximum of 2 group sessions) once per month. Took place in school after or between school hours. 6 counselling sessions once per month. No mention of total length of session but they included 30-minute aerobic exercises.

Training for instructors not stated

Control: continued to participate in standard gym classes

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: weight, BMI, waist circumference, fasting glucose	
Study details	Run-in period: none Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -	
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "To study the effect of a multidisciplinary school-based lifestyle intervention for overweight and obese students attending vocational secondary school (VSE). VSE provides practice-oriented education in which young people learn a specific occupation."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote from publication: "were randomised..." Comment: no details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "The researchers were not blinded for the randomization when assessing parameters such as weight and waist circumference due to limited means." Comment: outcomes unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	High risk	Comment: numbers and reasons reported, differential dropouts between study groups
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no clinical trial record or protocol
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Visuthranukul 2015

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 9-16 years; BMI > International Obesity Task Force cut-off corresponding to BMI of 30 kg/m² in adulthood.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: behavioural and intellectual problems that might be an obstacle to follow the diet instruction, underlying diseases that might affect a weight management programme used drugs associated with weight increment or reduction attended other weight management programmes.</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above.</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Low-GI diet : individual goals for weight management were set. Emphasis on low-GI foods was provided. A dietitian emphasised the selection of low-GI carbohydrates that fit Thai culture and their routine lives. The energy distribution was carbohydrate 50-55%, protein 15-20% and fat 30-35%. Each visit consisted of a 2-hour, small class teaching session with parental participation (4-5 families/class). The contents varied from the 1st to 6th visit, starting from portion size and food exchange, modest energy restriction, principle of GI, sources of low-GI diet, cooking demonstration of low-GI dishes, guidance about food labelling and some games about GI of common food and beverages</p> <p>Control group : received conventional instructions at the nutrition clinic about low energy (approximately 1200-1300 kcal/day), low-fat (25% of total energy from fat) and high-fibre diet by another dietitian who gave the dietary advices with special emphasis on the energy restriction such as energy count and how to avoid high-fat Thai dishes as well as sources of high-fibre diet.</p> <p>Both groups received the same instruction about physical activity, by increasing non-weight bearing exercise 30 minutes per day at least 3 times per week, increasing physical activity in their routine lives and decreasing sedentary activity</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score, fat, fat-free mass, fasting plasma insulin, HOMA-IR
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT02049788</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "The objective of this study was to compare the effectiveness of a low-GI diet program and a standard counselling program in the treatment of obese Thai children."
Notes	
Risk of bias	
Bias	Authors' judgement Support for judgement

Visuthranukul 2015 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "Participants were randomly allocated (by computer generated randomization blocks of 10) to receive either conventional obesity clinic advice or an intervention of a low-GI diet."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "The researcher who did not relate to data collection and data analysis used computer to generate the random allocation sequence. Other researchers enrolled participants and assigned them to interventions."</p> <p>Comment: appropriate</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not mentioned
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not mentioned
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: not mentioned
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not reported, but low risk of bias from objective outcomes. Investigator-assessed
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "8 out of 35 participants (22.9%) lost to follow-up 8 out of 35 participants (22.9%) lost to follow-up and 2 participants out of 35 participants (5.7%) withdrew their consents because of the travelling problems."</p> <p>Comment: only reported baselines and results data for participants completing the study. Reasons for dropouts not provided. States ITT but completers only are reported</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "8 out of 35 participants (22.9%) lost to follow-up 8 out of 35 participants (22.9%) lost to follow-up and 2 participants out of 35 participants (5.7%) withdrew their consents because of the travelling problems."</p> <p>Comment: only reported baselines and results data for participants completing the study. Reasons for dropouts not provided. States ITT but completers only are reported</p>
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: report all outcomes intended to measure in trial documents and main publication
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Vos 2011

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design	
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Vos 2011 (Continued)

Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: obesity, aged 8-17 years, living in the Hague and in the area around the Hague and referred to a paediatrician for overweight or obesity, and increased risk of comorbidity (e.g. hypertension, family history of diabetes mellitus, hypercholesterolaemia, cardiovascular disease (or a combination of these) before the age of 55 years, Hindustani ethnicity).</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: knowledge of the Dutch language, intelligence or social skills insufficient to participate in the group, use of medication that might have an effect on weight loss, medical comorbidities that could affect participation, or previous enrolment in another cognitive behavioural treatment programme with the focus on reducing obesity.</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: not stated.</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1.</p> <p>Treatment before study: none.</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Family-based intervention : an individual consultation with the child psychologist, group intervention with 8-10 participants in each group. Received a treatment manual with the objectives and goals of the treatment and, per session, information about the topics discussed. The focus was on the effort to change habits more than weight reduction goals. Adolescents were made aware of their own actions and their way of living that has led to their obesity.</p> <p>Several cognitive behavioural techniques were learned (knowledge, skills and attitude) during the intensive phase of the treatment during 6 bi-weekly sessions of 2.5 hours per session. Each session contained: determination of body weight, homework discussion and evaluation, education, physical activity, role playing, discussing homework for next meeting and set goals linked to educational topics of the session. The educational topics included group bond to encourage peer support, individual motivation for participating, nutritional information and the balance between energy intake and energy expenditure, healthy nutrition, self-control techniques, coping with teasing and being teased, self-image, cognitive strategies and relapse techniques.</p> <p>Current physical activity level and sedentary behaviour of the child also reviewed, energy intake versus energy expenditure was evaluated and visualised for the adolescent by a computer program. Options to change or optimise physical and sedentary activities were debated and the participants were advised how to find suitable exercise programmes.</p> <p>Taught how to read product labels and obtain information on misleading advertisement and discuss how to deal with meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, 2 healthy snacks), and how to make healthy choices and develop healthy eating habits (small bits, slow eating, eating at the family table, no other activities during eating).</p> <p>Parents had separate parallel parent group sessions (5 evenings) by a dietitian and a social worker. Included information on healthy nutrition, product information, quantities, eating moments, eating locations, how to help their children and parenting styles.</p> <p>Final session was a joint session to celebrate the end of the programme, where participants were encouraged to bring healthy snacks, games and activities were also planned instead of the intake of food alone.</p> <p>Delivered by dietitian, physiotherapist and psychologist, unclear if same for each meeting. No information on training of those delivering the programme.</p> <p>Wait list control : initial advice on physical activity and nutrition. During the 12-month study period, the children were seen at start, after 3 months and at end of the period just before they start the treatment. Wait list control offered the treatment after 12 months.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI-SDS, HRQoL, waist circumference SDS, physical fitness, insulin resistance, lipid profile, high-sensitive C-reactive protein or for adiponectin.</p>
Study details	<p>Run-in period: none.</p>

Vos 2011 (Continued)

Study terminated early: no.

Trial identifier: [ISRCTN36146436](#).

Publication details	Language of publication: English. Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal.	
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "the effect evaluation of a family-based cognitive behavioral multidisciplinary lifestyle treatment. The intervention aims to establish long-term weight reduction and stabilization, reduction of obesity related health consequences and improvement of self-image by change of lifestyle and learning cognitive behavioral techniques."	
Notes		
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Following informed consent of all participating children and parents the children are stratified by gender and ethnicity ('North European' and 'Other') and randomized to the intervention or control group according to coin-tossing. In order to obtain a similar size of the intervention and control groups, blocked randomization is applied with an allocation ratio of 1:1. Randomization is carried out by a member of the team who does not take part in the treatment..." Comment: randomisation by coin tossing
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "Participants are allocated randomisation codes known by the researcher and research coordinator." Comment: randomisation by coin toss
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Quote from publication: "An experienced assistant blinded for the study design measures weight and height." Comment: appropriate
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, ITT analysis used

Vos 2011 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: numbers and reasons provided, ITT analysis used
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	Comment: some collected data not reported e.g. free fatty acid, gut hormones (all time points) lipids and inflammatory markers (postintervention)
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Walpole 2013

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: overweight and obese, BMI \geq 85th percentile for age and gender (WHO 2002), 10-18 years, attending a local paediatric outpatient clinic</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: current use of medication with possible adverse effects of weight gain/loss, non-English speaking, developmental delay, pregnant or diagnosed with an active eating disorder, or both</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	<p>Number of study centres: 1</p> <p>Treatment before study: -</p> <p>Description of interventions</p> <p>Motivational interviewing intervention: counselling sessions were approximately 30 minutes long, 6 sessions held at the time of regularly scheduled healthy lifestyles appointments. Interventionist was a clinical psychology doctoral student trained in MI. Guided toward increasing awareness of unhealthy behaviours, consideration of whether current behaviour was consistent with personal values and envision how change may be helpful. Where ambivalence or resistance to change, agenda setting, decisional balances and scale questions with empathy and supporting autonomy were used.</p> <p>The interviewer was trained in MI and received professional supervision</p> <p>Social skills training: counselling sessions were approximately 30 minutes long, 6 sessions held at the time of regularly scheduled healthy lifestyles appointments. Offered advice rather than attempting to elicit ideas, prescribed goals to work on without specific regard for the client's readiness to change. Used a standardised treatment manual, developed and validated for children and adolescents. Sessions were based around finding appropriate ways to navigate typical social situations.</p> <p>Different interventionist to the MI group who was provided with feedback at monthly intervals</p>
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: self-efficacy, BMI z scores, number of sessions attended
Study details	<p>Run-in period: -</p> <p>Study terminated early: no</p> <p>Trial identifier: NCT01246349</p>
Publication details	<p>Language of publication: English</p> <p>Non-commercial funding</p> <p>Publication status: peer-reviewed journal</p>

Walpole 2013 (Continued)

Stated aim for study Quote from publication: "to determine whether MI, in addition to a standard care program, would significantly increase self-efficacy (a parameter thought to be integral in making and sustaining behavior changes) and promote BMI reduction in children aged 10-18 years compared to a control intervention (social skills training)."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "allocation to one of the four strata was made subsequent to computer-generated block permutations, which determined the intervention assignment."</p> <p>Comment: block randomisation to ensure balanced groups</p>
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "study interventionists were blind to the randomization process, which was carried out by a research coordinator..."</p> <p>Comment: adequate</p>
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	<p>Quote from publication: "participants were unaware of the specific intervention group to which they were assigned."</p> <p>Comment: investigator-assessed. Unlikely participants could be blinded to allocation</p>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	<p>Quote from publication: "measurements were assessed at the clinic site by staff who were blinded to the intervention assignment..."</p> <p>Comment: investigator-assessed</p>
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: missing data reported and reasons explained
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: HRQoL and self-esteem not yet published
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Wengle 2011

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: 1:1, superiority design
Participants	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-16 years, BMI > 85th percentile for age and gender, free of morbidities that might have impaired or contraindicated their safe participation in the study</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: physical/intellectual limitations (e.g. developmental delay, psychiatric illness, significant non-obesity-related medical conditions, orthopaedic problems, recent surgery performed or planned), treatment with medications that might interfere with weight or growth control (e.g. corticosteroids or thyroid hormone), and psychological illness (e.g. major depression or an eating disorder)</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria: as above</p>
Interventions	Number of study centres: -

Wengle 2011 (Continued)

Treatment before study: none

Description of interventions

Mentored behaviour changing intervention : adolescents and family members attended a 1-day group educational workshop at the beginning of the study, given specific instructions and written materials regarding how to self-assess behaviour and environment, and successively implement small changes by setting goals toward measurable and attainable outcomes. Learned about the study recommendations for physical activity and nutrition. Visits at baseline, 1, 2, 3 and 6 months included nutrition and activity counselling.

Met with a mentor in person for 1-2 hours once per week to achieve activity goals, participate in physical activity, and discuss and set nutritional goals. Additionally, they agreed to communicate (either through telephone or e-mail) twice per week for support.

Mentoring was provided by mentor volunteers were recruited from the University of Toronto (Ontario). Unclear who delivered the remaining behaviour changing interventions. The mentor had regular contact with study personnel, and monthly group meetings and were trained to standardise the intervention

Control : as above without the additional mentor support

Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: BMI z score, waist circumference, HDL, LDL:HDL ratio, consumption high-calorie foods and snacks, fast food restaurant visits, screen time, feasibility of intervention
Study details	Run-in period: all attended 1-day workshop prerandomisation Study terminated early: no Trial identifier: -
Publication details	Language of publication: English Non-commercial funding Publication status: peer-reviewed journal
Stated aim for study	Quote from publication: "To conduct a pilot study designed to measure the impact of a healthy lifestyle intervention with or without individualized mentorship on adiposity, metabolic profile, nutrition and physical activity in overweight teens."
Notes	

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote from publication: "blocked randomization with random number generator, 1:1 treatment allocation, mentor-mentee pair matched according to sex." Comment: appropriate
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: no details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: unclear if blinding was carried out

Wengle 2011 (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: unclear if blinding was carried out
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: unclear if blinding was carried out
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: unclear if blinding was carried out but low risk of bias from objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: 6 adolescents withdrew shortly after the behaviour changing intervention started (reasons given) but the study did not provide any baseline measures for them
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	Comment: 6 adolescents withdrew shortly after the behaviour changing intervention started (reasons given) but the study did not provide any baseline measures for them
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: outcomes reported as stated but no protocol to confirm
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: no other bias

Wong 2015

Methods	Parallel RCT, randomisation ratio: -, superiority design
Participants	Inclusion criteria: - Exclusion criteria: - Diagnostic criteria: -
Interventions	Number of study centres: - Treatment before study: - Description of interventions Standard weight loss + advice + behavioural support: standard weight loss diet + advice + behavioural support (counselling, cookbook of recipes and health guides) to increase habitual water intake to 8 cups/day Control: standard weight loss diet + advice and behavioural support (counselling, cookbook of recipes and health guides)
Outcomes	Outcomes reported in abstract of publication: water intake, urine specific gravity, BMI z score, cardiometabolic risk factors
Study details	Run-in period: - Study terminated before regular end (for benefit/because of adverse events): - Trial identifier: -

Wong 2015 (Continued)

Publication details

Language of publication: English

Non-commercial funding
Publication status: peer-reviewed journal

Stated aim for study

Quote from publication: "to conduct a pilot study comparing two standard weight loss diets, either with (Experimental) or without (Control) additional advice and behavioral support to increase habitual water intake to 8 cups per day."

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No details
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) Objective outcomes	Low risk	Comment: not specified; however, low risk of bias for objective outcomes
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Subjective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Objective outcomes	Unclear risk	No details
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	No details
Other bias	Unclear risk	No details

ARQoL: asthma-related quality of life; BMI: body mass index; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CST: coping skills training; CT: computer tomography; DSM-IV-Text Revised: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition - Text Revised; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; HDL: high-density lipoprotein; HELP: Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme; HOMA-IR: homeostatic model assessment, insulin resistance; HRQoL: health-related quality of life; ITT: intention to treat; LDL: low-density lipoprotein; MI: motivational interviewing; mph: miles per hour; n: number of participants; PACE+: Patient-Centered

Assessment and Counseling for Exercise plus Nutrition; PedsQL: Pediatric Quality of Life; RCT: randomised controlled trial; SDS: standard deviation score; TEENS: Teaching Encouragement Exercise Nutrition Support

- denotes not reported

Note: where the judgement is 'Unclear' and the description is blank, the trial did not report that particular outcome

Characteristics of excluded studies [ordered by study ID]

Study	Reason for exclusion
Balogopal 2005	Study < 6 months.
Belenchia 2013	Primary and secondary outcomes not reported (measures glucose control). Did not meet the aim of the review.
Braet 2004	Intervention study, not an RCT.
Carrel 2007	Secondary analysis, not an RCT.
Crandall 2006	Drug intervention.
Daly 2013	Study < 6 months.
Dancy 2006	Intervention study, not an RCT.
De Jesus 2013	Study < 6 months.
DeVore 2013	Prospective follow-up, not an RCT.
Doyle 2008	Study < 6 months.
Dreyer-Gillette 2014	Compared 2 different interventions.
Faulkner 2013	Intervention study, not an RCT.
Fonseca 2016	Study < 6 months.
Freire 2013	Intervention study, not an RCT.
Garnett 2014	Compared 2 different interventions.
Giel 2013	Not an RCT, compared to an aged-matched control.
Hay 2016	Comparing 2 different interventions.
Jelalian 1999	Systematic review.
Jelalian 2010	Non-relevant comparator (comparing 2 different interventions).
Jones 2009	Intervention not aiming to treat overweight or obesity.
Jones 2008	Non-relevant intervention (intervention not aiming to treat obesity).
Lee 2013a	Study < 6 months.
Lee 2013b	Study < 6 months.
Lee 2013c	Study < 6 months.

Study	Reason for exclusion
Lovely 2013	Study < 6 months.
Lubans 2008	Quasi-experimental design.
NCT00863083	Study terminated due to poor enrolment.
NCT01044134	Study terminated (achieved n = 38, due to slow recruitment, which was 2/3 of target).
NCT02011646	Study terminated (the principal investigator changed institutions).
NCT02295761	Study < 6 months.
Nunes 2016	Not relevant intervention (the effect of interdisciplinary therapy in the parameters of the oxidative stress and the anti-inflammatory responses).
Parks 2014	Drug intervention.
Racil 2013	Study < 6 months.
Sabzghabae 2013	Study < 6 months.
Sarvestani 2009	Experimental quasi design.
Shrewsbury 2011	Study < 6 months.
Sussman 2013	Qualitative study.
Van 2013	Not relevant age (< 12 years).
Ventura 2009	Study < 6 months.
Wadden 1990	Study < 6 months.
Wiegand 2014	Participants not overweight or obese.
Wilson 2012	2 different interventions.
Xanthopoulos 2013	Only % weight change in association with carers' weight loss reported.

n: number of participants; RCT: randomised controlled trial.

Characteristics of studies awaiting assessment *[ordered by study ID]*

Angerer 2015

Methods	Type of study: controlled clinical trial Allocation: - Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition:

Angerer 2015 (Continued)

	Enrollment: Inclusion criteria: Exclusion criteria:
Interventions	Interventions: nutrition counselling, sport and life-skill training Comparator: -
Outcomes	Primary outcome: - Secondary outcome: - Other outcome: medical and psychological outcomes
Study identifier	-
Official title	Fit4You - a programme for prevention and reduction of overweight in apprentices in the workplace setting
Stated purpose of study	"Examined the effect of a multimodal programme including nutrition counselling, sport, and life-skill training on medical and psychological outcomes."
Notes	Unclear if it is an RCT

Barbeau 2003

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: randomised Intervention model: Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 55 Inclusion criteria: triceps skinfold > 85th percentile for gender, race and age; not involved in any other weight control or exercise programme; could not have limitations to physical activity Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: high-intensity physical training and lifestyle education Interventions: moderate-intensity physical training and lifestyle education Comparators: lifestyle education
Outcomes	Primary outcome: fasting leptin Secondary outcome: Other outcomes: body composition, visceral adipose tissue, subcutaneous abdominal adipose tissue, cardiovascular fitness, heart rate, daily physical activity, time spent sleeping, dietary intake

Barbeau 2003 (Continued)

Study identifier	-
Official title	Influence of physical training on plasma leptin in obese youths
Stated purpose of study	Effect of 2 intensities of physical training on leptin in obese teenagers
Notes	Anthropometric outcomes not reported

Bohlin 2012

Methods	Type of study: non-inferiority study Allocation: randomised Intervention model: - Masking: open Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 35 Inclusion criteria: children aged 5-16 years Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: multidisciplinary treatment provided by the obesity treatment clinic followed by frequent telephone consultations with parents Comparator: the usual multidisciplinary treatment visits delivered provided by the obesity treatment clinic
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI-SDS Secondary outcome: - Other outcome: -
Study identifier	-
Official title	Can telephone consultations substitute visits in treatment of childhood obesity? Results from a randomized trial
Stated purpose of study	"To explore the possibility to substitute nurse-visits at the clinic with more frequent telephone-consultations without degrading treatment outcome measured in BMI-SDS."
Notes	Unclear if the mean age of participants was 12-16 years old. Contacted author (19 October 2015) requesting mean age and risk of bias

Campos 2017

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: -
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Campos 2017 (Continued)

	Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: - Enrollment: 148 Inclusion criteria: - Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Interventions: aerobic training + resistance training Comparator: aerobic training
Outcomes	Primary outcome: Secondary outcome: Other outcomes: body mass, BMI, fat mass, visceral and subcutaneous fat, insulin resistance
Study identifier	-
Official title	HOMA-AD: the role of different types of physical exercise in obese adolescents
Stated purpose of study	"The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of different kinds of exercise in the sensitive index predictor of insulin resistance."
Notes	Library cannot provide reference

Cocca 2016

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: randomised. Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: - Enrollment: 41. Inclusion criteria: - Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: school physical activity based on tactical ball games (4 × 60-minute sessions/week), and attended meetings of nutritional counselling with their families (1 hour/week) Comparator: regular school physical education
Outcomes	Outcomes: cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, waist circumference, blood pressure and glycaemia values

Cocca 2016 (Continued)

	Primary outcome:
	Secondary outcome:
	Other outcome:
Study identifier	-
Official title	Effects of a school-based intervention program on metabolic syndrome parameters in school-aged youth
Stated purpose of study	"The aim of this study was to assess the impact of a school intervention program on the parameters of MetS [metabolic syndrome] in Mexican secondary school students."
Notes	Unclear whether all participants were overweight or obese at baseline and focus of study is on metabolic syndrome rather than weight loss. No data, only P values and most of the outcomes are cardiovascular disease risk factors rather than weight. Contacted author (12 January 2017) to clarify inclusion criteria of participants, aim of the study and weight outcomes

Garrett 1979

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: - Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: - Inclusion criteria: aged 11-16 years, females. Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: - Comparator: -
Outcomes	Primary outcome: - Secondary outcome: - Other outcome: -
Study identifier	-
Official title	Group behavioural therapy versus family behavioural therapy in treatment of obese adolescent females
Stated purpose of study	-
Notes	Library cannot locate full-text

Gracianette 1982

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: - Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: - Inclusion criteria: obese adolescents Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: - Comparator: -
Outcomes	Primary outcome: - Secondary outcome: - Other outcome: -
Study identifier	-
Official title	The application of behavioural techniques to change eating habits and/or exercise habits to effect weight reduction and maintenance in adolescents: a year-long study
Stated purpose of study	
Notes	Library cannot locate full-text

Li 2006

Methods	Type of study: efficacy Allocation: randomised Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: overweight or obesity Enrollment: 120 Inclusion criteria: girl students with simple obesity and overweight aged (mean \pm SD) 15.5 \pm 3.7 years Exclusion criteria:

Li 2006 (Continued)

Interventions	<p>Interventions: reducing weight therapy composed of aerobic exercise (body exercise, power, jump and flexible sports, body and mental health sports, relax sports), reasonable diet (protein:carbohydrate:fat = 5:4:1) and mental modification</p> <p>Comparator: -</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome:</p> <p>Secondary outcome:</p> <p>Other outcomes: BMI, body mass, chest circumference, waistline, hip circumference, power of gripping, 800 m running, standing long jump, sit-up, quiet heart rate, blood glucose, blood fat, cholesterol, insulin and leptin</p>
Study identifier	-
Official title	Anti-obesity effect of comprehensive diet and sports in girl students with simple obesity or overweight
Stated purpose of study	To investigate the effective antiobesity therapy with comprehensive diet prescription and sports for girl students with simple obesity and overweight
Notes	Article in Chinese, lack of resources to translate. Contacted author (11 August 2015) for an English version

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Methods	<p>HELIOS study</p> <p>Type of study: efficacy</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: none</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 80</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: children and adolescents aged 8-18 years referred to Heideheugel by their own paediatrician. They must have BMI-SDS ≥ 2.3 according to the growth curves based on the 4th Dutch National Growth Study of 1997 (this corresponds to the 99th percentile) and comorbidity related to obesity (e.g. obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome, raised insulin, diabetes type 2, liver function disorders, dyslipidaemia, worn out joints) or a BMI-SDS ≥ 3.0 (this corresponds to the 99.9th percentile)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: having syndromal or chromosomal determined obesity, obesity caused by endocrine disorders (hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome, primary hyperinsulinaemia, pseudohypoparathyroidism, acquired (structural) hypothalamic damage) or medicine use (e.g. oral steroids, antiepileptic drugs, antidepressants), severe psychiatric problems, an IQ < 75 or similar school level or if their parents are not willing to participate in the treatment</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention A: intensive combined behaviour changing inpatient treatment for 6 months during weekdays, followed by biweekly hospital admissions of 2 days for 4 months</p>

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Intervention B: intensive combined behaviour changing inpatient treatment for 2 months during weekdays, followed by biweekly return visits of 2 days during the next 4 months, then followed by 6 monthly return visits of 2 days

Comparator: usual care: will receive usual care for 1 year, after which the participants will be randomly allocated to the groups A and B

Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI-SDS (costs of treatment per change in relative BMI)</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: psychological and psychosocial data on issues such as motivation, competence, self-esteem, anxiety and mental stress; cardiovascular risk factors (blood pressure, serum lipids, liver function tests, glucose and insulin); waist circumference; dietary behaviour; eating behaviour, physical activity (sedentary behaviour); quality of life (generic, weigh-specific and health-related quality of life)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Study identifier	NTR1678.
Official title	Health effects of behaviour changing interventions in obese children and adolescents study (Helios) - a randomised controlled trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to compare the cost-effectiveness of these two intensive one-year inpatient treatments to each other and to usual care for severely obese children and adolescents."
Notes	Study only intended to compare the 2 active interventions. The thesis states that for 'logistical reasons' they randomised to a wait list control group, review authors assumed as they were only able to take a small number of participants through the interventions at any 1 time. They also randomise to the groups in 2 batches so that every 6 months for 2 years they start a new intervention 1 and 2 with 10 participants each. The flow chart and number of participants do not show the wait list control group but include them when they are included in intervention A and B. There is 1 analysis for the 3 groups (6 and 12 months only as appropriate) which was described as an "additional analysis." For the purpose of the review, the comparison with the wait list control would be relevant; however, there are no numbers included in the analysis, no baseline characteristics and the only data for BMI-SDS is from a figure. Awaiting further clarification from author or publication of the data to know if this group will be analysable

NCT00462267

Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: single blind (outcomes assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity/overweight</p> <p>Enrollment: 215</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-15 years, BMI \geq 90%, 1 or both parent(s) willing to participate in study assessments and parent sessions</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: BMI \geq 99%, significant cognitive impairment, pregnant, congenital heart disease that limits activity, serious asthma requiring oral prednisone, taking medications that increase appetite</p>

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Interventions	<p>Intervention: enriched behaviour changing intervention, multicomponent group teen and parent sessions, individual telephone-based coaching contact and a distinct collaborative care component with follow-up visits to the youth's primary care provider</p> <p>Comparator: usual care</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: quality of life, self-esteem, depression, unhealthy eating practices, weight and shape concerns, sociocultural attitudes toward appearance, satisfaction, dietary intake, personal and family eating patterns, physical activity, sedentary behaviours, personal and family physical activity patterns</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Study identifier	NCT00462267
Official title	Examining the feasibility of collaborative care treatment for overweight adolescents
Stated purpose of study	"Examine the effectiveness of a primary care based intervention to help overweight teen girls adopt healthy lifestyle practices."
Notes	Contacted author (6 August 2015), author reply: "The study you identified was a small pilot that supported the larger trial published in <i>Pediatrics</i> (included in this review). Unfortunately, we don't have analytic resources to provide more detail than what is available in the paper itself."

NCT00475163

Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: prevention</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 34</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-17 years, able to participate in physical activity</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: on medications that could affect weight</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: weekly contacts with mentors to improve physical activity pattern, self-esteem and weight loss in obese teenagers over a 6-month period</p> <p>Comparator: -</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: weight gain, fitness, self-esteem</p> <p>Secondary outcome:</p> <p>Other outcome:</p>
Study identifier	NCT00475163 .

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Official title	Mentors in motion: a physical activity intervention for obese adolescents
Stated purpose of study	Assessing the impact of mentoring on the behaviour changing choices of adolescents who are overweight
Notes	Study listed as completed on ClinicalTrials.gov, but no study results available (last checked 16 August 2016). Contacted authors (7 August 2015) for published/unpublished data, author response (15 September 2015): data had not been published and the work is still pending (no results available, checked 21 November 2016)

Shapiro 1976

Methods	Type of study: - Allocation: - Intervention model: - Masking: - Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: - Enrollment: - Inclusion criteria: - Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: - Comparator: -
Outcomes	Primary outcome: Secondary outcome: Other outcome:
Study identifier	-
Official title	A comparison of various reward and monitoring procedures in the behavioral treatment of overweight children
Stated purpose of study	-
Notes	Library cannot locate full-text

BMI: body mass index; HDL: high-density lipoprotein; HOMA-AD: homeostatic model assessment - adiponectin; IQ: intelligence quotient; RCT: randomised controlled trial; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score.

Characteristics of ongoing studies [ordered by study ID]

ACTRN12607000632493

Trial name or title	Acronym: eGAME (Electronic Games to Aid Motivation to Exercise)
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Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: overweight</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 330</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 10-14 years, living in the greater metropolitan Auckland area, overweight (according to the Cole international cut-offs for child obesity); play \geq 2 hours of video games per week; have no contraindications to perform physical activity; required to own a PlayStation® 2 or 3 gaming console but not the EyeToy™ or Dance Mat technology</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: if they already own active video games or have a medical condition that would prohibit exercise</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: eGAME: a USB motion-capture camera to place a picture of the gamer onscreen. The gamer then interacts with the images on screen. The upgrade consisted of an EyeToy™ camera, dance mat and a selection of active video games. Children encouraged to meet physical activity recommendations to perform 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity on most days of the week by supplementing periods of inactivity with active video game play and substituting periods of inactive video game play with the active version</p> <p>Comparator: control group: continue normal video game playing and physical activity behaviour. At the end of the study, received the active video games upgrade package</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: change in BMI z score and centile</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: % body fat, waist circumference, physical fitness, PAQ-C score, mean daily time spent in light-to-vigorous activities (minutes), mean daily time spent in active video games (minutes) and mean daily time spent in non-active video games (minutes)</p> <p>Other outcomes: mean daily time spent in light activities (minutes), moderate activities (minutes) and vigorous activities (minutes); psychological variables intention, self-efficacy, barrier efficacy, perceived competence, perceived enjoyment; and mean daily total energy consumed from snacks (kJ)</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: 2008</p> <p>Study completion date: unclear</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: University of Auckland/Ralph Maddison
Study identifier	ACTRN12607000632493
Official title	Active video games to improve body composition and physical activity in children
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to determine the effects of an active video game intervention over 6 months on: body mass index (BMI), percent body fat, waist circumference, cardio-respiratory fitness, and physical activity levels in overweight children."
Notes	Contacted author (22 October 2015) for anticipated study completion data

ACTRN12611000139976

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: blinded, masking used.
Participants	Condition: overweight and obesity (\geq 85th centile) Enrollment: 570 Inclusion criteria: aged 12-17 years; overweight or obese (\geq 85th centile) according to the age- and gender-specific BMI data from the International Obesity Task Force; Internet access at home or at a location where regular use is possible (i.e. school, library). Recruitment will be restricted to those living in the Melbourne metropolitan area (to facilitate complete follow-up assessments by maximising opportunities to collect height and weight data, and to contain study costs) Exclusion criteria: young people with a known endocrine or chromosomal cause for their obesity; taking prescription medication resulting in weight changes (e.g. prednisolone); complications of overweight that contraindicate moderate physical activity (e.g. orthopaedic disorders); past or current medical diagnosis of a clinical eating disorder (i.e. anorexia or bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder) or significant health disability or condition which prevents participation
Interventions	Intervention: Internet-based programme for 12 weeks, 1 session per week for self-directed 30-60 minutes. Goals will be set by the participant from a framework recommended within the programme (e.g. to increase moderate activity from 0 to 30 minutes on most days) and reviewed every week, activities will be specific to intervention group but not to each individual. Participants will receive a pedometer and a walking programme to help achieve goal of 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity per day. Cognitive behaviour aspect of the programme will address self-monitoring, goal setting, stimulus control, social eating, etc. Participants will receive feedback at least weekly. Parents of participants will be sent monthly newsletters for the 3 months of the intervention programme with tips on creating a supportive environment. After the 12-week programme is finished, participants will receive monthly follow-up via text or e-mail asking them to review their eating and physical activity habits, and provide feedback. They can also review the materials from the programme Comparator: publicly available generic health information about healthy eating and physical activity at start of 12 weeks treatment period. Information will be presented in both paper and on-line format (e.g. participant will receive a pack with flyers about the physical activity requirements, healthy eating and planning healthy meals and a sheet with links to websites about the age appropriate healthy eating, physical activity and mental health). No cognitive behaviour element
Outcomes	Primary outcome: reduction in BMI z score Secondary outcomes: waist circumference, % body fat, blood pressure, psychological distress, quality of life, eating disorder, programme content satisfaction questionnaire Other outcome: adherence
Starting date	Study start date: July 2011 Study completion date: actual date last participant enrolled: 1 October 2013
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Joanne Williams, The Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria, Australia

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Study identifier	ACTRN12611000139976
Official title	Staying fit adolescent weight management study
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "Staying Fit has been designed as an Internet-based adolescent weight management program for overweight or mildly obese Australian young people. Goals of the program include: targeting weight loss, promoting weight maintenance, decreasing weight and shape concerns, healthy eating and increasing physical activity."
Notes	Trial website (www.rch.org.au/cah/research.cfm?doc_id=14887) states that they are currently preparing publications (accessed 16 August 2016)

ACTRN12611000862943

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open (masking not used) Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 107 Inclusion criteria: males and females aged 5-16 years; BMI \geq 98th centile, or > 91st centile with weight-related comorbidities. Ready for change as assessed by questionnaire and overall assessment of level of motivation by Healthy Lifestyles Co-ordinator on interview. Committed family member Exclusion criteria: significant comorbidities (i.e. any medical condition serious enough to make it impossible for a child/adolescent to embark on a programme of increasing physical activity)
Interventions	Intervention: physical activity - fitness assessments and knowledge of importance of physical fitness at 0, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months. Initial home visits by Active Families co-ordinator (1 hour), then weekly activity sessions for 40 weeks during the year (1.5 hours per session). Dietary education - dietitian input and initial home visits (1 hour). Psychology input - input as group at commencement of intervention (2 \times 1-hour sessions), and then at family/individual level as indicated Comparator: brief dietary education by means of pamphlet
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: BMI-SDS; quality of life; physical activity Secondary outcomes: dietary behaviour; sedentary activity; glycaemic control Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: 9 January 2012 Study completion date: -
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Yvonne Anderson; Child and Adolescent Centre, Taranaki Base Hospital

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Study identifier	ACTRN12611000862943.
Official title	The effect of a multi-disciplinary obesity intervention compared to usual practice in those ready to make lifestyle changes: design and rationale of Whanau Pakari
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to improve local obesity services for 5-16 year olds in the Taranaki region, and assess whether the devised intervention programme shows benefits in those participants that are assessed as ready to make healthy lifestyle changes."
Notes	Recruitment status: active, not recruiting. Contacted author (17 January 2017) for trial status

ACTRN12613001037796

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised block design will be used. Obese participants will be randomised to 1 of 3 groups and will be stratified according to age and gender</p> <p>Intervention model: single blind (outcome assessors)</p> <p>Primary purpose: effect on myocardial function</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 100</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: BMI > 95th percentile (age and gender specific), children and adolescents aged 7-16 years</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: hypertension (defined as blood pressure > 95th centile for systolic or diastolic values), any history or evidence of heart disease or an abnormal resting or stress echocardiography which indicates it would be unsafe to participate (or both), any chronic disease (e.g. chronic asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, current smoking habits or an orthopaedic/neurological disorder that may limit ability to exercise), diagnosed attention deficit hypersensitivity disorder and use of steroid medications</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention 1: high-intensity interval training. Walk, run or cycle at 85-95% of their maximal heart rate at intervals of 4 × 4 minutes, with 3-minute active breaks (~ 60% of maximal heart rate) between intervals. Total exercise time 40 minutes</p> <p>Intervention 2: moderate-intensity exercise. Walk, run or cycle continuously at 70% maximal heart rate for approximately 44 minutes to equalise the energy expenditure performed by high-intensity interval training group. Total exercise time 50 minutes</p> <p>Common across interventions: dietary education sessions that will parallel sessions provided to those assigned to the control group. 30-minute session every second week for 3 months, followed by 1 session every 2 months for the next 9 months. Exercise training 3 times per week for 12 months. Months 1-3, 2 supervised sessions in the gym and 1 session at home. Months 4-12, all training at home. Consists of walking or running on a treadmill, or on a bike for the older children</p> <p>Comparator: control: dietary education sessions, 8-10 × 20-minute individual diet intervention sessions over 12 months. A session every second week for 3 months, followed by 1 session every 2 months for the next 9 months</p>
Outcomes	Primary outcome: myocardial function (peak systolic tissue velocity)

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Secondary outcomes: vascular function (flow-mediated dilation assessment), quantity of visceral and subcutaneous adipose tissue, myocardial structure and function, body composition, cardiorespiratory fitness, autonomic function, blood biochemistry, physical activity and nutrition

Other outcome: -

Starting date	Study start date: October 2013 Study completion date: January 2015 (last participant enrolled)
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: The University of Queensland/Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Study identifier	ACTRN12613001037796 and NCT01991106
Official title	Effects of exercise intensity and nutrition advice on myocardial function in obese children and adolescents: a multicentre randomised controlled trial study protocol.
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The primary aim of this randomised controlled trial is to compare the effectiveness of three 12-month interventions: HIIT [high-intensity interval training] and nutrition advice, MICT [moderate-intensity exercise] and nutrition advice or nutrition advice alone on myocardial function in obese children and adolescents."
Notes	Study is ongoing, but not recruiting participants (last updated: 4 January 2017)

ACTRN12615000558527

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: efficacy Allocation: randomised Intervention model: cluster randomised controlled trial Masking: blinded (masking used) outcome assessors Primary purpose: prevention
Participants	Condition: overweight, obese Enrollment: 570 Inclusion criteria: sites: participating in standard Go4Fun programme in 2015; 2014 attendance mean of at least 20 children per programme per term. Participants: males and females aged 7-13 years with no comorbidities; BMI > 85th percentile for their age and gender (according to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare classification of overweight/obesity in children); be enrolled in and meet the general criteria to participate in the Go4Fun programme at 1 of the sites participating in this study which includes having a parent or adult carer able to accompany them to each session Exclusion criteria: sites: not willing to participate in a trial and adhere to standardised procedures for duration of the trial. Participants: parent/guardian not willing to provide written and informed consent
Interventions	Intervention: Go4Fun programme is a community-based, multidisciplinary family-focused programme and will also be eligible to receive incentives for reaching certain levels of attendance and for goal attainment. Children will receive a skipping rope for attending 80% of programme sessions (8 sessions) and a frisbee for 100% attendance (10 sessions).

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Once the goals are achieved children are eligible to receive agreed incentives as follows; a vegetable slicer once 2 goals are achieved, a USD10 Rebel voucher once 4 goals are achieved and a height adjustable tennis set (Totem Tennis) once 6 goals are achieved

Comparator: standard community weight management programme (namely Go4Fun) without the structured behaviour incentives

Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: waist circumference z score; BMI; difference in rate of attendance at programme sessions between intervention and control sites; difference in mean rate of nutrition goal attainment between intervention and control groups; difference in mean rate of physical activity goal attainment between intervention and control groups</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: 2 February 2015</p> <p>Study completion date: -</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Julie Redfern; Cardiovascular Division, The George Institute for Global Health, Level 10, King George V Building, Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050</p>
Study identifier	<p>ACTRN12615000558527</p>
Official title	<p>The effectiveness of a community weight management program with a behavioural incentive scheme compared to participation in a standard community weight management program in overweight children on relative weight loss and behaviour change</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to determine the effectiveness of enhanced goal setting linked to a structured incentive scheme designed to improve the sustained health and wellbeing of overweight/obese children within the context of an existing community-based program."</p>
Notes	<p>As of 1 July 2015, recruitment has commenced and follow-up assessments are ongoing. No data cleaning or analysis of results had begun at the time of this submission (protocol publication 2016)</p>

Chew 2016

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: LITE</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: -</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 60</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: adolescents 10-16 years referred to the Weight Management Clinic</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: -</p>

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Interventions	<p>Intervention: the LITE (Lifestyle Intervention for obese teenagers) group programme is a 6-month, family-based behavioural lifestyle intervention, specifically designed to treat obesity in adolescents 10-16 years</p> <p>Comparator: usual care</p>
Outcomes	<p>Outcomes: outcome measurement are assessed at 3 and 6 months postbaseline and include anthropometric measurements, physical activity, dietary intake, metabolic profile, improvement in positive parenting behaviour and measurement of family support</p> <p>Primary outcome: not clearly stated</p> <p>Secondary outcome: not clearly stated</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: -</p> <p>Study completion date: -</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: -
Study identifier	-
Official title	The LITE randomised controlled trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "This study was designed to address the gap in service provision of a family based weight management program for overweight and obese adolescents. The LITE (Lifestyle Intervention for obese teenagers) group program is a 6-month, family-based behavioural lifestyle intervention, specifically designed to treat obesity in adolescents 10-16 years referred to the Weight Management Clinic."
Notes	Journal abstract. Data presented for BMI z score at 3 months but not 6 months. High attrition from both groups. Contacted author (12 January 2016) for 6 months' data

ChiCTR-TRC-13003501

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: -</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease</p> <p>Enrollment: 56</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: postpubertal Chinese adolescents aged 14-18 years with primary obesity attending the Obesity and Lipid Disorder Clinic in Prince of Wales Hospital</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: hepatic viral infection, daily usage of alcohol, from parental or self-report BMI < 95th centile of local reference, using steatogenic or anti-diabetic drugs (or both), concurrent participation in any clinical trial, dietary intervention or weight loss programme, concomitant intake of</p>

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a weight-reducing agent, any chronic medical illness, unwillingness to attend regular follow-up appointments

Interventions	<p>Intervention: behaviour changing intervention with modification of diet, physical activity and behaviour patterns, consisting of counselling sessions weekly and then bi-monthly for 1 year. Sessions 15-20 minutes long, taken by dietitians/nutritionists. Also motivational interviewing, such as discussing barriers to lifestyle change and child's and parents' feelings about the progress. Provided with a booklet for portion size exchange and tips for eating out</p> <p>Comparator: conventional care with follow-up in the Obesity and Lipid Disorder Clinic every 16 weeks</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: not stated as primary/secondary: the degree of change of intrahepatic triglyceride content of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease after intervention; anthropometric measurements: height, weight, body fat and waist circumference; blood tests: plasma fasting glucose, lipid profile, plasma alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase and serum insulin</p> <p>Secondary outcome: -</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: August 2013</p> <p>Study completion date: unclear</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Dorothy Chan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Study identifier	ChiCTR-TRC-13003501
Official title	Behaviour changing intervention in obese Chinese adolescents with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: a randomized controlled study
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "A lifestyle modification programme (LMP) developed by the Centre for Nutritional Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong for the treatment of obesity and obesity-related diseases. It is clinically proven and developed based on motivational interviewing and behavioural modification, to accompany improving knowledge regarding diet and exercise. Lifestyle intervention with modification of diet, physical activity and behaviour patterns that have been shown to be effective among adults could reduce the severity and prevalence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) in obese children and adolescents."
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Trial name or title	Acronym: TeAM (Telephone counselling as Adiposity Management)
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: -</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment (maintenance)</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 150</p>

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	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 14-18 years, completion of a structured inpatient obesity therapy programme (4-6 weeks of inpatient treatment)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: current involvement in weight loss treatment, psychiatric conditions interfering with participation (e.g. eating disorder, psychosis), medication interfering with participation or weight maintenance, underlying chronic disease interfering with weight maintenance</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention 1: telephone counselling and tailored SMS messages</p> <p>Intervention 2: telephone counselling, tailored SMS messages and in addition access to a password-protected web-forum for interaction with other participants</p> <p>Comparator: no intervention, medical care as usual</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI-SDS</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: sociodemographics, psychosocial status (KIDSCREEN, self-image scale), daily physical activity, leisure time habits (MoMo Questionnaire) and eating behaviour (DEBQ-C, FFQ) usage of health services (EQ-5D)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: 2012</p> <p>Study completion date: April 2015</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Jana Markert, Universität Leipzig</p>
Study identifier	<p>DRKS00004583</p>
Official title	<p>Feasibility and efficacy of a weight maintenance treatment approach for adolescent obesity via telephone counselling following an obesity treatment program: a randomized controlled trial</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to evaluate a) the feasibility and b) the efficacy of a six month aftercare weight maintenance treatment (maintaining BMI-SDS, i.e. standard deviation score of body mass index) following reconvalescent care for adolescent obesity based on telephone counselling, with a follow up period of two years."</p>
Notes	<p>Undertook a feasibility study which is the main publication. Baseline characteristics but no results presented. Contact with author suggests submission to journal publication due late September 2015. No publications available yet (last checked trial record on 21 November 2016)</p>

DRKS00005299

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: KLAKE-Study</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity, other disorders of pancreatic internal secretion</p> <p>Enrollment: actual 60</p>

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	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 8-18 years, BMI > 97th percentile</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: syndromal obesity, pregnancy</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: endurance exercise for 60 minute/week on top of a standardised obesity therapy programme; resistance exercise for 60 minute/week on top of a standardised obesity therapy programme.</p> <p>Comparator: unsupervised physical activity for 60 minute/week on top of a standardised obesity therapy programme</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: change in BMI-SDS</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: change in waist circumference, body fat distribution and body fat content (skinfolds: triceps, biceps, subscapular, suprailiacal); change in metabolic profile; assessment of motor skills; psychological parameters: eating disorder symptoms (Child Eating Disorder Examination, ChEDE-Q); depressive symptoms (Depressions-Inventar für Kinder und Jugendliche, DIKJ); weight bias internalisation (Weight Bias Internalization Scale, WBIS)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: September 2013</p> <p>Study completion date: -</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Susann Blüher, Universität Leipzig</p>
Study identifier	<p>DRKS00005299</p>
Official title	<p>Impact of resistance versus endurance exercise on anthropometric and metabolic parameters within a standardized one year obesity treatment program for obese children and adolescents</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "evaluate which exercise modality is more favourable in influencing weight status, body composition and associated metabolic and cardiovascular risk factors."</p>
Notes	<p>Recruiting ongoing (according to trial record, accessed 16 August 2016)</p>

DRKS00006781

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: moveHIT</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: blinded (participant, investigator/therapist)</p> <p>Primary purpose: prevention</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity, metabolic syndrome</p> <p>Enrollment: actual 70</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: male or female, 13-18 years, overweight and obesity (BMI-SDS > 90th percentile)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: pregnancy, severe orthopaedic disabilities</p>

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Interventions	<p>Intervention: high-intensity interval training (twice per week for 60 minutes) and reception of weekly text message reminders and e-mails for 6 months. Website use based on principles of the social cognitive theory (social support and self-efficacy training regarding initiation and maintenance of physical activity) through posts and individualised feedback</p> <p>Comparator: high-intensity interval training (twice per week for 60 minutes) without media support for 6 months</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: participation rate (number of days training)</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: anthropometric parameters, including body weight, BMI, BMI-SDS; waist, hip, neck circumferences, waist-to-hip ratio, waist-to-height ratio; blood pressure; daily physical exercise and daily sedentary behaviour; health-related quality of life; self-efficacy, social support and outcome expectation over physical activity; internalisation of stigmatisation</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: April 2014</p> <p>Study completion date: -</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: IFB Adipositas Erkrankungen, Universität Leipzig/ Sabine Herget</p>
Study identifier	<p>DRKS00006781.</p>
Official title	<p>Feasibility of a media-supported high-intensity interval training program for overweight and obese adolescents</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "The present study aims to evaluate a) The feasibility of a six months high intensity interval-training program for overweight or obese adolescents and b) Whether motivation to participate in and to adhere to a six months high-intensity interval-training program can be increased by regular, tailored text messages and the support of a password-protected webpage with participant profile for individualized feedback."</p>
Notes	<p>Follow-up ongoing (according to trial record, accessed 16 August 2016)</p>

DRKS00007879

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: SRT-Joy</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: blinded (participants, study personnel, outcome assessors)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 226</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: males and females, aged 8-16; BMI > 97th percentile; informed consent by parents</p>

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	Exclusion criteria: secondary obesity, hyperkinetic disorder with medication, mental retardation
Interventions	<p>Intervention: self-regulation training with the developed computer program (Approach-Avoidance-Training). The training will be an add-on to the treatment as usual (inpatient rehabilitation treatment). The training will take place on 6 sessions for 10-15 minutes each, spread over 2 consecutive weeks</p> <p>Comparator: will receive a placebo training. This is a similar computer program as the intervention programme but with the difference that no learning effect will occur. The training will be an add-on to the treatment as usual (inpatient rehabilitation treatment). The training will be held on 6 sessions for 10-15 minutes each, spread over 2 consecutive weeks</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI-SDS</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: self-regulation skills of the children, weight-specific self-efficacy, dietary intake</p> <p>Other outcome:</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: treatment allocation 7 April 2015 to 30 September 2015</p> <p>Study completion date: 12-month analysis estimated to be complete 31 December 2016</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Universität Potsdam Lehrstuhl für Beratungspsychologie, Germany
Study identifier	DRKS00007879
Official title	Development and evaluation of a computer-based self-regulation training for obese children and adolescents
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The PC [personal computer]-based self-regulation training "SRT-Joy" will be implemented in a randomized-controlled multi-center clinical study with obese children and adolescents aged from 8 to 16 years. It is expected that the experimental group will show an increase in self-regulating capacity and a better course of BMI-SDS, compared to the control group."
Notes	www.psych.uni-potsdam.de/counseling/research/adipositas-training-d.html

EUCTR2009-016921-32-ES

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: double blind</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 60</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: attending the Pediatric Endocrinology Service on an out-patient basis; 12-17 years; BMI ≥ 2 SD and ≤ 4 SD for age and gender; educational level that permits adequate communi-</p>

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cation and agree to co-operate in all the tests and examinations; use of an effective contraceptive method, negative pregnancy test where appropriate; informed consent of the parents

Exclusion criteria: obesity secondary to an endocrine disease or the use of medications such as cortisol; concomitant administration of other psychotropic medication; taking any vitamins or nutritional supplements or any antiobesity preparations; known psychiatric disorder; treated with any type of structured psychotherapy regimen; type 2 diabetes mellitus, arterial hypertension (blood pressure > 95th percentile for gender and height) or steatotic liver; any severe food intolerance, or with a known allergy to substances used in the study; treatment with oral hypoglycaemic agents; pregnant or breastfeeding

Interventions	<p>Intervention: dietary supplementation with an oral capsule of tryptophan 140 mg for 6 months</p> <p>Comparator: oral placebo for 6 months.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: weight, height, BMI, weight/height z scores, BMI z score, and height/blood pressure and waist/hip circumference Z scores.</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: dietary intake, anxiety, depression and other symptoms associated with eating disorders; plasma tryptophan levels; tryptophan/large neutral amino acids ratio, and plasma serotonin.</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: unclear</p> <p>Study completion date: unclear</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Fundació Sant Joan de Déu Spain/Morales R
Study identifier	EUCTR2009-016921-32-ES
Official title	A phase II, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, in parallel groups clinical trial to assess the safety and efficacy of dietary supplementation with tryptophan to achieve weight loss, and its neuropsychological effects in adolescents with obesity
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "To assess the efficacy of a treatment of dietary supplementation with tryptophan to achieve weight loss, and the improvement of clinical parameters such as reduced body mass index and waist/hip ratio."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 16 August 2016). Contacted author (6 August 2015) for study completion date and there is an e-mail error (cannot reach author). Recontacted author (6 October 2016) for results/published work

IRCT201012235440N1

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: -</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	Condition: overweight and obesity

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	<p>Enrollment: target 115</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-17 years; overweight or obese according to WHO cut-off; living with a parent or adult carer prepared to participate in the study</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: physical disability that prevents participation</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: intensive phase: 17 focus group discussions, twice per week and a 45-minute face-to-face session of nutritional counselling at the end of programme</p> <p>Maintenance programme: 7 focus group discussions for 6 months</p> <p>Intervention involved improvement in diet, increase in the level of physical activity and improvement of stress management which was implemented through motivational interviews, group discussions and educational publications</p> <p>Comparator: conventional diet counselling</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: obesity-related behaviours, laboratory indices, BMI, body composition</p> <p>Secondary outcome: health-related quality of life</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: May 2011</p> <p>Study completion date: September 2012</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Research Institute for Endocrine Sciences, Tehran/ Parisa Amiri</p>
Study identifier	<p>IRCT201012235440N1</p>
Official title	<p>Effectiveness of a theory-based intervention on obesity-related behaviours, laboratory indices, body composition, body mass index and health-related quality of life in overweight adolescents</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "aims at evaluating the effectiveness of a TORBA [theory of obesity-related behaviors in adolescents]-based intervention on obese adolescents' weight reduction and its related factors."</p>
Notes	<p>Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (21 October 2015) for study completion date. Re-contacted (6 October 2016) for results/publication</p>

IRCT2013103115211N1

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: SCT: social cognitive theory</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: -</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: supportive care</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: target 150</p>

IRCT2013103115211N1 (Continued)

Inclusion criteria: second- and third-grade female students in middle schools who according to the WHO 2007 Tables have BMI \geq 85th percentile; aged 12-16 years

Exclusion criteria: using drugs associated with overweight and obesity; received and followed any diet by students for losing weight before the study; any metabolic disease

Interventions

Intervention: students and parents taught about nutrition and physical activity with participating in theory and practical seminars, conferences and workshops (12 sessions and each session 60 minutes). In addition, 6 sessions held for individual counselling about nutrition and physical activity (each session 60 minutes). Sent 48 messages, given an educational CD, attended practical exercise classes (40 sessions and each session 90 minutes). Interventions duration: 6 months

Comparator: no intervention, after which 4 education sessions for students and their parents (each session 90 minutes)

Outcomes

Primary outcomes: weight, height, BMI, waist circumference, nutritional behaviour, physical activity behaviour, nutrition self-efficacy, physical activity self-efficacy, perceived social support in nutrition, perceived social support in physical activity, outcome expectation in nutrition, outcome expectation in physical activity

Secondary outcome: -

Other outcome: -

Starting date

Study start date: December 2013

Study completion date: May 2014

Contact information

Responsible party/principal investigator: Tehran University of Medical Sciences/Mohamad Bagheri

Study identifier

[IRCT2013103115211N1](#).

Official title

Study on the effect of nutrition education and physical activity intervention using social cognitive theory for overweight and obese student girls of middle school of Shahinshahr

Stated purpose of study

Quote: "to correct two important criteria of lifestyle, nutrition and physical activity, and ultimately reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity and promoting level of health among adolescents."

Notes

ISRCTN04152711

Trial name or title

Acronym: SWITCH (SmartWeight in Teenagers Choosing Health)

Methods

Type of study: efficacy study

Allocation: randomised

Intervention model: cluster

Masking: open label

Primary purpose: treatment

Participants

Condition: overweight or obese

Enrollment: 140

ISRCTN04152711 (Continued)

	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 11-16 years, attending participating dental practices, overweight or obese (BMI \geq 85th centile) and consuming \geq 1 can (or equivalent) of soft drink per day</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: serious underlying medical condition or eating disorder, being unable to communicate effectively in English or being on a special prescribed diet</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: 3-4 motivational interviewing sessions, to reduce consumption of soft drinks, in addition to usual dental healthcare advice from the dentist. Sessions were followed up with a maintenance phase which included text, e-mail and telephone follow-up</p> <p>Comparator: no intervention: usual dental healthcare advice from their dentist and received a healthy eating leaflet at the 6-month follow-up</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: BMI; waist circumference</p> <p>Secondary outcome: mean daily consumption of soft drinks</p> <p>Other outcomes: physical activity levels, sedentary behaviour, social support, process evaluation</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: July 2011</p> <p>Study completion date: March 2013</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: University College London/Richard G Watt, Marie Murphy</p>
Study identifier	<p>ISRCTN04152711.</p>
Official title	<p>Preventing obesity in young people attending primary dental care settings: an exploratory randomised controlled trial</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to test the feasibility of a MI intervention aimed at reducing soft drink consumption in adolescents attending dental surgeries."</p>
Notes	<p>Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (22 October 2015) for publication</p>

NCT00562263

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: TEENS</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: overweight</p> <p>Enrollment: 257</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 11-18 years, BMI \geq 85th percentile for age and gender, \geq 1 adult in household committed to programme meetings</p>

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	<p>Exclusion criteria: previous enrolment; underlying genetic, neurological, endocrine or metabolic conditions that preclude weight loss; weight > 400 lb, pregnancy; inability to understand programme instructions due to language or mental disability; primary residence > 30-mile radius; primary participating parent pregnant during parent's intervention</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: behaviour changing modification with parents attending 12 educational sessions covering strategies to manage children's health behaviours</p> <p>Comparator: behaviour changing modification (parent does not attend parent education sessions)</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: changes in BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: changes in body composition, metabolic and anthropometric measures, fitness measures, dietary intake and quality of life scores.</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: October 2007</p> <p>Study completion date: November 2013</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Gary L. Francis, Virginia Commonwealth University</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT00562263</p>
Official title	<p>Barriers to effective weight loss in overweight adolescents enrolled in an intensive, team-based, family-centered lifestyle modification program</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to investigate the impact of a comprehensive, team-based, family-centered, lifestyle modification program on body weight, metabolic abnormalities, fitness measures, and self-esteem in overweight adolescents beginning the study at ages 11-18 years."</p>
Notes	<p>The reference provided in the clinical trial record ("automatically linked") is not the same study, and has already been excluded as it is not a randomised controlled trial: Ning Y, Yang S, Evans RK, Stern M, Sun S, Francis GL, Wickham EP 3rd. Changes in body anthropometry and composition in obese adolescents in a behaviour changing intervention program. <i>European Journal of Nutrition</i> 2014;53(4):1093-102. doi: 10.1007/s00394-013-0612-9. Contacted author on 1 September 2016 for published data</p>

NCT00850629

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: MAINTAIN</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: weight regain</p> <p>Enrollment: 77</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 10-17 years; primary adiposity at recruitment with a BMI > 97th percentile; willingness of candidates and their families to actively participate in the 3 parts of the study: resi-</p>

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dential weight reduction programme (participants who stay about 24 days, on average, at least 4-week treatment programme focusing in behaviour changing change, physical activity and healthful eating)

Exclusion criteria: participation in another clinical trial or intake of experimental medication within 30 days before the inclusion date, personal relationships or dependencies between participants and study team, severe chronic diseases that were incompatible with the planned intervention (i.e. severe damage of liver or kidney, clotting disorder, psychological or psychiatric disorders, systemic infections, endocrine diseases as well as malabsorption, food allergies or special diets, pregnancy)

Interventions

Intervention: initial weight loss at a residential weight reduction programme. 1-year group multi-professional behaviour changing intervention with monthly meetings at the paediatric outpatient obesity clinic following BABELUGA (Berlin Adiposity Therapy Program for children and adolescents and their families) behaviour changing monitoring map (behaviour changing counselling)

Comparator: initial weight loss at a residential weight reduction programme. Received usual medical care, but no particular programme (as the intervention group throughout the whole year)

Outcomes

Primary outcome: change in age- and gender-adjusted BMI z score

Secondary outcomes: change in age- and gender-adjusted waist circumference percentile, change in age- and gender-adjusted blood pressure percentile, change in fasting lipid profile, change in fasting insulin and fasting glucose, change in plasma visfatin level, change in plasma adiponectin level, proportion of children achieving a BMI < 85th percentile for age and gender

Other outcome: -

Starting date

Study start date: October 2009

Study completion date: August 2012

Contact information

Responsible party/principal investigator: Joachim Spranger, Professor, Charite University, Berlin, Germany

Study identifier

[NCT00850629](#)

Official title

Hormonal regulation of body weight maintenance

Stated purpose of study

Quote: "It is the aim of the therapy to lose weight and maintenance; improvement of physical fitness and endurance capacity; implementation of active lifestyle in daily living; building social networks, making new friend; changing eating patterns at home (with support of the family); strengthening and activating the family as social resource; treatment of co-morbidities."

Notes

Study still ongoing; the investigators are still analysing data. Therefore, they did not wish to share their data publicly (2016, study protocol)

NCT00881478

Trial name or title

Acronym: FOCUS

Methods

Type of study: efficacy study

Allocation: randomised

Intervention model: parallel assignment

Masking: single blind, outcomes assessor

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	Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 102</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 8-16 years, BMI \geq 85th percentile for age and gender</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: currently taking a weight loss medication, gastrointestinal disorder, psychiatric illness under the care of a psychiatrist, Cushing's syndrome, hypothalamic or genetic aetiology of obesity, uncontrolled or untreated thyroid disease, current diagnosis of cancer, history of an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia nervosa, surgery in the past 3 months, surgery planned in the ensuing 6 months, any chronic illness that could affect weight status</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: nutrition counselling + portion control. Nutrition counselling with registered dietitian in addition to teaching about use of a portion control tool</p> <p>Comparator: nutrition counselling alone with registered dietitian</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: change in age- and gender-adjusted BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: change in age- and gender-adjusted waist circumference percentile, change in age- and gender-adjusted blood pressure percentile, change in fasting lipid profile, change in fasting insulin and fasting glucose, change in plasma visfatin level, change in plasma adiponectin level, proportion of children achieving a BMI < 85th percentile for age and gender</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: August 2009</p> <p>Study completion date: August 2014</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Josephine Ho, Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary
Study identifier	NCT00881478
Official title	Family intervention for obese children using portion control strategy (F.O.C.U.S.) for weight control - a randomized controlled trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The purpose of this study is to assess the efficacy of a family intervention using a portion control tool to help control weight in obese children. The investigators hypothesize that the use of portion control tools by the parents and child will result in a greater decrease in the child's BMI over a 6 month period compared with the control group."
Notes	Last update: 29 August 2014

NCT00940966

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>

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Participants	<p>Condition: elevated triglycerides, systolic hypertension, insulin resistance, abdominal obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 40</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 13-18 years, BMI > 95% for age or > 30 kg/m² for young adults, with pre-existing metabolic syndrome</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: on any chronic medication other than antihistamines, asthma medications, oral contraceptives or diabetes medications; smoke > 5 cigarettes/day; alcoholism or drug abuse; significant abnormality not associated with metabolic syndrome; currently taking Byetta; familial hypercholesteremia if the investigator considers the history to be severe; pregnant or desiring pregnancy</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: non-energy restricted controlled carbohydrate programmes: energy-restricted very-low carbohydrate diet; low glycaemic index diet; restricted ketogenic diet</p> <p>Comparator: standard American Diabetes Association diet</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: weight loss</p> <p>Secondary outcome: -</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: July 2006</p> <p>Study completion date: May 2012</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: WVU department of paediatrics/Steven Sondike MD
Study identifier	NCT00940966 .
Official title	A pilot study to determine the efficacy of a low carbohydrate diet in treatment of adolescents with metabolic syndrome
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to determine the effectiveness of two different non-energy restricted controlled carbohydrate programs with the American Diabetes Associations' diet on glycosylated hemoglobin and other diabetes risk factors in obese adolescents with metabolic syndrome, a constellation of symptoms associated with the development of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (5 August 2015) for study completion date. Recontacted (6 October 2016) for results/publication

NCT00998413

Trial name or title	Acronym: Mikado (Multifactorial intervention for children with asthma and overweight)
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: prevention</p>
Participants	Condition: asthma, overweight, obesity

NCT00998413 (Continued)

	<p>Enrollment: actual 104</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: asthma and overweight (BMI-SDS > 1), aged 6-16 years, living in Southern Limburg</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: congenital malformations of the airways or other chronic lung diseases like cystic fibrosis, mental retardation or syndromes, heart disease</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: multifaceted family-based, physical exercise, nutrition, cognitive behavioural therapy, parental sessions and individualised counselling for 18 months. Small groups of 8-12 children. Based on health counselling model. Group exercises (twice per week during initial phase, 3 times per month during the follow-up phase), with a duration of 60 minutes per session guided by an experienced paediatric physiotherapist or a paediatric sport instructor. A dietitian and psychologist guide 18 behaviour changing sessions with a duration of 75-90 minutes. Use a workbook with additional information for each behaviour changing session, homework and space for individualised goal setting. Small presents as incentives for participation and achievements. 3 basic dietary guidelines: healthy food choice, regular eating pattern, and normalised portion sizes. Children receive individualised counselling sessions. Parents follow 10 parental sessions of 60 minutes guided by the dietitian and psychologist</p> <p>Comparator: standard usual care according to the standards of the Dutch Society of General Practitioners and the Paediatric Pulmonology section of the Dutch Society of Paediatrics</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV₁ %) predicted value, BMI-SDS</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: lung function parameters, inflammatory parameters, asthma control, medication use, asthma symptoms, health-related quality of life, asthma-related quality of life, sleep-related breathing disorders, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, psychosocial problems, eating behaviour, weight, height, BMI), waist and hip circumference, 4-fold skinfold measurement, food record, accelerometer output</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: January 2010</p> <p>Study completion date: September 2013</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Maastricht University Medical Center/Edward Dompeling</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT00998413.</p>
Official title	<p>Secondary prevention of asthma in overweight/obese children by a combined dietary-behavioural-physical activity intervention</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to determine the efficacy of a multifactorial intervention with weight reduction, behavioural therapy, and physical exercise on the severity and control of asthma in obese children."</p>
Notes	<p>Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (22 October 2015) for study completion date but e-mail error. Recontacted (6 October 2016) and e-mail error</p>

NCT01023139

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: AOS</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p>

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	<p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: overweight</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 100</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: BMI \geq U. weighted mean of the 95th percentile based on age and gender; willing to lose weight to meet and continue study medication for the 12-month treatment period and meet personal weight loss goal; willing to not start any new weight loss products; males or non-pregnant females (pregnancy determined by self-report); females of childbearing potential if practicing acceptable method of contraception</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: weight loss \geq 10 lb in previous 3 months; active gastrointestinal disorders (except gastro-oesophageal reflux disease); at least 2 out of 3 blood pressure readings either systolic or diastolic \geq 95 percentile for height and age or pulse \geq 95 beats per minute at initial visit; drug-treated diabetes mellitus or hypertension; drugs or supplements (or both) administered for the first time or withdrawn during the past 6 months which have a significant impact on body weight or digestion; inability or unwillingness to comply with protocol requirements; unwilling to avoid consumption of alcoholic beverages; smoking or has started a smoking cessation programme within the past 6 months; previous treatment with prescription sibutramine; history of recurrent nephrolithiasis; major psychiatric or eating disorders; kidney, liver or thyroid disorder; drugs that are contraindicated; cardiovascular disease; history of bleeding problems, migraine headaches or seizures; stroke; history of pulmonary hypertension, osteopenia or osteoporosis; current recreational drug use or overused prescription medications; history of glaucoma; pregnancy</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: continuing behavioural therapy. Study uses a multidisciplinary approach along with pharmacotherapy (use of Meridia) to motivate and establish behaviour changes in adolescents (aged 12-18 years) during the first phase of the study. The group will continue on monthly behaviour modifications and be evaluated at 3 and 6 months. This arm follows the end of the phase 1 which incorporates behavioural therapy, nutrition counselling and pharmacotherapy with sibutramine while medically supervised. Participants randomised to this arm no longer receive medication and will receive behavioural therapy once per month and then evaluated at 3 and 6 months for weight loss maintenance</p> <p>Comparator: no intervention: standard of care. No intervention following phase 1 of the study done during this 2nd phase. Participants have their height and weights examined at 3 and 6 months following end of phase 1. During these 2 visits, they receive counselling from the physician regarding food choices and exercise maintenance</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: % change in BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: absolute weight change, waist circumference change</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: April 2009</p> <p>Study completion date: March 2011</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Brooke Army Medical Center/Jorge L Cabrera</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT01023139.</p>
Official title	<p>Efficacy in adolescents of continued behavior modification following a six month sibutramine-based weight management intervention</p>

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Stated purpose of study	Quote: "This study uses a multidisciplinary approach along with pharmacotherapy (use of Meridia) to motivate and establish behavior changes in adolescents (12-18yo) during the first phase of the study."
Notes	Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently."

NCT01221220

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: single blind (outcome assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 160</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 8-15 years, obese (BMI > 95th percentile on the 2000 CDC BMI reference) on the date of randomisation. Standard Stanford Pediatric Weight Control Program eligibility criteria apply: both child and parent/guardian must want to join, both child and at least 1 parent/guardian must agree to attend sessions and must agree to not miss > 2 consecutive sessions</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: diagnosed with a medical condition affecting growth (a genetic or metabolic disease/syndrome associated obesity, type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes taking medication, chronic gastrointestinal diseases, chronic renal diseases, uncorrected structural heart disease, heart failure, heart transplant, anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa or binge eating disorder (present or past), AIDS or HIV infection, pregnancy); taking medications affecting growth (systemic corticosteroids > 2 weeks in the past year, insulin, oral hypoglycaemic drugs, thyroid hormone, growth hormone); have a condition limiting their participation in the interventions (e.g. unable to participate in routine physical education classes at school, requiring oxygen supplementation for exertion, developmental or physical disability preventing participation in interventions, children or parents/guardians who cannot medically participate in mild dietary restrictions, increased physical activity for any reason, or a combination of these); have a condition limiting participation in the assessments (child or primary carer unable to read surveys in English or Spanish, child \geq 2 grade levels delayed in school for reading and writing in his/her native language); unable to read, understand or complete informed consent in English or Spanish; plan to move from the San Francisco Bay Area within the next 18 months</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: behavioural treatment + environmental strategies. 6-month, family-based, group, behavioural weight control programme + home-based environmental intervention</p> <p>Comparator: active comparator: behavioural treatment only. 6-month, family-based, group, behavioural weight control programme</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: waist circumference, triceps skinfold, resting heart rate, dietary intake/meals eaten with television, weight concerns, depressive symptoms, daily energy intake, physical activity, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, fasting blood lipids, insulin/glucose metabolism</p>

NCT01221220 (Continued)

	Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: September 2010 Study completion date: February 2015 (estimated)
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Thomas Robinson Stanford University
Study identifier	NCT01221220 .
Official title	Environmental strategies & behavior change to reduce overeating in obese children
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "There is a need for effective weight control methods for obese children. Environmental strategies such as reducing the size of dishware and serving utensils, storing food out of view and reducing food consumption while watching television may reduce food intake without requiring conscious, cognitive self-control. The investigators propose to test these methods when added to a current state-of-the-art behavioral program."
Notes	Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently" (accessed 17 August 2016)

NCT01350531

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: single blind (outcomes assessor) Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: estimated 200 Inclusion criteria: African-American adolescents, aged 12-16 years and 11 months; obesity (BMI \geq 95th percentile or BMI $>$ 30 kg/m ²); may have primary obesity or obesity in combination with other medical comorbidities; youth with mild mental retardation may be included if they are capable of reading and understanding the study measures Exclusion criteria: obesity secondary to medication use for another disorder; obesity in a youth with medical condition that prevents their participation in normal exercise; thought disorders; serious cognitive impairments; pregnant or have a medical condition where weight loss is contraindicated; do not live with their primary carer
Interventions	Intervention: skills training: includes skills most proximal to adhering to the eating and weight loss plan (e.g. calorie counting, making healthy food choices, measuring food portions, scheduling snacks and meals, meal planning, completing food logs daily, following an exercise plan) Comparator: contingency management: behavioural principles to counteract the reinforcing mechanisms of food and inactivity
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: change in weight-related outcomes (height, weight and % body fat)

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Secondary outcomes: change in adherence to weight loss recommendations (objective measures of cardiovascular fitness, BLOCK Kids FFQ, and the Frequency of Fast Food Use Questionnaire); change in physiological functioning (plasma glucose, insulin, total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol and triglyceride levels); change in motivation (Importance Ruler)

Other outcome: -

Starting date	Study start date: September 2009 Study completion date: June 2014
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Wayne State University/Sylvie Naar-King, PhD and K-L Cathy Jen, PhD
Study identifier	NCT01350531 .
Official title	Interventionist procedures for adherence to weight loss recommendations in black adolescents, phase two
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "To refine intervention protocols from our preliminary studies that maximize adolescent and parent skills, informed by learning theory, through the use of home and community-based interventions in which in-vivo opportunities are used to promote practice in making changes in dietary, exercise and sedentary behaviors in AAAO [African-American adolescents with obesity] and their families (PHASE I); To develop intervention protocols that utilize findings from basic science regarding intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to maximize adolescent and family adherence to recommendations for obesity-related behavior change in AAAO and their families (PHASE I); To develop an adaptive intervention using a sequential multiple randomized assignment trial (SMART design) (PHASE II); To refine the intervention including qualitative analysis of interviews from participant families and to develop further community participation in preparation for a confirmatory randomized clinical trial (PHASE III)."
Notes	Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently" (accessed 17 August 2016)

NCT01374386

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: childhood obesity Enrollment: estimated 100 Inclusion criteria: aged 12-14 years; BMI > 25 kg/m ² ; gender- and age-specific 85th percentile cut-off points from the CDC growth chart; parental consent and subject assent

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	Exclusion criteria: physician-determined musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, metabolic, psychological, neurodevelopmental or behavioural conditions that make mild-to-moderate physical activity potentially hazardous
Interventions	<p>Intervention: Exergaming: access to usual physical activity at the gym as well as access to Exergaming equipment (video games that require physical activity). Exergaming equipment will be available for use at the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) daily. Exergames include a mixture of aerobic and resistance exercise activities</p> <p>Comparator: usual physical activity at the gym, no access to Exergames</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: change in mean daily physical activity</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: change in caloric expenditure, body composition (total body estimates of fat mass, fat-free mass, and lean body mass) and BMI (BMI z score)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: October 2010</p> <p>Study completion date: October 2012</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science/David Martins
Study identifier	NCT01374386
Official title	RCMI clinical research infrastructure initiative: exergaming
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to gather information on how much exercising with video games (ExerGaming) can increase the physical activity among overweight and youth. This study will try to see if participating in physical activity and exercising with video games at the same time can make overweight children move around more to better their own health."
Notes	Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently" (accessed 17 August 2016)

NCT01448551

Trial name or title	Acronym: MPOWERed
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: single blind (outcome assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 60</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: BMI \geq 95th percentile for gender and age according to CDC growth charts; enrolment in the MPOWER programme; at least 1 parent willing and able to participate in the MPOWER programme with the adolescent; absence of any major medical illness, disability or moderate/severe mental disorder (e.g. liver disease, renal failure, cancer, bipolar disorder)</p>

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	<p>Exclusion criteria: presence of any major medical illness, disability or moderate/severe mental disorder; physical, mental or cognitive handicaps that prevent participation; chronic use of medications that may affect study outcomes; pregnancy or planning pregnancy in the next 6 months; lactating; within 6 months postpartum</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: tailored mobile messages to enhance weight loss for teens. Participants receive daily messages over 20 weeks. The content of the messages is tailored on participants' responses to the MPOWER enrolment survey and the initial tailoring questionnaire. The tailored messages utilise various degrees of personalisation, adaptation and feedback - including momentary assessments with feedback requiring a text reply from the adolescents</p> <p>Comparator: participation in the MPOWER programme without receiving tailored text messages</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: session attendance; adherence to MPOWER programme homework assignments; satisfaction with the MPOWER programme; drop-out</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: change in BMI; objective measurement of daily participation in moderate-to-vigorous activity; self-efficacy for achieving MPOWER recommendations for the 6 target behaviours; intrinsic motivation to increase intake of fruits and vegetables and to increase physical activity; change in self-report of the 6 behaviours targeted in the intervention</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: October 2011</p> <p>Study completion date: February 2015</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: University of Michigan/Susan J Woolford, MD, MPH</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT01448551</p>
Official title	<p>Novel individually tailored mobile messages to enhance weight loss for teens</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "The investigators hypothesize that program participants who receive the tailored text messages will experience lower attrition rates, increased treatment adherence, and greater weight loss compared to those program participants who do not receive the messages."</p>
Notes	<p>Last updated: 30 November 2015</p>

NCT01456221

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: O3WLIRADOL (Omega-3 Fatty Acids for Weight Loss and Insulin Resistance in Adolescents)</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: double blind (participant, investigator)</p> <p>Primary purpose: supportive care</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity, insulin resistance</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 300</p>

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	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-18 years; male and female; BMI > 95th percentile of the National Center for Health Statistics reference; informed consent</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease or kidney disease; allergic to fish</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: omega 3 supplement (1.1 g of docosahexaenoic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid) containing omega 3: docosahexaenoic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid fatty acids and a hypocaloric diet. 30 capsules provided every month for 3 months. Personalised diet including: reduction of 700 kcal from the usual diet considering lipids and carbohydrates, increasing fruits and vegetables intake up to 6 portions daily each and incrementing the intake of fibre to 30 g per day through the inclusion of whole grains</p> <p>Comparator: sunflower oil supplement and a hypocaloric diet. Personalised diet including: reduction of 700 kcal from the usual diet considering lipids and carbohydrates, increasing fruits and vegetables intake up to 6 portions daily each and incrementing the intake of fibre to 30 g per day through the inclusion of whole grains</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: change in insulin resistance</p> <p>Secondary outcome: nutritional status (measured by weight, stature, BMI, waist)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: July 2012</p> <p>Study completion date: December 2015</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Pediatric Hospital CMN "Siglo XXI/Mardia Lopez-Alarcon, PhD</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT01456221</p>
Official title	<p>The impact of using omega3 long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids in weight loss and insulin resistance in obese adolescents</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to evaluate if a supplement containing omega-3 long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids for three months reduce obesity and insulin resistance to obese adolescents if administered together with a hypocaloric diet."</p>
Notes	<p>Last updated: 3 February 2016</p>

NCT01514279

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: IMPACT (Ideas Moving Parents and Adolescents to Change Together)</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: single blind</p> <p>Masking: parallel</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: overweight, obese</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 360</p>

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	<p>Inclusion criteria: aged 11-15 years, found at standard school screenings to be overweight (BMI 85-94th percentile for age/gender) or obese (> 95th percentile for age/gender)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: medications that alter appetite or weight; inability to understand English; stage 2 hypertension or stage 1 hypertension with end-organ damage (left ventricular hypertrophy, microalbuminuria); severe behavioural problems that preclude group participation (as reported by parent/guardian); involvement in another weight management programme; family expectation to move from the region within 1 year; presence of a known medical condition that itself causes obesity (e.g. Prader-Willi syndrome) or interfere with glycated haemoglobin (sickle cell disease)</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention 1; HealthyCHANGE: cognitive behavioural strategies to address diet, physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep for children. Intensive series of group sessions, followed by rotating monthly face-to-face meetings or telephone calls</p> <p>Intervention 2: SystemCHANGE: system improvement and choice architecture theories seek to teach a set of skills using family self-designed experiments to redesign daily routines regarding eating, activity and sleep. Intensive series of group sessions, followed by rotating monthly face-to-face meetings or telephone calls</p> <p>Comparator: Tools4CHANGE: 1 × 60-minute face-to-face meeting at initiation of the study with a dietitian who is also trained in recommendations for exercise and sedentary behaviour (representing usual care)</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: slope of BMI</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: dietary intake, blood pressure, physical activity, sleep, cardiovascular risk factors, body composition, fitness, quality of life, DNA</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: February 2011</p> <p>Study completion date: December 2017</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Elaine Borawski, Case Western Reserve University/Leona Cuttler, MD</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT01514279</p>
Official title	<p>Targeting obesity and blood pressure in urban youth (consortium title: Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research [COPTR] and site project name IMPACT (Ideas Moving Parents and Adolescents to Change Together)</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "The project assesses the effects of three interventions on Body Mass Index(BMI) in overweight and obese urban 5th-8th grade youth: a cognitive-behavioral intervention (HealthyChange), a systems improvement intervention (SystemsChange), and an education-only intervention (Tools4Change). In addition the study assesses the potential additional impact of a school-community based intervention on outcomes."</p>
Notes	<p>Last updated: 26 January 2016</p>

NCT01677923

Trial name or title	<p>Acronym: -</p>
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p>

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	<p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 400</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 10-17 years; weight > 85th percentile for age and gender (by International Obesity Task Force); living in Kaunas and its region; no obvious chronic diseases; not on steroid or other long-term treatment; informed consent of the participant and parents</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: diagnosis of type 1 diabetes mellitus; chronic illness that may affect physical activity and metabolic profile; insulin treatment; steroid treatment; planning to move from Kaunas or its region in the period of 1 year</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: intervention duration: 12 months</p> <p>Intervention 1: intensive diet + physical activity group: seen by a dietitian once per month for diet re-evaluation; physical therapist, who will give physical activity course twice per week (1 hour each); paediatric endocrinologist every 3 months</p> <p>Intervention 2: intensive diet + physical activity group + insulin sensitisation: metformin 1000 mg/day. Children seen by a dietitian once per month for diet re-evaluation; physiotherapist, who will give physical activity course twice per week (1 hour each); paediatric endocrinologist every 3 month</p> <p>Comparator 1: insulin sensitisation without intensive diet and physical activity. Metformin 1000 mg/day after standardised information on healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise during the first visit only. Seen by paediatric endocrinologist every 3 months</p> <p>Comparator 2: during the first visit participants get standardised information on healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise. Followed-up at 12 months</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI changes</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: glucose homeostasis; lipid profile; metabolic syndrome; hepatosteatosi; polycystic ovary syndrome and hyperandrogenism in females</p> <p>Other outcome: safety</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: May 2013</p> <p>Study completion date: December 2015</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: Lithuanian University of Health Sciences/Rasa Verkauskiene</p>
Study identifier	<p>NCT01677923</p>
Official title	<p>Phase 3: effect of diet, physical activity and insulin sensitizer metformin on obesity and associated risks in children and adolescents</p>
Stated purpose of study	<p>Quote: "to get better effect of weight decrease and metabolic processes repair in the intensive treatment group with intervention of physical activity, diet correction and Metformin use."</p>
Notes	<p>Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (2 September 2016) for results/publication</p>

NCT01688453

Trial name or title	Acronym: PRALIMAP-INES
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: prevention
Participants	Condition: overweight Enrollment: 1250 Inclusion criteria: attending grade 10 in participating schools; aged ≤ 18 years; able to complete a questionnaire; overweight or obese according to the International Obesity Task Force criteria (for BMI) and the McCarthy criteria (for waist circumference), have a high eating disorder score, express the need for management of excess weight, or a combination of these; confirmed as corresponding to the inclusion criteria by the physician; agree to an overweight and obesity care management programme Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: strengthened care management: 5 collective sessions with the same standard operating procedure as the standard-care management with supplementary interventions between each session: strengthened solicitation with the adolescent and the family, peer-led educational sessions, motivational interviews, financial support for physical activity practice, cooking classes and multidisciplinary consultation meetings Comparator: standard-care management: 5 collective sessions of 2 hour each about nutritional practices (food and physical activity) and on changes of nutritional behaviours. The sessions are organised in high schools by the healthcare team in collaboration with paediatricians, dietitians and the Sickness Insurance Primary Fund
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: change in BMI; change in overweight and obesity status; change in BMI Z score Secondary outcomes: change in waist circumference; change in eating attitude score; change in anxiety and depression scores Other outcome: change in nutritional behaviour
Starting date	Study start date: September 2012 Study completion date: September 2015
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Institut National de la Santé Et de la Recherche Médicale, France/Serge Briançon, Pr
Study identifier	NCT01688453
Official title	Reduction of inequalities in overweight and obesity management care access among high school adolescents
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to investigate whether a strengthened care management (CM) for socially less advantaged adolescents in school in the short and long term has an equivalent effect as a standard-CM on decreasing the prevalence of overweight and obesity among socially advantaged adolescents."

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Notes Last updated: 12 February 2016. Also has a non-randomised arm of socially advantaged adolescents following the standard care management intervention

NCT01764113

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: adolescent obesity Enrollment: 21 Inclusion criteria: aged ≥ 14 years; BMI ≥ 95th percentile for age and gender Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: mindful eating: adolescents and parents receive mindful eating-based behavioural modification programme over multiple sessions. At least 1 parent would be expected to attend the counselling sessions. Duration: 6 months Comparator: standard nutritional counselling provided by a registered dietitian. At least 1 parent would be expected to attend the counselling sessions. Duration: 6 months
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI Secondary outcome: quality of life Other outcome: fasting glucose
Starting date	Study start date: December 2012 Study completion date: December 2013
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Mayo Clinic/Seema Kumar
Study identifier	NCT01764113
Official title	Effect of mindful eating on body mass index and cardiovascular risk markers in obese adolescents: a pilot randomized clinical trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to study the effect of a family based mindfulness training program with special focus on diet and nutrition on weight and cardiovascular risk markers in obese adolescents."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (5 August 2015) for expected publication date, author response: data ongoing and will notify once accepted

NCT01794546

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: cross-over</p> <p>Masking: single blind (outcomes assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: paediatric obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 40</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 10-17 years; BMI \geq 95th percentile for age and gender; no known significant obesity comorbidity or cause requiring urgent medical evaluation or treatment in a subspecialty programme other than an obesity programme; no known physical limitations to changes in diet or activity level (i.e. concern for cardiac disease, primary gastrointestinal disease or orthopaedic concerns); patient at Wareham Pediatrics practice</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: unstable home environment; inability to actively participate in treatment; physician diagnosis of a major medical illness or eating disorder; chronic use of any medication or supplement that may affect study outcomes; another member of the family participating in the study; planning to relocate from current area of residence during the proposed time frame for study participation</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: telehealth, alternate visits between a dietitian and behavioural medicine provider for either 30 minutes or 1 hour. 12 sessions over 6 months. The dietitian provides dietary and physical activity recommendations, and the behavioural medicine provider counsels on strategies for achieving specific goals. Applying a Chronic Care Model, self-management support will be augmented by linkages to community resources</p> <p>Comparator: wait list control group</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: satisfaction, compliance</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: February 2013</p> <p>Study completion date: January 2015</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Children's Hospital Boston/Cara B Ebbeling, PhD
Study identifier	NCT01794546
Official title	Integrated care for pediatric obesity using telehealth
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to evaluate telehealth for treating pediatric obesity in collaboration with a community practice (Wareham Pediatrics)."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 17 August 2016). Contacted author (23 November 2015) for expected publication date, author response: data are ongoing and cannot share unless published

NCT01796067

Trial name or title	Acronym: FIT: Families Improving Together
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: factorial Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: overweight, obese Enrollment: estimated 520 Inclusion criteria: parent or primary carer who lives in the same house; live within 60 miles of the programme's office; ≥ 3 grandparents who are African-American; access to the Internet; aged 11-16 years; BMI ≥ 85 th to < 99 th percentile; no medical condition that would limit participation in moderate-intensity exercise including life-threatening illness (e.g. immobile, severely disabled or bed ridden); available and able to participate in measures and intervention activities over the next year Exclusion criteria: chronic illness; require a specialised diet (may not be eligible); developmental delay; partaking currently in another weight loss programme
Interventions	Intervention: 8-week face-to-face group programme comparing motivational plus family weight loss to a comprehensive health education programme. Then participants undertake either an 8-week online tailored intervention or online control and then participants have online intervention or control booster sessions for 6 months. 4 groups: Group 1: motivational and family weight loss + online intervention Group 2: motivation and family weight loss + online control Group 3: basic health education and online intervention Group 4: basic health education and online control Comparator: see above
Outcomes	Primary outcome: change in BMI (BMI z score) Secondary outcomes: change in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity in parents and adolescents; change of 24-hour dietary recall in parents and adolescents; change in psychosocial variables (autonomy-support, monitoring, communication); change in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; change of 24-hour dietary recall; change in BMI z score in parents Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: July 2012 Study completion date: June 2017
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: University of South Carolina/Dawn K Wilson, PhD
Study identifier	NCT01796067 .
Official title	Families Improving Together (FIT) for weight loss
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to test the effects of an integrated intervention curriculum and the added effects of a tailored web-based intervention on reducing z-BMI in overweight African American adolescents."

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Last updated: 19 July 2016

NCT01804855

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: non-inferiority study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: single blind (outcome assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 134 (126 in trial record)</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 12-17 years, BMI > 98th percentile, fluent in English, parent(s) willing to participate in the programme, written informed consent and assent prior to any study-specific procedures.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: severe intellectual difficulties which would limit the child's ability to engage in group activity, obesity secondary to genetic condition, limitations to engaging in physical activity or use of medication known to effect body weight, limitations to using a smart phone device and known family issues that would affect general compliance and attendance at follow-up visits</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: W82GO (underpinned by behavioural change theory (Transtheoretical Model and social cognitive theory) uses strategies including stimulus control, self-monitoring, positive reinforcement, goal setting and problem solving to facilitate lifestyle change), 6 × 2-hour weekly sessions for adolescents and parents followed by randomisation to a maintenance phase, of 3 × 3-month booster maintenance sessions over 46 weeks and using a smart phone application: incorporates evidence-based behavioural change tools such as self-monitoring, goal setting and peer support. Evidence-based tips as a text tip, a video tip or an image tip. Aim to increase knowledge with regard to healthy eating, physical activity, physical fitness and sleep. Encouraged to engage in daily goal setting and monitor progress. Monthly telephone calls</p> <p>Comparator: W82GO followed by randomisation to usual care maintenance phase: 3 booster sessions at 3, 6 and 9 months and no smart phone intervention</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: weight, height, waist circumference, fat mass, physical activity, lipids, glucose, insulin, glycated haemoglobin, psychosocial health, adverse events, health-related quality of life</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: 2013</p> <p>Study completion date: 2014</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Grace O'Malley, Temple Street Children's University Hospital. Dublin, Ireland
Study identifier	NCT01804855

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Official title	Effectiveness of a smartphone app for adolescent obesity management
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "This study will test whether treatment can be delivered via an Android app and whether such treatment reduces obesity."
Notes	Some conflicting information between the protocol and clinical trials record, e.g. sample size and outcomes. Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently" (accessed 18 August 2016)

NCT01840631

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: intervention Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 80 Inclusion criteria: aged 9-17 years, BMI percentile for age of ≥ 95 , able to attend monthly sessions with a parent or guardian (or both) Exclusion criteria: diabetes at baseline, mental or psychological disease that would interfere with understanding, disease or medication causing obesity or weight loss, and participants in an alternative weight management programme, impaired glucose tolerance
Interventions	Intervention: group nutritional counselling for a total of 6 classes. Classes meet 1 time per month for 60 minutes (30 minutes for dietetic session and 30 minutes for discussion/questions). Classes cover topics including nutrition, exercise and behaviour to promote healthy eating. All content developed prior to starting the intervention. Each group session have a maximum of 7 children with 1 parent/carer per child and a minimum of 5 children with a carer. All groups receive standard of care for physical fitness counselling which includes recommending 1 hour of physical activity per day and limiting screen time to < 2 hours per day. All groups evaluated for depression and appropriately referred if found to be depressed. Behavioural strategies, such as mindful eating, included in the nutrition education (participants receive the same information in both interventions) Comparator: individual nutritional counselling (usual care): nutritionist conducts the nutritional counselling with 1 family at a time. Individual sessions once per month for 30 minutes for a total of 6 sessions. All groups receive standard of care for physical fitness counselling which includes recommending 1 hour of physical activity per day and limiting screen time to < 2 hours per day. All groups evaluated for depression and appropriately referred if found to be depressed. Behavioural strategies, such as mindful included in the nutrition (participants receive the same information in both interventions)
Outcomes	Primary outcome: mean BMI change Secondary outcomes: correlation between change in BMI and dietary composition change, correlation between change in BMI and increased physical activity, effect of change in BMI on metabolic profile

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	Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: April 2013 Study completion date: December 2015
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Rubina Heptulla, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, New York
Study identifier	NCT01840631 .
Official title	A randomized controlled trial to Study the effects of group versus individual dietary counseling in pediatric obesity
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The primary aim of our study is to assess whether group counselling is a non-inferior intervention compared to the usual care of individual counselling in the management of childhood obesity. In order to achieve this aim, the investigators will compare the mean change in BMI after 6 months of intervention in the two study arms."
Notes	Last updated: 24 June 2015

NCT02034994

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: efficacy Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: single blind (outcomes assessor) Primary purpose: prevention
Participants	Condition: obesity but only in second part of the study Enrollment: 1200 Inclusion criteria: secondary prevention programme (relevant to our review): overweight and obese children, 6th and 7th grades students, consent form signed by parents/tutors Exclusion criteria: pregnant girls
Interventions	Intervention: behavioural: eating behaviour and physical activity change: a combination of 2 prevention school-based programmes addressed to schoolchildren over 1 year. Primary prevention developed monthly to reduce cookies and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption, reduction of sedentary activities, increase meal consumption frequency and quality, etc, in all children from 6th and 7th grades. Overweight and obese children invited to participate on a secondary prevention programme in which daily physical activity classes performed by physical education teachers in school facilities Comparator: no intervention
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI Secondary outcomes: mean lean and fatty body mass proportions

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	Other outcomes: sedentary activities, sugar-sweetened beverages intake, cookies intake, fruits intake, physical activity
Starting date	Study start date: February 2014 Study completion date: December 2014
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Rosely Sichieri, Rio de Janeiro State University
Study identifier	NCT02034994
Official title	Combining primary and secondary prevention for reduction of excessive weight gain in school
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The main objective is to evaluate the effects of a multicomponent, school-based intervention combining change in nutritional behaviors with after school physical activity activities in reducing the excessive weight gain in schoolchildren."
Notes	Only part 2 of the study is relevant. Trial record stated, "The recruitment status of this study is unknown because the information has not been verified recently" (accessed 18 August 2016)

NCT02086851

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: paediatric obesity Enrollment: 110 Inclusion criteria: aged 11-16 years; BMI > 85th percentile; 1 parent or guardian committed to participate in protocol Exclusion criteria: previous enrolment in IRB3354, IRB3008 or HM11113; underlying genetic, neurological, endocrine or metabolic condition that precludes weight loss with conventional diet and exercise programmes; weight > 400 lb, pregnancy; inability to understand study instructions due to language barrier or mental disability; primary residence outside a 30-mile radius of study location
Interventions	Intervention: behaviour changing intervention + parent motivational interviewing; 6-month intensive behaviour changing modification, includes a structured exercise programme, nutrition education and dietary modification and behavioural support. Followed by a 6-month maintenance phase with monthly booster sessions. Parents participate in 4 dedicated "pre-treatment" parent psychoeducational sessions Comparator: behaviour changing intervention alone (no parent psychoeducational sessions)
Outcomes	Primary outcome: change in BMI z scores Secondary outcomes: changes in body composition, BMI, insulin sensitivity, blood pressure, serum lipids, fitness measures, electrocardiographic parameters, dietary intake, quality of life scores, BMI of participating parents or body composition of participating parents

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	Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: September 2011 Study completion date: August 2015
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Virginia Commonwealth University/Edmond P Wickham, MD, MPH
Study identifier	NCT02086851
Official title	Impact of a structured parent intervention on weight loss and behavioral change in overweight adolescents enrolled in a lifestyle modification program
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The study will enroll 110 overweight and obese adolescents ages 11-16 in a lifestyle modification program focusing on dietary modification and exercise. Parents will be randomized into control and motivational interviewing-based intervention groups. The primary hypothesis is that adolescents whose parents are in the intervention group will have improved compliance, weight loss and health outcomes compared with adolescents whose parents do not receive the intervention."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 18 August 2016). Contacted author (21 October 2015) for expected publication date

NCT02228278

Trial name or title	Acronym: Text4Fit
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: paediatric obesity Enrollment: 25 Inclusion criteria: aged 13-17 years; overweight or obese (BMI > 85th percentile); attend or will start attending UF Pediatric Lipid Clinic during the study period; own a mobile telephone that can receive text messages Exclusion criteria: current diagnosis of a psychiatric eating disorder; pregnancy; medical disease that would contraindicate moderate physical activity, as determined by clinician from the Lipid Clinic
Interventions	Intervention: typical clinic visits plus text messages: daily texts for 12 weeks, with fitness and nutrition messages to support their health goals Comparator: current standard care: clinic visits every 3 months with anthropometric assessments and counselling on physical activity and nutrition goals by a healthcare provider, typically with no patient-provider communication between visits
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: feasibility and acceptability of text message intervention

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	<p>Secondary outcomes: changes from baseline proportion of healthy food choices versus unhealthy choices; changes from baseline time spent doing physical activity; changes from baseline BMI z score</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: April 2015</p> <p>Study completion date: February 2016</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: University of Florida/Lindsay Thompson, MD
Study identifier	NCT02228278
Official title	Text 4 Fit Project: healthcare text messaging as an adjunct to routine care for overweight and obese adolescents enrolled in a pediatric lipid clinic
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to determine if health-related text messages sent from healthcare providers to overweight and obese adolescents enrolled at a paediatric lipid clinic will result in increased adherence to their nutrition and physical activity goals and improve their weight loss. The study will also assess if the volume of texts per week impacts outcomes."
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 18 August 2016). Contacted author (2 September 2016) for expected publication date, author response: currently drafting a manuscript

NCT02280772

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy study</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: double blind (participant, carer, investigator, outcomes assessor)</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: overweight and obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: 96</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: aged 6-17 years; overweight (> +1 SD) or obesity (> +2 SD) based on the WHO growth charts/references</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: drug therapy for a chronic disease (including drugs that influence appetite or body weight); type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus; history of surgical treatment of obesity; participation in another programme for treating obesity during the project or 3 months prior to recruitment, or both; secondary causes of obesity; pregnancy</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: glucomannan orally, 3 g/day (in 3 divided doses) for 12 weeks, 3 months' follow-up. Prior to the intervention, all children will receive dietetic advice and be encouraged to engage in physical activity</p> <p>Comparator: placebo. Maltodextrin orally, 3 g/day (in 3 divided doses) for 12 weeks, 3 months' follow-up. Prior to the intervention, all children will receive dietetic advice and they will be encouraged to engage in physical activity</p>

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Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: BMI-for-age z score difference</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: body composition; BMI-for-age z score difference; proportion of participants with dyslipidaemia; proportion of participants with impaired fasting plasma glucose; physical activity; adverse events; blood pressure (systolic and diastolic)</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: April 2015</p> <p>Study completion date: February 2017</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Bartlomiej M Zalewski
Study identifier	NCT02280772
Official title	Effect of glucomannan supplementation on body weight in overweight and obese children: protocol of a randomised controlled trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "We aim to systematically evaluate the efficacy of GNN consumption for the management of overweight and obesity in children."
Notes	Last updated: 7 April 2015

NCT02353637

Trial name or title	Acronym: Peds
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: basic science</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: paediatric obesity</p> <p>Enrollment: estimated 45</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: severely obese adolescents; 13-17-year-old males, 21-17-year-old postmenarcheal females; primary obesity; BMI \geq 99th percentile for age.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: current diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus; gall bladder, renal or liver disorders; known eating disorders; known endocrine disorders (e.g. hyperthyroidism or polycystic ovary syndrome); pregnancy; genetic disorder (e.g. Prader-Willi Syndrome); mental retardation; severe depression; use of any chronic medicine which could impact appetite</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: high protein, restricted carbohydrates utilising partial meal replacements diet, behavioural counselling (combination of immediate, short-term and long-term individual and family psychotherapy sessions to increase motivation to change diet and physical activity level), dietitian meetings weekly for the first 2 months, then every other week for additional 4 months, followed by monthly meeting for additional 6 months for each patient/family</p> <p>Comparator: ad lib, low glycaemic load diet, behavioural counselling (combination of immediate, short-term and long-term individual and family psychotherapy sessions to increase motivation to change diet and physical activity level), dietitian meetings weekly for the first 2 months, then every</p>

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	other week for additional 4 months, followed by monthly meeting for additional 6 months for each patient/family
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcome: improvement in BMI z scores; weight loss; metabolic abnormalities</p> <p>Secondary outcome: -</p> <p>Other outcome: -</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: November 2014</p> <p>Study completion date: June 2016</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: University of Florida/Madeline Joseph, MD
Study identifier	NCT02353637
Official title	Partial meal replacements providing high protein, restricted carbohydrates in the treatment of adolescents with severe obesity: a randomized controlled trial
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to investigate, in severely obese adolescents, the effects of a high protein, restricted carbohydrates utilizing partial meal replacements diet (HPRC-PMR) and compare it to an ad lib, low-glycemic load (LGL) diet on weight loss, body composition, and bio-chemical markers of lipid metabolism, insulin resistance, and inflammation over a 12 months period."
Notes	Last updated: 24 June 2015

NCT02444689

Trial name or title	Acronym: EMPOWER
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity, hypertension</p> <p>Enrollment: 90</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: elevated blood pressure defined as \geq 90th percentile or 120/80 mmHg, whichever is lower; overweight or obese; speaks English</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: no smart phone or smart phone data plan; unwilling to send/receive SMS messages or download and use the study applications; neurological impairment/developmental delay; taking anti-hypertensive medication or medication known to affect blood pressure; prior diagnosis of congenital heart disease or cancer; pregnancy; taking medication with weight gain as adverse effect; taking medications for weight loss/participation in another weight loss programme</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: electronic media application: motivation, education and coaching regarding therapeutic lifestyle changes via a smart phone electronic media application</p> <p>Comparator: standard care</p>

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Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI z score Secondary outcomes: daytime ambulatory systolic blood pressure; left ventricular mass index Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: July 2015 Study completion date: July 2018
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Tammy M Brady, Assistant Professor Pediatric Nephrology, Johns Hopkins University
Study identifier	NCT02444689
Official title	EMPower: electronic media powering positive health changes in youth
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of a technology-based behavioral Healthy Lifestyle intervention on adiposity (body mass index z-score), blood pressure (mean daytime ambulatory systolic BP [blood pressure]), and heart size (LVM [left ventricular mass]) in comparison to standard care."
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NCT02615353

Trial name or title	Acronym: Preventing Diabetes in Latino Youth
Methods	Type of study: efficacy study Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: open label Primary purpose: prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: estimated 120 Inclusion criteria: Latino (self-report); aged 12-16 years; obese (BMI percentile \geq 95th percentile for age and gender or BMI \geq 30 kg/m ²); prediabetic (fasting glucose \geq 100 mg/dL or 2-hour post-oral glucose tolerance test glucose \geq 120 mg/dL, or both) Exclusion criteria: taking medication(s) or diagnosed with a condition that influences carbohydrate metabolism, physical activity, cognition, or a combination; type 2 diabetes (fasting glucose \geq 126 mg/dL or 2-hour glucose \geq 200 mg/dL; recent hospitalisation (previous 2 months); currently enrolled in (or within previous 6 months) a formal weight loss programme; diagnosed depression or other condition that may impact quality of life
Interventions	Intervention: culturally grounded intensive behaviour changing intervention guided by social cognitive theory over 6 months Comparator: usual care control
Outcomes	Primary outcome:

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	<p>Secondary outcomes: improvements in glucose tolerance; reductions in 2-hour glucose following an oral glucose tolerance test</p> <p>Other outcomes: quality of life; body composition; decrease in fat mass and increase in lean tissue mass by dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: January 2016</p> <p>Study completion date: December 2021</p>
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Arizona State University
Study identifier	NCT02615353
Official title	Preventing diabetes in Latino youth
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "To date, no diabetes prevention studies have been conducted in obese Latino youth with prediabetes, a highly vulnerable and underserved group. Therefore, investigators propose a randomized-controlled trial to test the short-term (6-month) and long-term (12-month) efficacy of a culturally-grounded, lifestyle intervention, as compared to usual care, for improving glucose tolerance and reducing diabetes risk in 120 obese Latino adolescents with prediabetes."
Notes	Last updated: 17 April 2016

NCT02687516

Trial name or title	Acronym: FABO
Methods	<p>Type of study: interventional</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: cross-over assignment</p> <p>Masking: open label</p> <p>Primary purpose: treatment</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: -</p> <p>Enrollment: 120</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: families of children aged 8-16 years attending an outpatient's obesity clinic; BMI ≥ 35 kg/m² or BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² with obesity-related comorbidity; both the child and at least 1 of the parents agrees to actively participate in the treatment</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: severe somatic or psychiatric illness that makes adherence to the treatment programme impossible; somatic conditions, syndromes or medications that lead to pathological weight gain; participation in other obesity treatment programmes</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: 17 weekly manualised sessions with subsequent follow-up every 3 month for 2 years</p> <p>Comparator: treatment as usual, default treatment at the obesity clinic</p>
Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: BMI; waist circumference; body composition</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: blood samples; blood pressure; activity level/inactivity; sleep pattern; psychological measures; food records</p>

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	Other outcomes: parenting scale; barriers to treatment participation scale; treatment acceptability
Starting date	Study start date: February 2014 Study completion date: December 2018
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Petur B Juliusson, MD/PhD, University of Bergen
Study identifier	NCT02687516
Official title	Treatment of severely obese children and adolescents in common health care settings: an effectiveness study employing "Family-based Behavioral Social Facilitation Treatment."
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The purpose of the FABO study is to evaluate the effect of family-based behavioral weight loss treatment (FBBT) compared with the effect of today's standard treatment given to children and adolescents suffering from obesity at the Obesity Outpatient Clinic (OOC), Haukeland University Hospital."
Notes	Last updated: 19 February 2016

NCT02711488

Trial name or title	Acronym: PAAPAS-DC
Methods	Type of study: efficacy study Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: single blind (outcome assessor) Primary purpose: primary and secondary prevention (secondary prevention programme relevant here)
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 3000 Inclusion criteria: both prevention programmes: 5th and 6th grades students; consent form signed by parents/tutors; secondary prevention programme: overweight and obese children. Exclusion criteria: pregnancy
Interventions	Intervention: encouraging students to change their eating habits and food consumption over 9 months (from March to November). Monthly 1-hour sessions in the classroom will be given by the class teacher, and includes playing games, staging theatre sketches, watching movies and puppet shows, and writing and drawing contests. Activities designed to discourage students from consuming sugar-sweetened beverages as well as getting them to replace snacks, particularly processed foods (especially cookies) with fresh fruit or healthy homemade food. To reinforce the messages of the in-class nutritional sessions, a set of messages will be sent to the families in the form of illustrated booklets and recipes. The secondary prevention strategy at households will be developed for those with excessive weight. The family will receive additional motivation to change these behaviours, using the community health agents as the encourager Comparator: no intervention
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI

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	Secondary outcome: body composition
	Other outcomes: adherence to the protocol at household level; physical activity; food intake
Starting date	Study start date: March 2016 Study completion date: December 2016
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Rosely Sichieri, MD, PhD. Full Professor of Epidemiology, Rio de Janeiro State University
Study identifier	NCT02711488
Official title	Managing adolescent obesity at local level by combining primary and secondary intervention
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "to develop, implement and evaluate a prevention program for obesity among adolescents in Brazil combining the primary care health system implemented in the country in recent decades with primary prevention at schools."
Notes	Only the secondary prevention programme relevant for this review. Study is not yet open for participant recruitment (last updated: 11 March 2016)

NCT02745795

Trial name or title	Acronym: IMAGINE
Methods	Type of study: efficacy study Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: double blind (subject, outcome assessor) Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 83 Inclusion criteria: aged 14-19 years; BMI \geq 85th percentile according to WHO charts (de Onis 2010). Exclusion criteria: recent weight loss \geq 10% of body weight; pregnancy; breastfeeding; endocrine disease; present therapy with antidepressant or hypoglycaemic drugs; present treatment for food behaviour disease or depression; cognitive impairment of the student or his/her legal tutor
Interventions	Intervention: motivational interview, group submitted to 3 face-to-face interviews using motivational interview techniques to elicit motivation for adherence to a diet and physical activity plan intended to lose weight. The interviews will be done at schools with 3-month intervals Comparator: conventional interview, group submitted to 3 face-to-face interviews without using motivational interview techniques to elicit motivation for adherence to a diet and physical activity plan intended to lose weight. The interviews will be done at schools with 3-month intervals
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: motivation scores to adhere to a diet and physical activity plan; motivation scores assessed by 2 self-report confidential paper questionnaires (self-regulation and perceived competence questionnaire to begin or maintain a healthy diet and self-regulation and perceived competence questionnaire to begin or maintain regular physical exercise)

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Secondary outcomes: self-concept score; quality of life score; depressive symptoms score; anxiety symptoms; abdominal circumference; blood pressure; weight; height

Other outcome:

Starting date	Study start date: October 2015 Study completion date: May 2016
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Maria do Céu Machad, Director of the Department of Pediatrics of Centro Hospitalar Lisboa Norte, Chair of Pediatrics at Medicine School of the University of Lisbon, Centro Hospitalar Lisboa Norte
Study identifier	NCT02745795
Official title	Efficacy of motivational interview in the treatment of obesity and overweight in adolescents (IMAGINE)
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "The objective of the study is to investigate the efficacy of motivational interview intervention with adolescent students at a school environment on the adherence to a therapeutic plan to lose weight."
Notes	Contacted author (12 January 2017) for data/anticipated study completion data

NCT02794090

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 37 Inclusion criteria: aged 5-14 years; patients at outpatient paediatric centre; parents attended at least 4 of 7 meetings in a parental/education group Exclusion criteria: obesity-related syndromes; non-Swedish speaking families
Interventions	Intervention: telephone consultation each month except for summer holidays for 18 months. The treating nurse communicated with 1 of the parents Comparator: usual care according to regular treatment routines at the clinic for 18 months. The child and parent(s) at regular visits to the nurse at the clinic
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI-SDS Secondary outcomes: working time required for the healthcare personnel; families experience of the treatment Other outcome: -

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Starting date	Study start date: May 2007 Study completion date: January 2013
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Pernilla Danielsson, PhD paediatric nurse, Karolinska Institutet
Study identifier	NCT02794090
Official title	Exclusive telephone coaching in maintaining weight loss - an randomized controlled trial of childhood obesity treatment
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "This study evaluates if usual physical care visits to an outpatient pediatric clinic can be replaced with more frequent and shorter Telephone coaching Contacts during 18 months."
Notes	Last updated: 8 June 2016. Contacted author (13 January 2017) for further data

NTR5676

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel Masking: none Primary purpose: -
Participants	Condition: overweight, obesity Enrollment: 1000 Inclusion criteria: aged 11-13 years (1st grade high school students) in Dutch high schools Exclusion criteria: unable to engage in physical activity
Interventions	Intervention: 30% increase in absolute strength exercises in physical education classes, once per month a motivational lesson given by a mentor and for the first 5 months an additional online motivational lesson (once per month) Comparator: -
Outcomes	Primary outcome: body composition Secondary outcomes: daily physical activity, social cognitive determinants; BMI z score, strength Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: January 2015 Study completion date: January 2017
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Gill Ten Hoor, Maastricht University Medical Centre (MUMC+)

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Study identifier	NTR5676
Official title	The focus on strength programme: an innovative strength-based physical activity intervention to improve body composition and to stimulate physical activity in adolescents (12-18 years) with overweight or obesity.
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "a one year combined strength- and motivational program for high schools improve body composition and motivation in overweight and obese youngsters."
Notes	Status: open, patient inclusion (date registered 8 February 2016)

Ramalho 2016

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: effectiveness and cost-effectiveness trial Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel assignment Masking: - Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: 120 Inclusion criteria: aged 13-18 years; BMI \geq 25 kg/m ² Exclusion criteria: -
Interventions	Intervention: Internet-based programme intervention + treatment as usual. Programme based on cognitive behavioural therapy. 9-month, 2-phase programme for weight loss and maintenance. Phase 1: weight loss through weight control, healthy eating and life-style strategies. Phase 2: weight maintenance through weight maintenance skills Comparator: treatment as usual
Outcomes	Outcomes: weight; eating related variables; physical activity; costs Primary outcome: unclear Secondary outcome: unclear Other outcomes: disorder eating behaviour; intuitive eating; physical activity; body image; impulsivity
Starting date	Study start date: Study completion date:
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator:
Study identifier	-

Ramalho 2016 (Continued)

Official title	Taking the route back: new technologies for overweight and obesity treatment in childhood and adolescence - study protocol
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "a randomized controlled trial to examine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of an internet-based program intervention as supplementary tool for weight loss treatment in overweight and obese adolescents."
Notes	Contacted author (16 January 2017) for results/anticipated publication date

RBR-38p23s

Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	Type of study: interventional Allocation: randomised Intervention model: parallel (3 arms) Masking: open label Primary purpose: treatment
Participants	Condition: obesity Enrollment: target 39 Inclusion criteria: aged 10-19 years; willingness to participate in all programme activities BMI for age and gender > 95th percentile (CDC 2000) Exclusion criteria: psychological disorders; use of medications that could interfere in the variables; physical difficulties that impeded the development of all activities
Interventions	Interventions: Complex intervention: 20 meetings with the adolescents (16 psychological intervention twice per week, 4 monthly nutritional orientations). 36 sessions of physical exercises 3 times per week. 9 meetings with parents that include nutritional meetings and physical education Simple intervention: 4 monthly meetings with adolescents for nutritional orientation and 36 sessions of physical exercises. 9 meetings with the parents with a psychologist, nutritionist and a physical educator. Comparator: meetings with a nutritionist and a physical educator for the adolescents and parents and physical exercises sessions for adolescents
Outcomes	Primary outcomes: BMI, social competence, behavioural change, academic performance Secondary outcomes: intrinsic motivation and health-related outcomes. Other outcome:
Starting date	Study start date: March 2010 Study completion date: March 2011
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: University Federal de São Paulo, Brazil/Graziela Sapienza

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Study identifier	RBR-38p23s
Official title	Multifocal intervention in obese adolescents: social competence, behavior problems, academic performance and weight reduction
Stated purpose of study	
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Spieker 2015

Trial name or title	Acronym: POMC
Methods	<p>Type of study: efficacy</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel assignment</p> <p>Masking: single blind (assessors at baseline)</p> <p>Primary purpose: prevention</p>
Participants	<p>Condition: obesity and overweight</p> <p>Enrollment: 48</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: female military dependents; aged 12-17 years; at high risk for excess weight gain (BMI \geq 85th percentile) who report lifetime loss of control eating or \geq 2 current indicators of loss of control eating (e.g. eating in response to negative affect, feelings of guilt or shame around eating)</p> <p>Exclusion criteria: presence of a chronic major medical illness (e.g. renal, hepatic, gastrointestinal, endocrinological); documented, obesity-related medical complication requiring a more intensive intervention approach; psychiatric conditions (e.g. psychosis, suicidality) that would impede programme participation; current weight loss treatment; current weight-affecting medication usage; pregnancy (current or recent); current breastfeeding</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention: interpersonal psychotherapy-based intervention: 1 initial 1.5-hour individual session, and 12 weekly 90-minute group sessions that take place after school hours. The interpersonal inventory interview to identify the strengths, problems and goals of the adolescent. Information used to link problems to loss of control eating and other disturbed eating attitudes or behaviours. Sessions delivered over different phases. A psychoeducation phase (sessions 1-3), such as education about the predictors of excess weight gain, outlining problem areas and discussing the link between feelings and interpersonal interactions. Intermediate phase (sessions 4-9) where group members practice skills such as hypothetical scenarios and role-plays. Training on how interpersonal strategies can be applied to different, specific relationships in the adolescents' lives, particularly relationships that are linked to loss of control and emotionally induced eating. A termination phase (sessions 10-12) the group reviews improvements in loss of control eating and related symptoms, with a focus on identifying possible warning signs of a return or increase in problematic eating and knowing when to seek help. Finally, group members are encouraged to continue the interpersonal work on their own</p> <p>Comparator: health education control: receives a workbook on how to live a healthier life, discussing topics unrelated to eating. Participants complete 4 monthly 90-minute group meetings during after school hours to discuss the information presented in the workbook. The workbook will serve as a guide for teens to improve their self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure and engage in goal-setting</p>

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Outcomes	<p>Primary outcomes: % participants who do not gain weight during follow-up; total weight change as markers of outcomes</p> <p>Secondary outcome: not clearly stated</p> <p>Other outcomes: eating disorder examination; Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for School-Age Children; Social Adjustment Scale - Self-Report; Family Adaptation and Cohesion, Evaluation Scales Inventory; Beck Depression Inventory State-Trait Anxiety Inventory for Children - a trait scale; Life Events and Coping Inventory; Eating Disorder Diagnostic Scale; Treatment Acceptability Questionnaire; Inventory of Parent and Peer Attachment; Family Resilience Assessment Scale; Perceived Stress Scale; The Emotional Eating Scale adapted for Children.</p> <p>Physical assessments: height and weight; blood pressure; waist circumference; blood pressure; high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; triglycerides; glucose; insulin; glycated haemoglobin.</p> <p>Parent questionnaires: Parent Stress Index - Short Form; Child Behavior Checklist</p>
Starting date	<p>Study start date: -</p> <p>Study completion date: -</p>
Contact information	<p>Responsible party/principal investigator: research support provided by a grant from the Uniformed Services University (USUHS72NC-01) to Tracy Sbrocco and intramural support from NICHD (Z1aHD00641) to Jack A Yanovski, a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service</p>
Study identifier	-
Official title	Preventing Obesity in the Military Community (POMC): the development of a clinical trials research network
Stated purpose of study	Quote: "IPT will decrease loss of control eating and reduce these adverse outcomes. A secondary hypothesis of this study is that girls in the IPT group who maintain their weight or experience weight loss will demonstrate an improvement in components of the metabolic syndrome at follow-up visits."
Notes	<p>Quote: "We use percentage of participants who do not gain weight during follow-up and total weight change as markers of our study outcomes.</p> <p>We hypothesize that POMC [Preventing Obesity in Military Communities] intervention programs will reduce weight gain beyond the control comparison programs in the period following study participation."</p>

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Trial name or title	Acronym: -
Methods	<p>Type of study: -</p> <p>Allocation: randomised</p> <p>Intervention model: parallel</p> <p>Masking: single blind (participants)</p> <p>Primary purpose: prevention</p>
Participants	Condition: overweight

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	Enrollment: target 320 Inclusion criteria: aged 13-18 years; secondary school students; BMI for age and gender 85th percentile (WHO 2007) Exclusion criteria: musculoskeletal disorder; cardiovascular disease
Interventions	Intervention: behavioural weight reduction programme (no details) Comparator: no intervention
Outcomes	Primary outcome: BMI Secondary outcomes: intrinsic motivation; health-related outcomes Other outcome: -
Starting date	Study start date: July 2013 Study completion date: December 2013
Contact information	Responsible party/principal investigator: Preventive Medicine and Social Department Faculty of medicine Chulalongkorn Thailand/Kanlayanee No-in
Study identifier	TCTR20130515001
Official title	Effectiveness of weight reduction program on intrinsic motivation and health related outcomes in overweight secondary school students
Stated purpose of study	
Notes	Trial status completed (according to trial record, accessed 18 August 2016). Contacted author (2 September 2016) for expected publication date, author response: manuscript amendments and still not published

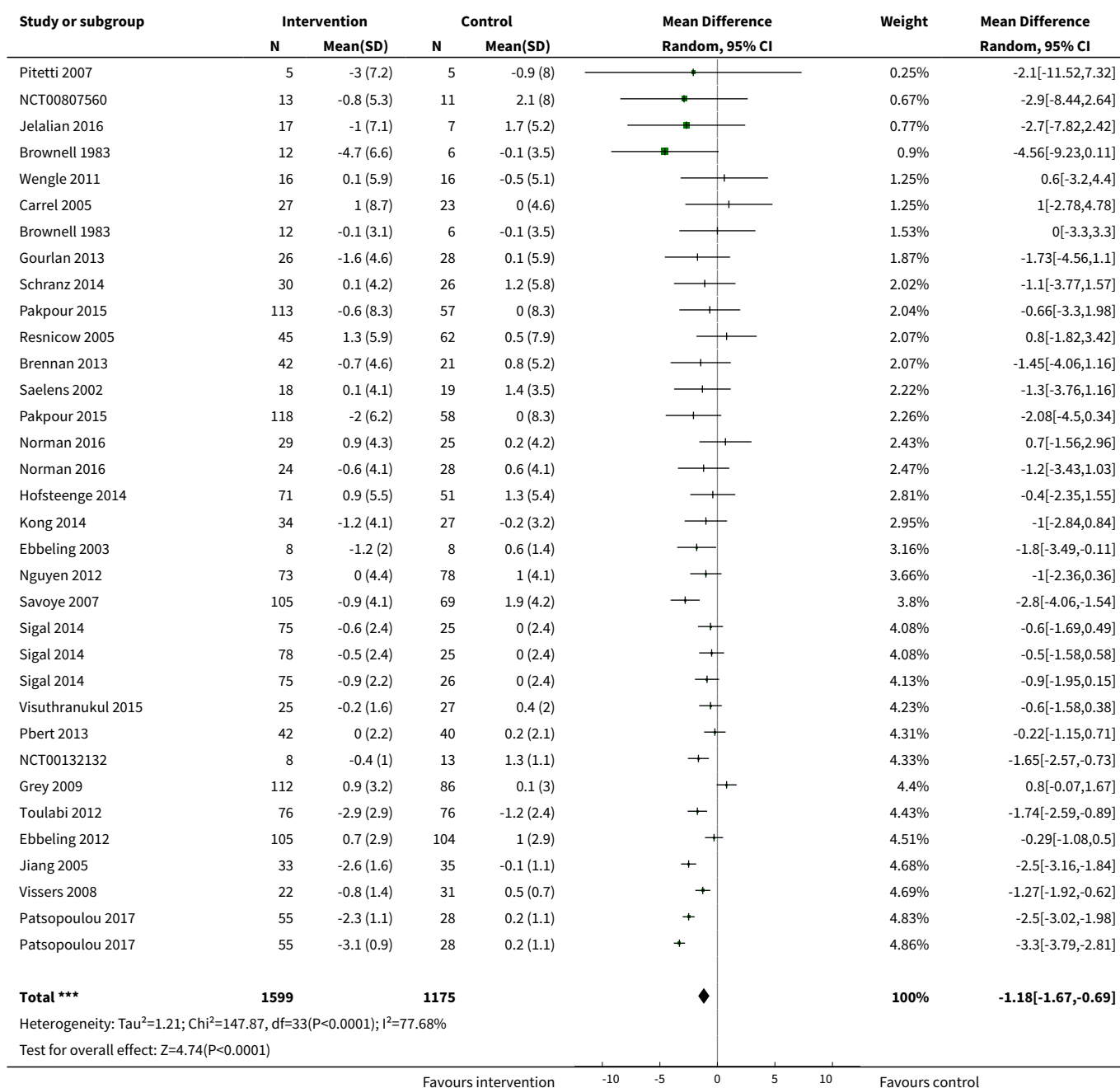
BMI: body mass index; CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; DEBQ-C: Dutch Eating Behaviour Questionnaire for Children; FFQ: Food Frequency Questionnaire; PAQ-C: Physical Activity Questionnaire for Older Children; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score; WHO: World Health Organization.

DATA AND ANALYSES

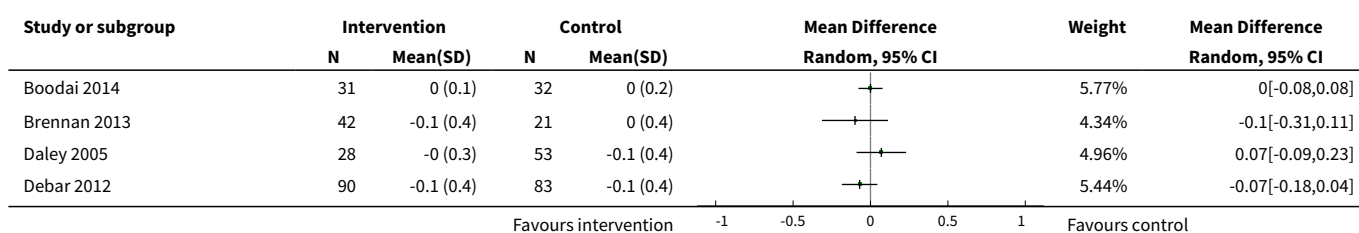
Comparison 1. Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up

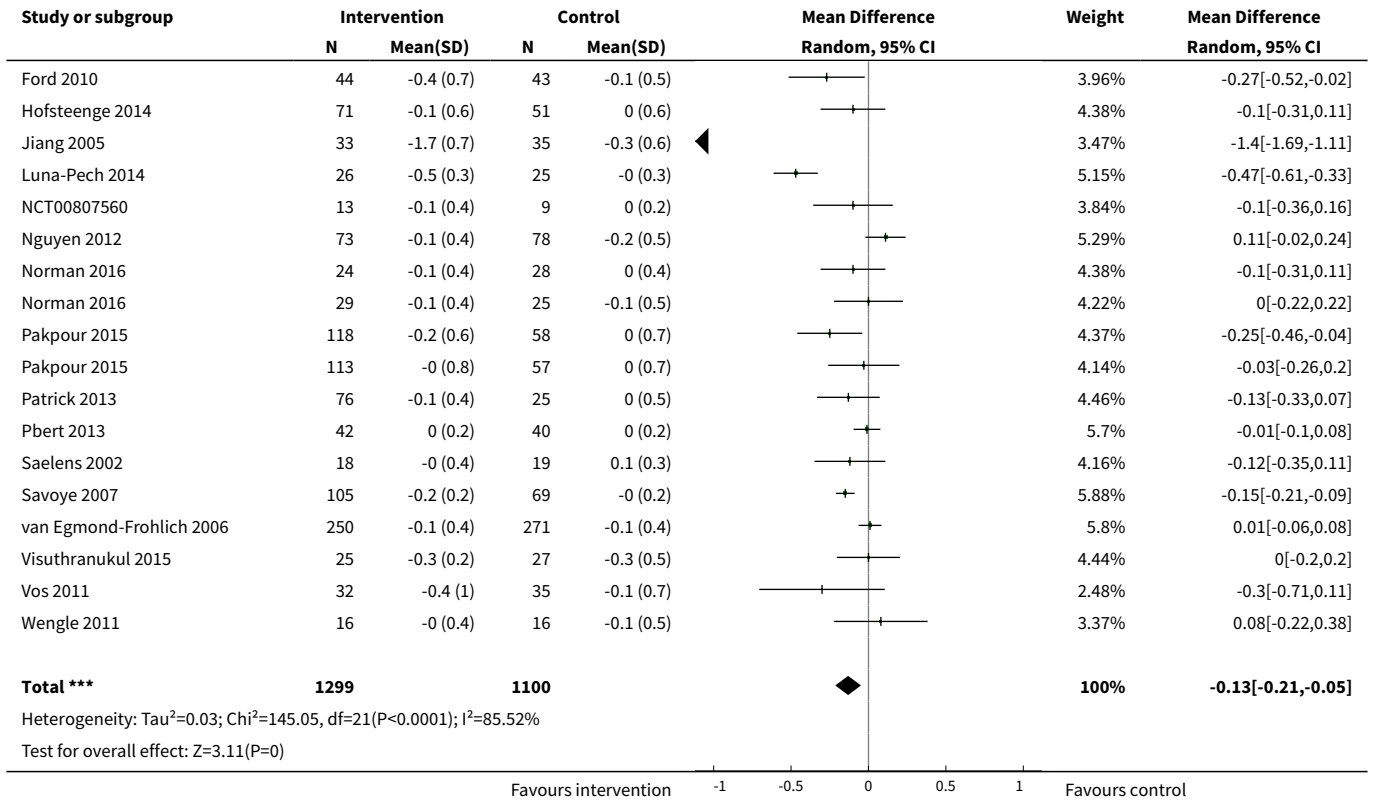
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2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
3 BMI percentile change	4		Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
4 Weight change	20	1993	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-3.67 [-5.21, -2.13]

Analysis 1.1. Comparison 1 Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 BMI change.

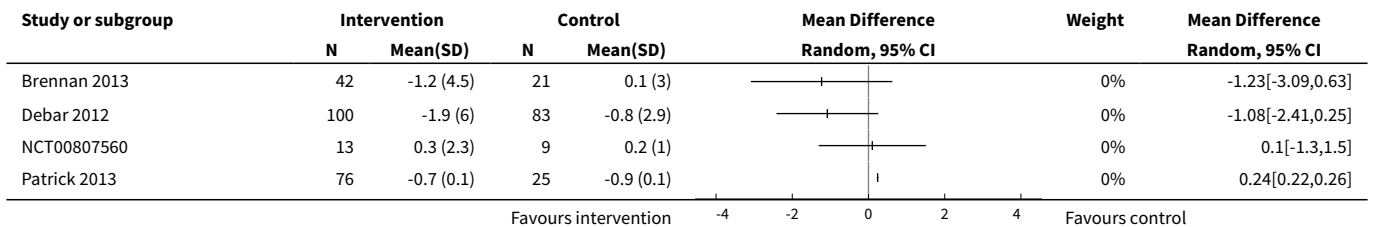


Analysis 1.2. Comparison 1 Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

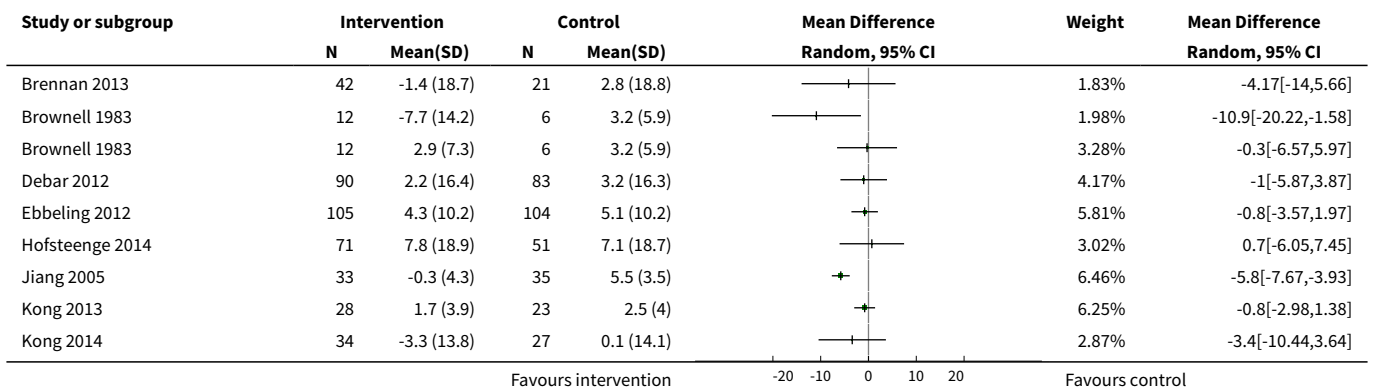


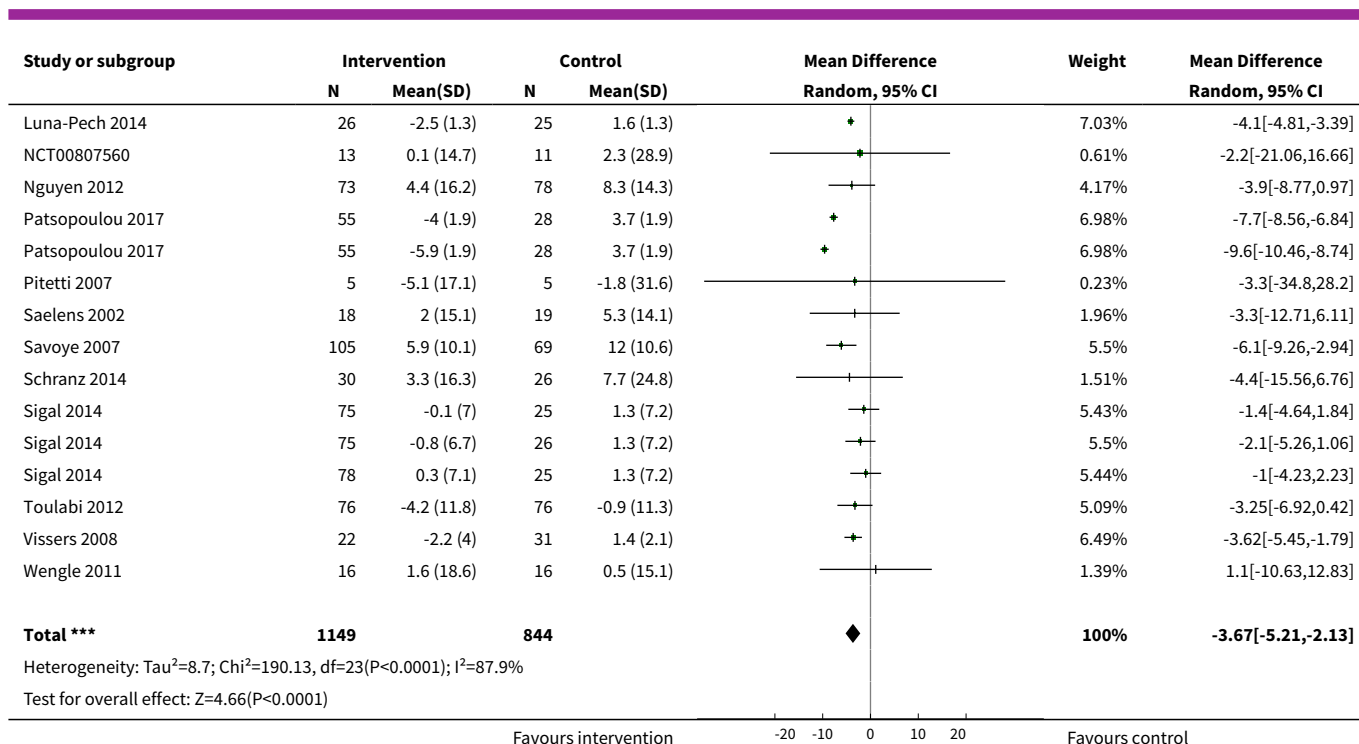


Analysis 1.3. Comparison 1 Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up, Outcome 3 BMI percentile change.



Analysis 1.4. Comparison 1 Interventions (all) versus controls, longest follow-up, Outcome 4 Weight change.

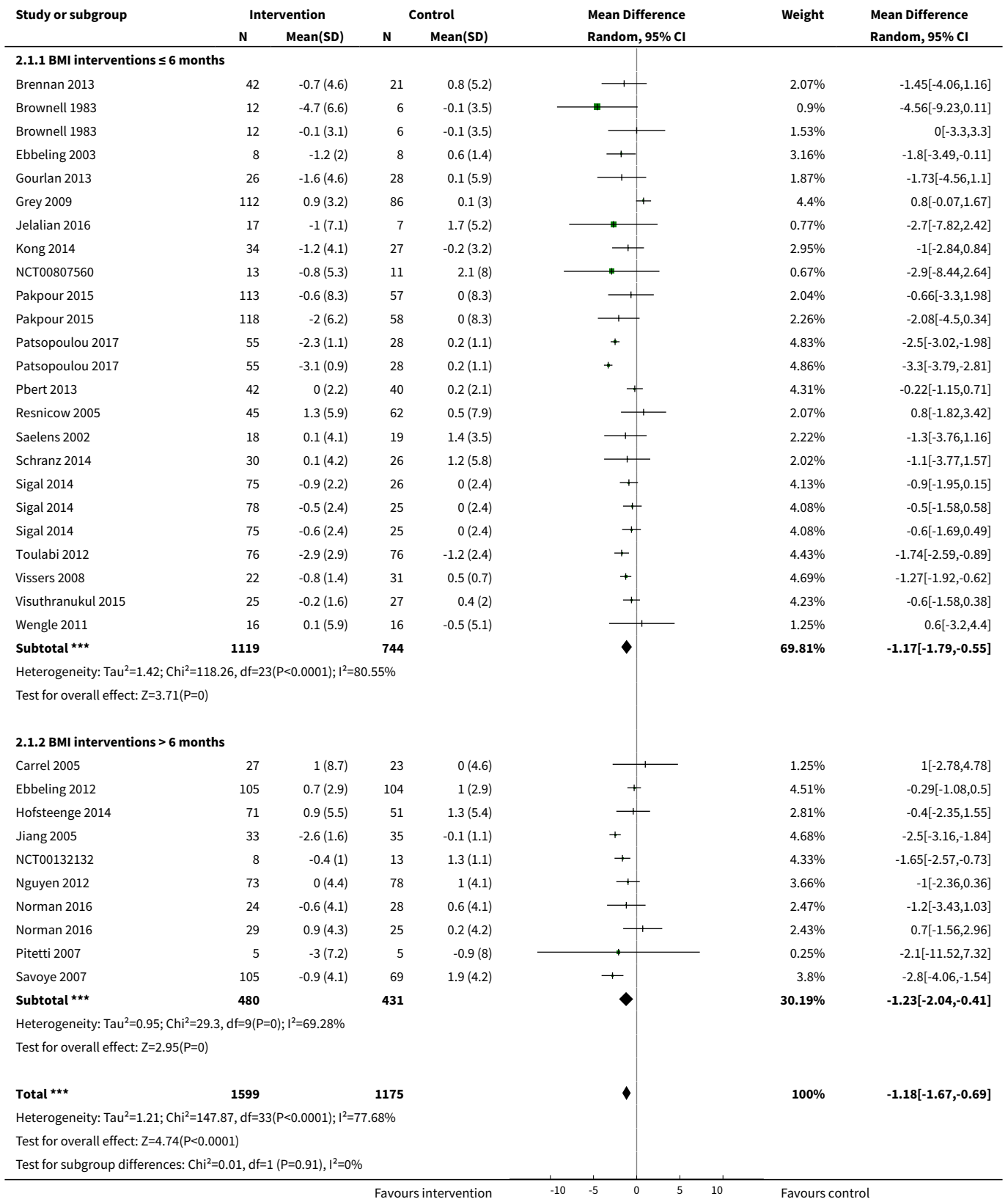




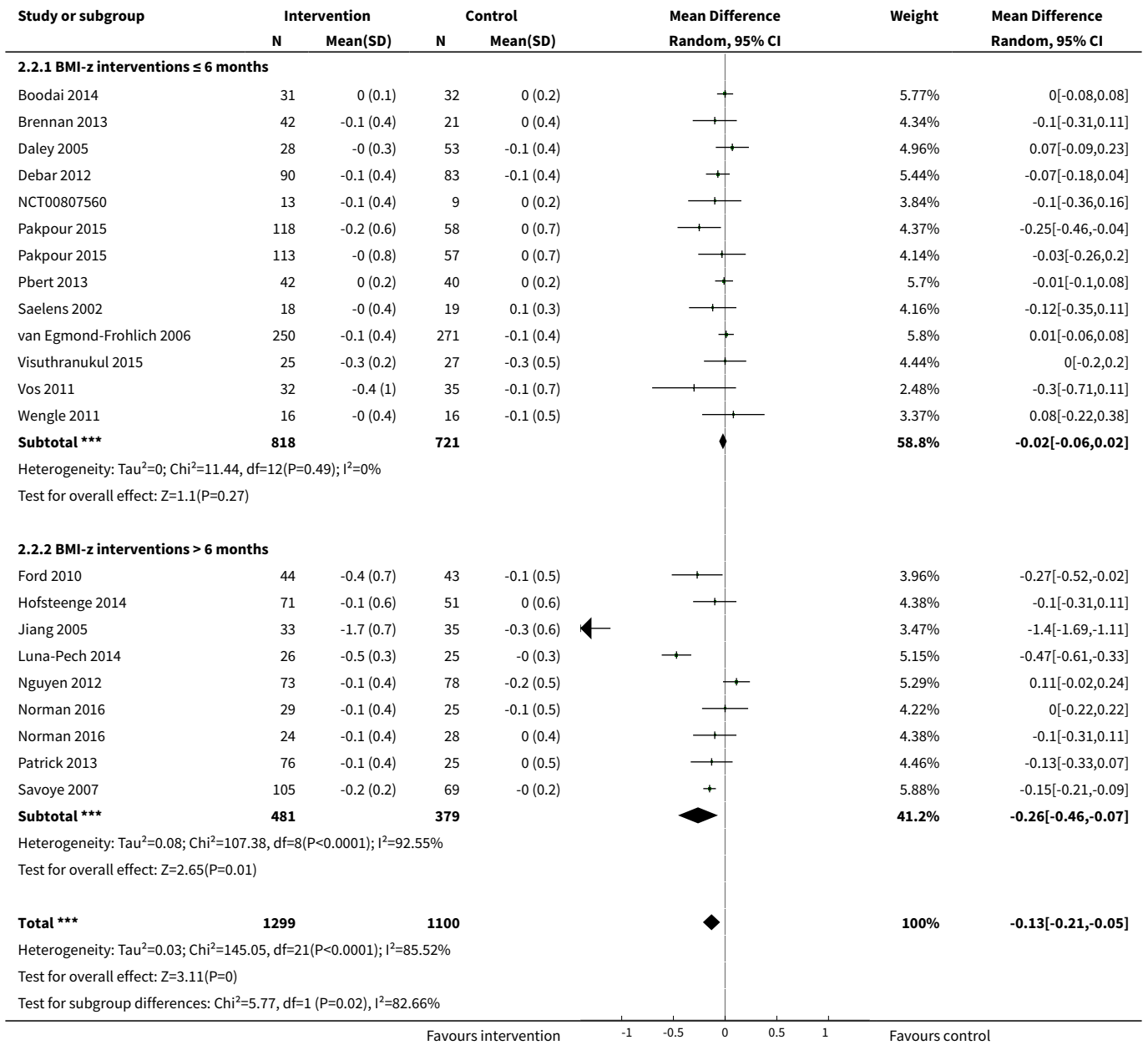
Comparison 2. Interventions versus controls, by duration of intervention, less than 6 months, greater than 6 months, longest follow-up

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	28	2774	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.67, -0.69]
1.1 BMI interventions ≤ 6 months	19	1863	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.17 [-1.79, -0.55]
1.2 BMI interventions > 6 months	9	911	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.23 [-2.04, -0.41]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
2.1 BMI-z interventions ≤ 6 months	12	1539	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.02 [-0.06, 0.02]
2.2 BMI-z interventions > 6 months	8	860	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.26 [-0.46, -0.07]

Analysis 2.1. Comparison 2 Interventions versus controls, by duration of intervention, less than 6 months, greater than 6 months, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.



Analysis 2.2. Comparison 2 Interventions versus controls, by duration of intervention, less than 6 months, greater than 6 months, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

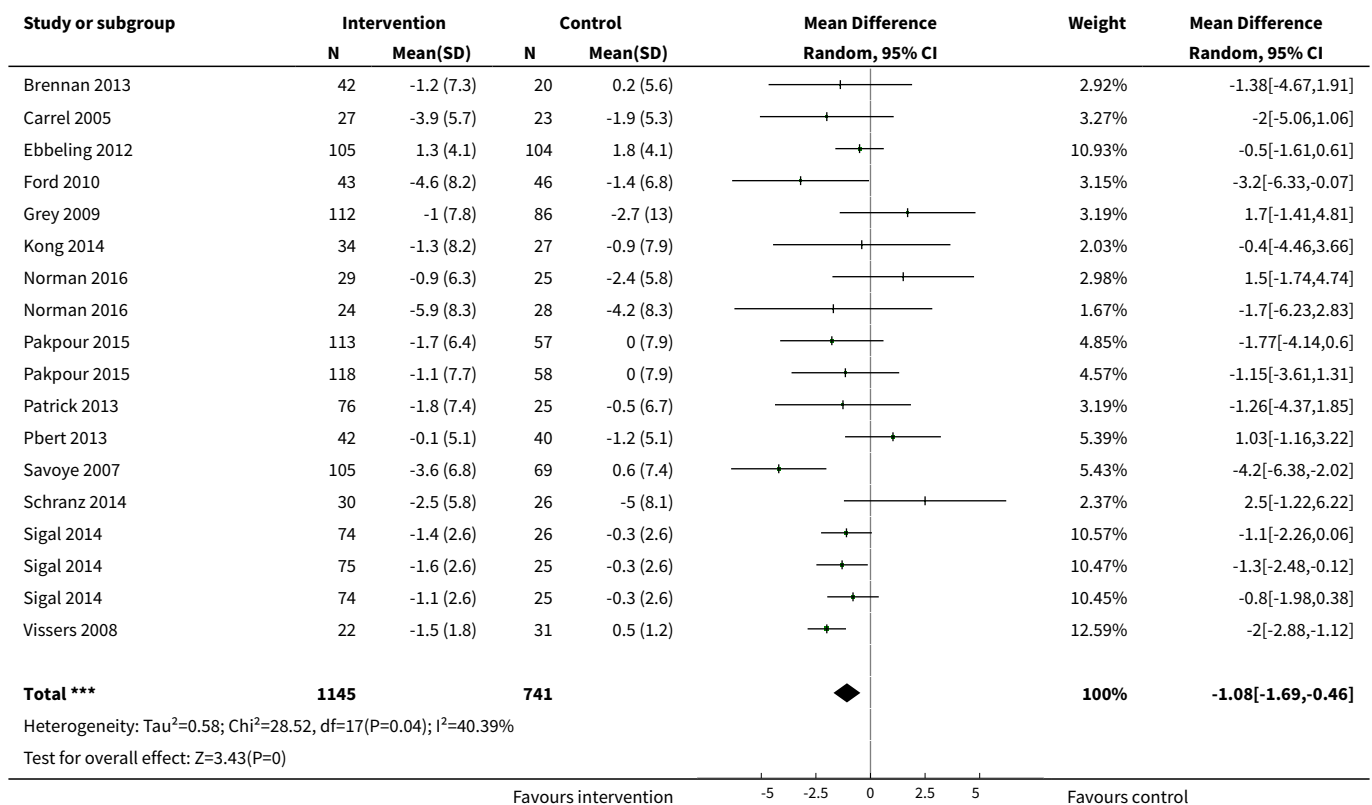


Comparison 3. Interventions (all) versus controls, other anthropometrics, longest follow-up

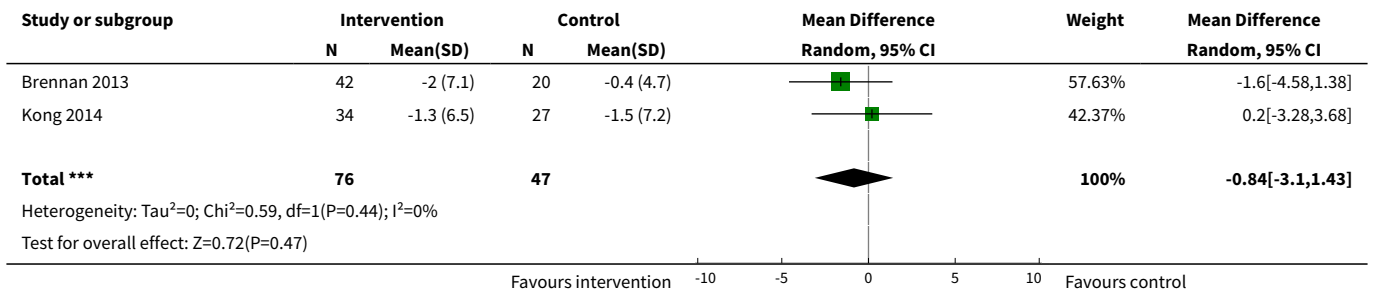
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1 % body fat	14	1886	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.08 [-1.69, -0.46]
2 % trunk fat	2	123	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.84 [-3.10, 1.43]

Outcome or sub-group title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
3 Waist circumference	17	1997	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-2.26 [-3.80, -0.72]
4 Waist-to-height ratio	3	276	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.00 [-0.02, 0.02]
5 Waist-to-hip ratio	2	211	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.01 [-0.01, 0.03]
6 Fat mass	5	673	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-3.13 [-4.70, -1.56]
7 Trunk fat mass	2	184	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.94 [-2.49, 0.61]
8 Lean mass	3	417	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.21 [-0.88, 0.47]
9 % overweight	2	73	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-5.55 [-13.67, 2.57]

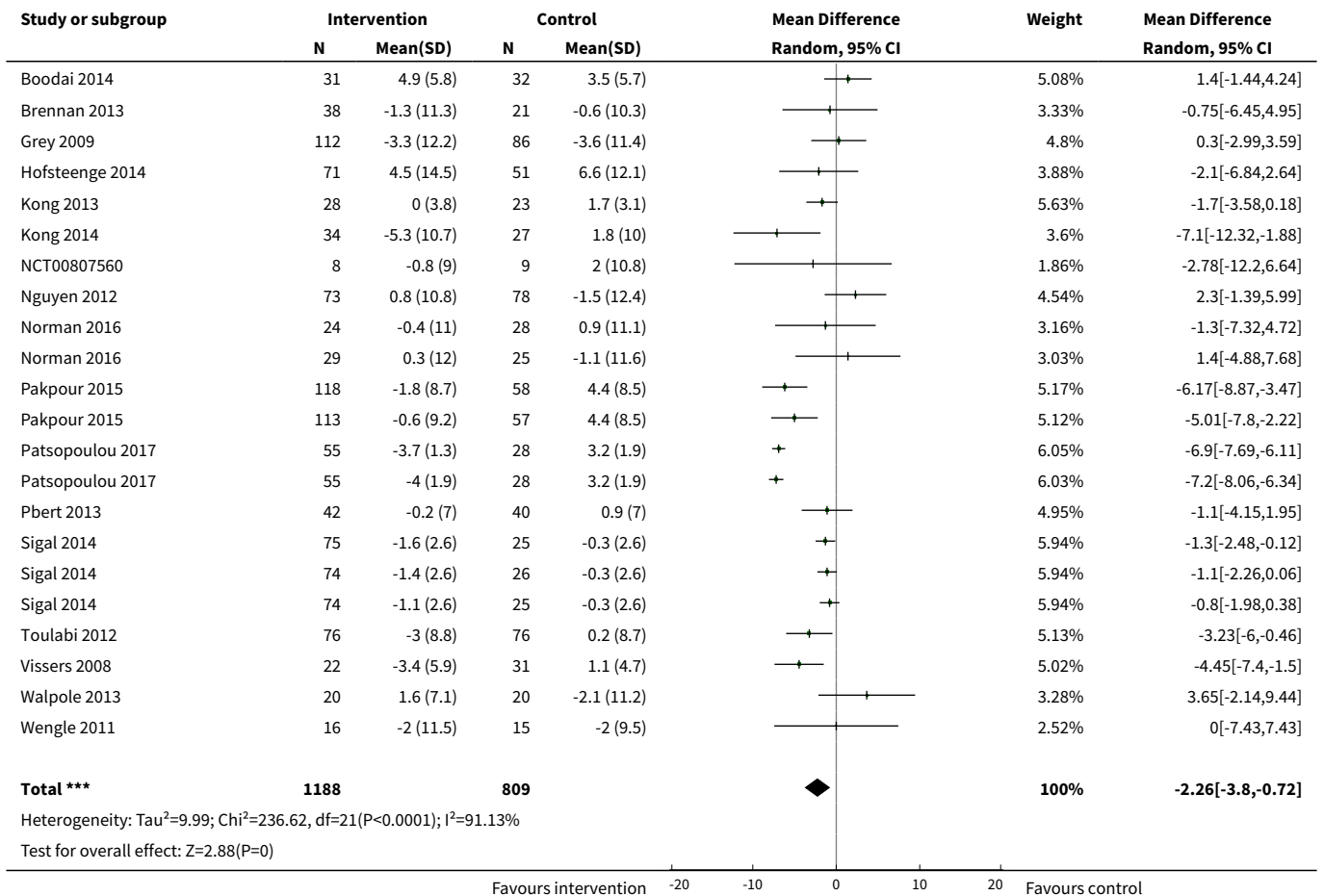
Analysis 3.1. Comparison 3 Interventions (all) versus controls, other anthropometrics, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 % body fat.



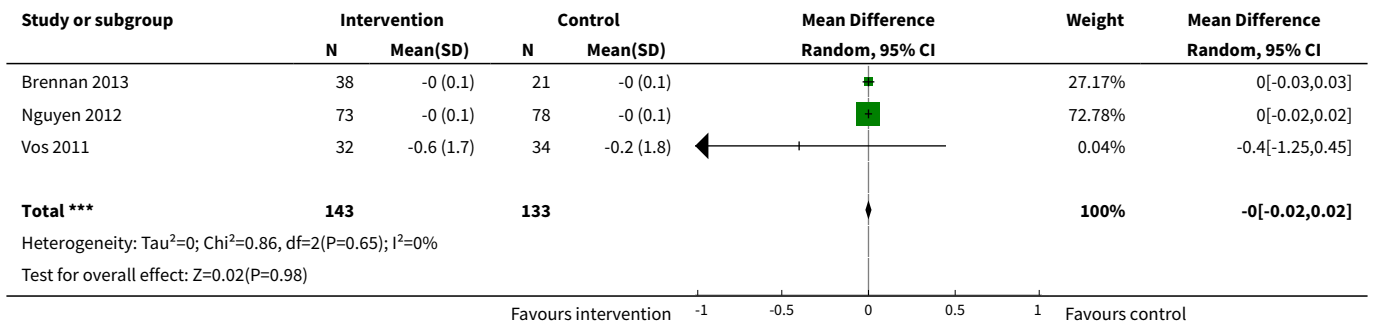
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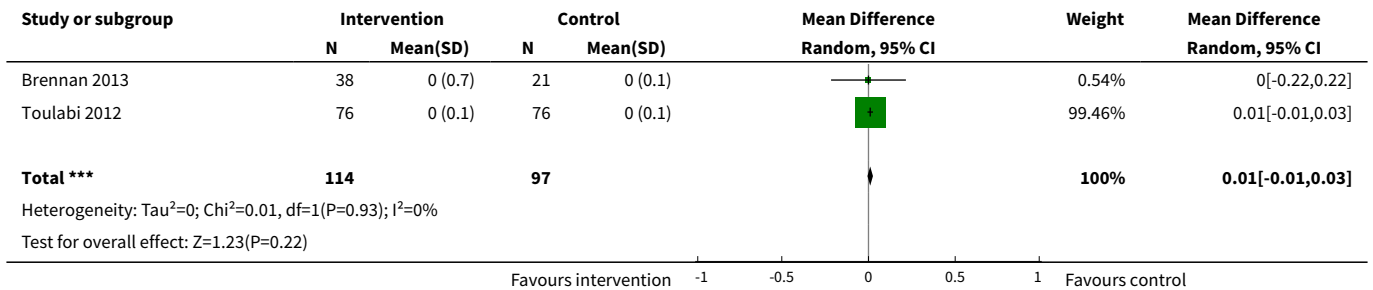
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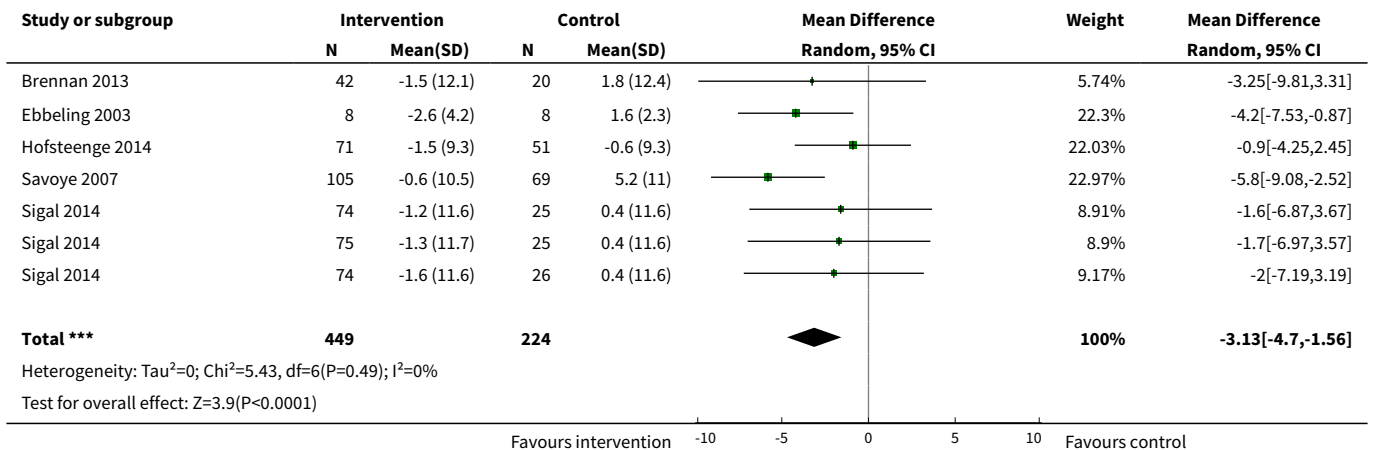
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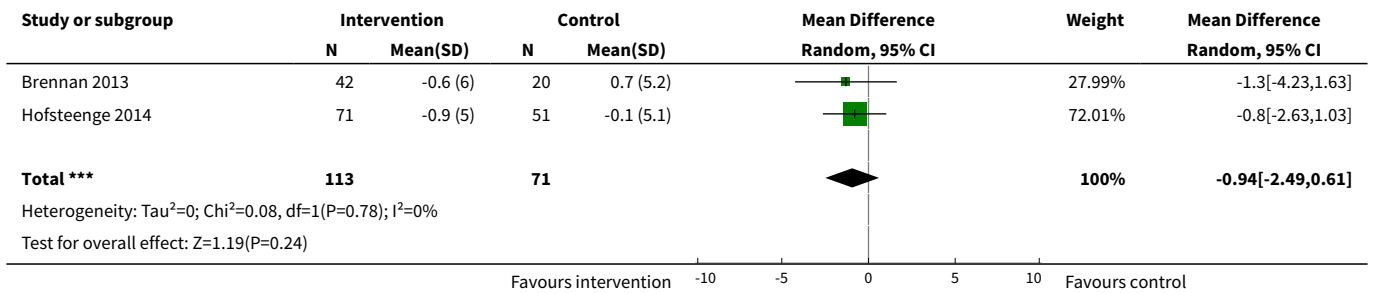
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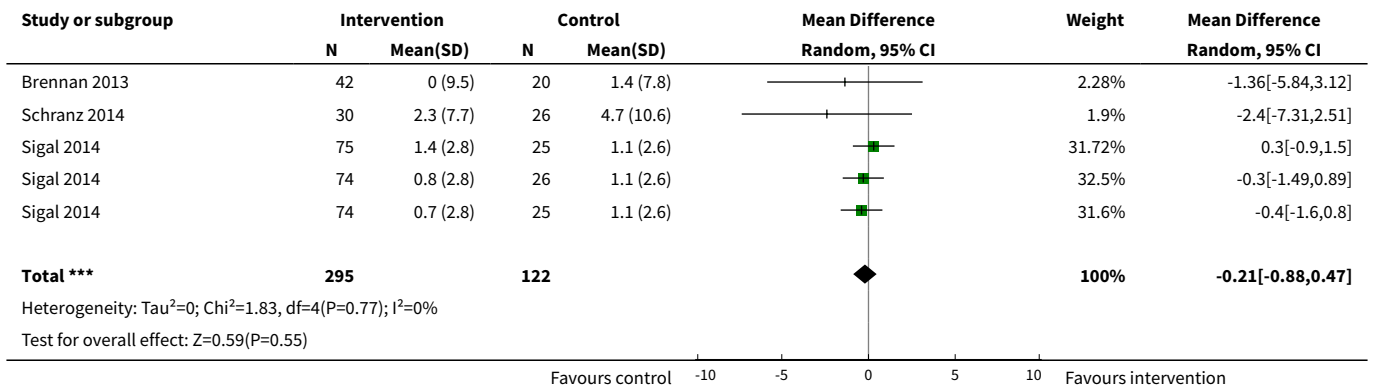
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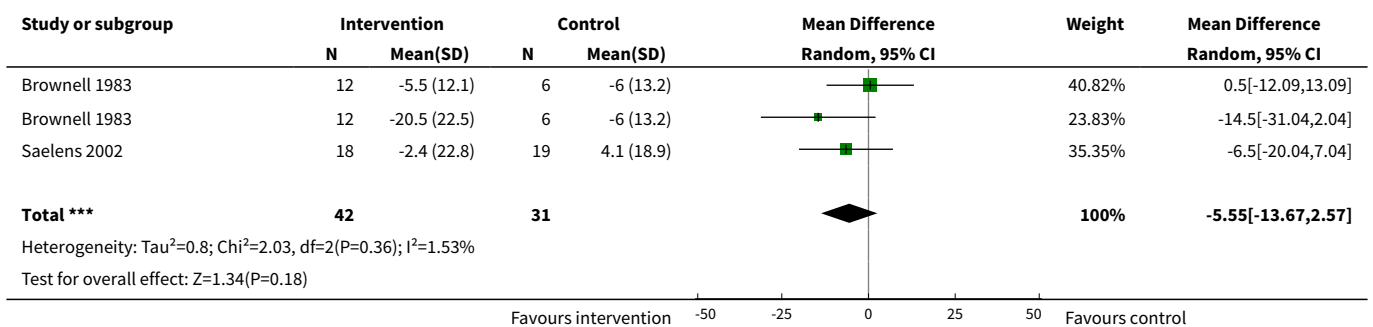
Analysis 3.7. Comparison 3 Interventions (all) versus controls, other anthropometrics, longest follow-up, Outcome 7 Trunk fat mass.



Analysis 3.8. Comparison 3 Interventions (all) versus controls, other anthropometrics, longest follow-up, Outcome 8 Lean mass.



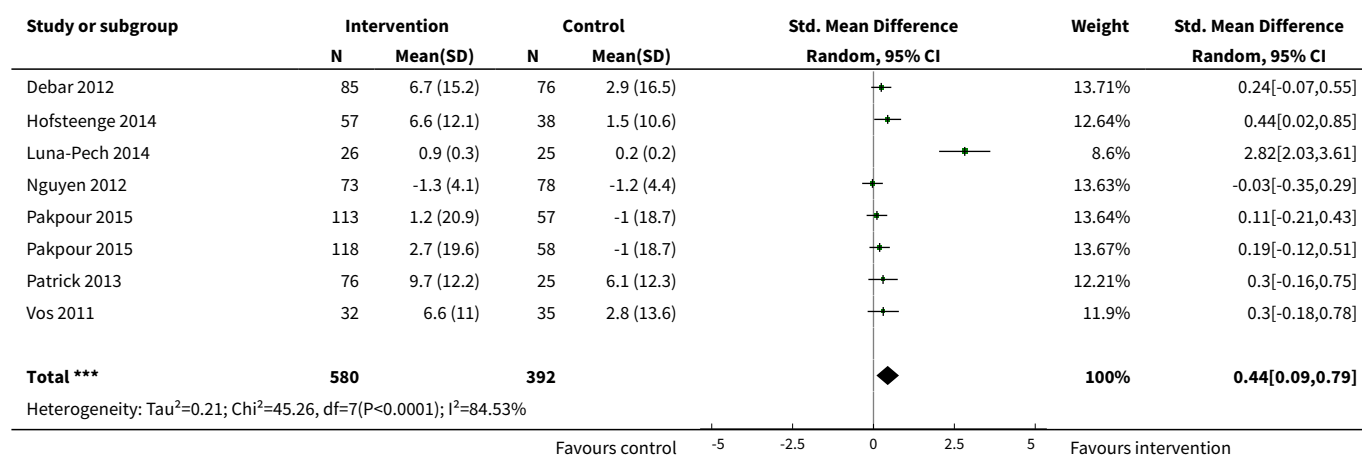
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Comparison 4. Interventions (all) versus controls, quality of life, longest follow-up

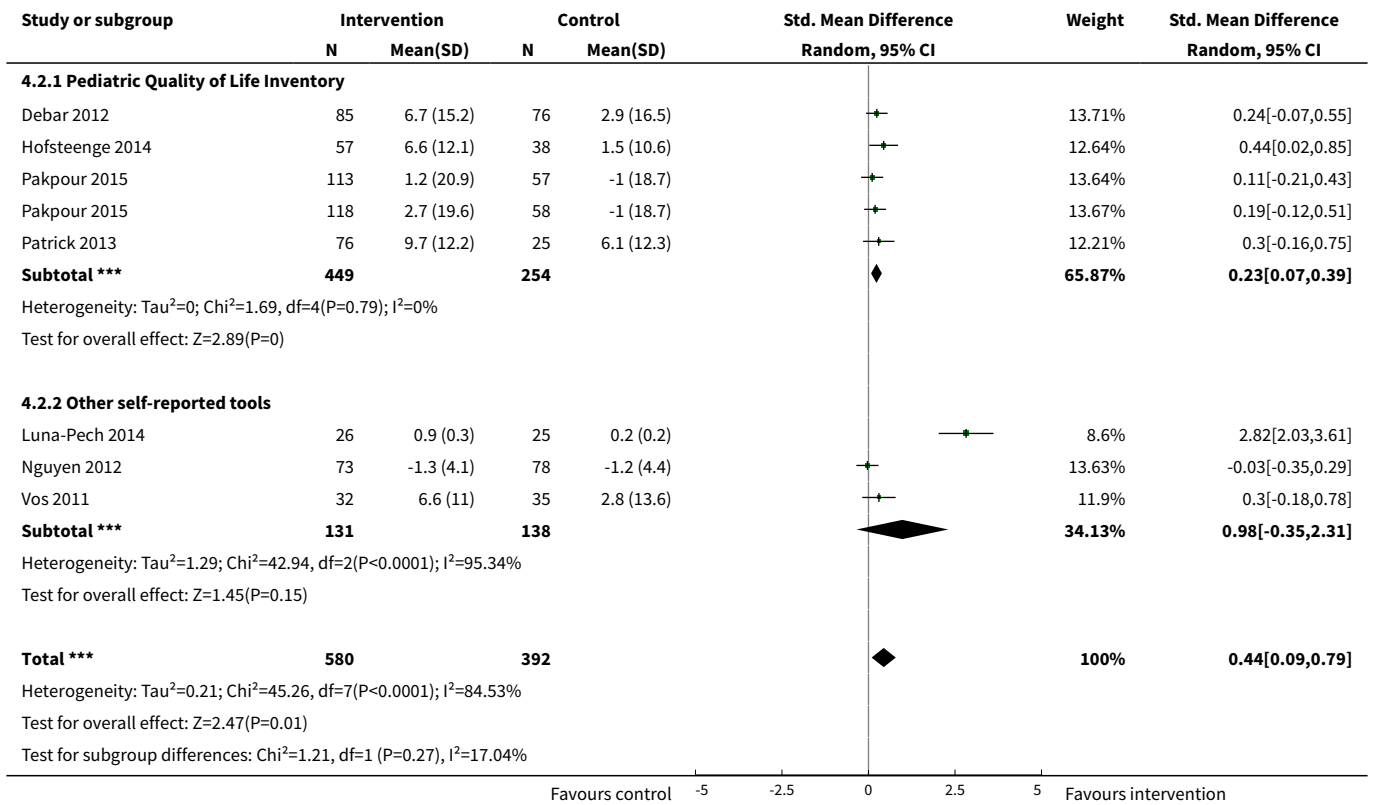
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Health-related quality of life	7	972	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.44 [0.09, 0.79]
2 Health-related quality of life by tool	7	972	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.44 [0.09, 0.79]
2.1 Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory	4	703	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.23 [0.07, 0.39]
2.2 Other self-reported tools	3	269	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.98 [-0.35, 2.31]
3 Self-esteem	6	613	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.09 [-0.08, 0.27]
4 Self-esteem by outcome	6	613	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.09 [-0.08, 0.27]
4.1 Self-esteem	3	325	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.03 [-0.39, 0.34]
4.2 Global self-worth	3	288	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.17 [-0.07, 0.40]
5 Self-esteem by tool	6	613	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.09 [-0.08, 0.27]
5.1 Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale	3	325	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.03 [-0.39, 0.34]
5.2 Self-Perception Profile for Adolescents	3	288	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.17 [-0.07, 0.40]

Analysis 4.1. Comparison 4 Interventions (all) versus controls, quality of life, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Health-related quality of life.

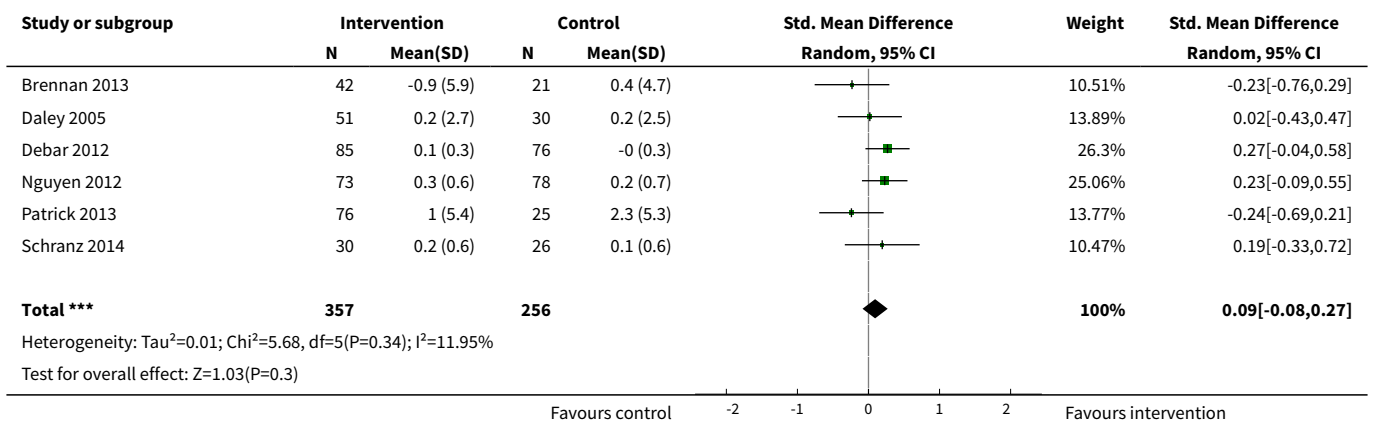




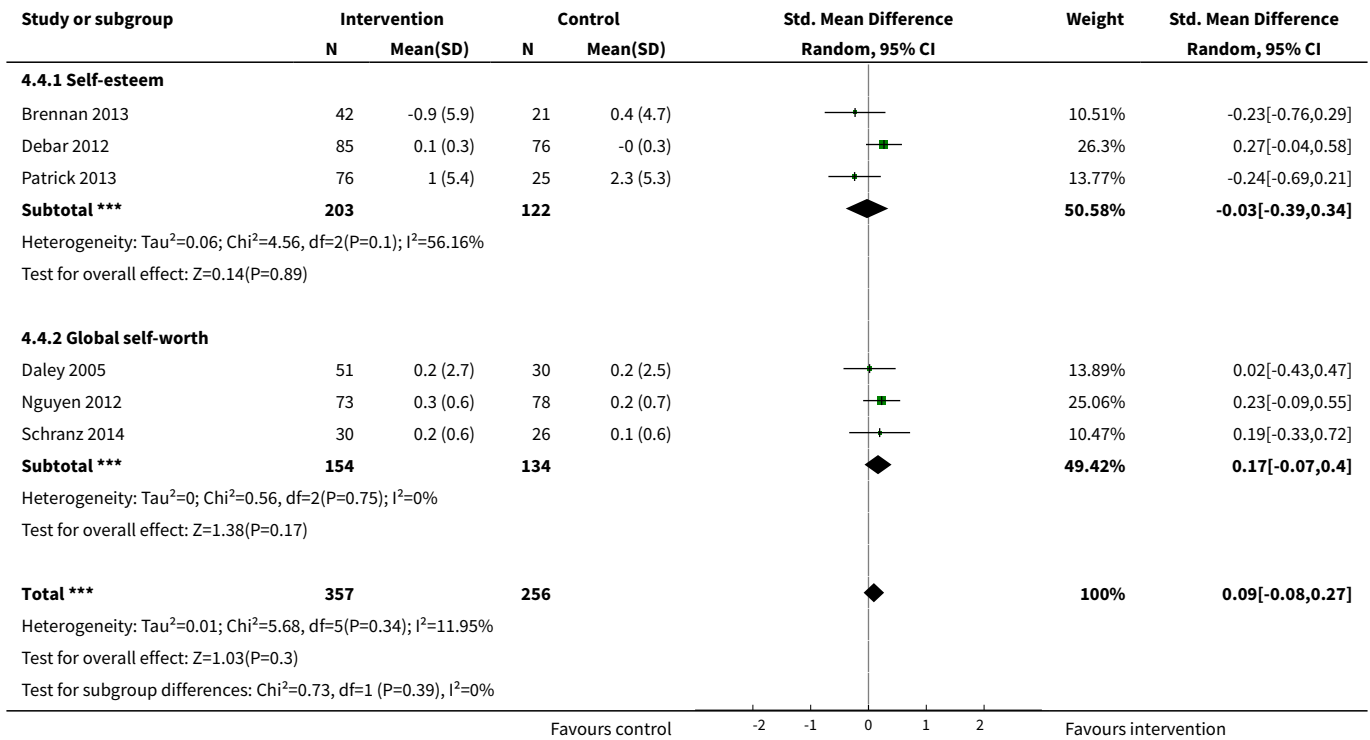
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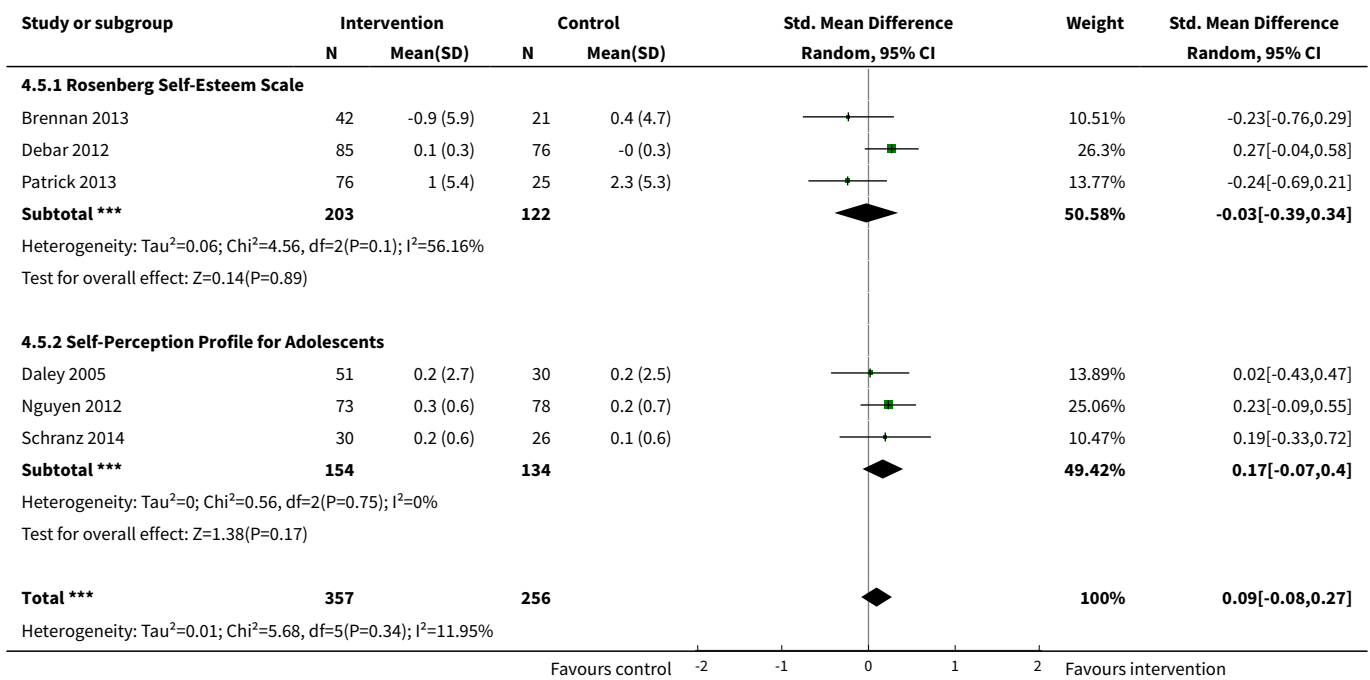
Analysis 4.3. Comparison 4 Interventions (all) versus controls, quality of life, longest follow-up, Outcome 3 Self-esteem.



Analysis 4.4. Comparison 4 Interventions (all) versus controls, quality of life, longest follow-up, Outcome 4 Self-esteem by outcome.



Analysis 4.5. Comparison 4 Interventions (all) versus controls, quality of life, longest follow-up, Outcome 5 Self-esteem by tool.



Study or subgroup	Intervention		Control		Std. Mean Difference Random, 95% CI	Weight	Std. Mean Difference Random, 95% CI
	N	Mean(SD)	N	Mean(SD)			
Test for overall effect: Z=1.03(P=0.3)							
Test for subgroup differences: Chi ² =0.73, df=1 (P=0.39), I ² =0%							
				Favours control	-2 -1 0 1 2	Favours intervention	

Comparison 5. Interventions (all) versus controls, behavioural change, longest follow-up

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Physical activity (mild - vigorous physical activity)	3	129	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.39 [-15.07, 15.85]
2 Physical activity length	2	129	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.11 [-0.98, 0.75]
3 Screen time	2	241	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.60 [-0.65, -0.55]

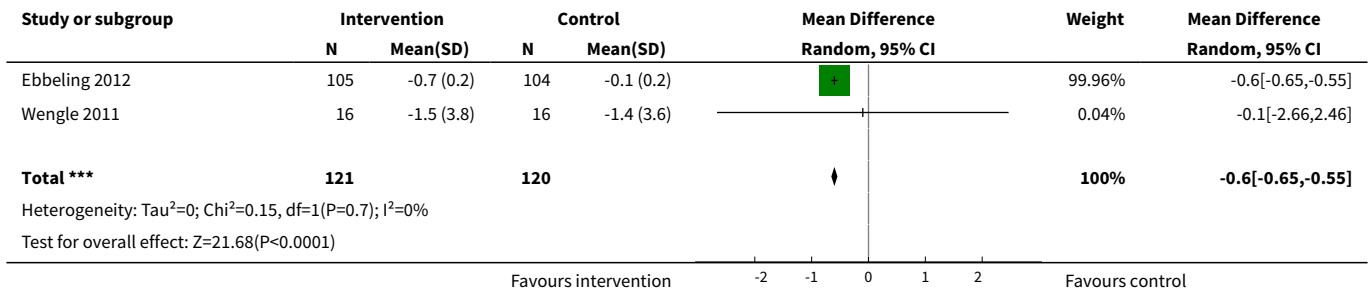
Analysis 5.1. Comparison 5 Interventions (all) versus controls, behavioural change, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Physical activity (mild - vigorous physical activity).

Study or subgroup	Intervention		Control		Mean Difference Random, 95% CI	Weight	Mean Difference Random, 95% CI
	N	Mean(SD)	N	Mean(SD)			
Kong 2013	14	16.5 (36.8)	8	-7.1 (22.8)	23.6	22.47%	23.6[-1.34,48.54]
Pbert 2013	40	-2.3 (13.7)	42	3.7 (14)	-5.97	50.02%	-5.97[-11.96,0.02]
Wengle 2011	11	-5 (23.9)	14	2 (28.8)	-7	27.51%	-7[-27.67,13.67]
Total ***	65		64		0.39	100%	0.39[-15.07,15.85]
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =115.11; Chi ² =5.16, df=2(P=0.08); I ² =61.27%							
Test for overall effect: Z=0.05(P=0.96)							
				Favours control	-50 -25 0 25 50	Favours intervention	

Analysis 5.2. Comparison 5 Interventions (all) versus controls, behavioural change, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 Physical activity length.

Study or subgroup	Intervention		Control		Mean Difference Random, 95% CI	Weight	Mean Difference Random, 95% CI
	N	Mean(SD)	N	Mean(SD)			
Gourlan 2013	26	1.4 (0.8)	28	0.5 (0.6)	0.85	32.71%	0.85[0.48,1.22]
Pakpour 2015	25	-0.1 (0.4)	13	0.7 (0.4)	-0.78	33.69%	-0.78[-1.04,-0.52]
Pakpour 2015	25	0.3 (0.4)	12	0.7 (0.4)	-0.38	33.6%	-0.38[-0.66,-0.1]
Total ***	76		53		-0.11	100%	-0.11[-0.98,0.75]
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =0.56; Chi ² =50.27, df=2(P<0.0001); I ² =96.02%							
Test for overall effect: Z=0.25(P=0.8)							
				Favours control	-5 -2.5 0 2.5 5	Favours intervention	

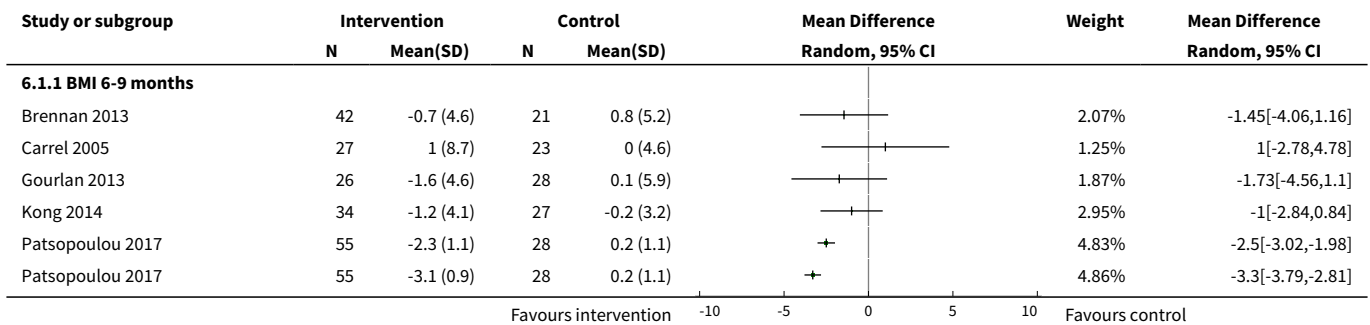
Analysis 5.3. Comparison 5 Interventions (all) versus controls, behavioural change, longest follow-up, Outcome 3 Screen time.

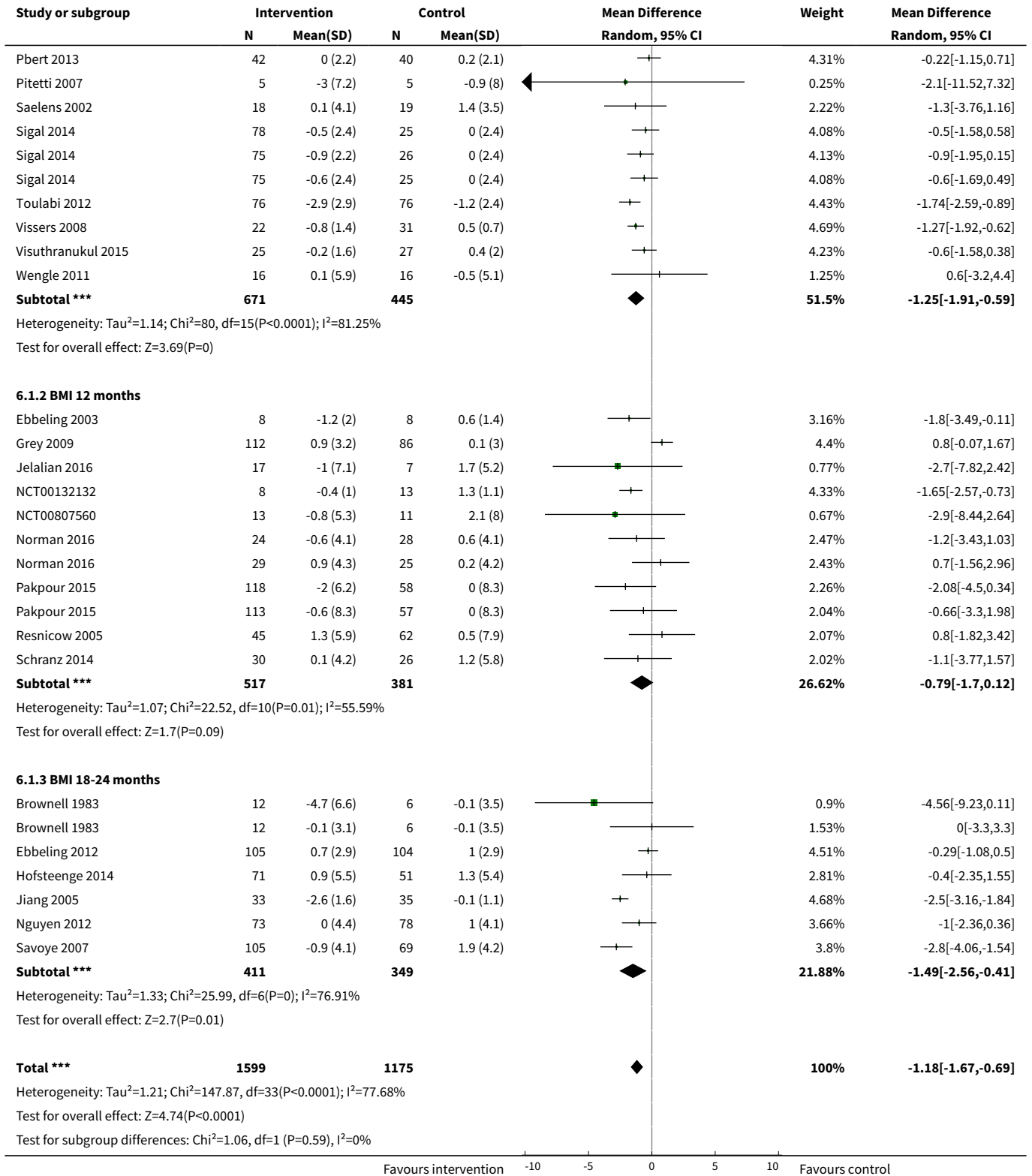


Comparison 6. Interventions versus control by duration of follow-up

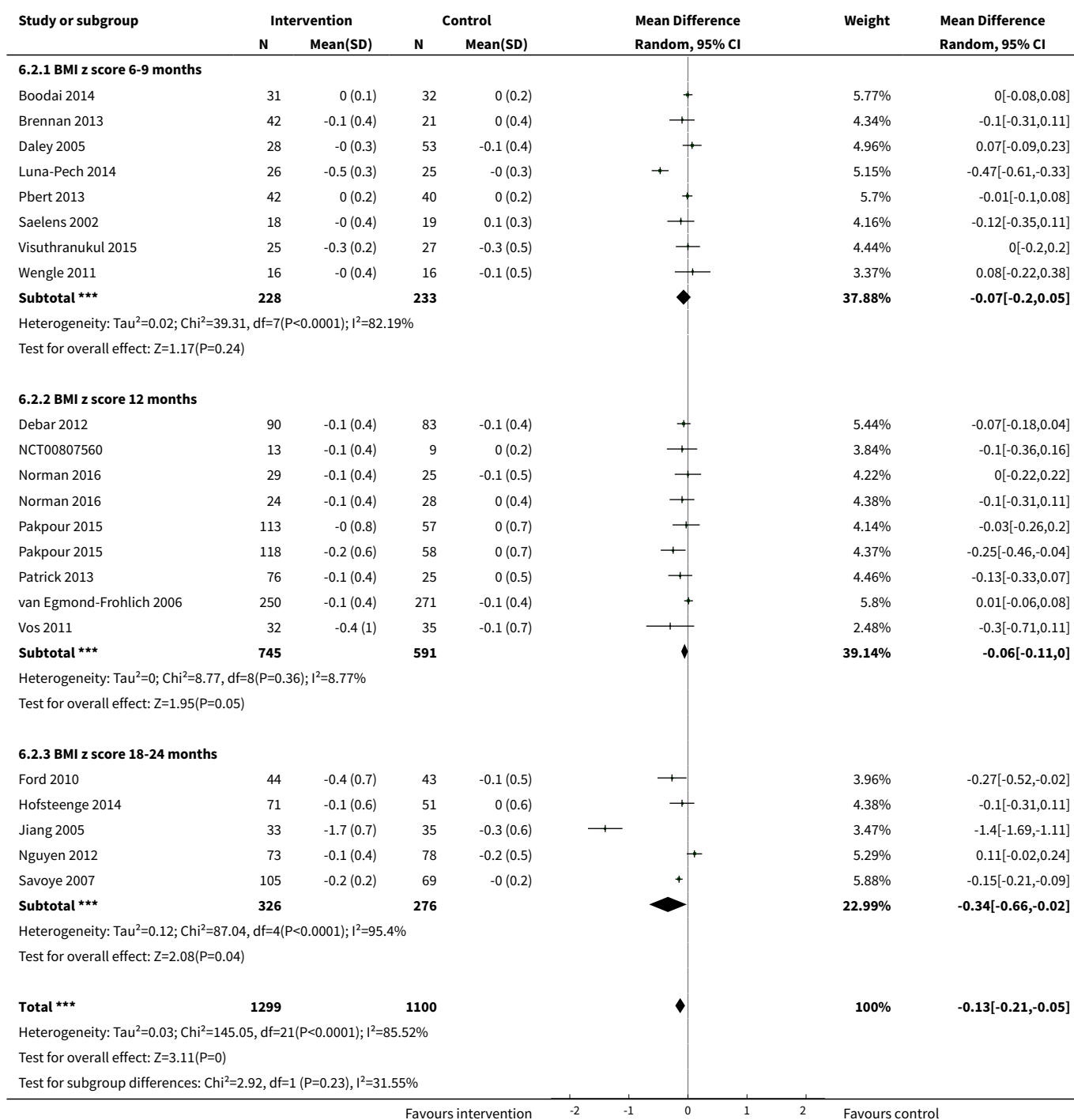
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	28	2774	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.67, -0.69]
1.1 BMI 6-9 months	13	1116	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.25 [-1.91, -0.59]
1.2 BMI 12 months	9	898	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.79 [-1.70, 0.12]
1.3 BMI 18-24 months	6	760	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.49 [-2.56, -0.41]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
2.1 BMI z score 6-9 months	8	461	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.07 [-0.20, 0.05]
2.2 BMI z score 12 months	7	1336	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.06 [-0.11, 0.00]
2.3 BMI z score 18-24 months	5	602	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.34 [-0.66, -0.02]

Analysis 6.1. Comparison 6 Interventions versus control by duration of follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





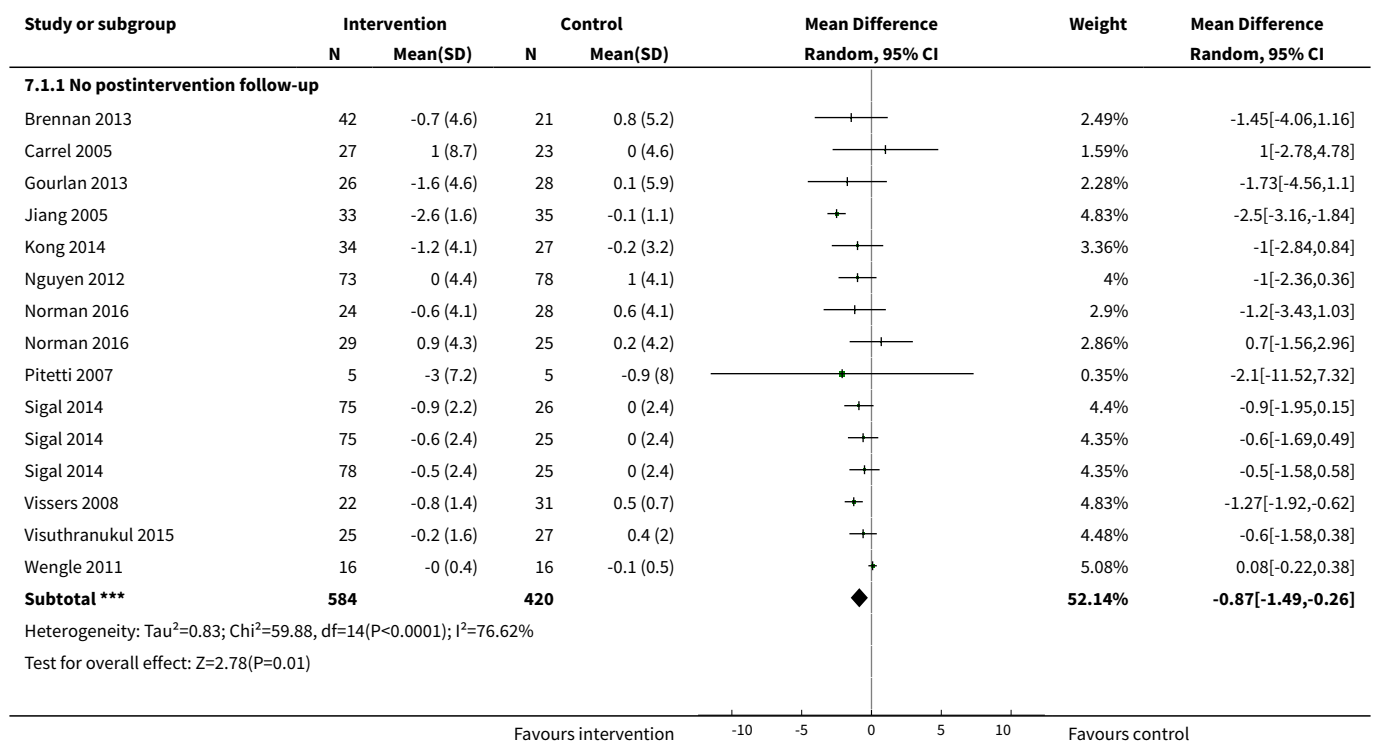
Analysis 6.2. Comparison 6 Interventions versus control by duration of follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

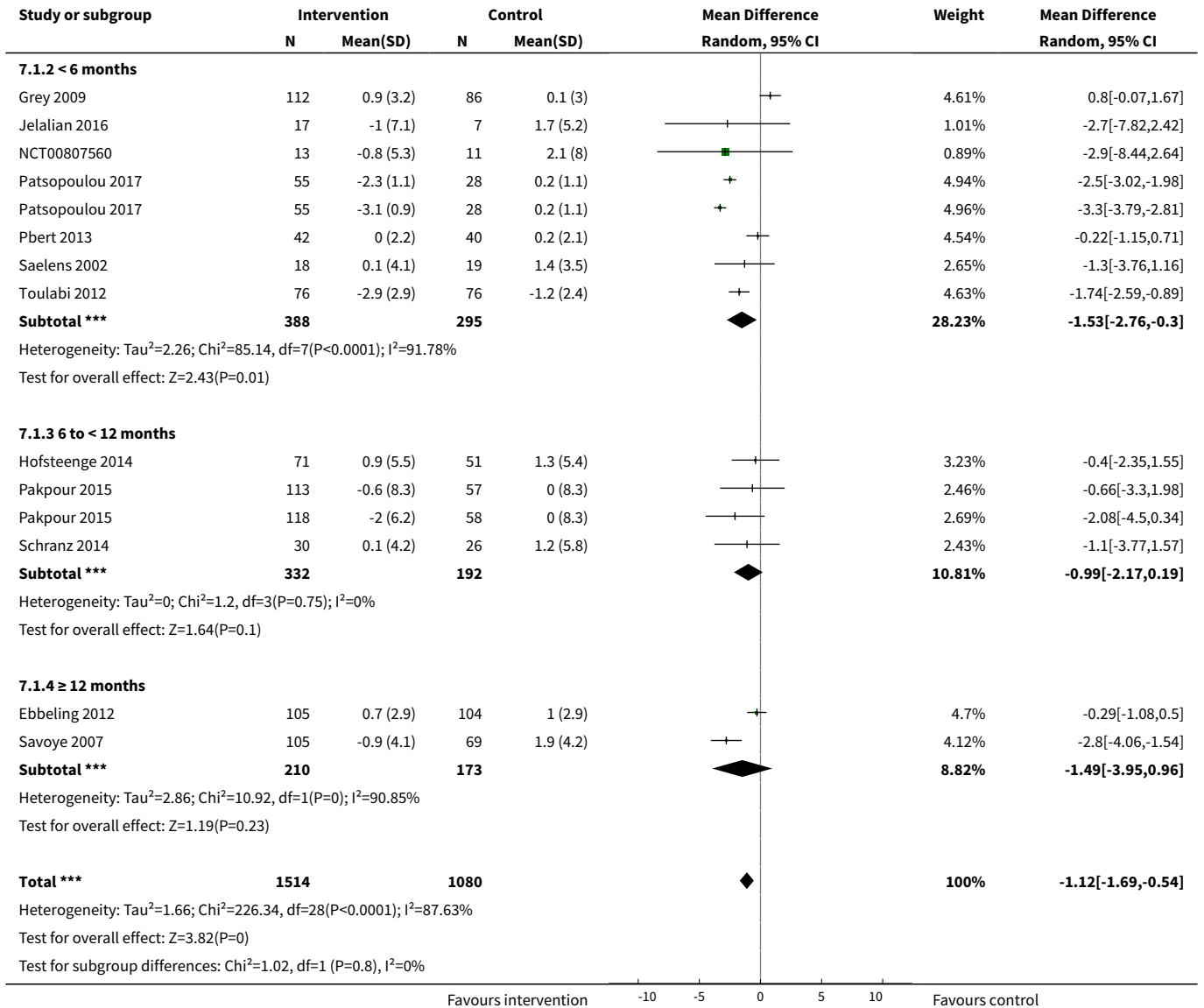


Comparison 7. Interventions versus controls by duration of postintervention follow-up

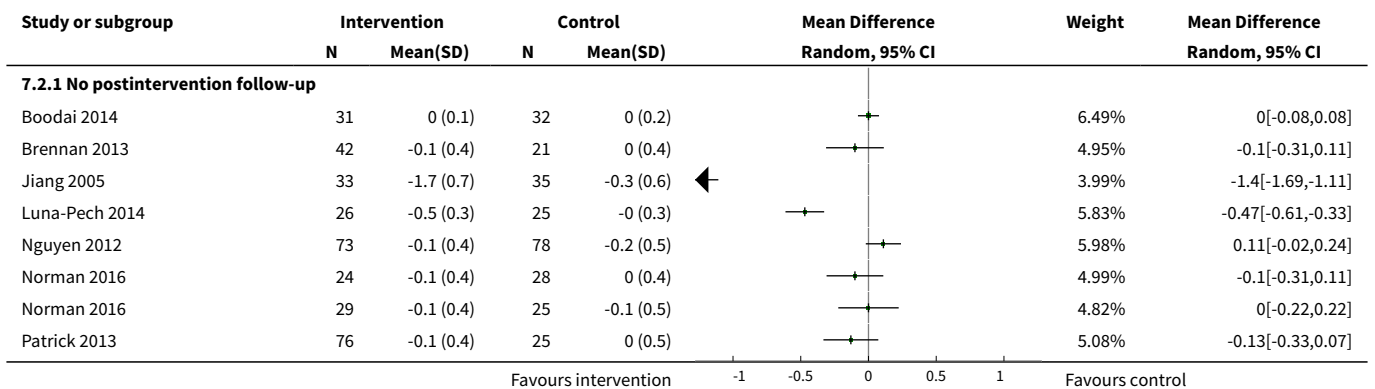
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	24	2594	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.12 [-1.69, -0.54]
1.1 No postintervention follow-up	12	1004	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.87 [-1.49, -0.26]
1.2 < 6 months	7	683	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.53 [-2.76, -0.30]
1.3 6 to < 12 months	3	524	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.99 [-2.17, 0.19]
1.4 ≥ 12 months	2	383	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.49 [-3.95, 0.96]
2 BMI z score change	17	2253	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.22, -0.04]
2.1 No postintervention follow-up	9	687	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.19 [-0.39, 0.01]
2.2 < 6 months	2	163	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.01 [-0.07, 0.08]
2.3 6 to < 12 months	4	1162	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.06 [-0.14, 0.02]
2.4 ≥ 12 months	2	241	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.15 [-0.21, -0.09]

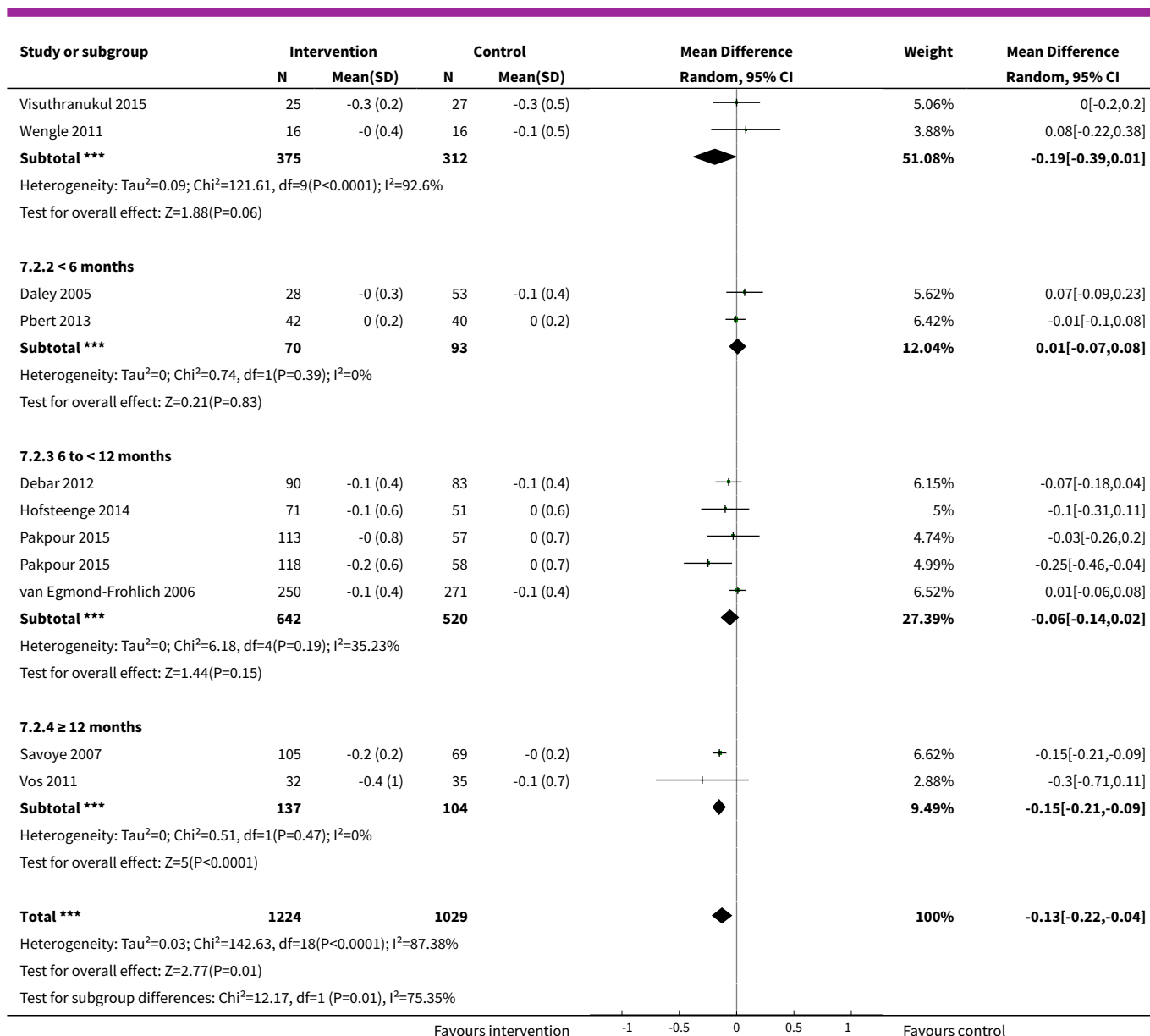
Analysis 7.1. Comparison 7 Interventions versus controls by duration of postintervention follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Analysis 7.2. Comparison 7 Interventions versus controls by duration of postintervention follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.



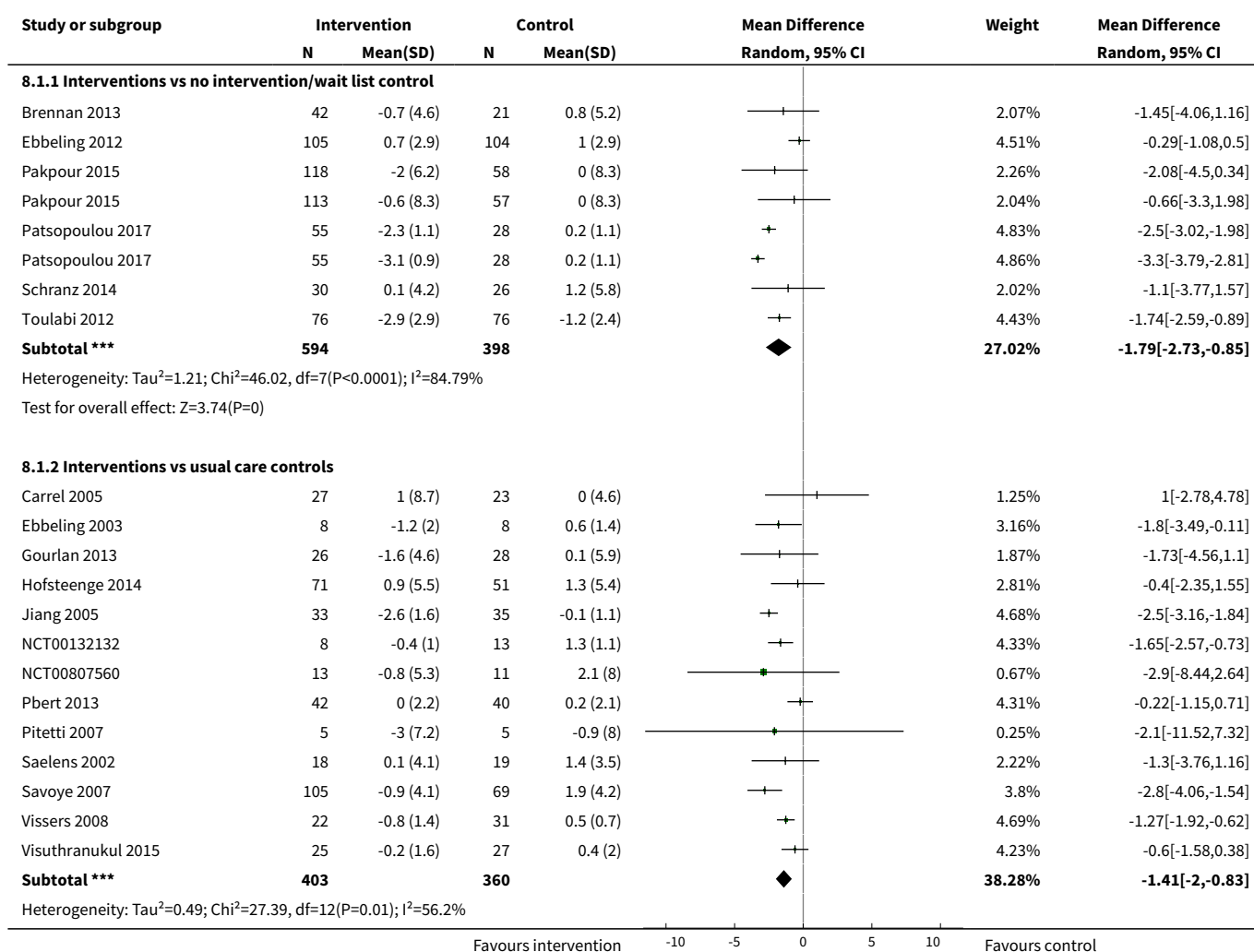


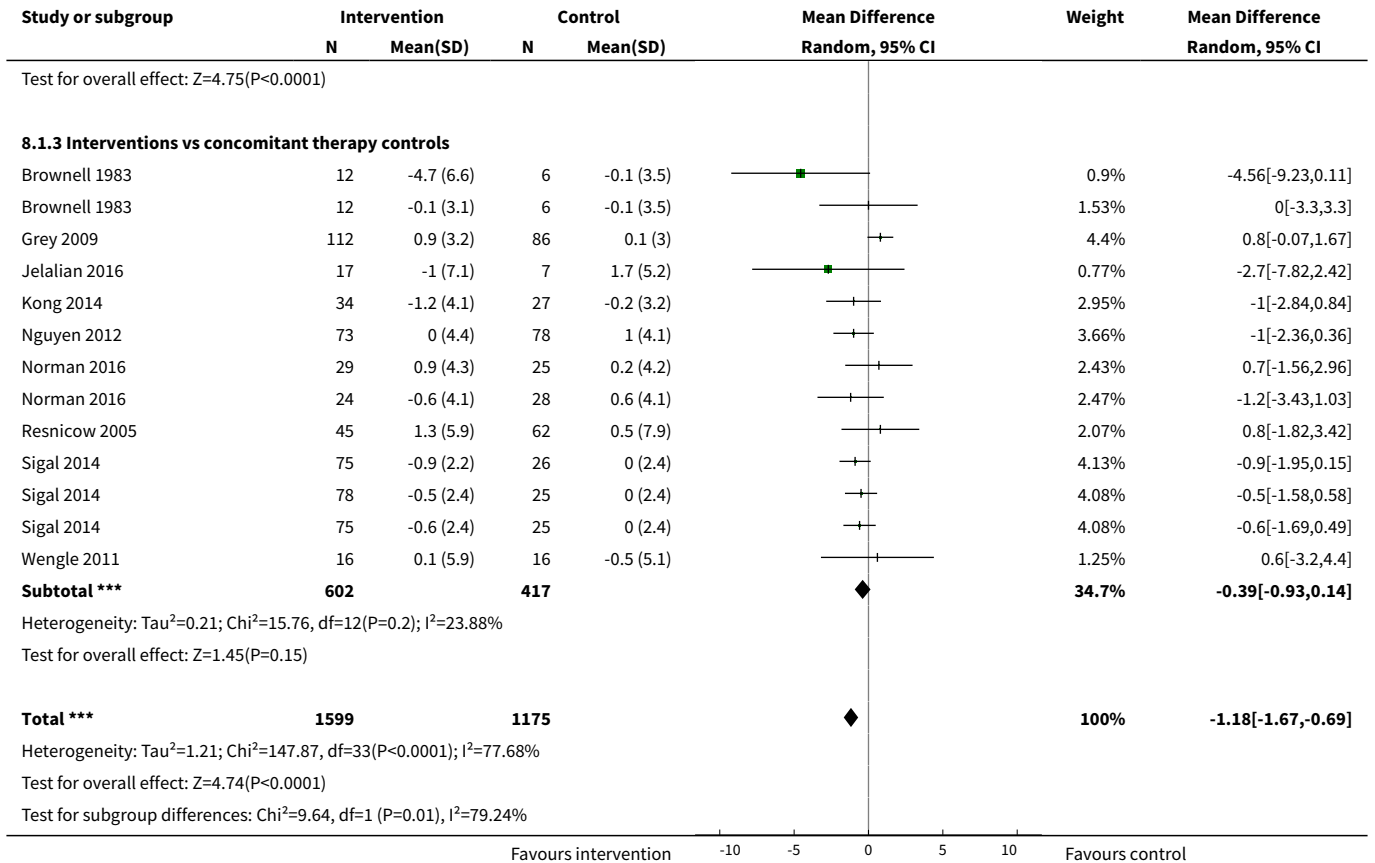
Comparison 8. Interventions by control type, longest follow-up

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	28	2774	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.67, -0.69]
1.1 Interventions vs no intervention/wait list control	6	992	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.79 [-2.73, -0.85]
1.2 Interventions vs usual care controls	13	763	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.41 [0.00, -0.83]

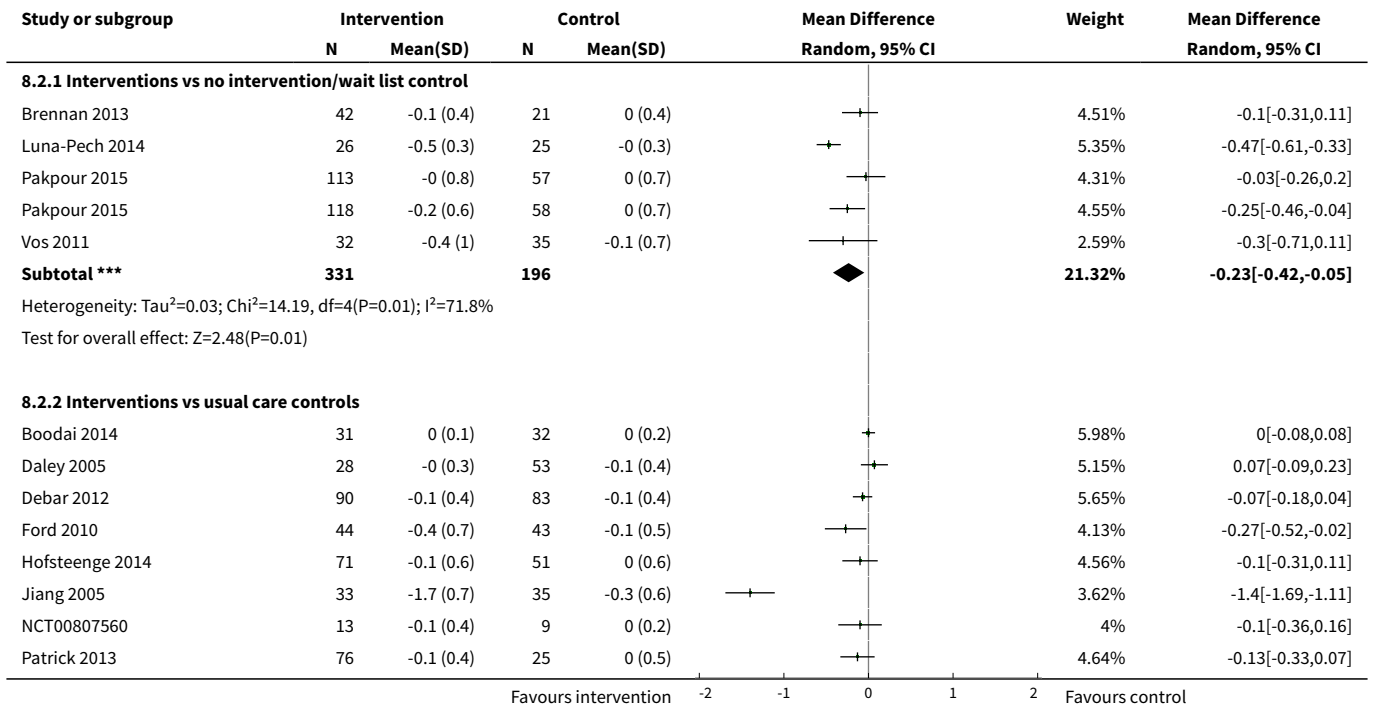
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1.3 Interventions vs concomitant therapy controls	9	1019	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.39 [-0.93, 0.14]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.14 [-0.22, -0.05]
2.1 Interventions vs no intervention/wait list control	4	527	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.23 [-0.42, -0.05]
2.2 Interventions vs usual care controls	13	1583	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.14 [-0.24, -0.04]
2.3 Interventions vs concomitant therapy controls	3	289	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.05 [-0.05, 0.16]

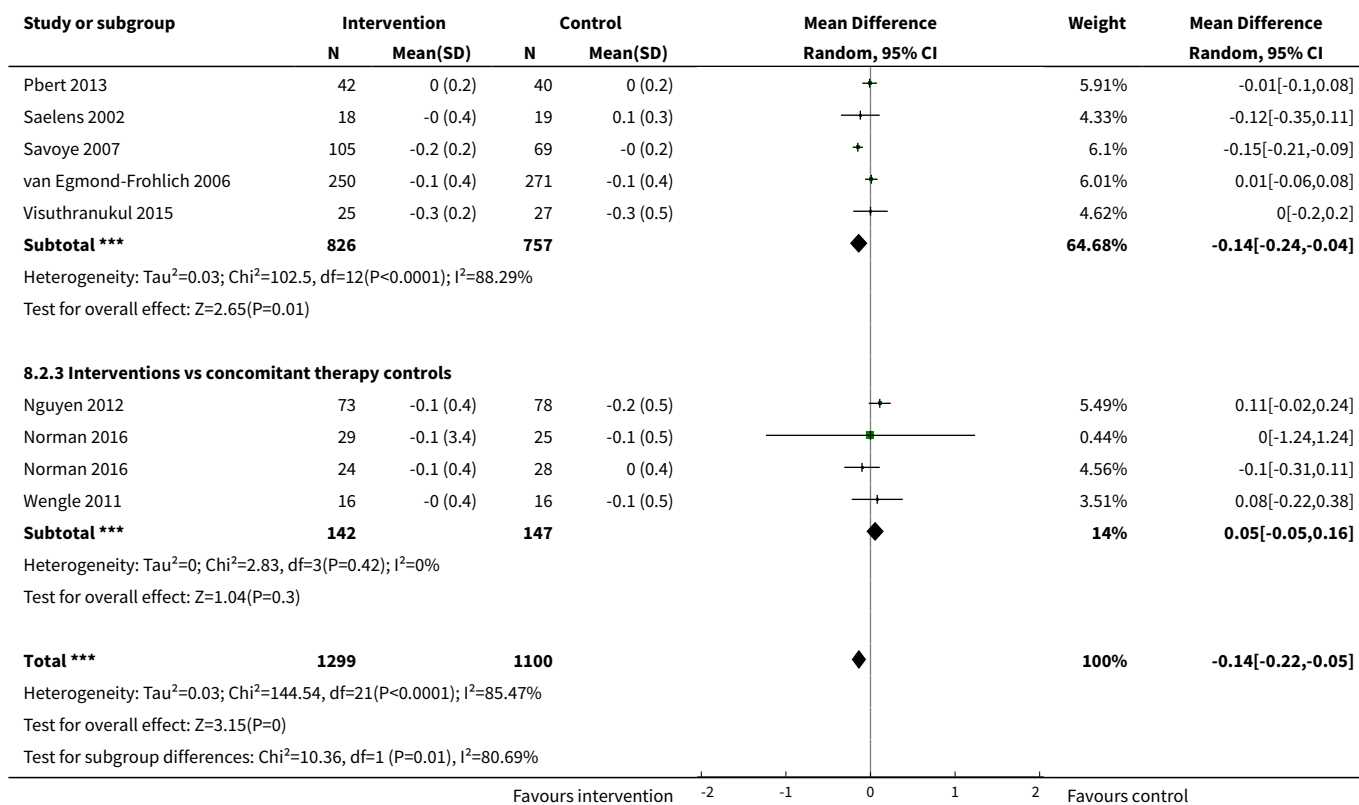
Analysis 8.1. Comparison 8 Interventions by control type, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Analysis 8.2. Comparison 8 Interventions by control type, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

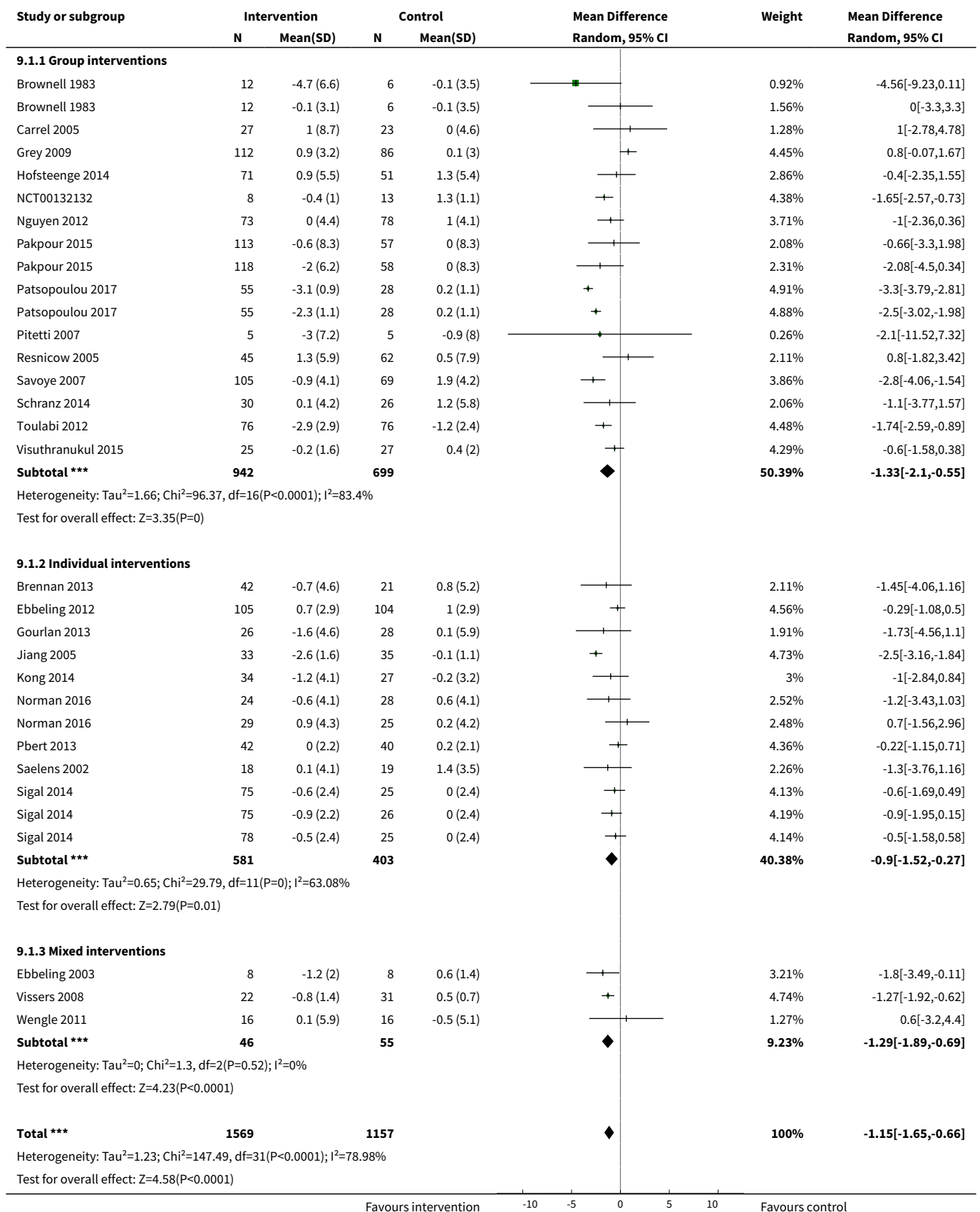


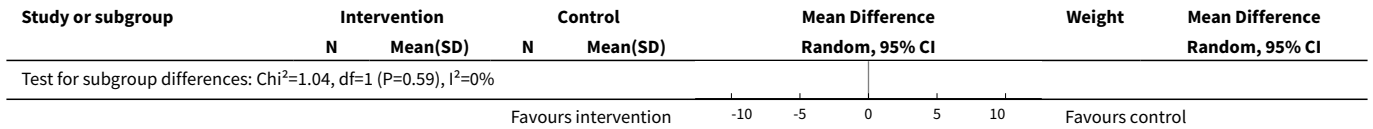


Comparison 9. Interventions by mode, longest follow-up

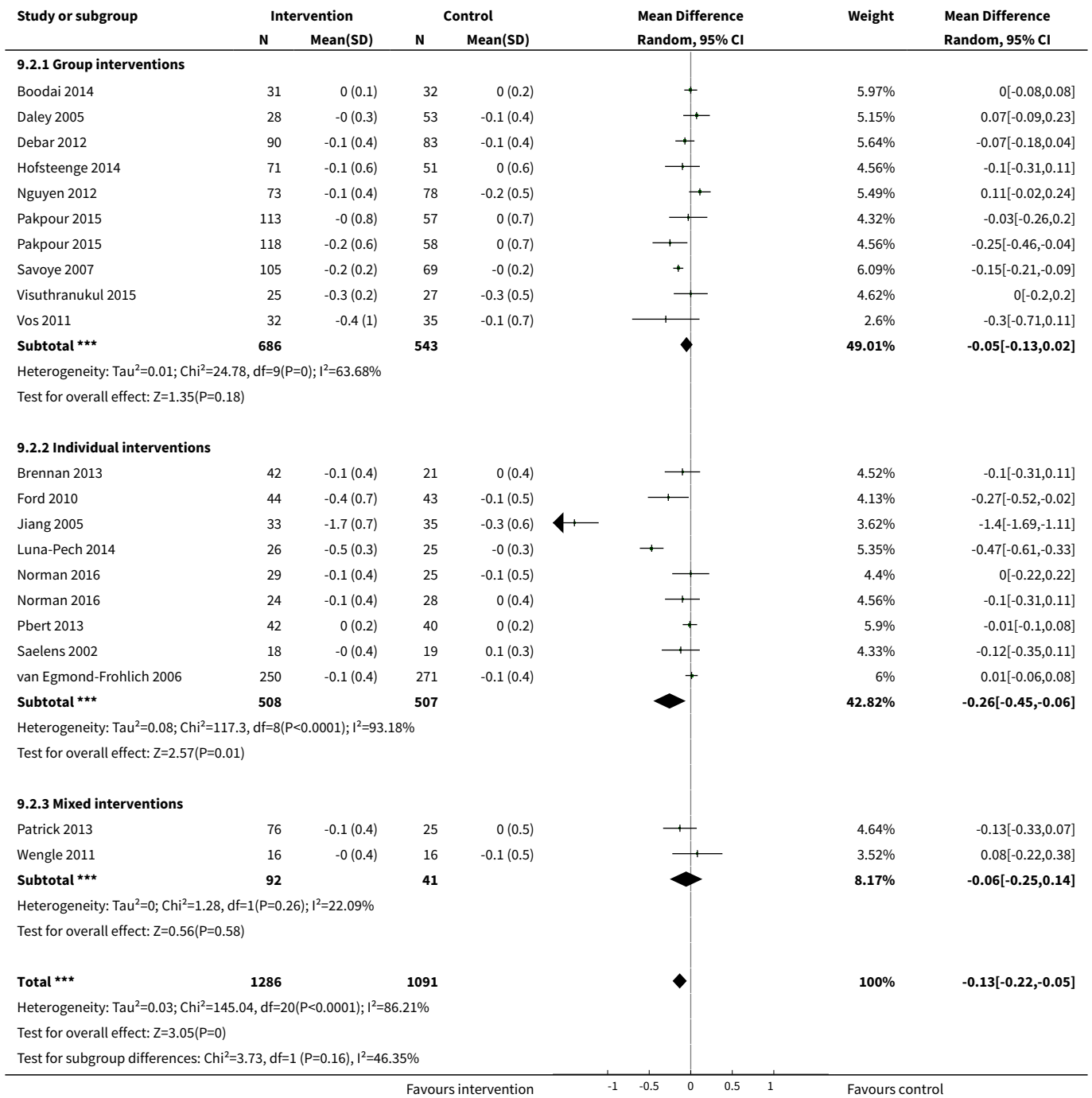
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	26	2726	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.15 [-1.65, -0.66]
1.1 Group interventions	14	1641	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.33 [-2.10, -0.55]
1.2 Individual interventions	9	984	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.90 [-1.52, -0.27]
1.3 Mixed interventions	3	101	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.29 [-1.89, -0.69]
2 BMI z score change	19	2377	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.22, -0.05]
2.1 Group interventions	9	1229	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.05 [-0.13, 0.02]
2.2 Individual interventions	8	1015	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.26 [-0.45, -0.06]
2.3 Mixed interventions	2	133	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.06 [-0.25, 0.14]

Analysis 9.1. Comparison 9 Interventions by mode, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





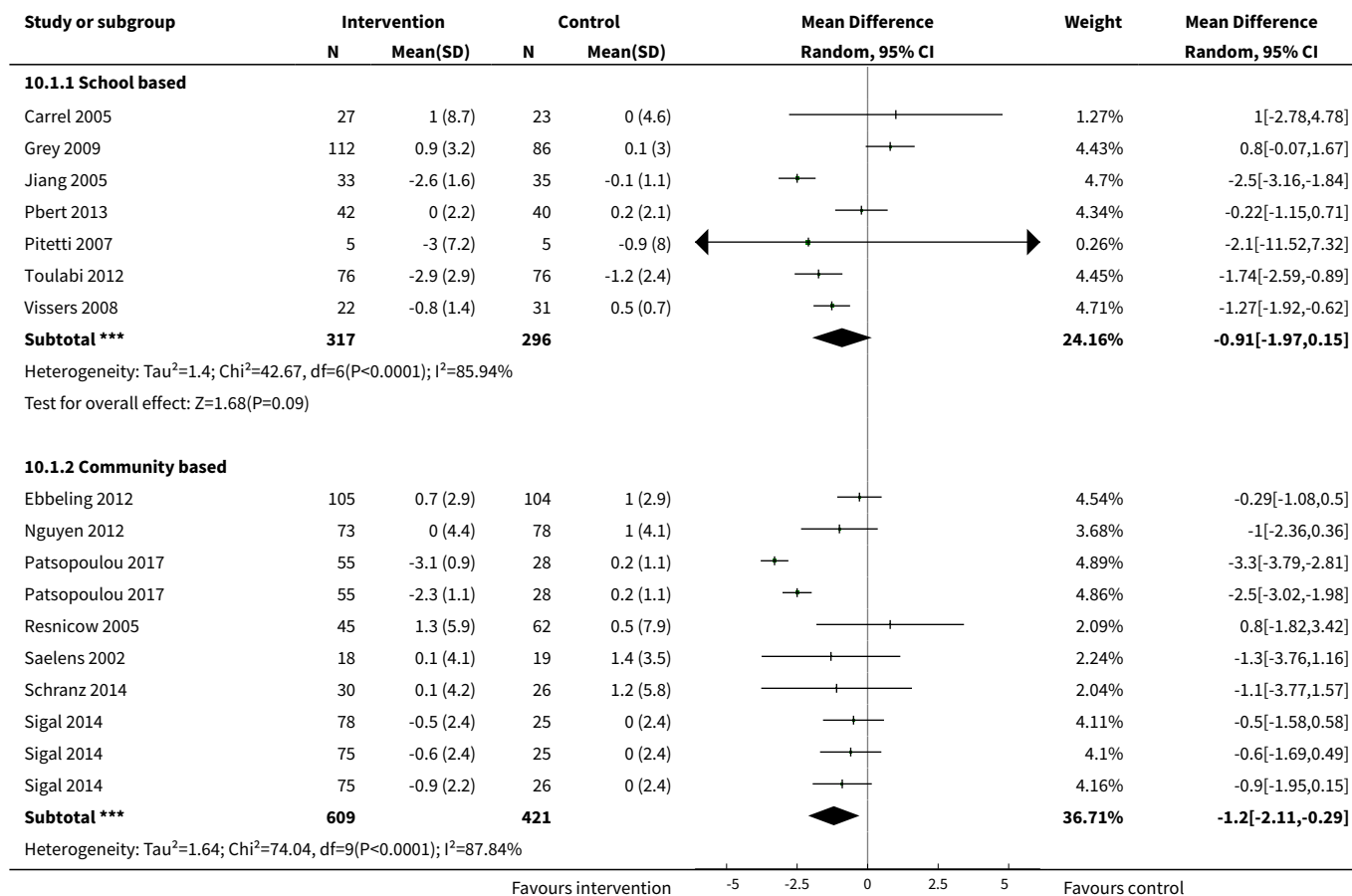
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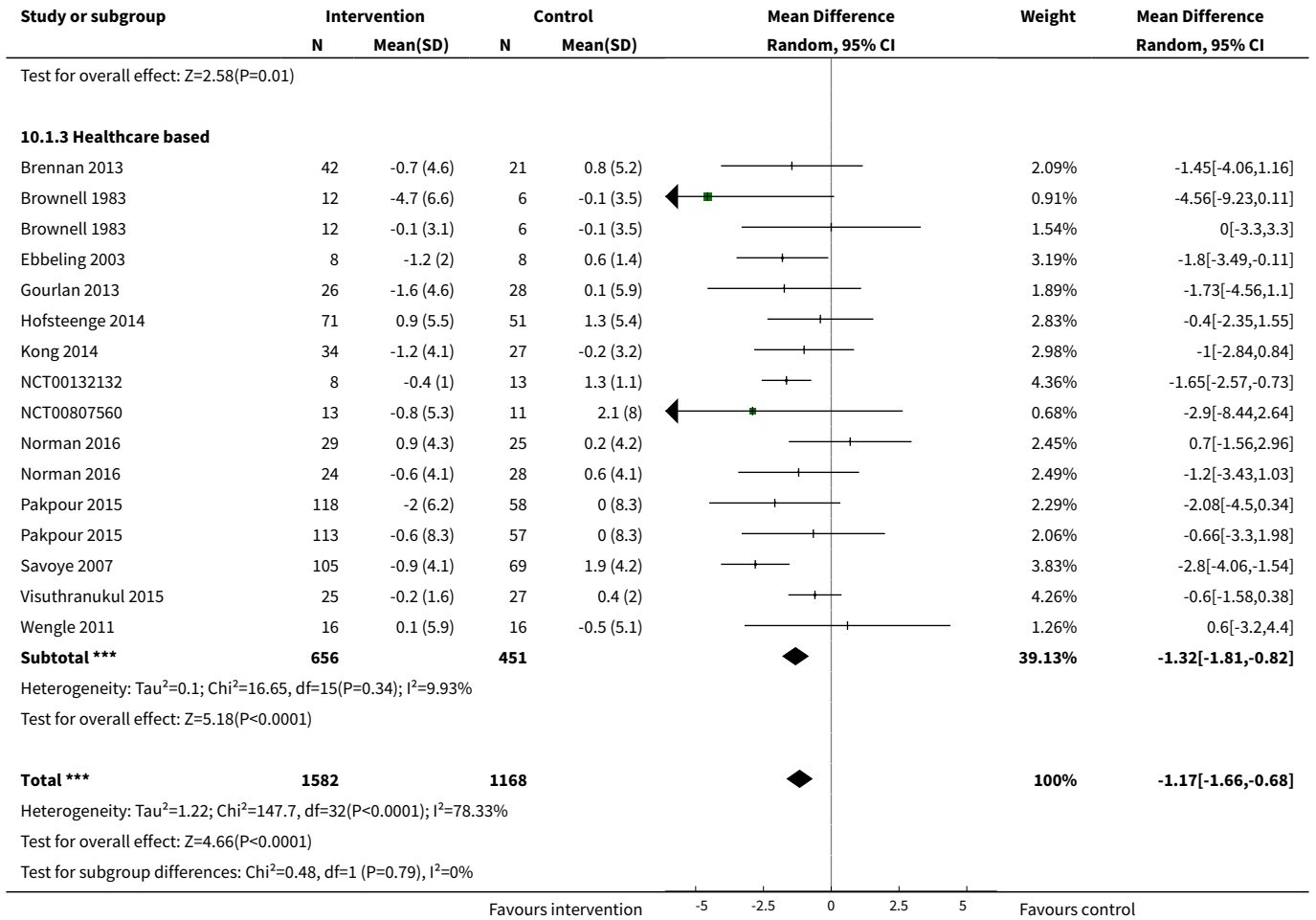


Comparison 10. Interventions by setting, longest follow-up

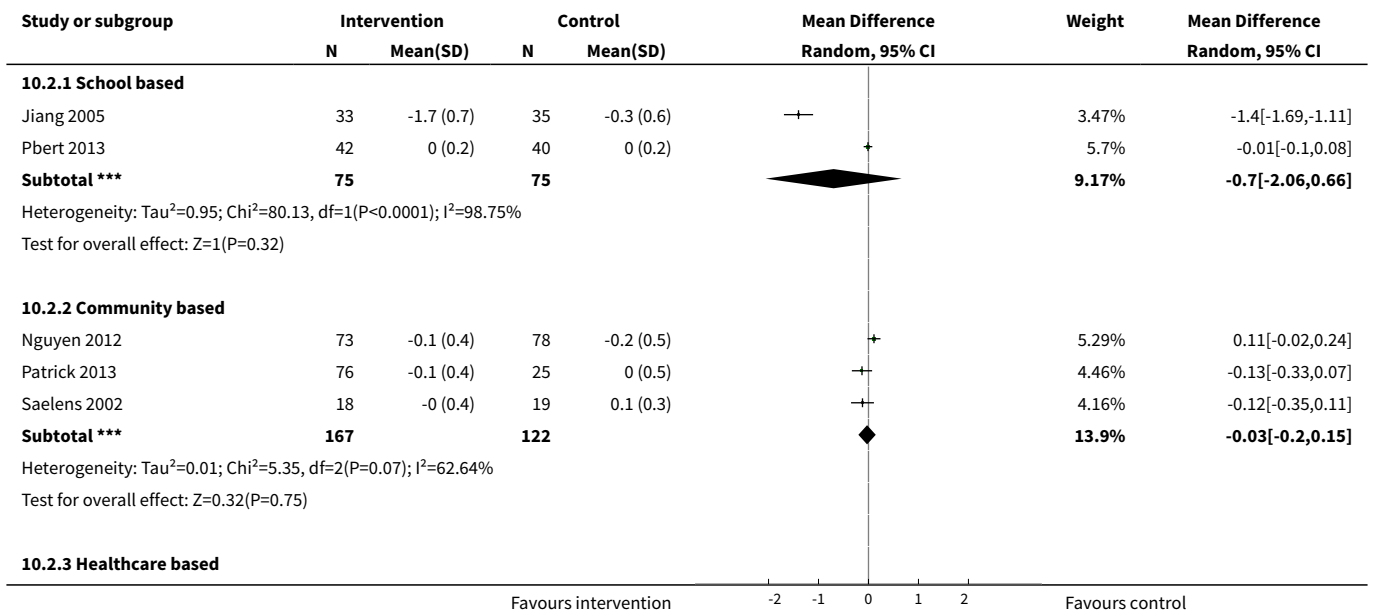
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	27	2750	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.17 [-1.66, -0.68]
1.1 School based	7	613	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.91 [-1.97, 0.15]
1.2 Community based	7	1030	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.20 [-2.11, -0.29]
1.3 Healthcare based	13	1107	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.32 [-1.81, -0.82]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
2.1 School based	2	150	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.70 [-2.06, 0.66]
2.2 Community based	3	289	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.03 [-0.20, 0.15]
2.3 Healthcare based	15	1960	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.10 [-0.17, -0.03]

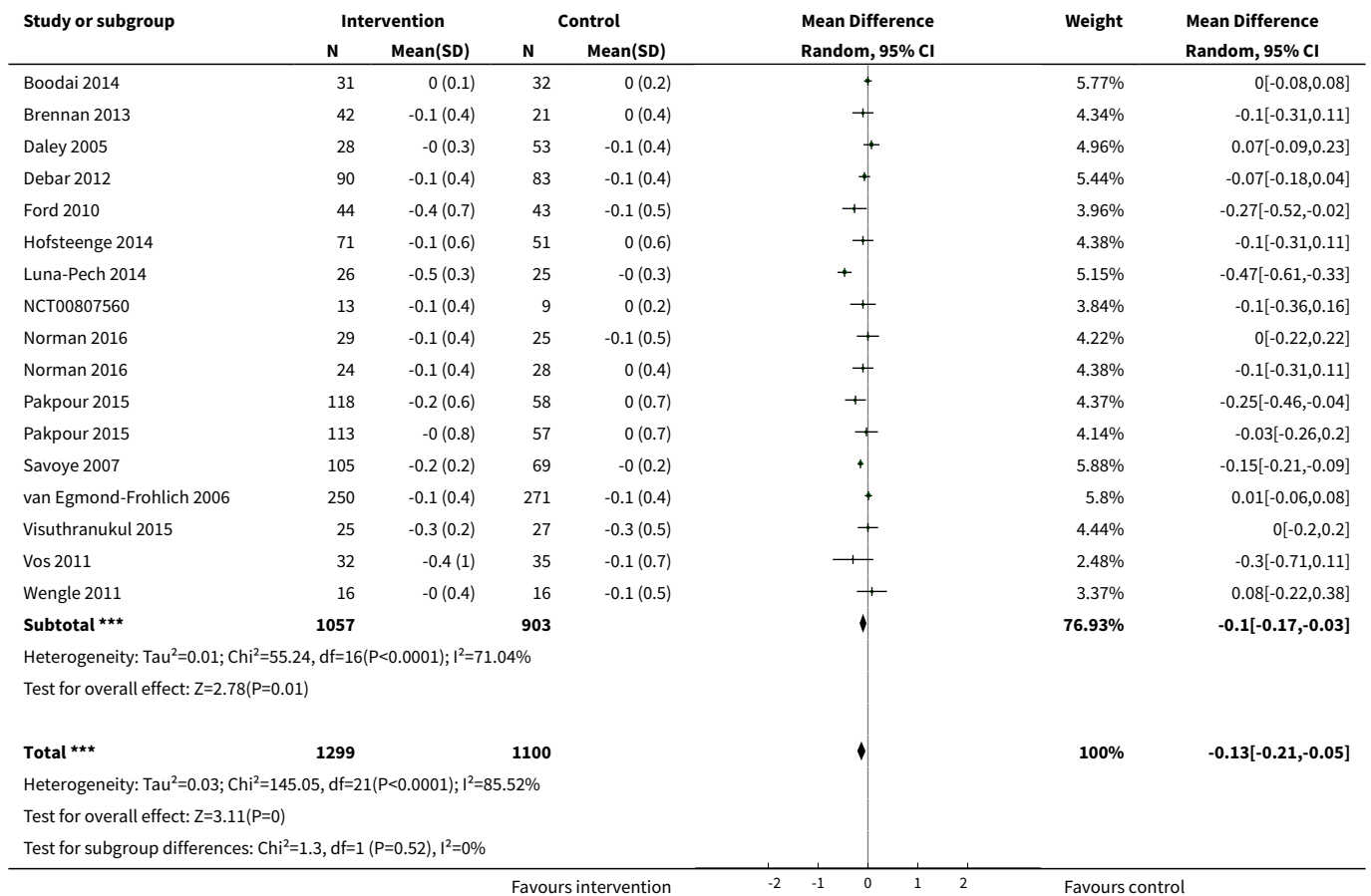
Analysis 10.1. Comparison 10 Interventions by setting, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Analysis 10.2. Comparison 10 Interventions by setting, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

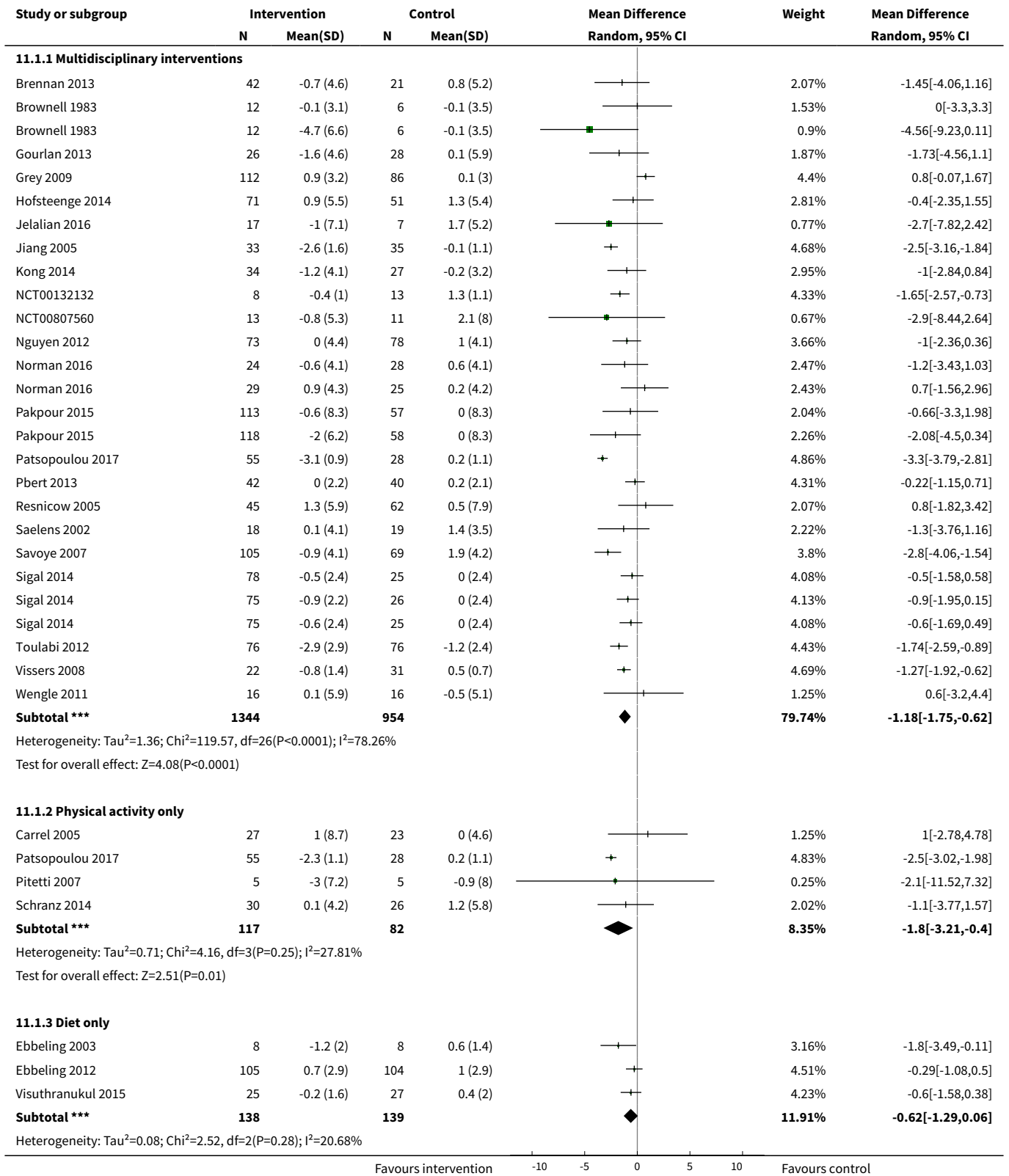


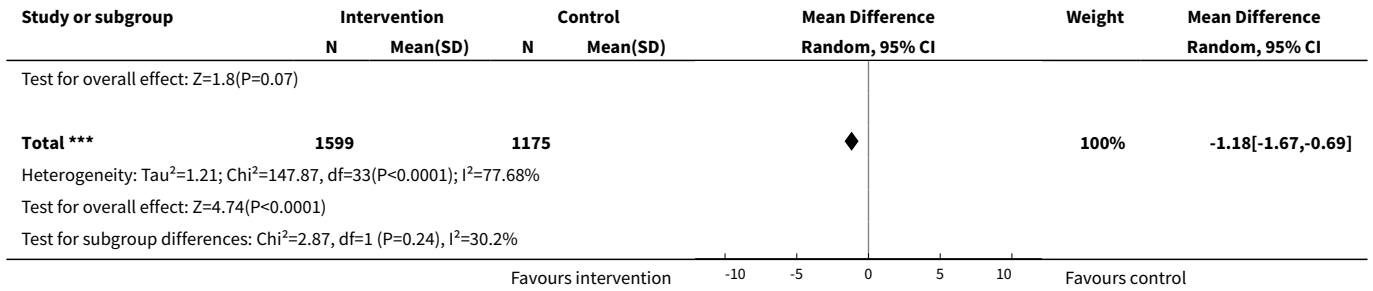


Comparison 11. Interventions versus controls by intervention type, longest follow-up

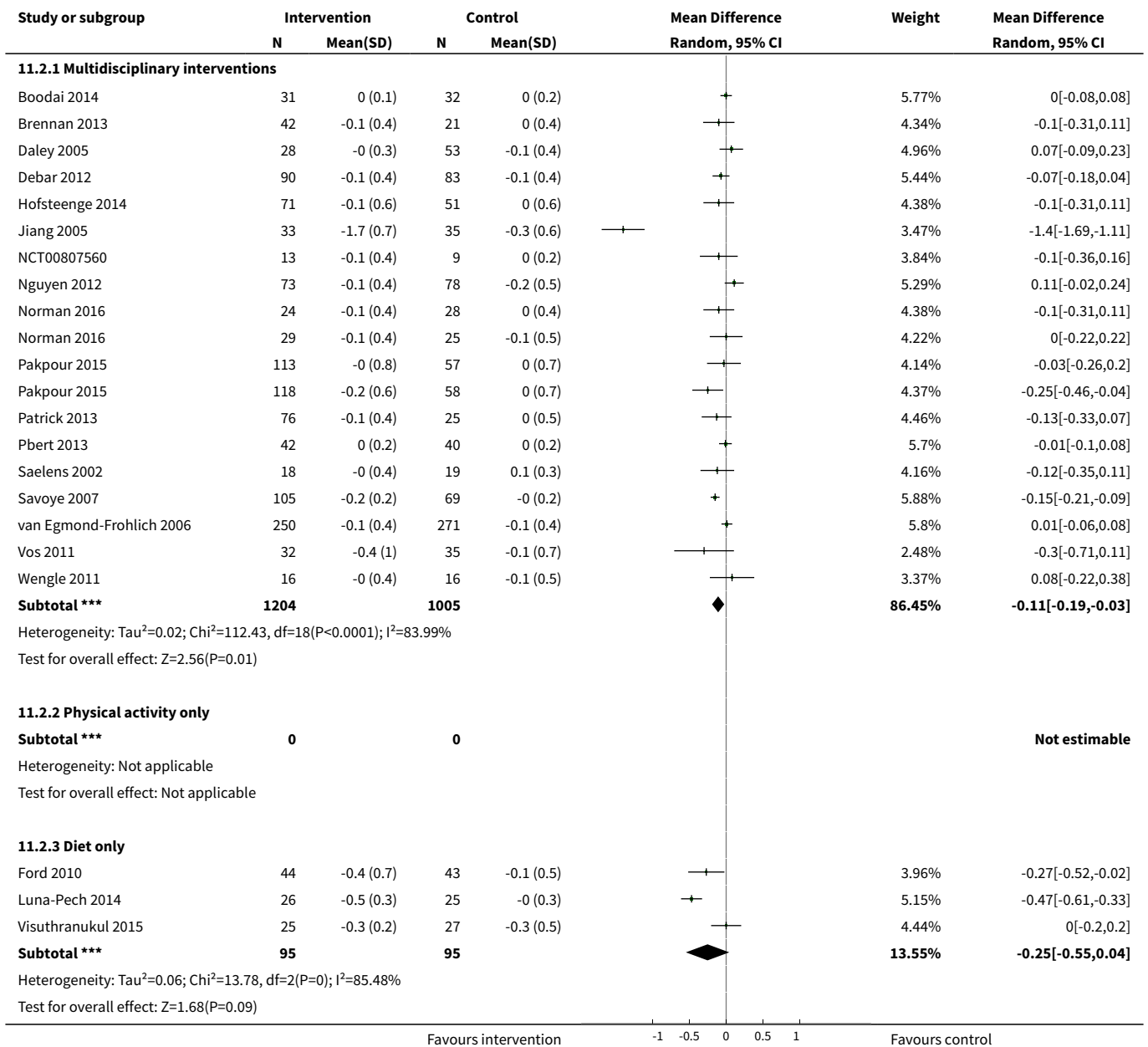
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	28	2774	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.67, -0.69]
1.1 Multidisciplinary interventions	22	2298	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.75, -0.62]
1.2 Physical activity only	4	199	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.80 [-3.21, -0.40]
1.3 Diet only	3	277	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.62 [-1.29, 0.06]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
2.1 Multidisciplinary interventions	17	2209	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.11 [-0.19, -0.03]
2.2 Physical activity only	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0]
2.3 Diet only	3	190	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.25 [-0.55, 0.04]

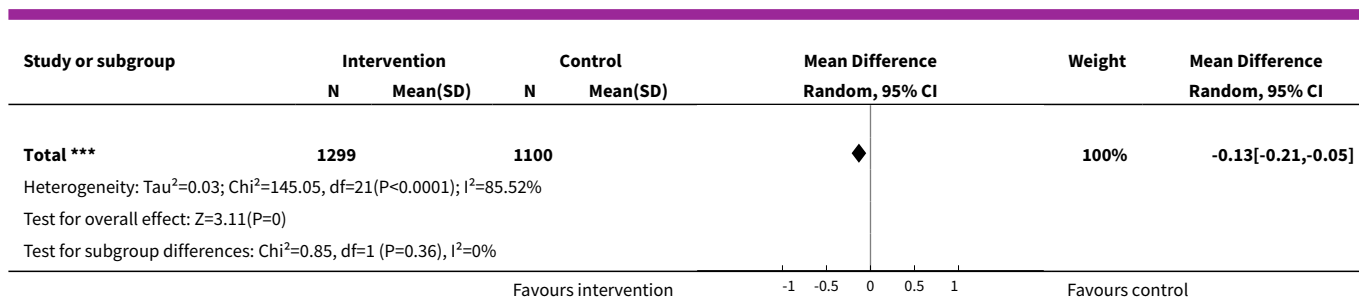
Analysis 11.1. Comparison 11 Interventions versus controls by intervention type, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Analysis 11.2. Comparison 11 Interventions versus controls by intervention type, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

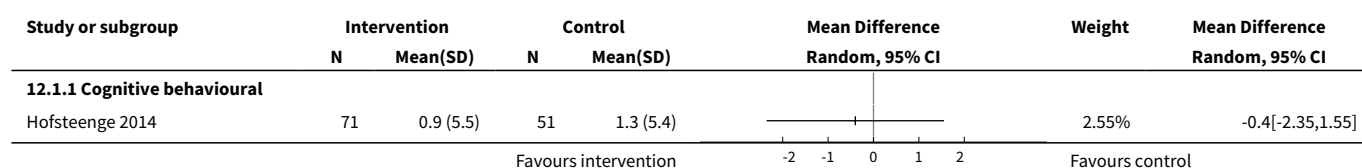


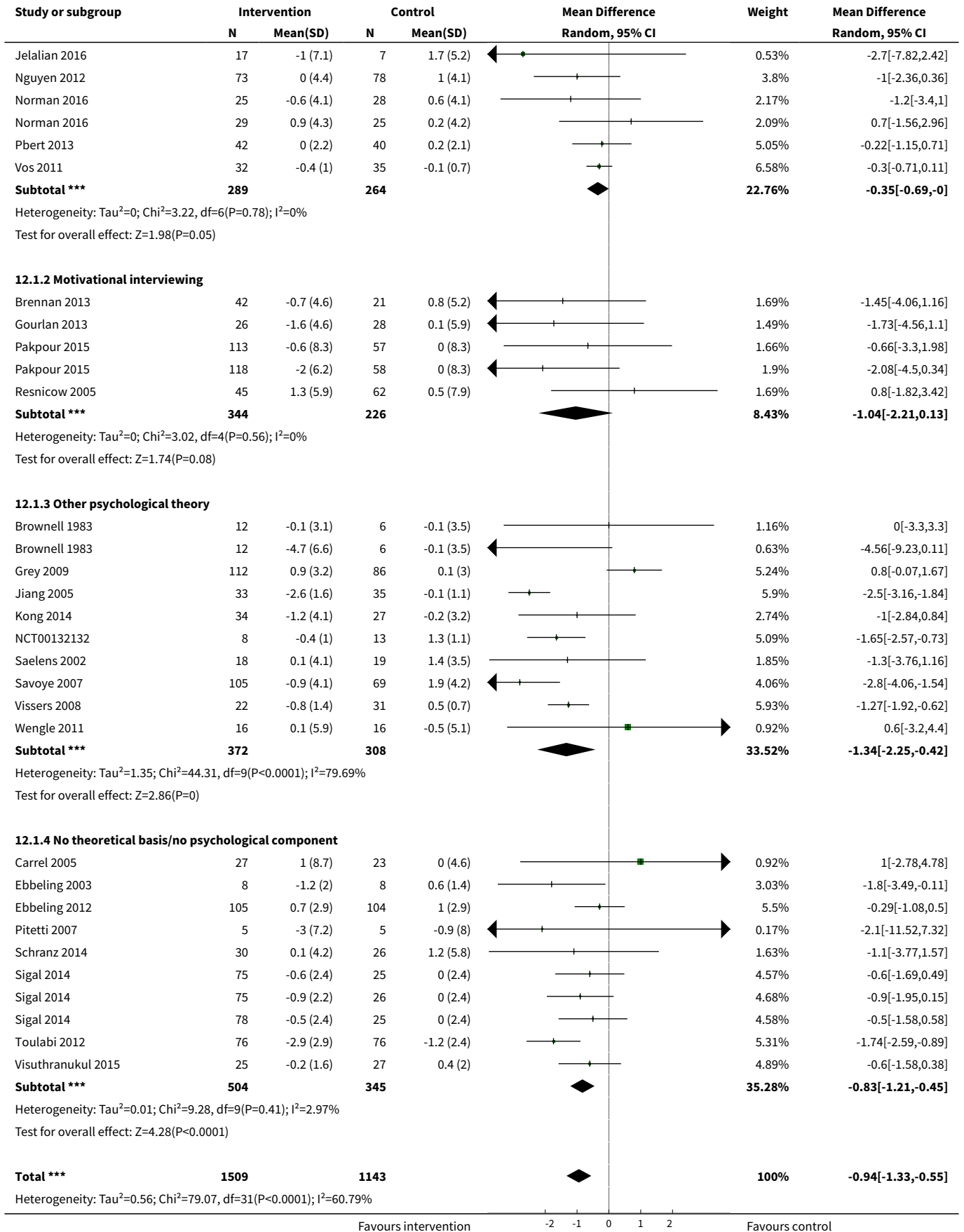


Comparison 12. Interventions versus controls by psychological approach, longest follow-up

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	27	2652	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.94 [-1.33, -0.55]
1.1 Cognitive behavioural	6	553	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.35 [-0.69, -0.00]
1.2 Motivational interviewing	4	570	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.04 [-2.21, 0.13]
1.3 Other psychological theory	9	680	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.34 [-2.25, -0.42]
1.4 No theoretical basis/no psychological component	8	849	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.83 [-1.21, -0.45]
2 BMI z score change	18	1856	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.14 [-0.24, -0.05]
2.1 Cognitive behavioural	5	528	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.01 [-0.09, 0.07]
2.2 Motivational interviewing	2	409	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.26, -0.01]
2.3 Other psychological theory	8	729	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.19 [-0.36, -0.02]
2.4 No theoretic basis/no psychological component	3	190	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.25 [-0.55, 0.04]

Analysis 12.1. Comparison 12 Interventions versus controls by psychological approach, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Study or subgroup	Intervention		Control		Mean Difference Random, 95% CI	Weight	Mean Difference Random, 95% CI
	N	Mean(SD)	N	Mean(SD)			

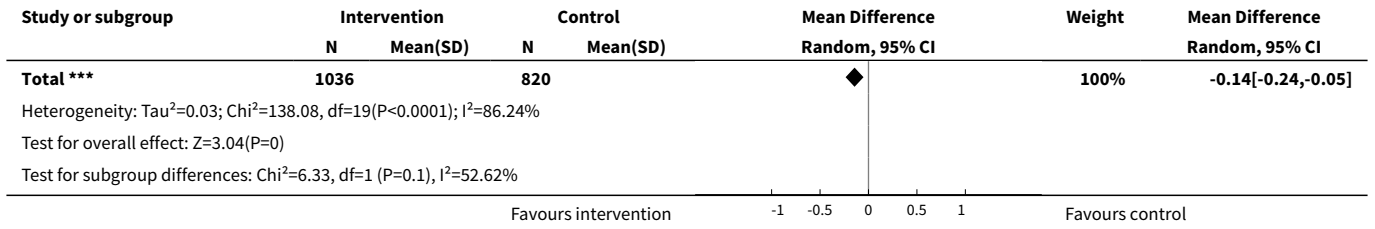
Test for overall effect: $Z=4.75(P<0.0001)$
 Test for subgroup differences: $\text{Chi}^2=6.44, \text{df}=1 (P=0.09), I^2=53.42\%$

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Analysis 12.2. Comparison 12 Interventions versus controls by psychological approach, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.

Study or subgroup	Intervention		Control		Mean Difference Random, 95% CI	Weight	Mean Difference Random, 95% CI
	N	Mean(SD)	N	Mean(SD)			
12.2.1 Cognitive behavioural							
Hofsteenge 2014	71	-0.1 (0.6)	51	0 (0.6)	+	4.88%	-0.1[-0.31,0.11]
Nguyen 2012	73	-0.1 (0.4)	78	-0.2 (0.5)	+	5.77%	0.11[-0.02,0.24]
Norman 2016	24	-0.1 (0.4)	28	0 (0.4)	+	4.88%	-0.1[-0.31,0.11]
Norman 2016	29	-0.1 (0.4)	25	-0.1 (0.5)	+	4.72%	0[-0.22,0.22]
Pbert 2013	42	0 (0.2)	40	0 (0.2)	+	6.15%	-0.01[-0.1,0.08]
Vos 2011	32	-0.4 (1)	35	-0.1 (0.7)	+	2.89%	-0.3[-0.71,0.11]
Subtotal ***	271		257		◆	29.3%	-0.01[-0.09,0.07]
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2=0; \text{Chi}^2=6.64, \text{df}=5(P=0.25); I^2=24.73\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z=0.29(P=0.77)$							
12.2.2 Motivational interviewing							
Brennan 2013	42	-0.1 (0.4)	21	0 (0.4)	+	4.84%	-0.1[-0.31,0.11]
Pakpour 2015	118	-0.2 (0.6)	58	0 (0.7)	+	4.87%	-0.25[-0.46,-0.04]
Pakpour 2015	113	-0 (0.8)	57	0 (0.7)	+	4.64%	-0.03[-0.26,0.2]
Subtotal ***	273		136		◆	14.36%	-0.13[-0.26,-0.01]
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2=0; \text{Chi}^2=2.06, \text{df}=2(P=0.36); I^2=2.83\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z=2.04(P=0.04)$							
12.2.3 Other psychological theory							
Boodai 2014	31	0 (0.1)	32	0 (0.2)	+	6.22%	0[-0.08,0.08]
Daley 2005	28	-0 (0.3)	53	-0.1 (0.4)	+	5.45%	0.07[-0.09,0.23]
Debar 2012	90	-0.1 (0.4)	83	-0.1 (0.4)	+	5.91%	-0.07[-0.18,0.04]
Jiang 2005	33	-1.7 (0.7)	35	-0.3 (0.6)	+	3.95%	-1.4[-1.69,-1.11]
Patrick 2013	76	-0.1 (0.4)	25	0 (0.5)	+	4.96%	-0.13[-0.33,0.07]
Saelens 2002	18	-0 (0.4)	19	0.1 (0.3)	+	4.65%	-0.12[-0.35,0.11]
Savoye 2007	105	-0.2 (0.2)	69	-0 (0.2)	+	6.33%	-0.15[-0.21,-0.09]
Wengle 2011	16	-0 (0.4)	16	-0.1 (0.5)	+	3.85%	0.08[-0.22,0.38]
Subtotal ***	397		332		◆	41.32%	-0.19[-0.36,-0.02]
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2=0.05; \text{Chi}^2=91.27, \text{df}=7(P<0.0001); I^2=92.33\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z=2.19(P=0.03)$							
12.2.4 No theoretic basis/no psychological component							
Ford 2010	44	-0.4 (0.7)	43	-0.1 (0.5)	+	4.46%	-0.27[-0.52,-0.02]
Luna-Pech 2014	26	-0.5 (0.3)	25	-0 (0.3)	+	5.63%	-0.47[-0.61,-0.33]
Visuthranukul 2015	25	-0.3 (0.2)	27	-0.3 (0.5)	+	4.94%	0[-0.2,0.2]
Subtotal ***	95		95		◆	15.03%	-0.25[-0.55,0.04]
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2=0.06; \text{Chi}^2=13.78, \text{df}=2(P=0); I^2=85.48\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z=1.68(P=0.09)$							

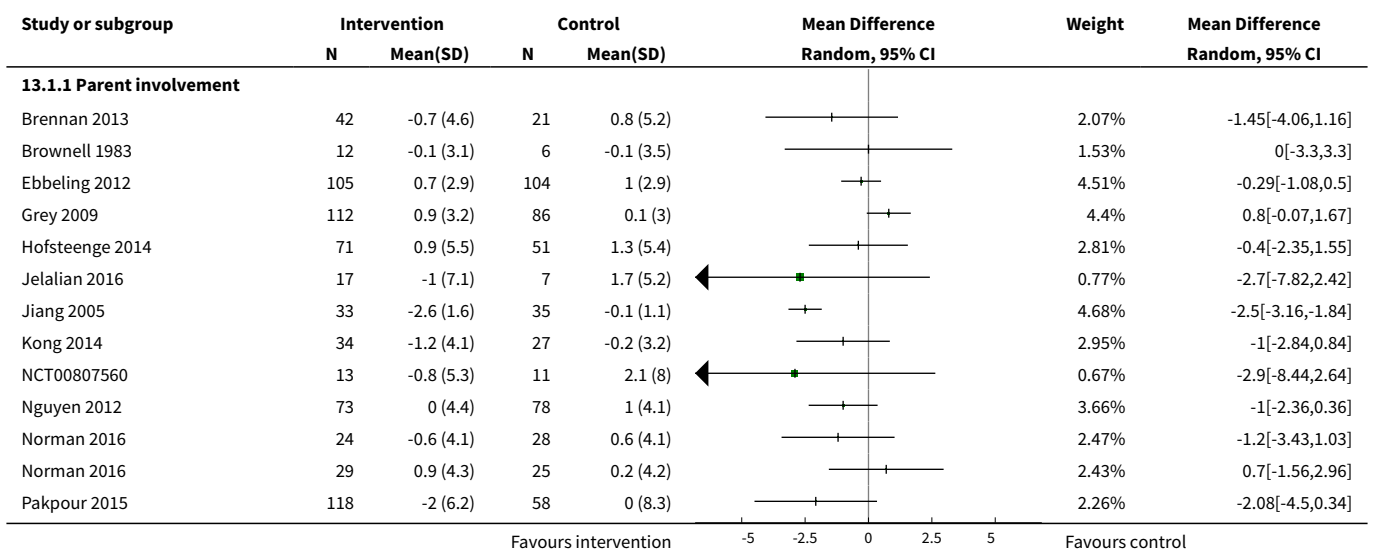
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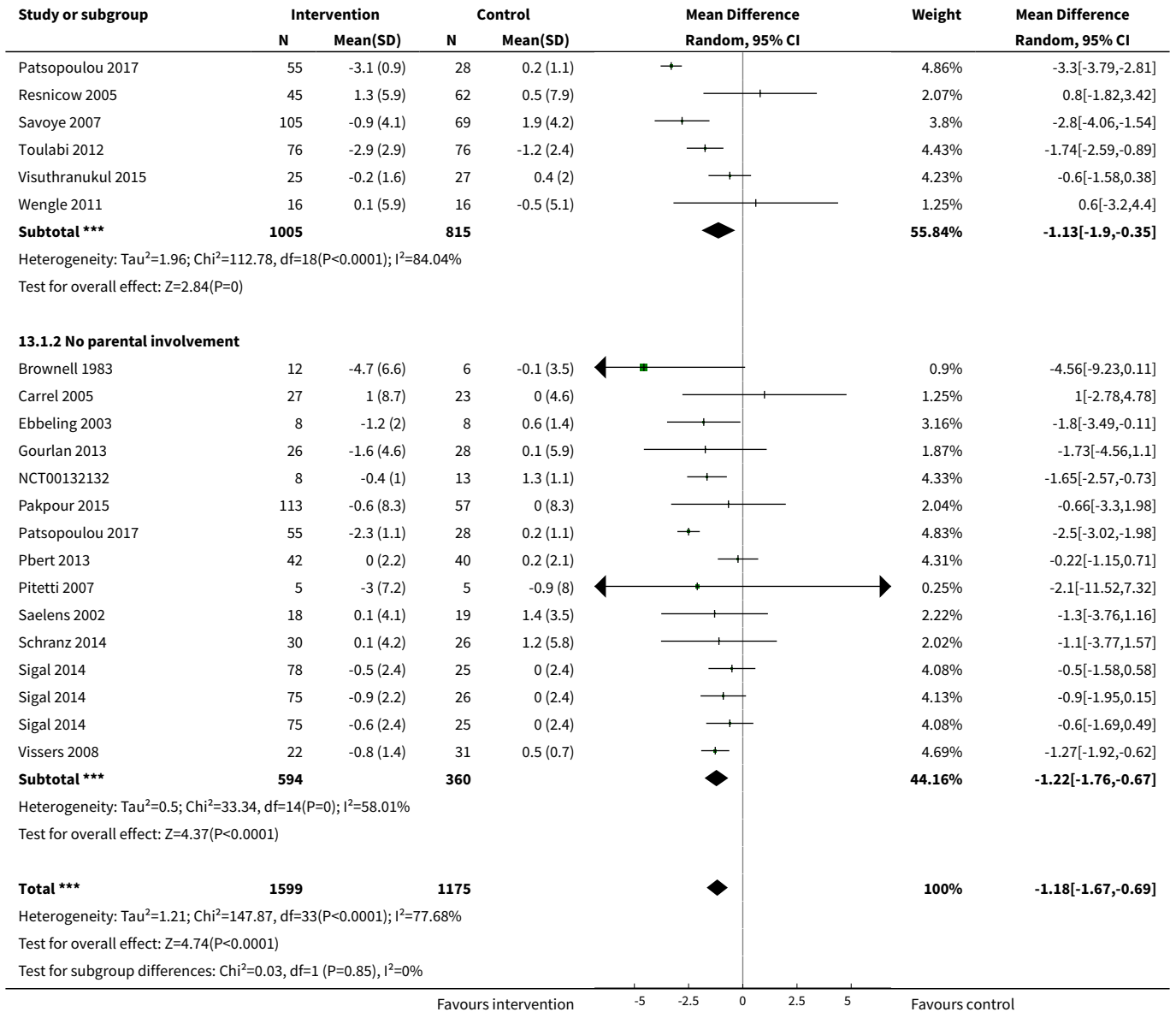


Comparison 13. Interventions versus controls by parental involvement, longest follow-up

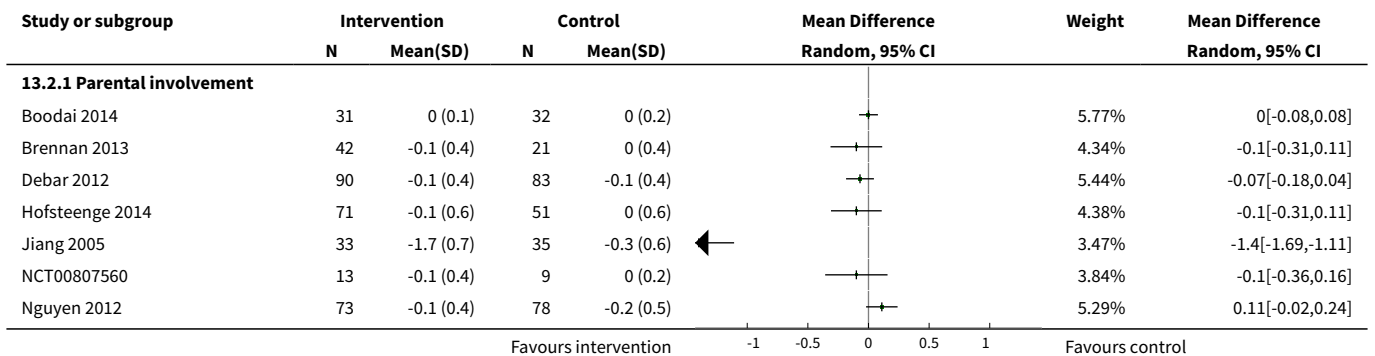
Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Body mass index (BMI) change	28	2774	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-1.67, -0.69]
1.1 Parent involvement	18	1820	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.13 [-1.90, -0.35]
1.2 No parental involvement	13	954	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.22 [-1.76, -0.67]
2 BMI z score change	20	2399	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.13 [-0.21, -0.05]
2.1 Parental involvement	14	1370	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.15 [-0.26, -0.03]
2.2 No parental involvement	7	1029	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.11 [-0.25, 0.03]

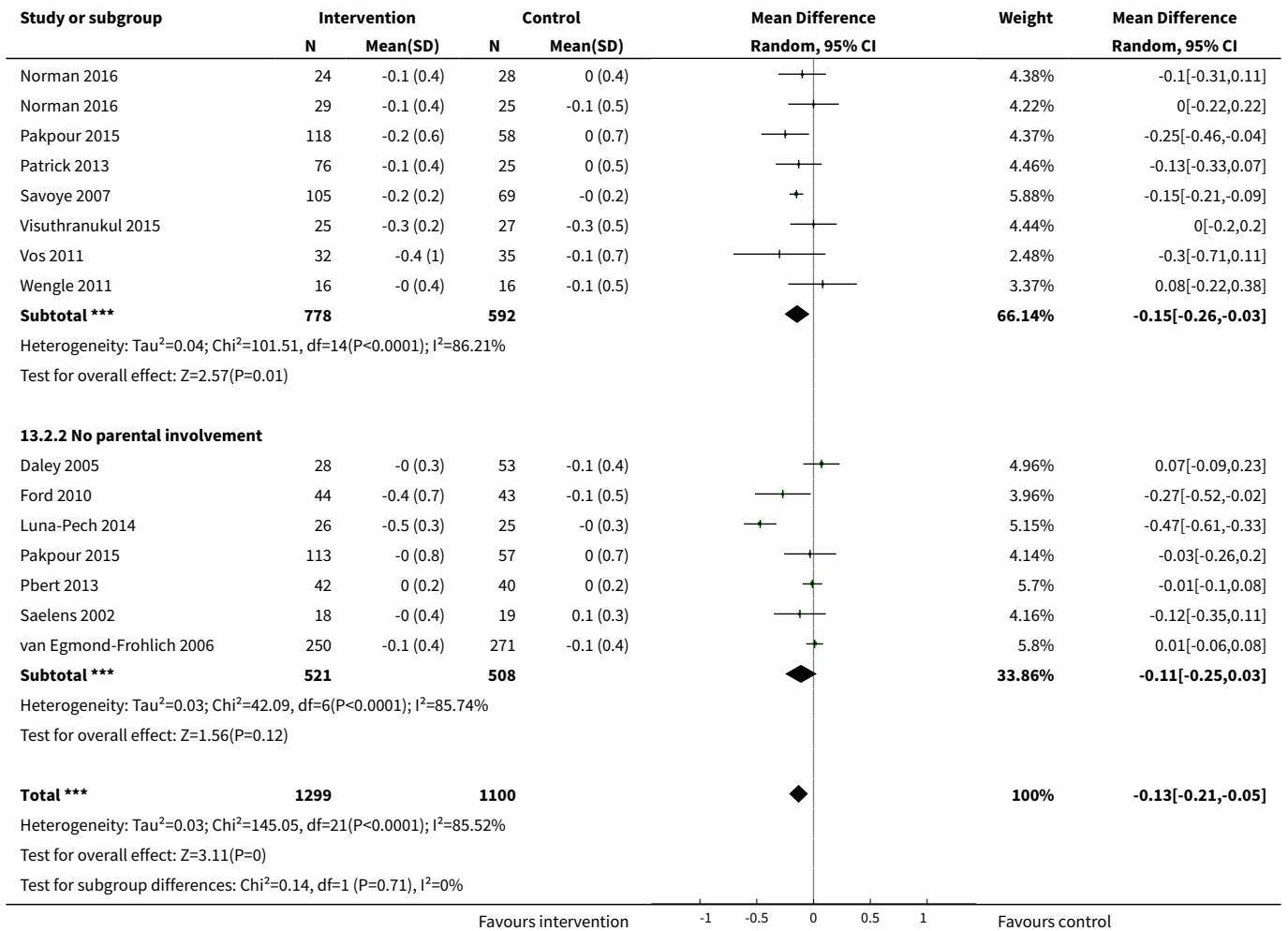
Analysis 13.1. Comparison 13 Interventions versus controls by parental involvement, longest follow-up, Outcome 1 Body mass index (BMI) change.





Analysis 13.2. Comparison 13 Interventions versus controls by parental involvement, longest follow-up, Outcome 2 BMI z score change.





ADDITIONAL TABLES
Table 1. Overview of study populations

Trial ID (trial design)	Intervention and comparator	Sample size ^a	Screened/ eligible (n)	Ran- domised (n)	ITT (n)	Analysed (n)	Finishing study (n)	Ran- domised finishing study (%)	Follow-up time ^b
Patsopoulou 2017 (parallel RCT)	I1: activity	-	2618/-	60	55	55	50	83	6 months (after 12-week intervention)
	I2: activity + diet			60	55	55	50	83	
	C1: no intervention			61	56	56	50	82	
	total:			181	166	166	150	82.8	
Jelalian 2016 (parallel RCT)	I1: CBT-healthy lifestyle	-	127	24	-	17	11	46.0	48 weeks (after 24-week intervention)
	C1: CBT	-		9	-	7	8	88.0	
	total:			33		24	19	-	
Norman 2016 (parallel RCT)	I1: stepped down	53	460/106	53	53	53	35	66.0	12 months (immediately after intervention)
	C1: enhanced usual care	53		53	53	53	38	71.6	
	total:			106	106	106	73	68.8	
Wong 2015 (parallel RCT)	I1: standard weight loss diet + increase water intake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 months (immediately after intervention)
	C1: standard weight loss diet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	total:			38	-	-	-	-	
Hofsteenge 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: group education	54	219/189	71	71	71	36	50.7	18 months (after 36-week intervention)
	C1: dietitian only	54		51	51	51	32	62.7	
	total:			122	122	122	68	55.7	
Schranz 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: resistance training	17	61/56	30	30	30	21	70.0	12 months (6-month postintervention)

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

	C1: no intervention	17		26	26	26	22	84.6	
	total:			56	56	56	43	76.8	
Visuthranukul 2015	I1: low GI diet	26	-	35	-	25	25	71	6 months (immediately after intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: conventional diet	26		35	-	27	27	77	
	total:			70	-	52	52	74.3	
Pakpour 2015	I1: motivational interviewing	-	409/369	119	-	-	113	95.0	12 months (42 weeks after 6-week intervention)
(parallel RCT)	I2: motivational interviewing + parental involvement			119	-	-	118	99.2	
	C1: passive control			119	-	-	115	96.6	
	total:			357			346	96.9	
Bean 2014	I1: motivational interviewing values	80	123/-	58	-	-	52	89.7	6 months (3 months following end of intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: education control	80		41	-	-	35	85.4	
	total:			99			87	87.9	
Carraway 2014	I1: mentor-led exercise	11	-	11	-	-	10	91	7 months (12-week intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: wait list control	13	-	13	-	-	11	85	
	total:			24	-	-	22	91.6	
Sigal 2014	I1: diet + aerobic training	62	840/358	75	75	75	57	76	6 months (after 22-week intervention + 4-week run-in)
(parallel RCT)	I2: diet + resistance training	62		78	78	78	57	73	
	I3: diet + aerobic + resistance training	62		75	75	75	58	77	
	C1: diet only	62		76	76	76	57	75	
	total:			304	304	304	229	75.3	

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

Love-Osborne 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: motivational interviewing	80	-	82	-	77	77	94	6-8 months (immediately after intervention)
	C1: control	80		83		72	72	87	
	total:			165		149	149	90.3	
Kong 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: low GI diet	-	-	52	-	34	34	65.4	6 months (immediately following intervention)
	C1: usual Chinese diet			52	-	27	27	51.9	
	total:			104		61	61	58.7	
Luna-Pech 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: normocaloric diet + physical activity	-	-	29	-	26	26 ^c	89.7	28 weeks (immediately following intervention)
	C1: no intervention			29	-	25	25 ^d	86.2	
	total:			58		51	51	87.9	
Boodai 2014 (parallel RCT)	I1: multicomponent group sessions	45	224/82	41	31	31	31	75.6	6 months (immediately following intervention)
	C1: no intervention	45		41	32	32	32	78.0	
	total:			82	63	63	63	76.8	
Gourlan 2013 (parallel RCT)	I1: motivational interviewing + standard weight loss	30	-/64	28	-	26	26	92.9	6 months (after 3-month intervention for standard weight loss group, 6-month intervention for motivational interviewing group)
	C1: standard weight loss	30		34	-	28	28	82.4	
	total:			62		62	54	87.1	
Patrick 2013 (parallel RCT)	I1: website intervention	26	387/101	26	26	26	17	65.4	12 months (immediately after intervention)
	I2: website + group	26		26	26	26	14	53.8	
	I3: website + SMS	26		24	24	24	17	70.8	
	C1: usual care	26		25	25	25	16	64.0	

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

	total:			101	-	101	64	63.4	
Kong 2013	I1: ACTION	21	101/60	31	-	28	28	90.3	6 months (intervention for 1 academic year)
(cluster RCT)	C1: standard care	21		29	-	23	23	79.3	
	total:			60	-	51	51	85.0	
Pbert 2013	I1: "Lookin' Good Feelin' Good"	-	6/6 schools	42	-	42	42	100	6 months (16-week intervention)
(cluster RCT)	C1: control		176/82 participants	40	-	40	40	100	
	total:			82	-	82	82	100	
Brennan 2013	I1: motivational interviewing	-	120/-	42	-	17	17	40.5	12 months (26-week intervention)
(cross-over RCT)	C1: wait list control			21	-	14	14	66.7	
	total:			63	-	31	31	49.2	
Walpole 2013	I1: motivational interviewing	16	73/52	20	-	20	20	100	6 months (immediately after intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: social skills training	16		20	-	18	18	90	
	total:			40	-	38	38	95	
Toulabi 2012	I1: behavioural modification	-	192/152	76	-	-	-	-	6 months (6-week intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: control			76	-	-	-	-	
	total:			152	-	-	-	-	
Debar 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	100	2647/2350	105	-	90	90	85.7	12 months (5-month intervention)
(parallel RCT)	C1: usual care	100		103	-	83	83	80.6	
	total:			208	-	173	173	83.2	

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

Ebbeling 2012 (parallel RCT)	I1: multicomponent intervention	-	762/374	110	-	105	105	95.5	24 months (52-week intervention)
	C1: control			114	-	104	104	91.2	
	total:			224	-	209	209	93.3	
Vos 2011 (parallel RCT)	I1: family-based CBT + nutrition	35	108/81	41	-	32	32	78.0	24 months (3-month intervention)
	C1: wait list control	35		40	-	35	35	87.5	
	total:			81	-		66	81.5	
Christie 2011 (parallel RCT)	I1: HELP weight management	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 months (6-month intervention)
	C1: enhanced standard care	100		-	-	-	-	-	
	total:			174	-	-	145	83.3	
Wengle 2011 (parallel RCT)	I1: mentored behaviour changing intervention	-	-/38	20	-	16	16	80.0	6 months (immediately after intervention)
	C1: unmentored behaviour changing intervention			18	-	16	16	88.9	
	total:			38	-	32	32	84.2	
Ford 2010 (parallel RCT)	I1: Mandometer	40	115/-	54		44	44	81.5	18 months (12-month intervention)
	C1: standard care	40		52		43	43	82.7	
	total:			106		87	87	82.1	
Nguyen 2012 (parallel RCT)	I1: Loozit + additional therapeutic contact	-	474/249	73	73	73	58	79.4	24 months (intervention continued for 24 months)
	C1: Loozit			78	78	78	56	71.8	
	total:			151	151	151	114	78.5	
Grey 2009	I1: coping skills	-	426/324	112	112	112	87	77.7	36 weeks (16-week intervention)

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

(cluster RCT)	C1: general education			86	86	86	64	74.4	
	total:			198	198	198	151	76.3	
Vissers 2008 (parallel RCT)	I1: school-based intervention	-	506/-	37	-	22	22	59.5	6 months (immediately following intervention)
	C1: control			39	-	31	31	79.5	
	total:			76	-	53	53	69.7	
NCT00132132 (parallel RCT)	I1: behavioural education	-	-	15	-	8	8	53.3	12-15 months (12-month intervention)
	C1: standard care			15	-	13	13	86.7	
	total:			30	-	21	21	70.0	
Pitetti 2007 (parallel RCT)	I1: treadmill	-	42/-	5	-	5	5	100	36 weeks (immediately following intervention)
	C1: control			5	-	5	5	100	
	total:			10	-	10	10	100	
Savoie 2007 (parallel RCT)	I1: Bright Bodies weight management	174 (58 per group (originally 3 groups))	284/271	105	105	105	45	42.9	24 months (52-week intervention)
	C1: control			69	69	69	31	44.9	
	total:			174	174	174	76	43.7	
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006 (parallel RCT)	I1: multicomponent intervention	-	821	250	250	-	-	-	12 months (12-month intervention) ^d
	C1: standard care			271	271	-	-	-	
	total:			521	521	-	423	81.2	
Daley 2005 (parallel RCT)	I1: exercise counselling	30	141/132	28	28	28	24	85.7	28 weeks (8-week intervention)
	C1: exercise placebo	30		23	23	23	22	95.7	
	C2: control	30		30	30	30	25	83.3	

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

				81	81	81	71	87.7	
Resnicow 2005 (cluster RCT)	I1: GoGirls high-intensity behavioural intervention	75-120	-	-	-	53	45	-	12 months (6-month intervention)
	C1: moderate-intensity behavioural intervention	75-120	-	-	-	70	62	-	
	total:			-	-	123	107	-	
Jiang 2005 (parallel RCT)	I1: family-based intervention	-	106/75	36	-	33	33	91.7	24 months (immediately following intervention)
	C1: control			39	-	35	35	89.7	
	total:			75	-	68	68	90.7	
Carrel 2005 (parallel RCT)	I1: behaviour changing-focused gym classes	-	-/55	27	-	27	27	100	9 months (immediately following intervention)
	C1: standard gym classes			26	-	23	23	88.5	
	total:			53	-	50	50	94.3	
Ebbeling 2003 (parallel RCT)	I1: low GL diet	-	30/21	8	8	8	7	87.5	12 months (26-week intervention)
	C1: conventional diet			8	8	8	7	87.5	
	total:			16	16	16	14	87.5	
Saelens 2002 (parallel RCT)	I1: Healthy Habits	21	-/59	23	23	-	18	78.3	28 weeks (12-week intervention)
	C1: standard care	21		21	21	-	19	90.5	
	total:			44	44	-	37	84.1	
Brownell 1983 (parallel RCT)	I1: mother + child separate	-	-	14	-	12	12	85.7	12 months (16-week intervention)
	I2: mother + child together			15	-	12	12	80	
	C1: child only			13	-	12	12	92.3	
	total:			42	-	36	36	85.7	

Table 1. Overview of study populations (Continued)

Chandra 1968 (parallel RCT)	I1: low-calorie formula Limi- cal	-	43	-	-	18	18	-	7 months (3-month intervention)
	C1: low-calorie diet	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	
	total:		43			35	35	81.4	
NCT00807560 (parallel RCT)	I1: family-based therapy for paediatric overweight	-	-	39	-	13	13	34.2	44 weeks (24-week intervention)
	C1: nutrition education control	-	-	38	-	9	11	38.2	
	total:			77		22	24	31.1	
Grand total^e	All interventions	-		2555	-		1801	-	
	All c omparators			1850			1255		
	All interventions and c omparators			4781			3735		

- denotes not reported

^aAccording to power calculation in study publication or report.

^bDuration of follow-up/(duration of intervention).

^c For number of participants finishing the study the publication stated that 26 participants in the normocaloric diet + physical activity group and 25 participants in the no intervention groups finished the study but also reported that there were four dropouts/withdrawals in the normocaloric diet + physical activity group and eight dropouts/withdrawals in the no intervention group.

^dAt 6 months, only 115 (46%) children in the multicomponent intervention group and 135 (54%) children in the standard care group participated in a follow-up examination.

^eNumbers did not add up accurately because of missing data per intervention/comparator groups in some trials.

C: comparator; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; FBT-PO: family-based therapy for paediatric overweight; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; I: intervention; ITT: intention to treat; n: number of participants; N/A: not applicable; RCT: randomised controlled trial; SMS: short message service.

Table 2. Anthropometric data

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Norman 2016	Child's BMI - median BMI for age and gender)/median BMI for age and gender × 100	% over median BMI	At 12 months, a significant treatment effect was observed in boys in the stepped care group compared to the enhanced usual care group (P = 0.002)
Schranz 2014	Scales	Body mass (kg), mean ± SD	At 12 months, there was no significant difference (P= 0.69) between the intervention (99.3 ± 16.6; 30 participants) and control group (104 ± 27.1; 26 participants)
	Calliper	Sum of skinfolds (mm), mean ± SD	At 12 months, there was no significant difference (P= 0.86) between the intervention (249.4 ± 72.9; 30 participants) and control group (248.1 ± 96.9; 26 participants)
Carraway 2014	By comparing actual BMI to BMI at the 50th percentile	% overweight)	Participants in both groups were able to reduce % overweight from baseline to post-test by 1.98% and from baseline to follow-up by 1.48%
	DXA	% fat	Reduction from baseline to postintervention tended towards significance. However, this reduction was reversed across follow-up
Pakpour 2015	Bioelectrical impedance analysis	% fat, mean ± SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group had significantly (P = 0.001) lower body fat (42.32 ± 3.56%; 118 participants) compared to the control (45.33 ± 4.86%; 115 participants) but was not superior (P= 0.38) to the motivational interviewing group (45.62 ± 4.32%; 113 participants)
Kong 2014	Bioimpedence	% visceral fat, median (interquartile range)	At 6 months, no significant reduction of visceral fat in either the low GI group (from 14.2 (10.8 to 19.8) to 12.0 (10.0 to 19.0); 27 participants) or the control group (from 12.5 (9.0 to 19.0) to 13.5 (7.5 to 20.5); 34 participants)
Brennan 2013	Body scan	Trunk lean mass (kg), mean ± SD	At 6 months, the intervention group had lower truncal lean mass (21.67 ± 4.72; 42 participants) compared to the control group (21.99 ± 3.96; 20 participants)
Toulabi 2012	Anthropometric tape	Hip circumference (cm), mean ± SD	At 6 months, the intervention group had a significantly lower (P = 0.001) circumference (105.18 ± 7.38; 76 participants) compared to the control (109.80 ± 6; 76 participants)
Vos 2011	Anthropometric tape	Waist circumference-SDS, MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, the mean change in the intervention group (-0.6, -1.2 to -0.00; 32 participants) was significantly lower (P = 0.03) compared to the control group (-0.2, -0.7 to 0.5; 34 participants)
	Stadiometer and anthropometric tape	Waist circumference/height, MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, the mean change in the intervention group (-0.03, -0.06 to 0.00; 32 participants) was significantly lower (P = 0.03) compared to the control group (-0.01, -0.03 to 0.00; 34 participant)
Ford 2010	Bioimpedence	% body fat-SDS, MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, the Mandometer group had a greater fall in body fat (-0.32, 0.22 to 0.41; 43 participants) compared to the control group (-0.07, -0.04 to 0.18; 45 participants)

Table 2. Anthropometric data (Continued)

Chandra 1968	Beam balance	Average weight loss (% of expected)	At 17 months, the difference between the intervention group (Limical) and the control tended to level off (112% in the intervention in comparison to 114% in the control)
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BMI: body mass index; CI: confidence interval; DXA: dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; GI: glycaemic index; kg: kilogram; MD: mean difference; mm; millimetre; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score.

Table 3. Behavioural change - health-related quality of life and self-esteem

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Hofsteenge 2014	Body Esteem Scale	Body appearance, mean \pm SD	At 18 months, body appearance scores did not significantly improve in either the intervention (from 1.8 ± 0.7 to 2.2 ± 0.7 ; 57 participants) or the control group (from 1.9 ± 0.8 to 0.3 ± 0.75 ; 38 participants)
		Weight satisfaction, mean \pm SD	At 18 months, weight satisfaction scores did not significantly improve in either the intervention (from 1.6 ± 0.7 to 1.7 ± 0.7 ; 57 participants) or the control group (from 1.7 ± 0.6 to 1.8 ± 0.7 ; 38 participants)
		Body attribution, mean \pm SD	At 18 months, body attribution scores did not significantly improve in either the intervention (from 1.8 ± 0.8 to 2.3 ± 0.8 ; 57 participants) or the control group (from 1.9 ± 1.0 to 2.0 ± 0.6 ; 38 participants)
Schranz 2014	Physical self-worth scale	Global physical self-worth, mean \pm SD	At 12 months, there was no significant difference ($P=0.52$) for physical self-worth between the intervention (2.40 ± 0.54 ; 30 participant) and control group (2.44 ± 0.57 ; 26 participants)
Carraway 2014	40-item Children and Youth Physical Self-Perception Profile measure	Global self-esteem	At 7 months, significant change in global self-esteem by time for both groups
Pakpour 2015	20-item weight efficacy lifestyle questionnaire	Weight efficacy, mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement had significantly higher confidence scores for their ability to lose weight (108.05 ± 24.28 ; 118 participants) compared to the control (93.21 ± 29.60 ; 115 participants; $P=0.002$) and the motivational interview group (101.27 ± 27.23 ; 113 participants; $P=0.04$)
Ford 2010	Paediatric quality of life inventory	Health-related quality of life	Measures of quality of life improved in both the Mandometer and control group with no significant change at 12 months
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	KINDL-K (self-report) and KINDL-E (parents), 24 items with subscales family, friends, school, self-worth, mental and physical well-being (4 items per domain)	Health-related quality of life	At 12 months, (total group) statistically significant improvements in obesity-related quality of life and subdomains family, friends, school, physical and mental well-being

KINDL: Fragebogen für KINDer und Jugendliche zur Erfassung der gesundheitsbezogenen Lebensqualität (questionnaire for children and adolescents to record health-related quality of life); SD: standard deviation.

Table 4. Behavioural change - dietary intake

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Pbert 2013	24-hour dietary recall	Fat (% of energy), MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, no significant change in the intervention arm (1.21, -1.99 to 4.41; 2 participants) and the control arm (MD 1.19, 95% CI -1.92 to 4.30; 40 participants) for fat intake
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Fat (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, a significant decrease ($P=0.03$) in the conventional reduced fat arm (from 33 ± 1 to 29 ± 3 ; 7 participants) but tended to increase in the glycaemic load arm (27 ± 2 to 29 ± 3 ; 7 participants)
Saelens 2002	2-day dietary recall	Fat (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 7 months, no significant change in the Healthy Habits intervention arm (from 33.9 ± 8.8 to 32.9 ± 9.4 ; 18 participants) and the typical care arm (from 34.3 ± 4.9 to 35.6 ± 6.4 ; 18 participants)
Kong 2014	3-day dietary record	Protein (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, the low GI group had a significantly ($P=0.002$) higher protein intake (17.9 ± 3.8 ; 34 participants) compared to the control (15.9 ± 2.7 ; 27 participants)
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Protein (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, there was no significant change in protein intake in the glycaemic load arm (from 17 ± 2 to 20 ± 1 ; 7 participants) or the conventional reduced fat group (from 16 ± 1 to 18 ± 2 ; 7 participants)
Kong 2014	3-day diet record	Carbohydrate (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no significant difference for carbohydrate mean intake between the low GI group (50.8 ± 8.1 ; 34 participants) and the control group (49.5 ± 6.6 ; 27 participants)
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Carbohydrate (% of energy), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, there was a non-significant decrease ($P=0.07$) in the reduced glycaemic load arm (from 58 ± 3 , to 52 ± 4 ; 7 participants) and no significant change in the conventional reduced fat arm
Kong 2014	3-day diet record	Glycaemic load (per 100 kcal), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no significant ($P=0.175$) difference for glycaemic load mean intake between the low GI group (117.7 ± 42.5 ; 34 participants) and the control group (106.3 ± 42.7 ; 27 participants)
Pbert 2013	24-hour dietary recall	Glycaemic load, MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was a reduction in the intervention arm (-22.93, -39.68 to -6.18) but not in the control arm (-11.08, -27.36 to 5.20)
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Glycaemic load (g/100 kcal), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, there was a significant ($P=0.007$) decrease in the reduced glycaemic load arm (from 86 ± 5 to 69 ± 6 ; 7 participants) but not in the conventional reduced fat arm (from 79 ± 2 to 79 ± 7 ; 7 participants)
Visuthranukul 2015	3-day dietary record	Low glycaemic index diet (items/day), MD \pm SD	At 6 months, the consumption of low glycaemic food items increased in the intervention group (3.6 ± 1.6 ; 25 participants) while the control group consumed fewer items (-0.4 ± 1.5 ; 27 participants)
Kong 2014	3-day dietary record	Glycaemic index, mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no significant ($P=0.175$) difference for glycaemic index mean intake between the low GI group ($74.4 \pm$

Table 4. Behavioural change - dietary intake (Continued)

			8.7; 34 participants) and the control group (76.8 ± 10.2; 27 participants)
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Glycaemic index, mean ± SD	At 12 months, there was no significant reduction in the reduced glycaemic load arm (from 58 ± 2 to 53 ± 3; 7 participants) or the conventional reduced fat arm (from 59 ± 1 to 56 ± 2; 7 participants)
Pbert 2013	24-hour dietary recall	Total sugar (g/day), MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, total sugar intake reduced in the intervention arm (-29.15, -49.08 to -9.22) but not in the control arm (-11.37, -30.71 to 7.96)
Ebbeling 2012	24-hour dietary recall (3 recalls)	Sugar (g/day), MD ± SD	At 2 years, the intervention group consumed less sugar compared to the control (-19 ± 7, P = 0.005; 209 participants)
Kong 2014	3-day dietary record	Fibre (g/1000 kcal), mean ± SD	At 6 months, the low GI group had a higher (P = 0.041) fibre intake (6.5 ± 3.3; 34 participants) compared to the control arm (5.3 ± 2.5; 27 participants)
Ebbeling 2003	7-day food record	Fibre (g/1000 kcal), mean ± SD	At 12 months, fibre intake did not increase significantly in the reduced glycaemic load arm (from 8 ± 1 to 10 ± 1; 7 participants) or the conventional reduced fat arm (from 8 ± 1 to 10 ± 2; 7 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Fruits and juice (servings/day), mean ± SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group had a higher (P = 0.030) intake of fruit servings (1.33 ± 0.93; 118 participants) compared to the control group (1.23 ± 0.97; 115 participants), but did not significantly (P = 0.17) differ compared to the motivational interview group (1.31 ± 0.96; 113 participants)
Patrick 2013	FFQ	Fruit and vegetable (servings per 1000 calories), mean ± SE	At 12 months, fruit and vegetable consumption did not change the web-only group (from 1.9 ± 0.01 to 2.9 ± 0.01; P = 0.685; 26 participants), web + sessions group (from 2.3 ± 0.01 to 2.9 ± 0.01; P = 0.398; 26 participants) and web + SMS group (from 2.0 ± 0.01 to 2.6 ± 0.01; P = 0.369; 24 participants) compared to the usual care group (from 1.9 ± 0.01 to 2.0 ± 0.01; 25 participants)
Kong 2013	FFQ	Fruits and vegetables (servings/day), median, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was no change in the intervention arm (-0.22, -0.72 to 0.41; 28 participants) or the control arm (-1.16, -0.56 to 0.02; 23 participants) for fruit and vegetables intake
Wengle 2011	4-day record	Fruits and vegetables (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, fruits and vegetables consumption did not significantly increase in either the non-mentored group (from 1.9 ± 1.5 to 1.8 ± 1.7; P = 0.79; 14 participants) or the mentored group (from 2.9 ± 2.7 to 2 ± 2; P = 0.63; 14 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Vegetables (servings/day) mean ± SD	At 12 months, there was no significant difference for vegetable consumption across the motivational interview + parental involvement group (1.77 ± 0.76; 118 participants), motivational interview group (1.71 ± 0.80; 113 participants), and the control group (1.64 ± 0.80; 115 participants)
Brennan 2013	Dietary questions from the YBRS	Vegetables (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, there was no difference (P = 0.901) for vegetables intake between the intervention (2.98 ± 1.13; 41 participants) and the control group (3.00 ± 0.71; 21 participants)

Table 4. Behavioural change - dietary intake (Continued)

Brennan 2013	Dietary questions from the YBRS	Juice (serving/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.056$) for juice consumption between the intervention (2.07 ± 1.18 ; 40 participants) and control group (2.71 ± 1.31 ; 21 participants)
Ebbeling 2012	24-hour dietary recall (3 recalls)	Fruit juices beverages (serving/day), MD \pm SD	At 2 years, there was no difference in the reduction of fruit juice consumption between the intervention and control group (-3 ± 17 ; $P = 0.44$; 209 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Milk (servings/day), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, there was no significant difference for milk intake across the motivational interview + parental involvement group (0.96 ± 0.43 ; 118 participants), motivational group (0.95 ± 0.29 ; 113 participants) and the control group (0.97 ± 0.37 ; 115 participants)
Brennan 2013	Dietary questions from the YBRS	Milk (serving/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.99$) for milk consumption between the intervention (3.63 ± 1.61 ; 41 participants) and the control group (3.59 ± 1.56 ; 21 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Non-diet soda (servings/day), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group consumed fewer sugary drinks (0.48 ± 0.35 ; 118 participants) compared to the control group (0.95 ± 0.33 ; $P = 0.001$; 115 participants) and the motivational interview group (0.77 ± 0.38 ; $P = 0.01$; 113 participants)
Kong 2013	FFQ	Sweetened drinks (glasses/day), median, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was a significant reduction in sweetened drinks consumption in the intervention arm ($-0.12, -0.47$ to -0.08 ; 28 participants) compared to the control arm ($-0.16, -0.57$ to 0.22 ; 23 participants)
Ebbeling 2012	24-hour dietary recall (3 recalls)	Sugar-sweetened beverages (serving/day), MD \pm SD	At 2 years, the intervention group consumed fewer sugar-sweetened beverages compared to the control group (-58 ± 21 ; $P = 0.007$; 209 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Snacks/desserts (servings/day), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group consumed fewer snacks (3.89 ± 1.65 ; 118 participants) compared to the control group (4.55 ± 1.71 ; $P < 0.001$; 115 participants) and the motivational interview group (4.12 ± 1.43 ; $P = 0.04$; 113 participants)
Wengle 2011	4-day dietary record	Total snack food (servings/week), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, the non-mentored group had a non-significant decrease ($P = 0.06$) in snacks consumption (from 10.3 ± 6.9 to 6.3 ± 4.2 ; 14 participants). Similarly, the mentored group had a non-significant ($P = 0.07$) reduction in snacks consumption (from 8.9 ± 3.3 to 7.4 ± 3.8 ; 14 participants)
Pakpour 2015	FFQ	Total dietary fat (g), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group had a lower ($P = 0.012$) fat consumption (74.40 ± 42.39 ; 118 participants) compared to the control group (95.73 ± 40.10 ; 115 participants). There was a reduction ($P = 0.041$) when comparing the motivational interview + parental involvement group to the motivational interview group (98.42 ± 49.83 ; 113 participants)
		Saturated fat (g), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the control group had a lower ($P < 0.001$) consumption of saturated fat (30.03 ± 20.84 ; 115 participants) compared to the motivational interview + parental involvement group (35.52 ± 21.48 ; 118 participants). Similarly, the motivational interview group had a lower consumption (32.54 ± 22.86 ;

Table 4. Behavioural change - dietary intake (Continued)

			P = 0.029; 113 participants) compared to the motivational interview + parental involvement group
		Fried foods (servings/day), mean ± SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group consumed fewer (P = 0.01) servings of fried foods (0.63 ± 0.33; 118 participants) compared to the control group (0.90 ± 0.44; 115 participants). Similarly, the motivational interview + parental involvement group consumed fewer fried foods compared to the motivational group (0.82 ± 0.30, P = 0.042; 113 participants)
Pbert 2013	24-hour dietary recall	% calories saturated fat, MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was no change % calories of saturated fat in the intervention arm (1.21, -1.99 to 4.41) or the control arm (1.19, 95% CI -1.92 to 4.30)
		Added sugar (g/day), MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, sugar intake reduced in the intervention arm (-18.87, -40.17 to 2.43) but not in the control arm (-7.20, -27.59 to 13.19)
Brennan 2013	Dietary questions from the YBRS	Fruit (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, there was no difference (P = 0.518) between the intervention (3.49 ± 0.32; 39 participants) and the control group (3.48 ± 1.17; 21 participants) for fruit consumption
		Potatoes (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, there was no difference (P = 0.141) for potatoes intake between the intervention group (2.25 ± 0.78; 40 participants) and the control group (2.67 ± 0.86; 21 participants)
		Carrots (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, there was no significant difference (P = 0.948) for carrots intake between the intervention group (2.15 ± 0.52; 41 participants) and the control group (2.38 ± 0.92; 21 participants)
		Salad (serving/day), mean ± SD	At 6 months, there was no difference (P = 0.515) for salad consumption between the intervention group (2.38 ± 1.21; 40 participants) and the control group (2.57 ± 1.50; 21 participants)
Ebbeling 2012	24-hour dietary recall (3 recalls)	Artificially sweetened beverages (servings/day), MD ± SD	At 2 years, there was no difference in the consumption of artificially sweetened beverages between the intervention and control group (0.1 ± 0.1, P = 0.32; 209 participants)
		Unsweetened beverages (servings/day), MD ± SD	At 2 years, the consumption of unsweetened beverages remained higher in the intervention group compared to the control group (0.6 ± 0.2, P < 0.001; 224 participants)
Wengle 2011	4-day dietary record	High fat/sugar (servings/week), mean ± SD	At 6 months, the non-mentored group demonstrated a significant decrease (P = 0.02) in high fat/sugar consumption (from 3.6 ± 0.8 to 2.2 ± 0.9; 14 participants) while the mentored group had no significant (P = 0.19) nutritional changes (from 4.2 ± 2.7 to 3.7 ± 1.5; 14 participants)
		Fast food (servings/week), mean ± SD	At 6 months, the non-mentored group demonstrated significant decrease (P = 0.02) in fast food consumption (from 1.6 ± 1.5 to 0.8 ± 1.0; 14 participants) while the mentored group had no significant (P = 0.36) nutritional changes (from 1.1 ± 1.1 to 0.7 ± 0.8; 14 participants)

Table 4. Behavioural change - dietary intake (Continued)

Whole-grain foods (servings/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, the non-mentored group demonstrated significant increase ($P = 0.02$) in whole-grains consumption (from 0.8 ± 0.9 to 2.0 ± 1.4 ; 14 participants) while the mentored group had no significant ($P = 0.73$) nutritional changes (from 1.2 ± 0.8 to 1.0 ± 1.0 ; 14 participants)
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CI: confidence interval; FFQ: Food Frequency Questionnaire; MD: mean difference; SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error; YBRS: Youth Behavioural Risk Survey.

Table 5. Behavioural change - dietary behaviour

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Pakpour 2015	15- item Child Dietary Self-Efficacy Scale	Dietary self-efficacy, mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group scored significantly higher (7.11 ± 2.62 ; 118 participants) compared to the control group (5.71 ± 2.82 ; 115 participants; $P < 0.001$) and the motivational interview group (6.88 ± 2.72 ; 113 participants; $P = 0.01$)
Brennan 2013	FFVDQ	Fat substitution	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.093$) in fat substitution between the intervention group (2.42 ± 0.93 ; 42 participants) and the control group (2.51 ± 0.82 ; 21 participants)
		Modify meat	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.063$) for the removal of fat from meat and choosing low fat cuts of meat between the intervention group (1.93 ± 0.81 ; 40 participants) and control group (2.43 ± 0.99 ; 19 participants)
		Avoid frying	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.289$) in terms of avoiding fried food such as fried chicken, fish and chips between the intervention group (1.44 ± 0.46 ; 40 participants) and the control group (1.64 ± 0.57 ; 19 participants)
		Fat replacement	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.289$) for the use of fruit and vegetables as an alternative to high-fat ingredients such as meat and desserts in the intervention group (2.97 ± 0.65 ; 40 participants) and the control group (2.71 ± 0.73 ; 19 participants)
		Avoid fat	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.142$) in avoiding fat as flavouring in terms of adding high-fat condiments such as butter, cream and cheese sauces to meals in the intervention group (2.50 ± 0.54 ; 40 participants) and the control group (2.40 ± 0.56 ; 19 participant)
		Fruit and vegetable	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.992$) between the intervention (2.98 ± 0.67 ; 40 participants) and the control group (2.92 ± 0.71 ; 19 participants) for fruit and vegetable consumption
Ford 2010	Mandometer	Eating speed, mean ratio, 95% CI	At 12 months, eating speed did not change for either the Mandometer group (mean ratio 0.89, 95% CI 0.77 to 1.02; 44 participants) or the standard care group (1.04, 0.86 to 1.25; 23 participants)
		Satiety at end of meal (arbitrary)	At 18 months, satiety at the end of a meal did not change for either the Mandometer group (MD 3.7, 95% -11.2 to 3.8; 44 partic-

Table 5. Behavioural change - dietary behaviour (Continued)

		units 0-100), MD, 95% CI	ipants) or the standard care group (-4.1, -18.6 to 9.5; 23 participants)
		Portion size (g), mean decrease, 95% CI	At 18 months, portion size did not change for either the Mandometer group (-31, 95% CI -2 to 64; 43 participants) or the standard care group (-3, -54 to 60; 21 participants)
Grey 2009	Health behaviour questionnaire (14 items student's usual food selections)	Usual food choices, MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, health behaviour in terms of food choices did not improve in either the coping skill training group (1.2, -0.4 to 2.7; 112 participants) or the general education group (1.0, -0.7 to 2.6; 86 participants)
	Health behaviour questionnaire (15 items Dietary Self-Efficacy)	Dietary self-efficacy, MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, health behaviour in terms of dietary self-efficacy did not change in either the coping skills training group (1.0, -0.7 to 2.6, 112 participants) or the general education group (-0.5, -2.2 to 1.3, in 86 participants)

CI: confidence interval; FFVDQ: Fat, Fruit and Vegetables Diet Questionnaire; MD: mean difference; SD: standard deviation.

Table 6. Behavioural change - physical activity

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Jelalian 2016	Sense Wear Mini monitor	MVPA (% time spent), mean \pm SD	There was no significant increase in % time spent in MVPA in either the intervention group (7.5 \pm 4.0 at baseline to 8.5 \pm 3.9 at 48 weeks) and control group (7.9 \pm 2.2 at baseline to 8.9 \pm 4.4)
Pakpour 2015	7-day physical activity recall interview	Self-reported physical activity duration (hours/day), mean \pm SD	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement reported a significantly higher duration of physical activity (1.30 \pm 0.66; 118 participants) compared to the control group (0.66 \pm 0.32; 115 participants; P= 0.004) and the motivational interview group (1.12 \pm 0.61; 113 participants; P = 0.01)
Sigal 2014	Pedometer	Steps (counts/day), MD, 95% CI	At 6 months, the number of steps did not significantly increase in the aerobic training group (303, -2039 to 2644; 38 participants), resistance training group (1821, -1097 to 4739; 53 participants), combined group (959, 9-1975 to 3893; 38 participants) and the control group (2224, -1122 to 5569; 36 participants)
Gourlan 2013	7-day physical activity recall	Physical activity length (hours/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, the standard weight loss programme + motivational interviewing significantly (P < 0.01) increased self-reported physical activity (1.30 \pm 0.82; 26 participants) compared to the standard weight loss programme group (0.99 \pm 0.62; 28 participants)
Kong 2013	3-day physical activity recall	MVPA (30-minute blocks/day), median, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was no change in the intervention arm (0.0, -2.0 to 0.7; 27 participants) or the control group (-0.9, -1.3 to 0.4; 20 participants)
Debar 2012	24-hour physical activity recall (adapted from the 7-day validated recall)	Physical activity (minutes/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, physical activity did not significantly improve for either the intervention group (from 55.35 \pm 51.81 to 64.77 \pm 67.60; 104 participants) or the control group (from 49.68 \pm 39.47 to 56.39 \pm 53.12; 102 participants)

Table 6. Behavioural change - physical activity (Continued)

Wengle 2011	Accelerometer	Steps (1000/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, there was no difference ($P = 0.27$) in the number of steps between the intervention group (9.1 ± 3.5 ; 14 participants) and the control group (7.6 ± 2.9 ; 11 participants)
Saelens 2002	7-day physical activity recall interview	Physical activity (kcal/kg/day), mean \pm SD	At 7 months, no significant change in the Healthy Habits intervention arm (6.7 ± 5.6 to 6.3 ± 3.5 ; 18 participants) and the typical care arm (34.3 ± 4.9 to 35.6 ± 6.4 ; 18 participants)
Kong 2014	International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ), 7-day recall	Physical activity level (MET-minutes/week), median (interquartile range)	At 6 months, there was no significant ($P = 0.235$) difference for activity levels between the low GI group (1453, 740 - 2780; 28 participants) and the control group (2266, 960 to 4318; 18 participants)
Debar 2012	24-hour physical activity recall (adapted from the 7-day validated recall)	Physical activity level (MET/day), mean \pm SD	At 6 months, the MET for self-reported physical activity did not significantly improve for either the intervention group (from 4.28 ± 3.97 to 4.84 ± 5.11 ; 104 participants) or the control group (from 3.80 ± 3.13 to $4.47 \pm .82$; 102 participants)
Ebbeling 2012	24-hour physical activity recall (3 recalls)	Daily physical activity level (MET/day), MD \pm SD	At 2 years, there was no difference in activity levels between the intervention group and control group (0.01 ± 0.04 ; $P = 0.86$; 224 participants)
Grey 2009	Goldin Shephard activity survey	Physical activity (METs/week), MD, 95% CI	At 12 months, the MET for self-reported physical activity did not change in either the coping skill training group ($2.6, -4.1$ to 9.4 ; 112 participants) and the general education group ($6.5, -0.7$ to 13.7 ; 86 participants)

CI: confidence interval; GI: glycaemic index; MD: mean difference; MET: metabolic equivalent of task; MVPA: moderate to vigorous physical activity; SD: standard deviation.

Table 7. Behavioural change - physical activity behaviour

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Jelalian 2016	Sense Wear Mini monitor	Sedentary behaviour (percentage of time spent), mean \pm SD	The CBT-healthy lifestyle decreased percentage of time spent in sedentary behaviour (from 71.2 ± 11.5 at baseline to 65.0 ± 12.0 at 48 weeks). There was no change in the control group (from 69.1 ± 9.0 at baseline to 69.0 ± 9.04 at 48 weeks)
Pakpour 2015	5-item Physical Exercise Self-efficacy Scale	Physical exercise self-efficacy	At 12 months, the motivational interview + parental involvement group had significantly ($P = 0.003$) higher confidence scores (6.68 ± 1.97 ; 118 participants) compared to the control group (5.39 ± 2.18 ; 115 participants). However, the motivational interview group scored significantly higher (6.75 ± 1.15 ; $P = 0.01$; 113 participants) compared to the motivational interview + parental involvement group
Kong 2013	11-item Planet Health Study Questionnaire	Television week-day viewing (hours/day), median, 95% CI	At 6 months, there was no change in the intervention arm ($-0.4, -1.0$ to 0.2 ; 14 participants) or the control group ($0.2, -0.3$ to 0.6 ; 8 participants)
		Television weekend viewing (hours/day)	At 6 months, there was no change in the intervention arm ($-0.1, -0.8$ to 0.0 ; 14 participants) or the control ($0.5, -2.0$ to 1.5 , 8 participants)

Table 7. Behavioural change - physical activity behaviour (Continued)

Grey 2009	Health Behaviour Questionnaire (5-item Physical Activity Self-Efficacy Scale)	Physical activity self-efficacy	At 12 months, health behaviour in terms of physical activity self-efficacy did not change in either the coping skills training group (0.6, 0.0 to 1.3; 112 participants) or the general education group (0.3, -0.3 to 1.0; 86 participants)
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CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; CI: confidence intervals; MD: mean difference; SD: standard deviation

Table 8. Views of the intervention

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Jelalian 2016	Session Evaluation Form - 4-point Likert scale from 1 = strongly agree to 4 = strongly disagree	Application (I will be able to apply what I learned from this session in my life), %	CBT-healthy lifestyle 75% (18 participants) agreed or strongly agreed Control 77.8% (7 participants) agreed or strongly agreed
		Relevant (topic of this session was relevant to my life), %	CBT-healthy lifestyle 83.3% (20 participants) agreed or strongly agreed Control 100% (9 participants) agreed or strongly agreed
		Comfortable (I felt comfortable participating in this session), %	CBT-healthy lifestyle 62.5% (15 participants) agreed or strongly agreed Control 88.9% (8 participants) agreed or strongly agreed
		Helpful (session was helpful to me), %	CBT-healthy lifestyle 70.8% (17 participants) agreed or strongly agreed Control 88.9% (8 participants) agreed or strongly agreed
Pbert 2013	Patient Exit Interview Survey and nurse checklist	% of visits in which the students thought that the school nurse was very helpful in their learning how to eat healthy and be physically active, (%)	At 6 months, a higher proportion of participants in the intervention group (98%) thought the school nurse was very helpful compared to the control group (71%) (P= 0.003)
		% of visits in which the students thought that they feel very comfortable in discussing their weight-related behaviours with the nurse, (%)	At 6 months, a higher proportion of participants in the intervention group (88%) felt more comfortable with the nurse compared to the control group (62%) (P = 0.01)
Brennan 2013	CHOOSE HEALTH Consumer satisfaction survey - 5-point Likert scale ranging from 1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree, with a higher score indicating higher treatment acceptability	Satisfaction with Quality of Service (mean ± SD)	4.71 ± 0.47 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Programme met needs (mean ± SD)	4.06 ± 0.75 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Recommend to others (mean ± SD)	4.35 ± 0.79 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm

Table 8. Views of the intervention (Continued)

		Return to the programme if needed (mean \pm SD)	3.81 \pm 1.05 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Now able to deal more effectively with concerns (mean \pm SD)	4.06 \pm 0.56 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Able to focus on my concerns (mean \pm SD)	4.00 \pm 0.35 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician listened to me (mean \pm SD)	4.24 \pm 0.56 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Involved in treatment planning/decision making (mean \pm SD)	4.29 \pm 0.47 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician provided adequate explanations (mean \pm SD)	4.41 \pm 0.62 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician was not negative towards us (mean \pm SD)	4.59 \pm 1.00 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician knew what she was talking about (mean \pm SD)	4.71 \pm 0.47 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician was friendly and warm (mean \pm SD)	4.64 \pm 0.49 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Felt free to express myself (mean \pm SD)	4.41 \pm 0.80 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
		Clinician understood my thoughts and feelings (mean \pm SD)	4.25 \pm 0.86 for 70% of adolescents in the intervention arm
Debar 2012	1 to 5 Likert scale, 5 = excellent)	Rating of intervention services (mean \pm SD)	4.4 \pm 0.8
	1 to 5 Likert scale, 5 = defiantly met their needs)	Programme met their needs (mean \pm SD)	4.0 \pm 1.0
Nguyen 2012	7-point Likert scales, 1 = poor; 3 = fair; 5 = good; 7 = excellent	Programme quality rating (median, IQR)	At 24 months, 5, 5 to 6; 93 participants
	7-point Likert scales, 1 = not at all; 4 = moderately; 7 = extremely	Satisfaction with the amount of help received during the programme (median, IQR)	At 24 months, 6, 5 to 6; 93 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the Loozit programme help you make changes to your eating habits? (% yes)	At 24 months, yes: 88%; 90 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the Loozit programme help you make changes to your physical activity? (% yes)	At 24 months, yes: 82%; 92 participants

Table 8. Views of the intervention (Continued)

	Yes or no (%)	Did the Loozit programme help you make changes to other areas of your life? (% yes)	At 24 months, yes: 47%; 92 participants
	A 7-point Likert scales, 1 = not at all; 4 = moderately; 7 = extremely	Additional therapeutic contact: SMS text messages (median, IQR)	At 24 months, 4, 4 to 5; 18 participants
	A 7-point Likert scales, 1 = not at all; 4 = moderately; 7 = extremely	Additional therapeutic contact: e-mails (median, IQR)	At 24 months, 5, 5 to 6; 11 participants
	A 7-point Likert scales, 1 = not at all; 4 = moderately; 7 = extremely	Additional therapeutic contact: telephone coaching sessions (median, IQR)	At 24 months, 6, 4 to 6; 24 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the telephone coaching sessions help you: achieve your goals? (% yes)	Yes: 91%; 33 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the telephone coaching sessions help you: set goals for healthy living? (% yes)	Yes: 94%; 33 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the telephone coaching sessions help you: set goals for physical activity? (% yes)	Yes: 85%; 33 participants
	Yes or no (%)	Did the telephone coaching sessions help you: in other ways? (% yes)	Yes: 39%; 33 participants
Christie 2011	Structured and semi-structured interviews	Ease of delivery, participation and influence on weight, quality of life, self-management, emotional, behavioural and family functioning	Participants and their families found the intervention highly engaging, respectful and helpful in making behavioural changes
Wengle 2011	Helpfulness of having a mentor on a scale of 1-10	Helpfulness of having a mentor	13 participants reported $\geq 7/10$
	Getting along with the mentor on a scale of 1-10	How well they got along with their mentor	15 participants reported $\geq 8/10$
Saelens 2002	5-point Likert scale, 1 = not at all; 5 = very much	Satisfaction for intervention components (mean \pm SD)	Reported significantly ($P < 0.01$) greater satisfaction for mailed materials/manual than the computer interaction. Reported similar levels of satisfaction between the mailed materials/manual (3.57 ± 1.13) and the physician counselling (3.39 ± 0.92), and between physician counselling and the computer interaction (2.98 ± 1.06)

CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; IQR: interquartile range; SD: standard deviation

Table 9. Parenting and relationships

Study	Tool	Outcome	Findings
Brennan 2013	Parent Adolescent Communication Scale designed to assess communication between parent and adolescents. Open communication provides an indication of the freedom of expression, understanding and satisfaction during family communications with high scores indicating positive communication	Open communication	At 6 months, intervention group had significantly increased scores compared to control group
	Parent Adolescent Communication Scale designed to assess communication between parent and adolescents. Problem communication focuses on negative interaction styles and constraints in communication with high scores indicating negative communication	Problems in communication	At 6 months, there was no difference between the intervention group and the control group
	The Family Problem Solving Communication Index to measure problem solving and coping during family interactions. Incendiary indicates high levels of problematic communication that inflame a difficult interaction with high scores indicating high levels of problematic communication	Incendiary communication	At 6 months, there was no difference between the intervention group and control group
	The Family Problem Solving Communication Index to measure problem solving and coping during family interactions. Affirming communication indicates high levels of supportive communication styles that calm a difficult interaction with high scores indicating supportive communication	Affirming communication	At 6 months, there was no difference between the intervention group and control group

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Search strategies

Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (Cochrane Register of Studies Online)

Part I: Obesity

1. [mh ^Obesity]
2. [mh ^"Obesity, Morbid"]
3. [mh ^"Obesity, Abdominal"]
4. [mh ^"Pediatric Obesity"]
5. [mh ^Overweight]
6. [mh ^"Weight Loss"]
7. (adipos* or obes*):ti,ab
8. (overweight* or ("over" next weight*)):ti,ab
9. ("weight" near/1 (reduc* or los* or control* or manage*)):ti,ab
10. {or #1-#9}

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Part II: Intervention

11. [mh "Behavior Therapy"]
12. [mh "Counseling"]
13. [mh ^"Family Therapy"]
14. [mh ^"Social Support"]
15. [mh ^"Program Evaluation"]
16. [mh "Exercise"]
17. [mh "Exercise Therapy"]
18. [mh "Physical Education and Training"]
19. [mh "Exercise Movement Techniques"]
20. [mh ^"Motor Activity"]
21. [mh Diet]
22. [mh "Diet Therapy"]
23. [mh ^"Patient Education as Topic"]
24. [mh ^"Health Education"]
25. [mh "Health Behavior"]
26. [mh "Health Promotion"]
27. [mh ^"School Health Services"]
28. [mh ^"School Nursing"]
29. [mh ^"Life style"]
30. (("obesity" near/4 "intervention") or "program" or "programme" or "camp" or "camps"):ti,ab
31. ("lifestyle" or "life style"):ti,ab
32. exercis*:ti,ab
33. (physic* next (activ* or fit*)):ti,ab
34. (walk* or jog* or swim* or ("weight" next lift*) or danc* or "aerobics"):ti,ab
35. ((physic* or strength* or resist* or "circuit" or "weight" or aerob* or "cross" or "endurance" or structur*) near/4 train*):ti,ab
36. ("behavioral" or "behavioural" or (("behavior" or "behaviour") next "modification") or psychoth* or "psychosocial"):ti,ab
37. (("group" or "family" or cognit* or behav*) next therap*):ti,ab
38. (counseling or counselling):ti,ab
39. educat*:ti,ab
40. (("parent" or "parents" or "family") next ("based" or "focused" or "directed" or "centered" or "only" or "led")):ti,ab
41. (diet* or "healthy nutrition" or (nutrition* next ("knowledge" or educat* or therap* or program* or intervention*))):ti,ab
42. {or #11-#41}

Part III: Part I + Part II and additional MeSH/subheading combination

(Continued)

43. #10 and #42

44. [mh ^Obesity] or [mh ^"Obesity, Morbid"] or [mh ^Overweight]

45. [mh /DH,PC,RH,TH,PX][diet therapy or prevention & control or rehabilitation or therapy or psychology]

46. #44 and #45

47. #43 or #46

Part IV: Population (adapted from [Leclercq 2013](#))

48. [mh ^Adolescent]

49. [mh Child]

50. [mh ^Infant]

51. [mh ^Pediatrics]

52. "minors":ti,ab

53. ("boy" or "boys" or "boyhood"):ti,ab

54. girl*:ti,ab

55. ("kid" or "kids"):ti,ab

56. infant*:ti,ab

57. ("baby" or "babies"):ti,ab

58. ("toddler" or "toddlers"):ti,ab

59. ("child" or "childs" or children* or childhood* or childcare* or schoolchild*):ti,ab

60. adolescen*:ti,ab

61. juvenil*:ti,ab

62. youth*:ti,ab

63. (teen* or preteen*):ti,ab

64. (underage* or ("under" next age*)):ti,ab

65. pubescen*:ti,ab

66. (paediatric* or pediatric*):ti,ab

67. {or #48-#66}

Part V: Part III AND IV and additional MeSH/subheading combination

68. #47 and #67

69. [mh ^"Pediatric Obesity"]

70. [mh /DH,PC,RH,TH,PX]

71. #69 and #70

72. #68 or #71

MEDLINE (OvidSP)

Part I: Obesity

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1. Obesity/
2. Obesity, Morbid/
3. Obesity, Abdominal/
4. Pediatric Obesity/
5. Overweight/
6. Weight Loss/
7. (adipos* or obes*).tw.
8. (overweight* or over weight*).tw.
9. (weight adj1 (reduc* or los* or control* or manage*)).tw.
10. or/1-9

Part II: Intervention

11. exp Behavior Therapy/
12. exp Counseling/
13. Family Therapy/
14. Social Support/
15. Program Evaluation/
16. exp Exercise/
17. exp Exercise Therapy/
18. exp "Physical Education and Training"/
19. exp Exercise Movement Techniques/
20. Motor Activity/
21. exp Diet/
22. exp Diet Therapy/
23. Patient Education as Topic/
24. Health Education/
25. exp Health Behavior/
26. exp Health Promotion/
27. School Health Services/
28. School Nursing/
29. Life style/
30. ((obesity adj3 intervention) or program or programme or camp?).tw.
31. (lifestyle or life style).tw.
32. exercis*.tw.
33. (physic* adj (activ* or fit*)).tw.

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34. (walk* or jog* or swim* or weight lift* or danc* or aerobics).tw.
35. ((physic* or strength* or resist* or circuit or weight or aerob* or cross or endurance or structur*) adj3 train*).tw.
36. (behavio?ral or behavio?r modification or psychoth* or psychosocial).tw.
37. ((group or family or cognit* or behav*) adj therap*).tw.
38. counsel?ing.tw.
39. educat*.tw.
40. ((parent? or family) adj (based or focused or directed or centered or only or led)).tw.
41. (diet* or healthy nutrition or (nutrition* adj (knowledge or educat* or therap* or program* or intervention*))).tw.
42. or/11-41

Part III: Part I + Part II and additional MeSH/subheading combination

43. 10 and 42
44. Obesity/ or Obesity, Morbid/ or Overweight/ or Weight Loss/
45. diet therapy.fs. or prevention & control.fs. or rehabilitation.fs. or therapy.fs. or psychology.fs.
46. 44 and 45
47. 43 or 46

Part IV: Population (adapted from [Leclercq 2013](#))

48. Adolescent/
49. exp Child/
50. Infant/
51. Pediatrics/
52. minors.tw.
53. (boy or boys or boyhood).tw.
54. girl*.tw.
55. infant*.tw.
56. (baby or babies).tw.
57. toddler?.tw.
58. (kid or kids).tw.
59. (child or childs or children* or childhood* or childcare* or schoolchild*).tw.
60. adolescen*.tw.
61. juvenil*.tw.
62. youth*.tw.
63. (teen* or preteen*).tw.
64. (underage* or under age*).tw.
65. pubescen*.tw.

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66. p?ediatric*.tw.

67. or/48-66

Part V: Part III AND IV and additional MeSH/subheading combination

68. 47 and 67

69. Pediatric Obesity/

70. diet therapy.fs. or prevention & control.fs. or rehabilitation.fs. or therapy.fs. or psychology.fs.

71. 69 and 70

72. 68 or 71

Part VI: Study filter (Cochrane Handbook 2008 RCT filter - sensitivity and precision maximizing version)

73. randomized controlled trial.pt.

74. controlled clinical trial.pt.

75. randomi?ed.ab.

76. placebo.ab.

77. clinical trials as topic/

78. randomly.ab.

79. trial.ti.

80. or/73-79

81. exp animals/ not humans/

82. 80 not 81

Part VII: Part V + Part VI

83. 72 and 82

Embase (OvidSP)

Part I: Obesity

1. obesity/

2. morbid obesity/

3. abdominal obesity/

4. childhood obesity/

5. weight reduction/

6. weight control/

7. (adipos* or obes*).tw.

8. (overweight* or over weight*).tw.

9. (weight adj1 (reduc* or los* or control* or manage*)).tw.

10. or/1-9

Part II: Intervention

(Continued)

11. behavior therapy/
12. cognitive therapy/
13. exp counseling/
14. family therapy/
15. social support/
16. exp program evaluation/
17. exp exercise/
18. exp physical education/
19. exp physical activity/
20. exp motor activity/
21. training/
22. exp diet/
23. exp diet therapy/
24. nutritional health/
25. child nutrition/
26. feeding behavior/
27. patient education/
28. health promotion/
29. health literacy/
30. nutrition education/
31. health education/
32. school health education/
33. school health service/
34. lifestyle/
35. lifestyle modification/
36. ((obesity adj3 intervention) or program or programme or camp?).tw.
37. (lifestyle or life style).tw.
38. exercis*.tw.
39. (physic* adj (activ* or fit*)).tw.
40. (walk* or jog* or swim* or weight lift* or danc* or aerobics).tw.
41. ((physic* or strength* or resist* or circuit or weight or aerob* or cross or endurance or structur*) adj3 train*).tw.
42. (behavio?ral or behavio?r modification or psychoth* or psychosocial).tw.
43. ((group or family or cognit* or behav*) adj therap*).tw.
44. counsel?ing.tw.

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45. educat*.tw.

46. ((parent? or family) adj (based or focused or directed or centered or only or led)).tw.

47. (diet* or healthy nutrition or (nutrition* adj (knowledge or educat* or therap* or program* or intervention*))).tw.

48. or/11-47

Part III: Part I + Part II and additional MeSH/subheading combination

49. 10 and 48

50. obesity/ or morbid obesity/

51. pc.fs or rh.fs or th.fs. [prevention.fs. or rehabilitation.fs. or therapy.fs.]

52. 50 and 51

53. 49 or 52

Part IV: Population (adapted from Leclercq 2013)

54. juvenile/

55. adolescent/

56. child/

57. infant/

58. baby/

59. toddler/

60. preschool child/

61. school child/

62. pediatrics/

63. minors.tw.

64. (boy or boys or boyhood).tw.

65. girl*.tw.

66. infant*.tw.

67. (baby or babies).tw.

68. toddler?.tw.

69. (kid or kids).tw.

70. (child or childs or children* or childhood* or childcare* or schoolchild*).tw.

71. adolescen*.tw.

72. juvenil*.tw.

73. youth*.tw.

74. (teen* or preteen*).tw.

75. (underage* or under age*).tw.

76. pubescen*.tw.

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77. p?ediatric*.tw.

78. or/54-77

Part V: Part III AND IV and additional MeSH/subheading combination

79. 53 and 78

80. childhood obesity/

81. pc.fs or rh.fs or th.fs. [prevention.fs. or rehabilitation.fs. or therapy.fs.]

82. 80 and 81

83. 79 or 82

Part VI: Study filter (Wong 2006a filter - SDSSGS version)

84. random*.tw. or clinical trial*.mp. or exp treatment outcome/

Part VII: Part V + Part VI

85. 83 and 84

PsycINFO (OvidSP)

Part I: Obesity

1. exp Overweight

2. (adipos* or obes*).tw.

3. (overweight* or over weight*).tw.

4. or/1-3

Part II: Intervention

5. Weight Control/

6. Weight Loss/

7. Aerobic Exercise/

8. Diets/

9. exp Exercise/

10. Movement Therapy/

11. Dance Therapy/

12. exp Physical Activity/

13. Physical Fitness/

14. Health Behavior/

15. Health Promotion/

16. Health Knowledge/

17. Health Literacy/

18. Health Education/

19. Client Education/

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20. Lifestyle/
21. Physical Education/
22. exp Program Evaluation/
23. Educational Programs/
24. Educational Therapy/
25. exp Program Development/
26. School Based Intervention/
27. School Counseling/
28. Counseling/
29. Group Counseling/
30. Family Therapy/
31. Support Groups/
32. Social Support/
33. School Counselors/
34. exp Behavior Modification/
35. Cognitive Behavior Therapy/
36. Cognitive Therapy/
37. ((obesity adj3 intervention) or program or programme or camp?).tw.
38. (lifestyle or life style).tw.
39. exercis*.tw.
40. (physic* adj (activ* or fit*)).tw.
41. (walk* or jog* or swim* or weight lift* or danc* or aerobics).tw.
42. ((physic* or strength* or resist* or circuit or weight or aerob* or cross or endurance or structur*) adj3 train*).tw.
43. (behavio?ral or behavio?r modification or psychoth* or psychosocial).tw.
44. ((group or family or cognit* or behav*) adj therap*).tw.
45. counsel?ing.tw.
46. educat*.tw.
47. ((parent? or family) adj (based or focused or directed or centered or only or led)).tw.
48. (diet* or healthy nutrition or (nutrition* adj (knowledge or educat* or therap* or program* or intervention*))).tw.
49. or/5-48

Part III: Part I + Part II

50. 4 and 49

Part IV: Population (adapted from [Leclercq 2013](#))

51. minors.tw.

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52. (boy or boys or boyhood).tw.
53. girl*.tw.
54. infant*.tw.
55. (baby or babies).tw.
56. toddler?.tw.
57. (kid or kids).tw.
58. (child or childs or children* or childhood* or childcare* or schoolchild*).tw.
59. adolescen*.tw.
60. juvenil*.tw.
61. youth*.tw.
62. (teen* or preteen*).tw.
63. (underage* or under age*).tw.
64. pubescen*.tw.
65. p?ediatric*.tw.
66. or/51-65

Part V: Part III AND IV and additional MeSH/subheading combination

67. 50 and 66

Part VI: Study filter (Eady 2008 filter - BS version)

68. control*.tw. OR random*.tw. OR exp Treatment/

Part VII: Part V + Part VI

69. 67 and 68

CINAHL (EBSCOhost)

Part I: Obesity

- S1. MH "Obesity"
- S2. TX (adipos* or obes*)
- S3. TX (overweight* or "over weight**")
- S4. S1 OR S2 OR S3

Part II: Intervention

- S5. MH "Weight Loss"
- S6. MH "Behavior Modification"
- S7. MH "Counseling"
- S8. MH "Family Therapy"
- S9. MH "Support, Psychosocial"
- S10. MH "Support Groups"

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- S11.MH "Program Evaluation"
- S12.MH "Program Implementation"
- S13.MH "Exercise+"
- S14.MH "Sports+"
- S15.MH "Therapeutic Exercise+"
- S16.MH "Physical Fitness"
- S17.MH "Physical Education and Training+"
- S18.MH "Health Education+"
- S19.MH "Diet+"
- S20.MH "Diet Therapy+"
- S21.MH "Health Behavior"
- S22.MH "Eating Behavior"
- S23.MH "Health Promotion"
- S24.MH "School Health Services+"
- S25.MH "Life style changes"
- S26.MH "Life style"
- S27.TX (weight N1 (reduc* or los* or control* or manage*))
- S28.TX ((obesity N3 intervention) OR program OR programme OR camp#)
- S29.TX (lifestyle or "life style")
- S30.TX exercis*
- S31.TX (physic* N1 (activ* or fit*))
- S32.TX (walk* or jog* or swim* or weight lift* or danc* or aerobics)
- S33.TX ((physic* or strength* or resist* or circuit or weight or aerob* or cross or endurance or structur*) N3 train*)
- S34.TX (behavio#ral or behavio#r modification or psychoth* or psychosocial)
- S35.TX ((group or family or cognit* or behav*) N1 therap*)
- S36.TX counsel#ing
- S37.TX educat*
- S38.TX ((parent# or family) N1 (based or focused or directed or centered or only or led))
- S39.TX (diet* or "healthy nutrition" or (nutrition* N1 (knowledge or educat* or therap* or program* or intervention*)))
- S40.S5 OR S6 OR S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 OR S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20 OR S21 OR S22 OR S23 OR S24 OR S25 OR S26 OR S27 OR S28 OR S29 OR S30 OR S31 OR S32 OR S33 OR S34 OR S35 OR S36 OR S37 OR S38 OR S39
- Part III: Part I + Part II and additional MeSH/subheading combination*
- S41.S4 AND S40
- S42.(MH "Obesity+/DH/ED/PC/PF/RH/TH") [diet therapy or education or prevention & control or psychosocial factors or rehabilitation or therapy]

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S43.S41 OR S42

Part IV: Population (based on Leclercq 2013)

S44.MH "Adolescence"

S45.MH "Child+"

S46.MH "Infant"

S47.MH "Pediatrics"

S48.TX minors

S49.TX (boy OR boys OR boyhood)

S50.TX girl*

S51.TX infant*

S52.TX (baby OR babies)

S53.TX toddler#

S54.TX (kid OR kids)

S55.TX (child OR childs OR children* OR childhood* OR childcare* OR schoolchild*)

S56.TX adolescen*

S57.TX juvenil*

S58.TX youth*

S59.TX (teen* or preteen*)

S60.TX (underage* or under age*)

S61.TX pubescen*

S62.TX (paediatric* OR pediatric*)

S63.S44 OR S45 OR S46 OR S47 OR S48 OR S49 OR S50 OR S51 OR S52 OR S53 OR S54 OR S55 OR S56 OR S57 OR S58 OR S59 OR S60 OR S62

Part V: Part III AND IV and additional MeSH/subheading combination

S64.S43 AND S63

S65.(MH "Pediatric Obesity/DH/ED/PC/PF/RH/TH") [diet therapy or education or prevention & control or psychosocial factors or rehabilitation or therapy]

S66.S64 OR S65

Part VI: Study filter (Wong 2006b filter - SDSSGS version)

S67.MH "treatment outcomes+" OR MH "experimental studies+" or random*

Part VII: Part V + Part VI

S68.S66 AND S67

LILACS (IAHx)

((((MH:"Obesity" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid" OR MH:"Obesity, Abdominal" OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity" OR MH:"Overweight" OR adipos\$ OR obes\$ OR overweight\$ OR "over weight" OR sobrepes\$ OR "exceso de peso" OR "exceso de peso") AND (MH:"Weight Loss" OR MH:"Exercise" OR MH:"Exercise Therapy" OR MH:"Physical Education and Training" OR MH:"Exercise Movement Techniques" OR

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MH:"Weight Reduction Programs" OR MH:"Motor Activity" OR MH:"Behavior Therapy" OR MH:"Counseling" OR MH:"Family Therapy" OR MH:"Social Support" OR MH:"Program Evaluation" OR MH:"Diet" OR MH:"Diet Therapy" OR MH:"Patient Education as Topic" OR MH:"Health Education" OR MH:"Health Behavior" OR MH:"Health Promotion" OR MH:"Weight Reduction Programs" OR MH:"School Health Services" OR MH:"Life style" OR exerci\$ OR ejerci\$ OR ((physic\$ OR fisic\$) AND (activ\$ OR ativid\$ OR fit\$ OR educac\$ OR entrenam\$ OR treinam\$)) OR ((physic\$ OR fisic\$ OR strength\$ OR forza OR fuerza OR resist\$ OR circuit\$ OR weight OR aerob\$ OR endurance OR structur\$ OR estructur\$) AND train\$ OR treina\$ OR entrena\$) OR program\$ OR "estilo de vida" OR padres OR pais OR familia OR familias OR familiar OR terapia OR orienta\$ OR educa\$ OR diet\$ OR nutric\$ OR "weight reduction" OR "weight loss" OR "weight control" OR "control de peso")) OR (MH:"Obesity/diet therapy" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid/diet therapy" OR MH:"Overweight/diet therapy" OR MH:"Obesity/prevention & control" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid/prevention & control " OR MH:"Overweight/prevention & control" OR MH:"Obesity/rehabilitation" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid/rehabilitation" OR MH:"Overweight/rehabilitation" OR MH:"Obesity/therapy" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid/therapy" OR MH:"Overweight/therapy" OR MH:"Obesity/psychology" OR MH:"Obesity, Morbid/psychology" OR MH:"Overweight/psychology")) AND (MH:"Adolescent" OR MH:"Child" OR MH:"Pediatrics" OR MH:"Infant" OR minors OR boy OR boys OR girl\$ OR kid OR kids OR child OR childs OR children\$ OR childhood\$ OR childcare\$ OR schoolchild\$ OR escolar\$ OR adolescen\$ OR preadolescenc\$ OR juvenil\$ OR juventud\$ OR youth\$ OR teen\$ OR preteen\$ OR underage\$ OR pubescen\$ OR paediatric\$ OR pediatri\$ OR joven\$ OR jovem\$ OR niños OR niñas OR crianca\$ OR menin\$ OR "menor de edad" OR "menores de edad" OR "menor de idade" OR "menores de idade")) OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity/diet therapy" OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity/prevention & control" OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity/rehabilitation" OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity/therapy" OR MH:"Pediatric Obesity/psychology"

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Recruitment Status: ALL

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Conditions: obese OR overweight OR obesity

Study type: Interventional Studies

Age Group: Child (birth-17)

Appendix 2. Description of interventions

Trial ID	Interventions	Comparators
Patsopoulou 2017	<p>I1: activity programme 3-day per week training programme (45 minutes per training session) for 12 weeks. Instructed to add an extra 30-45 minutes of walking or other sport activity of their preference at least once per week and to reduce inactivity</p> <hr/> <p>I2: as for activity group + nutritional education introductory meeting (45-60 minutes). Parents were invited to attend sessions</p>	No intervention
Jelalian 2016	<p>CBT for depression and healthy lifestyle plus exercise: CBT treatment adapted into 1 integrated protocol that addresses depression, an exercise component, weight and advice regarding healthy eating. Weekly 60-minute group aerobic exercise sessions were required and facilitated by a physiotherapist</p>	CBT for depression treatment only

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Norman 2016	Stepped down care based on cognitive behavioural modification, individual sessions of counselling health education and telephone calls. Consisted of 3 × 4-month steps but the number and frequency of each intervention step varied. Aimed for adolescents to lose 4 lb every 4 months and if the 4-lb weight loss was achieved, the participant was 'stepped-down' to the next level of reduced intensity	Enhanced usual care. 1 counselling visit, 1 health education visit, materials and monthly mailings of weight-related materials
Hofsteenge 2014	Group education on dietary behaviour, physical activity and energy balance	Referral to a dietitian
Schranz 2014	Resistance training	No intervention
Visuthranukul 2015	Low GI diet. Monthly visits for 6 months. Each visit consisted of a 2-hour, small class teaching session with parental participation (4-5 families per class)	Conventional diet. Monthly visits for 6 months (1 per month for 6 months)
Wong 2015	Monthly dietary counselling with a registered dietitian and daily text messaging	Monthly dietary counselling with a registered dietitian and daily text messaging
Pakpour 2015	I1: MI. Physical activity and dietary intervention, 40-minute session weekly for 6 weeks I2: MI + parental involvement. As for MI group with 1-hour parental session after 6 weeks	Passive control: no details
Bean 2014	I1: MI values. 2 sessions, values clarification, re-examined value/behaviour congruency and ideas for change + TEENS family-based intervention	Education control. Watched 2 educational videos, week 1 and week 10 + TEENS family-based intervention
Carraway 2014	12-week mentor-led exercise programme. Each adolescent paired with a college student mentor who was majoring in exercise physiology or related field. Mentor/mentee pairs met for 3 exercise sessions per week, each lasting 1 hour. Activity type varied by session and was decided collaboratively and included exercise machines (treadmill, stationary bike, elliptical), racquetball, tennis, group outdoor activities (flag football, tag). Mentees wore heart rate monitors to monitor exercise intensity. In addition to exercise, the 12-week programme included individual weekly cognitive behavioural-based challenges, or lessons. Mentors received 12 hours of training in MI and behavioural strategies to increase physical activity and modify eating. Mentors also received weekly supervision on goal setting and related topics. Parents of adolescents attended monthly parent meetings to discuss progress and build support through education	Wait list control
Sigal 2014	I1: diet + aerobic training, reduced calorie diet and 4 weekly visits to gym for aerobic training over 22 weeks I2: diet + resistance training: reduced calorie diet and 4 weekly visits to gym for resistance training over 22 weeks I3: diet + aerobic + resistance training: reduced calorie diet and 4 weekly visits to gym for aerobic and resistance training over 22 weeks	Diet only: reduced calorie diet and usual activity
Love-Osborne 2014	MI: diet and exercise goal setting, additional text messages for half the group	Control group, no details

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Kong 2014	Low GI diet individual counselling diet, physical activity and behavioural components. 7 sessions over 6 months	Usual Chinese diet: individual counselling diet, physical activity and behavioural components. 7 sessions over 6 months
Luna-Pech 2014	Normocaloric diet and physical activity, seen every 2 weeks for 28 weeks	No intervention, free diet, seen every 2 weeks for 28 weeks
Boodai 2014	Group sessions focusing on reduction in sedentary behaviour, diet, promotional of physical activity	No intervention, advice to attend primary care
Gourlan 2013	MI + standard weight loss. Behaviour modification as well as standard weight loss intervention. No details of number sessions	Standard weight loss: balanced diet, a healthy lifestyle and physical activity
Patrick 2013	<p>I1: website intervention. To promote weight loss and healthy behaviours. 51-week intervention, website for adolescents and for parents</p> <p>I2: website + group. To promote weight loss and healthy behaviours. 51-week intervention, website for adolescents and for parents. Also group support sessions (number not stated)</p> <p>I3: website + SMS. To promote weight loss and healthy behaviours. 51-week intervention, website for adolescents and for parents. Text messages sent weekly</p>	Usual care. Given printed materials
Kong 2013	ACTION. MI, visit to clinician every 2-3 weeks for a total of 8 visits over 1 academic year, DVD toolkit	Standard care. 1 clinician visit and printed information
Pbert 2013	"Lookin' Good Feelin' Good." 6 × 1-on-1 counselling sessions conducted over 2 months focused on behavioural change, diet and physical activity goals	6 × 1-on-1 visits with the school nurse, information pamphlets
Brennan 2013	MI. 13 sessions over 4-6 months with or without parent. Then maintenance phase of 2 × 1-hour clinic sessions and 7 × 15-minute maintenance telephone call session and a final face-to-face session 6 months after the last treatment session	Wait list control
Walpole 2013	MI: focus on unhealthy behaviours, 6 sessions, 30-minutes long	Social skills training: finding ways to navigate social situations, 6 sessions, 30-minutes long
Toulabi 2012	Behavioural modification. Dietary modification and techniques for increasing physical activity. 8 × 45-minute sessions, held twice per week and group physical activity 1 hour per day, 3 days per week, for 6 weeks	Educational booklets
Debar 2012	Multicomponent intervention. Group meetings, 16 times (90 minutes each) over 5 months for adolescents and 12 sessions for parents	Usual care. Clinic visit, information and resources
Ebbeling 2012	Multicomponent intervention. Emphasis on the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, provided with written information, telephone calls and 3 check-in visits (20 minutes per visit). Monthly motivational telephone calls with parents (30 minutes per call)	Control: no details

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Vos 2011	Family-based CBT + nutrition. Educational sessions, computer package, 7 children group meetings - 2.5 hours' duration biweekly. 5 parent meetings, 1 parent and child meeting	Wait list control
Christie 2011	Multicomponent motivational and solution-focused family-based weight management programme. 12 HELP sessions (45 minutes each) across 6 months	Enhanced standard care, 1 educational session of 40 minutes addressing eating behaviours, healthy activity, uses standard national guidance
Wengle 2011	I1: mentored lifestyle intervention. Nutrition and activity counselling at baseline, 1, 2, 3 and 6 months. 1-2 hour once per week mentoring sessions to achieve activity goals, participate in physical activity, and discuss and set nutritional goals	Unmentored lifestyle intervention. Nutrition and activity counselling at baseline, 1, 2, 3 and 6 months
Ford 2010	Mandometer. Real-time feedback during meals to slow down speed of eating and reduce total intake. Weekly visits for 6 weeks, then every 2 weeks for 6 weeks then monthly. Telephone support	Standard care. 3 monthly visits, emphasis on diet and physical activity goal setting
Nguyen 2012	I1: Loozit + ATC. Healthy lifestyle intervention based on cognitive behavioural approach with an intensive treatment phase followed by a longer maintenance phase. 7 × 75-minute weekly group sessions then 7 × 60-minute sessions over 24 months. Telephone coaching, e-mails, text messages (32 electronic and 14 telephone coaching sessions). Adolescent and parent	Loozit as for intervention except no ATC
Grey 2009	Coping skills. 13 sessions over 16 weeks: 8 nutrition and activity classes + 5 coping skill training. Telephone counselling for 9 months	General education. 8 nutrition and activity classes over 16 weeks
Vissers 2008	School-based intervention. Physical activity and nutrition sessions and gym membership. 6 nutrition sessions: individual or group (maximum of 2 group sessions) once per month	Standard gym classes
NCT00132132	Behavioural education programme. Monthly 4-hour session which incorporated: exercise, empowerment, education and incentives	Standard of care control: education on physical activity and nutrition
Pitetti 2007	Treadmill. Use of treadmill in usual school activity sessions (3 per week) and also taken to the gym to use the treadmill on days and evenings when not participating in usual school activity sessions	Usual school activity sessions and Leisure activity of choice
Savoie 2007	Bright Bodies weight management. Nutrition/behaviour modification once (40 minutes each) per week. Parental involvement in the nutrition related topics. Behaviour modification sessions were held separately for parents and children. Attended twice per week for 6 months and then every other week for an additional 6 months	Diet and exercise counselling and brief psychosocial counselling. 30 minute session every 6 months
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	Multicomponent intervention: after a rehabilitation programme participating physicians of the intervention group received a practice guideline: this addressed the guilt or fate problem, treatment aims (health promotion activities), guidance on fat-limiting mixed diet, promotion of a physical active lifestyle, local support resources, promotion of flexible control of eating and patient guidance according to the public health counselling and self-management model.	Standard care

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The outpatient programme was intended to have health check-ups every 4 weeks during the first 12 months (10-12 appointments)

Daley 2005	Exercise counselling. 8 weekly behavioural sessions focused on attitudes to exercise. Offered aerobic exercise modalities, asked to exercise intermittently for 30 minutes, 3 times per week for 8 weeks	C1: exercise placebo. 24 sessions over 8 weeks; performed light body-conditioning/stretching exercises C2: usual care
Resnicow 2005	Go Girls. High intensity. Weekly (20-26) behavioural sessions. 1 meeting/week for 6 months (parents attending 10-13 times), 1 day retreat, 6 MI telephone calls. 2-way paging messages to support behavioural change. Retreats (unclear how many)	Moderate intensity 6 sessions over 6 months (1 per month), parents attending 3. Sessions were selected from the larger pool of sessions delivered to the intervention group
Jiang 2005	Family-based intervention. 104 weeks (2 years). Unclear number of sessions	Usual care
Carrel 2005	Lifestyle-focused gym classes. Fitness-oriented group gym classes, movement time was 42 minutes of a 45-minute class period. 36-week (9 month) intervention, 90 sessions	Standard gym classes. 36-week (9-month) intervention, 90 sessions (5 times every 2 weeks for a 45-minute class period), Movement time 25 minutes of the 45-minute period
Ebbeling 2003	Low GL diet. 12 sessions over 6 months (12 dietary counselling sessions) and a 6-month follow-up (2 dietary counselling sessions)	Conventional low-fat diet. 12 sessions over 6-months (12 dietary counselling sessions) and a 6-month follow-up (2 dietary counselling sessions)
Saelens 2002	Healthy Habits. Computer- and telephone-delivered intervention, focus on diet and physical activity goals, 1 tailored physician-counselling session. 12 telephone call sessions with counsellor (10-20 minutes). Overall duration was 16 weeks with 13 sessions	Standard care. Non-tailored physician-counselling session
Brownell 1983	I1: mother-child separate sessions of behaviour modification, social support, nutrition and exercise I2: mother-child together sessions of behaviour modification, social support, nutrition and exercise	Child-only sessions of behaviour modification, social support, nutrition and exercise
Chandra 1968	Low-calorie formula using Limical (Sarabhai Chemicals) for 1 day (4 servings) containing proteins 70 g, fat 20 g, carbohydrates 110 g	Low-calorie diet without the aid of Limical
NCT00807560	Family-based therapy for paediatric overweight to resolve the eating disorder and return the patient to healthy psychosocial and physiological developmental trajectories through active family involvement across 3 treatment phases	Nutritional educational control condition will receive a minimal nutrition and physical activity education curriculum across 16 sessions over 24 weeks

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^aThe term 'adequate' refers to sufficient use of the intervention/comparator with regard to dose, dose escalation, dosing scheme, provision for contraindications and other features necessary to establish a fair contrast between intervention and comparator.

ATC: additional therapeutic contact; C: comparator; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; DVD: digital versatile disc; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; HELP: Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme; I: intervention; MI: motivational interviewing; SMS: short message service.

Appendix 3. Baseline characteristics (I)

Trial ID	Intervention and comparator	Duration of intervention (duration of follow-up)	Description of participants	Study period (year to year)	Country	Setting	Ethnic groups (%)	Socioeconomic status
Pat-sopoulou 2017	I1: activity	12 weeks (at 6 months)	Overweight and obese adolescents, aged 13-15 years, no organic cause for their obesity and on no medications	2011-2014	Greece	Public training centre	-	-
	I2: activity + diet						-	-
	C1: no intervention						-	-
Jelalian 2016	I1: CBT + healthy lifestyle	6 months (at 12 months)	Aged 12-18 years, depressed, overweight or obese (BMI > 25 kg/m ² or BMI percentile > 85th for gender and age)	-	USA	University (based on author location)	Child Latino: 33.3 Child minority race: 58.3	Parent education: < high school: 17.4% high school: 47.8% > high school: 34.8% Household income (USD): < 5000: 4.2% 5000-9999: 16.7% 10,000-14,999: 4.2% 15,000-25,999: 16.7% 26,000-49,999: 20.8% 50,000-74,999: 20.8% 75,000-99,999: 8.3% 100,000-149,000: 4.2%
	C1: CBT						Child Latino: 33.3 Child minority race: 44.4	Parent education: < high school 0%; high school 22.2% > high school 77.8% Household income (USD): < 5000: 11.1% 5000-9999: 11.1% 10,000-14,999: 0% 15,000-25,999: 22.2% 26,000-49,999: 11.1% 50,000-74,999: 33.3% 75,000-99,999: 0%

100,000-149,000: 11.1%

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<p>Norman 2016</p>	<p>I1: stepped down care</p>	<p>12 months + 2 weeks run-in (at 12 months)</p>	<p>Aged 11-13 years, obese (≥ 95th percentile for age and gender)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>USA</p>	<p>Primary care</p>	<p>Girls African-American: 7 Asian/Pacific Islander: 0 Hispanic: 83 White non-Hispanic: 7 Multiethnic or other: 3</p> <p>Boys African-American: 4 Asian/Pacific Islander: 4 Hispanic: 71 White non-Hispanic: 17 Multiethnic or other: 4</p>	<p>Parent highest education (%):</p> <p>Girls: ≤ high school degree 44 some college/associates degree 28 ≥ Bachelor's degree 28</p> <p>Boys: ≤ high school degree 29 some college/associates degree 42 ≥ Bachelor's degree 29</p> <p>Parent annual income (USD):</p> <p>Girls: < 35,000: 39% 35,000-49,900: 30% 50,000-74,900: 8% ≥ 75,000: 23%</p> <p>Boys: < 35,000: 31% 35,000-49,900: 23% 50,000-74,900: 19% ≥ 75,000: 27%</p>
	<p>C1: enhanced usual care</p>						<p>Girls African -American: 0 Asian/Pacific Islander: 0 Hispanic: 92 White non-Hispanic: 0 Multiethnic or other: 8</p> <p>Boys African-American: 4 Asian/Pacific Islander: 4</p>	<p>Parent highest education (%):</p> <p>Girls: ≤ high school degree: 28 some college/associates degree: 56 ≥ Bachelor's degree: 16</p> <p>Boys: ≤ high school degree: 37 some college/associates degree: 26 ≥ Bachelor's degree: 37</p> <p>Parent annual income (USD):</p>

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Hispanic: 81
White non-Hispanic: 7
Multiethnic or other: 4

Girls:
< 35,000: 36%
35,000-49,900: 32%
50,000-74,900: 24%
≥ 75,000: 8%

Boys:
< 35,000: 43%
35,000-49,900: 14%
50,000-74,900: 25%
≥ 75,000: 18%

Hofsteenge 2014	I1: group education	36 weeks (at 18 months)	Aged 12-18 years with overweight or obesity according to Cole criteria	2006-2009	The Netherlands	Outpatient	Western: 50.7 Non-Western: 49.3	-
	C1: dietitian only						Western: 35.3 Non-Western: 64.7	-
Schranz 2014	I1: resistance training	6 months (at 12 months)	Aged 13-17 years, very overweight or obese (Cole criteria)	2010-2011	Australia	Community (gym)	-	-
	C1: no intervention						-	-
Vi-suthranukul 2015	I1: low GI diet	6 months (at 6 months)	Obese Thai children aged 9-16 years	2010-2013	Thailand	Hospital	-	-
	C1: conventional diet						-	-
Wong 2015	I1: standard weight loss diet + increase water intake	6 months (immediately following intervention)	Overweight and obese adolescents who consumed 4 cups of water per day at screening	-	USA	Hospital (based on authors location)	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss diet						-	-
Pakpour 2015	I1: motivational interviewing	6 weeks (at 12 months)	13-18 years, obese (≥ 95th percentile for age and gender)	-	Iran	Outpatient	-	Mother education, years 6.26 (3.42) father education, years 7.43 (3.86) household income (1000 rials) 7434.63 (1891.39)

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	I2: motivational interviewing + parental involvement						-	Mother education, years 6.19 (3.54) father education, years 7.28 (3.91) household income (1000 trials) 7304.10 (2136.48)
	C1: passive control						-	Mother education, years 5.92 (3.89) father education, years 8.26 (4.21) household income (1000 ri-als)
Bean 2014	I1: motivational interviewing values	3 months (at 6 months)	Overweight aged 11-18 years, BMI ≥ 85th percentile for age and gender	2009-2011	USA	Healthcare (based on author location)	Black: 75.4 White: 19.3 Other: 5.3	Family income (USD): < 40,000: 56% ≥ 40,000: 44% Parent education: ≤ high school graduate: 19.6 some college: 43.1 college degree or beyond: 37.3
	C1: education control						Black: 68.3 White: 19.5 Other: 12.2	Family income (USD): < 40,000 (48.6%) ≥ 40,000 (51.4%) Parent education: ≤ high school graduate: 34.3 some college: 20.0 college degree or beyond: 45.7
Carraway 2014	I1: mentor-led exercise	12 weeks (at 7 months)	Overweight aged 12-17 years, BMI ≥ 85th percentile for age and gender	-	USA	Healthcare (based on author location)	African-American: 27.3 White: 63.6 Other: 9.1	-
	C1: wait list control						African-American: 61.5 White: 30.8 Other: 7.7	-

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Sigal 2014	I1: diet + aerobic training	22 weeks + 4-week run-in (at 6 months)	Overweight or obese adolescents, aged 14-18 years, BMI \geq 95th percentile or \geq 85th percentile + diabetes or cardiovascular risk factor	2005-2011	Canada	Community	White: 72.0 Black: 8.0 Mixed: 6.7 Arabic: 5.3 Asian: 1.3 Hispanic: 5.3 Other: 1.3 Native Canadian: 0	-
	I2: diet + resistance training						White: 70.5 Black: 14.1 Mixed: 2.6 Arabic: 1.3 Asian: 6.4 Hispanic: 2.6 Other: 2.6 Native Canadian: 0	-
	I3: diet + aerobic + resistance training						White: 62.7 Black: 16.0 Mixed: 4.0 Arabic: 5.3 Asian: 2.7 Hispanic: 4.0 Other: 2.7 Native Canadian: 2.7	-
	C1: diet only						White: 82.9 Black: 2.6 Mixed: 5.3 Arabic: 2.6 Asian: 2.6 Hispanic: 0 Other: 1.3 Native Canadian: 2.6	-
Love-Osborne 2014	I1: motivational interviewing	6-8 months (at 6-8 months)	BMI \geq 85%	2010-	USA	School-based health centres	Hispanic: 88	-
	C1: control						Hispanic: 89	-

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Kong 2014	I1: low GI diet	6 months (interim data from a 12-month intervention)	Adolescents, BMI \geq 95th percentile	2010-2012	Hong Kong	University	-	-
	C1: usual Chinese diet						-	-
Luna-Pech 2014	I1: normocaloric diet + physical activity	28 weeks (at 28 weeks)	Aged 12-16 years, asthma, BMI \geq 95th percentile of the CDC BMI-for-age growth charts	-	Mexico	Tertiary care	-	-
	C1: no intervention						-	-
Boodai 2014	I1: multicomponent group sessions	6 months (at 6 months)	Aged 10-14 years, BMI > 95th percentile	2009	Kuwait	Primary care	-	-
	C1: no intervention						-	-
Gourlan 2013	I1: motivational interviewing + standard weight loss	3 months' standard weight loss group + 6 months'	Aged 11-18 years, BMI > 90th age- and gender-specific percentiles	-	France	Hospital	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss	motivational interview group (at 6 months).					-	-
Patrick 2013	I1: website intervention	12 months (at 12 months)	Aged 12-16 years, 'high risk' for diabetes, overweight BMI > 85th percentile for age and gender, weight and height > 85th percentile or weight > 120% of ideal for height	-	USA	Home	White: 26.9 African-American: 15.4 Native American: 0 Asian or Pacific Islander: 3.8 Multiethnic or other: 3.8 Preferred not to state: 23.1 Did not state: 26.9	-
	I2: website + group						White: 23.1	-

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								African-American: 7.7 Native American: 0 Asian or Pacific Islander: 7.7 Multiethnic or other: 3.8 Preferred not to state: 15.4 Did not state: 42.3	
	I3: website + SMS							White: 8.3 African-American: 12.5 Native American: 4.2 Asian or Pacific Islander: 0 Multiethnic or other: 0 Preferred not to state: 16.7 Did not state: 58.3	-
	C1: usual care							White: 12.0 African-American: 28.0 Native American: 0 Asian or Pacific Islander: 4 Multiethnic or other: 4 Preferred not to state: 16 Did not state: 36.0	-
Kong 2013	I1: ACTION	1 academic year (at 6 months)	9th-11th grade, BMI ≥ 85th percentile	2009-2010	USA	School-based health centres	Asian: 14 Hispanic: 75 Native American: 0 Multiple: 11	Carer years of education: 0-6: 11% 7-11: 29% 12 (high school graduate): 21% 13-15: 25% ≥ 16: 14%	

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	C1: standard care						Asian: 4 Hispanic: 61 Native American: 13 Multiple: 22	Carer years of education: 0-6: 9% 7-11: 35% 12 (high school graduate): 22% 13-15: 26% ≥ 16: 9%
Pbert 2013	I1: "Lookin' Good Feelin' Good" <hr/> C1: control	16 weeks (at 6 months)	Grade 9-11, BMI ≥ 85th percentile for age and gender	2008-2009	USA	School	White: 73.8 Black: 14.3 Hispanic: 14.3 <hr/> White: 80.0 Black: 5.0 Hispanic: 15.0	- -
Brennan 2013	I1: motivational interviewing <hr/> C1: wait list control	26 weeks (at 12 months)	Aged 11-19 years, overweight or obese according to the international cut-off points for BMI	2003-	Australia	University clinic	- <hr/> -	- -
Walpole 2013	I1: motivational interviewing <hr/> I2: social skills training	6 months (immediately following intervention)	Overweight and obese (BMI ≥ 85th percentile), aged 10-18 years	2010-2012	Canada	Outpatient clinic	- <hr/> -	Household income (CAD) (n = 18): 0-20,000: 21% 20,000-40,000: 0% 40,000-50,000: 7% 50,000-60,000: 14% 60,000-80,000: 21% > 80,000: 37% Household income (CAD) (n = 14): 0-20,000: 6% 20,000-40,000: 11% 40,000-50,000: 6% 50,000-60,000: 11% 60,000-80,000: 17% 80,000: 49%
Toulabi 2012	I1: behavioural modification	6 weeks (at 6 months)	BMI > 28 kg/m ² in 15 year olds, BMI	2004-2006	Iran	School	- <hr/> -	- -

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	C1: control		≥29 kg/m ² in 16 and 17 year olds				-	-
Debar 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	5 months (at 12 months)	Aged 2-17 years, female, age- and gender-adjusted BMI ≥ 90th percentile	-	USA	Primary care	White: 75	Family income: > USD75,000: 40.0% Grade in school: 6th-8th: 52.8% 9th-12th: 47.1%
	C1: usual care						White: 75	Family income: > USD75,000: 36.5% Grade in school: 6th-8th: 52.4% 9th-12th: 47.6%
Ebbeling 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	52 weeks (at 24 months)	BMI ≥ 85th percentile for gender and age, aged 13-18 years	2007-2011	USA	Home	White: 55 Black: 24 Asian: 4 Multiple or other: 18 Ethnic group: Hispanic: 25 Non-Hispanic: 75	Annual household income (USD) (%): < 30,000: 27 30,000-59,999: 35 ≥ \$60,000: 38 Parental educational level (%): Some high school: 2 High-school diploma or General Education Development certificate: 21 Some college or vocational school: 25 Associate's degree: 6 Bachelor's degree: 30 Some graduate school or graduate degree: 15
	C1: control						White: 56 Black: 24 Asian: 4 Multiple or other: 17	Annual household income (USD) (%): < 30,000: 27 30,000-59,999: 30 ≥ 60,000: 43

Ethnic group:
Hispanic: 17
Non-Hispanic: 83

Parental educational level (%):
Some high school: 4
High-school diploma or General Education Development certificate: 18
Some college or vocational school: 21
Associate's degree: 12
Bachelor's degree: 29
Some graduate school or graduate degree: 16

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Vos 2011	I1: family-based CBT + nutrition <hr/> C1: wait list control	3 months (at 24 months)	Aged 8-17 years, overweight or obesity, increased risk of comorbidity	-	Netherlands	Healthcare (based on author location)	North European: 35 <hr/> Other: 65	-	-
Christie 2011	I1: HELP weight management <hr/> C1: enhanced standard care	6 months (at 12 months)	Aged 13-17 years, obese defined as BMI > 98th centile	2011-2013	UK	Primary care	- <hr/> -	-	-
Wengle 2011	I1: mentored lifestyle intervention <hr/> I2: unmentored lifestyle intervention	24 weeks (at 24 weeks)	Aged 12-16 years, BMI > 85th percentile	2006-2007	Canada	Outpatient	- <hr/> -	-	-
Ford 2010	I1: Mandometer <hr/> C1: standard care	12 months (at 18 months)	Obese adolescents, BMI > 95th centile	2004-2007	UK	Hospital-based obesity clinic	Non-white: 9 <hr/> Non-white: 15	-	-
Nguyen 2012	I1: Loozit + ATC <hr/> I2: Loozit	24 months (at 24 months)	Aged 13-16 years, overweight to moderately obese	2006-2009	Australia	Community health centres	- <hr/> -	-	-

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			(BMI z score range 1.0-2.5)					
Grey 2009	I1: coping skills	16 weeks (at 36 weeks)	In 7th grade, BMI > 85th percentile, family history of type 2 diabetes mellitus	-	USA	School	White: 0.9 White Hispanic: 42.0 African-American: 55.4 Bi/Other: 1.8	Carer education, %: < high school 24.1 high school 39.3 Trade school or college 36.6 Carer income (USD), %: < 5000 15.2 5000-9999 17.0 10,000-14,999 15.2 15,000-19,999 9.8 20,000-29,000 14.3 30,000-39,000 6.3 ≥ 40,000 10.7 Missing 11.6
	C1: general ed- ucation						White: 4.7 White Hispanic: 48.8 African-American: 40.7 Bi/Other: 5.8	Carer education, %: < high school 16.3 high school 33.7 trade school or college 50.0 Carer income (USD), %: < 5000 12.8 5000-9999 15.1 10,000-14,999 16.3 15,000-19,999 10.5 20,000-29,000 7.0 30,000-39,000 15.1 ≥ 40,000 11.6 Missing 11.6
Vissers 2008	I1: school- based interven- tion	24 weeks (at 24 weeks)	Overweight	-	Belgium	School	-	-
	C1: control						-	-
NCT00132132	I1: behavioural education	12 months (12-15 months)	Overweight, BMI > 85%, aged 10-20 years	-	USA	Healthcare (based on author loca- tion)	-	-
	C1: standard care						-	-
Pitetti 2007	I1: treadmill	36 weeks (at 36 weeks)		-	USA	Residential school	-	-

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	C1: control		Aged 14-19 years, autism, BMI > 30 kg/m ²				-	-
Savoie 2007	I1: Bright Bodies weight management	12 months (at 24 months)	Aged 8-16 years, BMI > 95th percentile	-	USA	Obesity clinic	Non-Hispanic white: 38.1 Non-Hispanic black: 38.1 Hispanic: 23.8	-
	C1: control						Non-Hispanic white: 34.8 Non-Hispanic black: 39.1 Hispanic: 26.1	-
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	I1: multicomponent intervention	12 months (12 months)	Obese children and adolescents, aged 9-16 years	2002/2003?	Germany	Outpatient	-	High school: 15%
	C1: standard care						-	High school: 12%
Daley 2005	I1: exercise counselling	8 weeks (at 28 weeks)	Clinically obese, 11-16 years	2002-2006	UK	Outpatient	White: 82.7 Black: 9.9 South Asian: 7.4	Index of multiple deprivation rank scores: quartile 1 (least deprived): 16% quartile 2: 14.8% quartile 3: 17.3% quartile 4 (most deprived): 51.9%
	C1: exercise placebo							
	C2: control							
Resnicow 2005	I1: Go Girls. high-intensity behavioural intervention	6 months (at 12 months)	Aged 12-16 years, girls, BMI > 90th percentile for age and gender	-	USA	Community - churches	African-American: 100	Household income > USD40,000
	C1: moderate-intensity behavioural intervention							

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Jiang 2005	I1: family-based intervention <hr/> C1: control	24 months (at 24 months)	Grade 7-9, obese	-	China	School	-	-
Carrel 2005	I1: lifestyle-focused gym classes <hr/> C1: standard gym classes	9 months (at 9 months)	BMI > 95th percentile for age	-	USA	School and outpatients	-	-
Ebbeling 2003	I1: low GL diet <hr/> C1: conventional diet	26 weeks (at 12 months)	Aged 13-21 years, BMI > 95th percentiles	-	USA	Research clinic	-	-
Saelens 2002	I1: Healthy Habits <hr/> C1: standard care	12 weeks (at 28 weeks)	Aged 12-16 years, 20-100% above the median (50th percentile) for BMI	-	USA	Clinic/home	-	-
Brownell 1983	I1: mother + child separate <hr/> I2: mother + child together <hr/> C1: child only	16 weeks (1 year later)	Aged 12-16, ≥ 20% mean weight for age, gender and height	-	USA	Healthcare (based on author location)	White: 100	Predominately lower-middle class families
	White: 100						Predominately lower-middle class families	
	White: 100						Predominately lower-middle class families	
Chandra 1968	I1: low-calorie formula Limical <hr/> C1: low-calorie diet	3 months (at 7 months - for this report but the author stated that the follow-up period extended to 2 years)	Moderately obese boys and girls, aged 9-17 years.	-	-	Outpatient	-	-

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NCT00807560	I1: family-based therapy for paediatric overweight	24 weeks (at 12 months)	Aged 13-17 years, BMI percentile > 85% for gender and age	-	USA	Outpatient eating and weight disorders clinic	-	-
	C1: nutritional-educational control condition			-			-	-

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ATC: additional therapeutic contact; BMI: body mass index; C: comparator; CAD: Canadian dollars; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; HELP: Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme; I: intervention; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score; USD: US dollars

Appendix 4. Baseline characteristics (II)

Trial ID	Intervention and comparator	Sex (female %)	Age (mean (SD))	BMI/BMI percentile/BMI z score (mean kg/m² (SD))	Body weight (mean kg (SD))	Parental weight/BMI	Comedications/counter-interventions	Comorbidities/conditions
Pat-sopoulou 2017	I1: activity	48.3	14.04 (0.8)	32.6 (3.50)	81.0 (8.9)	-	-	-
	I2: activity + diet	53.3	14.01 (0.8)	32.3 (3.0)	80.7 (7.8)	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	52.5	14.04 (0.8)	33.4 (4.0)	85.0 (8.0)	-	-	-
Jelalian 2016	I1: CBT + healthy lifestyle	70.8	15.25 (1.51)	36.8 (7.9)	101.43 (24.82)	-	-	-
	C1: CBT	77.8	14.44 (1.67)	37.6 (4.3)	100.08 (12.79)	-	-	-
Norman 2016	I1: stepped down care	27	Girls	BMI percentile:	-	-	-	-
			12 (0.9)	Girls 97.3 (2.5)				
Boys			Boys 98.1 (1.3)					
12 (0.8)								
C1: enhanced usual care	24	Girls	BMI percentile:	-	-	-	-	
		11.8 (1.0)	Girls 97.3 (2.4)					
		Boys	Boys 97.8 (1.8)					
		11.7 (0.9)						
Hofsteenge 2014	I1: group education	53.5	14.5 (1.7)	33.3 (4.6)	94.7 (18.4)	-	-	Impaired fasting glucose: 8.5% Impaired glucose intolerance: 5.6%
	C1: dietitian only	58.8	14.4 (1.8)	33.6 (5.1)	92.2 (18.5)	-	-	Impaired fasting glucose: 5.9%

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								Impaired glucose intolerance: 3.9%
Schranz 2014	I1: resistance training	0	14.9 (1.4)	32.2 (4.3)	97.7 (18.3)	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	0	15.1 (1.6)	32.6 (5.0)	99.1 (23.7)	-	-	-
Vi-suthranukul 2015	I1: low GI diet	36	11.9 (1.9)	34.2 (5.8)	83.8 (16.0)	-	-	-
	C1: conventional diet	29.7	12.0 (2.1)	33.1 (6.6)	84.5 (23.2)	-	-	-
Wong 2015	I1: standard weight loss diet + increase water intake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss diet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakpour 2015	I1: motivational interviewing	53.8	15.59 (1.31)	33.07 (8.87)	-	Mother BMI: 39.46 (9.81)	-	-
				BMI z score: 2.83 (0.79)		Father BMI: 36.22 (9.89)		
				BMI percentile: 95.19 (4.72)				
	I2: motivational interviewing + parental involvement	35.9	15.57 (1.38)	33.09 (5.86)	-	Mother BMI: 39.48 (8.87)	-	-
				BMI z score: 2.82 (0.62)		Father BMI: 36.32 (9.83)		
				BMI percentile: 94.63 (5.01)				
	C1: passive control	45.4	15.78 (1.19)	32.92 (7.79)	-	Mother BMI: 39.31 (8.64)	-	-
				BMI z score: 2.75 (0.67)		Father BMI: 36.02 (8.78)		
				BMI percentile: 95.56 (4.63)				
Bean 2014	I1: motivational interviewing values	75.9	13.6 (1.8)	BMI percentile: 98.9 (1.0)	-	-	-	-
				BMI z score: 2.4 (0.3)				
	C1: education control	70.7	14.1 (1.7)	BMI percentile: 98.9 (1.3)	-	-	-	-
				BMI z score: 2.4 (0.3)				



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Carraway 2014	I1: mentor-led exercise	54.5	13.64 (1.75)	BMI z score: 2.01 (0.44)	-	-	-	-
	C1: wait list control	61.5	13.69 (1.6)	BMI z score: 2.2 (0.42)	-	-	-	-
Sigal 2014	I1: diet + aerobic training	70.7	15.5 (1.4)	34.7 (4.3)	97.1 (1.8) ^a	-	Metformin: 2 (2.7) Oral contraceptives: 12 (16) Stimulants: 1 (1.3)	Normal glucose tolerance (%): 62 (82.7)
	I2: diet + resistance training	70.5	15.9 (1.5)	35.1 (4.4)	100.1 (1.7) ^a	-	Metformin 1 (1.3) Oral contraceptives: 13 (17) Stimulants: 1 (1.3)	Normal glucose tolerance (%): 66 (84.6)
	I3: diet + aerobic + resistance training	70.7	15.5 (1.3)	34.7 (4.3)	97.8 (1.8) ^a	-	Metformin 1 (1.3) Oral contraceptives: 5 (6.7) Stimulants: 3 (4)	Normal glucose tolerance (%): 67 (89.3)
	C1: diet only	68.4	15.6 (1.3)	34.2 (4.4)	97.9 (1.8) ^a	-	Metformin 1 (1.3) Oral contraceptives: 16 (21.1) Stimulants: 3 (4)	Normal glucose tolerance (%): 68 (89.5)



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Love-Osborne 2014	I1: motivational interviewing	58	15.7 (1.5)	31.9 (6.2) BMI z score: 1.92 (0.46)	-	-	-	Severe dyslipidaemia: 1
	C1: control	46	16.0 (1.5)	31.6 (6.5) BMI z score: 1.89 (0.52)	-	-	-	Type 2 diabetes: 2 Severe dyslipidaemia: 1
Kong 2014	I1: low GI diet	59.6	16.8 (1.0)	31.6 (4.2)	87.6 (13.0)	-	-	Impaired glucose tolerance: 11.5%
	C1: usual Chinese diet	53.8	16.7 (1.0)	30.2 (3.5)	82.9 (14.9)	-	-	Impaired glucose tolerance: 15.4%
Luna-Pech 2014	I1: normocaloric diet + physical activity	53.8	14 (0.7)	28.3 (0.9) BMI z score: 2.18 (0.3)	57.9 (8.0)	-	-	Asthma: 100%
	C1: no intervention	44	14 (0.3)	27.1 (0.9) BMI z score: 2.17 (0.2)	53.8 (7.1)	-	-	Asthma: 100%
Boodai 2014	I1: multicomponent group sessions	48.8	12.4 (1.2)	BMI z score 2.2 (0.3)	-	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	48.8	12.4 (1.2)	BMI z score 2.2 (0.3)	-	-	-	-
Gourlan 2013	I1: motivational Interviewing + standard weight loss	41	-	29.56 (4.75)	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss		-	29.59 (5.92)	-	-	-	-
Patrick 2013	I1: website intervention	61.5	14.1 (1.4)	BMI z score: 2.2 (0.4) BMI percentile: 98.1 (0.1)	-	-	-	-
	I2: website + group	69.2	14.3 (1.5)	BMI z score: 2.2 (0.4) BMI percentile: 97.8 (0.1)	-	-	-	-

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	I3: website + SMS	50.0	14.3 (1.8)	BMI z score: 2.2 (0.3) BMI percentile: 97.9 (0.1)	-	-	-	-
	C1: usual care	72.0	14.5 (1.5)	BMI z score: 2.2 (0.4). BMI percentile: 98.1 (0.1)	-	-	-	-
Kong 2013	I1: ACTION	61.0	15.0 (1.0)	BMI percentile 94.5 (4.1)	78.5 (12.5)	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	57.0	14.6 (0.7)	BMI percentile 94.4 (4.6)	78.1 (18.1)	-	-	-
Pbert 2013	I1: "Lookin' Good Feelin' Good"	64.3	15.9 (1.03)	32.78 (5.91) BMI z score 1.95 (0.44)	-	-	-	-
	C1: Control	75.0	15.7 (1.01)	31.24 (5.33) BMI z score: 1.81 (0.41)	-	-	-	-
Brennan 2013	I1: motivational interviewing	54.0	-	31.84 (4.52) BMI z score: 2.08 (0.37) BMI percentile: 97.40 (2.72)	88.91 (18.57)	-	-	-
	C1: wait list control	-	-	31.67 (4.76) BMI z score: 2.08 (0.40) BMI percentile: 97.29 (2.94)	87.65 (17.98)	-	-	-
Walpole 2013	I1: motivational Interviewing	70	14.1 (1.8)	30.2 (2.8) BMI z score: 2.51 (0.47)	-	Mother: 30.8 (7.6) Father: 26.8 (4.5)	-	-
	C1: social skills training	45	13.7 (1.7)	30.4 (5.0) BMI z score: 2.64 (0.73)	-	Mother: 29.1 (6.1) Father: 28.6 (5.1)	-	-
Toulabi 2012	I1: behavioural modification	-	-	30.43 (2.39)	81.67 (10.94)	-	-	-
	C1: control	-	-	30.33 (1.93)	84.43 (10.79)	-	-	-

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Debar 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	100	14.1 (1.5)	32.03 (4.79)	86.0 (15.2)	-	-	-
	BMI percentile: 97.09 (2.27)							
	C1: usual care	100	14.3 (1.5)	31.84 (4.63)	84.6 (15.6)	-	-	-
	BMI percentile: 97.10 (2.29)							
Ebbeling 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	47	15.3 (0.7)	30.4 (5.2)	85.2 (16.8)	-	-	-
	C1: control	42	15.2 (0.7)	30.1 (4.7)	86.1 (17)	-	-	-
Vos 2011	I1: family-based CBT + nutrition	55	13.3 (2.0)	32.4 (4.7)	85.7 (18.4)	-	-	-
	BMI-SDS 4.2 (0.7)							
	C1: wait list control	51.3	13.1 (1.9)	32.5 (3.9)	85.7 (17.98)	-	-	-
	BMI-SDS 4.3 (0.6)							
Christie 2011	I1: HELP weight management	62.6	-	32.3 (4.4)	-	-	-	-
	C1: enhanced standard care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wengle 2011	I1: mentored lifestyle intervention	-	14.4 (1.5)	31.8 (5.7)	-	-	-	-
	BMI z: 2.00 (0.41)							
	C1: unmentored lifestyle intervention	-	14.5 (1.4)	32.8 (4.5)	-	-	-	-
	BMI z score: 2.16 (0.35)							
Ford 2010	I1: Mandometer	56	12.7 (2.2)	34.4	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	56	12.5 (2.3)	33.1	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	I1: Loozit + ATC	53.8	14.2 (1)	30.8 (3.5)	82.4 (12.4)	-	-	-
	BMI z score: 2.02 (0.29)							
	C1: Loozit	49.3	14 (0.9)	30.8 (4.2)	82.4 (12.4)	-	-	-
	BMI z score: 2.03 (0.37)							
Grey 2009	I1: coping skills	62.5	12.8 (0.7)	30.5 (7.2)	-	-	-	-
	C1: general education	41.6	12.6 (0.7)	30.3 (6.0)	-	-	-	-

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Vissers 2008	I1: school-based intervention	67.6	17.5 (1.3)	Girls: 29.3 (2.9) Boys: 28.9 (2.0)	Girls: 79.9 (10.7) Boys: 89.8 (9.6)	-	-	-
	C1: control	69.2	17.5 (1.3)	Girls: 29.3 (4.1) Boys: 28.7 (3.6)	Girls 81.1 (13.8) Boys 92.3 (19.1)	-	-	-
NCT00132132	I1: behavioural education	46.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	73.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pitetti 2007	I1: treadmill	40	16.6 (1.9)	33.2 (7.8)	98 (18.3)	-	Autism-related medications reported	Autism: 100%
	C1: control	40	17.4 (1.1)	30.9 (8.5)	93 (32.)	-	Autism-related medications reported	Autism: 100%
Savoie 2007	I1: Bright Bodies weight management	55.2	11.9 (2.5)	35.8 (7.6)	87 (25.1)	-	-	-
	C1: control	68.1	12.4 (2.3)	36.2 (6.2)	91.2 (23.3)	-	-	-
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	I1: multicomponent intervention	58	13.2 (1.8)	BMI-SDS 2.3 (0.4)	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	55	13.5 (1.7)	BMI-SDS 2.3 (0.5)	-	-	-	-
Daley 2005	I1: exercise counselling	55.6	-	BMI-SDS 3.17 (0.33)	-	-	-	-
	C1: exercise placebo		-	BMI-SDS 3.22 (0.61)	-	-	-	-
	C2: control		-	BMI-SDS 3.32 (0.37)	-	-	-	-

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Resnicow 2005	I1: GoGirls high-intensity behavioural intervention	100	-	32 (5.8)	87.9 (17.73)	-	-	-
	C1: moderate-intensity behavioural intervention	100	-	33.2 (7.3)	84.1 (20.84)	-	-	-
Jiang 2005	I1: family-based intervention	39.4	13.3 (0.6)	26.6 (1.7)	70.1 (5.7)	-	-	-
	C1: control	40.0	13.2 (0.7)	26.1 (1.5)	71.2 (6.4)	-	-	-
Carrel 2005	I1: lifestyle-focused gym classes	52	12.5 (0.5)	32 (6)	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard gym classes	43	12.5 (0.7)	30 (4)	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2003	I1: low GL diet	68.8	16.9 (1.3)	34.9 (1.0)	103.5 (6.0)	-	-	-
	C1: conventional diet		15.3 (0.9)	34.9 (1.0)	104.7 (4.8)	-	-	-
Saelens 2002	I1: Healthy Habits	-	-	31.0 (3.5)	85.5 (13.9)	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	-	-	30.7 (3.1)	80.5 (13.5)	-	-	-
Brownell 1983	I1: mother + child separate	78.6	-	45.5, (7.1)	83.6 (16.8)	43.4% 'overweight'	-	-
	I2: mother + child together		-	42.4 (12.0)	80.5 (28.3)		-	-
	C1: child only		-	42.0 (6.5)	81.1 (18.7)		-	-
Chandra 1968	I1: low-calorie formula Limalcal	70	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: low-calorie diet		-	-	-	-	-	-
NCT00807560	I1: family-based therapy for paediatric overweight	65	15.0 (1.52)	35.3 (5.5)	96.6 (14.4)	-	-	-
	C1: nutritional-educational control condition	69	15.2 (1.6)	36.6 (6.6)	103.3 (28.9)	-	-	-

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ATC: additional therapeutic contact; BMI: body mass index; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; C: comparator; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; HELP: Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme; I: intervention; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score; SMS: short message service.

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Appendix 5. Matrix of study endpoints (publications and trial documents)

Trial ID	Endpoints quoted in trial document (ClinicalTrials.gov, FDA/EMA document, manufacturer's website, published design paper) ^a	Study results posted in trial register	Endpoints quoted in publication(s) ^{b,c}	Endpoints quoted in abstract of publication(s) ^{b,c}
Patsopoulou 2017	<p>Source: NCT02653508</p> <p>Primary outcome measures: BMI; weight; height; heart rate; blood pressure; waist circumference; 50-m sprint run test; family eating and activity habits</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measures: BMI; weight; height; heart rate; blood pressure; waist circumference; 50-m sprint run test; family eating and activity habits</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measure: -</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Last verified: January 2016</p> <p>History of changes: 0 documented changes</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measures: anthropometric measurements (BMI, weight, height, waist circumference) fitness assessment (50-m sprint run test), Family Eating and Activity Habits Questionnaire, blood pressure</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measure: anthropometric measurements (BMI, weight, height, waist circumference), Fitness assessment (50-m sprint run test), Family Eating and Activity Habits Questionnaire, blood pressure</p>
Jelalian 2016	<p>Source: NCT01128764</p> <p>Primary outcome measure: depressed mood</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measure: weight</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measure: -</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Last verified: July 2014</p> <p>History of changes: 3 documented changes</p>	<p>Primary outcome measures: depressed mood and BMI</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measures: % time spent in MVPA and sedentary behaviour</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measure: treatment feasibility/acceptability</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Secondary outcome measure: -</p> <hr/> <p>Other outcome measure: depressed mood, BMI, MVPA, acceptability of intervention</p>
Norman 2016	<p>Source: N/T</p>		<p>Other outcome measures: BMI, waist circumference, body fat, fasting blood lipids, blood pressure</p>	<p>Other outcome measures: BMI, adiposity and biometric measures</p>
Hofsteenge 2014	<p>Source: NTR691, ISRCTN27626398</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: BMI-SDS</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p>

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	Primary outcome measures: BMI, body composition, glucose-intolerance, insulin resistance	Last verified: August 2015		
	Secondary outcome measures: dietary behaviour, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, quality of life, self-esteem, cost-effectiveness		Secondary outcome measures: glucose tolerance, dietary behaviour, physical activity, sedentary behaviour and self-esteem	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI-SDS, body composition, metabolic components, effect modifiers, blood pressure, HDL cholesterol, PedsQL, Body Esteem Scale
Schranz 2014	Source: AC-TRN12609001078246 Primary outcome measure: self-concept (self-esteem)	No Last verified: August 2015	Primary outcome measures: exercise self-efficacy, physical self-worth and self-esteem	Primary outcome measure: -
	Secondary outcome measures: body composition, strength		Secondary outcome measures: body composition, strength	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: exercise self-efficacy, resistance training confidence, self-esteem, body composition
Visuthranukul 2015	Source: NCT02049788 Primary outcome measures: change in body composition measured by BIA and DXA	No Last verified: January 2014	Primary outcome measure: body composition changes (refers to fat mass and fat-free mass)	Primary outcome measure: -
	Secondary outcome measure: change in metabolic syndrome risks		Secondary outcome measures: metabolic syndrome risk changes which were blood pressure, fasting plasma glucose, plasma insulin and serum lipid profiles	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI z score, fat and fat-free mass, fasting plasma insulin, HOMA-IR
Wong 2015	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: -

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			Secondary outcome measure: -	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: water intake, urine specific gravity, BMI z score, cardiometabolic risk factors
Pakpour 2015	Source: NCT02180802 Primary outcome measures: BMI, dietary self-efficacy, weight self-efficacy, physical exercise self-efficacy, physical activity Secondary outcome measures: cholesterol, triglycerides, % body fat Other outcome measure: -	No Last verified: August 2014 History of changes: 1 documented changes	Primary outcome measures: changes in BMI, the Child Dietary Self-Efficacy Scale (CDSS), the Weight Efficacy Lifestyle questionnaire (WEL), the Physical Exercise Self-Efficacy Scale (PES) and self-reported physical activity and diet Secondary outcome measures: changes in anthropometric measures, cholesterol, triglycerides and body fat Other outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measures: BMI z score, anthropometric, biochemical, psychometric and behavioural outcome variables Secondary outcome measure: - Other outcome measure: -
Bean 2014	Source: published protocol and trial record: NCT00167830 Primary outcome measure - source protocol: BMI percentile Primary outcome measures - source trial record: BMI, metabolic indicators, fitness measures Secondary outcome measures - source protocol: dietary intake, physical activity, attrition, and compliance Secondary outcome measures - source trial record: participant's compliance with exercise and diet, parental compliance and support, knowledge of nutritional principles, attitude toward healthy behaviours, self-esteem, motivation, negativity and family cohesiveness	No Last verified: January 2014 History of changes: 8 documented changes	Primary outcome measures: BMI percentile in methods publication, retention and adherence in results publication Secondary outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -

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	Other outcome measure - source protocol: - Other outcome measure - source trial record: -	Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: adherence (overall, dietitian visits, behavioural support visits)	
Carraway 2014	Source: N/T	Primary outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: perceived athletic competence, physical activity, social anxiety, social support	
		Secondary outcome measure: -	-	
		Other outcome measures: height, weight, body composition, BMI, % overweight, VO _{2max} , physical appearance, Children and Youth Physical Self-Perception Profile, accelerometry, perceived social support, social anxiety	-	
Sigal 2014	Source: NCT00195858 Primary outcome measure: change in % body fat (MRI scan) Secondary outcome measures: resting energy expenditure (indirect calorimetry); lean body mass; abdominal visceral and subcutaneous fat; waist and hip circumference; apolipoprotein A1; plasma insulin; HOMA-IR; apoprotein B; CRP; HDL cholesterol; LDL cholesterol; triglycerides; total:HDL cholesterol ratio; fasting and 2-hour postload glucose; HbA1c; blood pressure; health-related quality of life	No Last verified: April 2015 History of changes: 8 documented changes	Primary outcome measure: % body fat by MRI Secondary outcome measures: body weight, BMI, waist circumference, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, energy intake, steps per day, muscle strength, glucose levels, lipid levels, hip circumference, resting energy expenditure, cardiorespiratory fitness, musculoskeletal fitness, insulin, HbA1c, apolipoproteins, high-sensitivity CRP, non-esterified fatty acids, quality of life, body image, mood, self-esteem, adverse events	Primary outcome measure: % body fat Secondary outcome measure: waist circumference
Love-Osborne 2014	Source: N/T	Primary outcome measure: BMI z score (basis of sample size calculation)	Primary outcome measure: -	
		Secondary outcome measure: fitness testing	Secondary outcome measure: -	
		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI z score, sports participation	

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Kong 2014	Source: NCT01278563	No	Primary outcome measure: BMI	Primary outcome measure: -
	Primary outcome measure: BMI	Last verified: January 2011		
	Secondary outcome measures: waist circumference, % body fat	History of changes: 0 documented changes	Secondary outcome measure: obesity indices	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -		Other: cardiometabolic risk factors	Other outcome measures: BMI, body weight and waist circumference
Luna-Pech 2014	Source: N/T			
			Other outcome measures: asthma-related quality of life, BMI z score, weight, macronutrient intake, acute asthma attacks, night-time awakenings, use of inhaled corticosteroids, pulmonary function	Other outcome measures: asthma-related quality of life, BMI z score, acute asthma attacks, night-time awakenings, use of inhaled corticosteroids, pulmonary function
Boodai 2014	Source: ISRCTN37457227	No	Primary outcome measure: change in BMI z score	Primary outcome measure: BMI z score
	Primary outcome measure: change in BMI z score	Last verified: August 2015		
	Secondary outcome measures: change in quality of life, change in blood pressure and blood-based cardiometabolic risk factors (fasting lipids, triglycerides, insulin, glucose), changes in estimated fat and fat-free mass (using BIA)		Secondary outcome measures: blood pressure, waist circumference	Secondary outcome measure: -
Gourlan 2013	Source: N/T			
			Other outcome measures: motivation for physical activity, perceived competence, perceived autonomy support, physical activity, BMI	Other outcome measures: BMI, autonomy support, integrated and identified regulations, amotivation
Patrick 2013	Source: NCT00412165	No	Primary outcome measure: BMI z score	Primary outcome measure: BMI
	Primary outcome measure: BMI	Last verified: August 2012		
	Secondary outcome measures: metabolic and physiological manifestations of insulin resistance, BMI, waist-to-hip ratio, % body fat, behavioural measures of diet and physical activity	History of changes: 5 documented changes	Secondary outcome measures: % body fat, health-related quality of life, behaviour change physical activity, diet	Secondary outcome measures: adiposity, physical activity, diet, sedentary behaviour

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	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measure: -
Kong 2013	Source: NCT00841334 Primary outcome measure: BMI percentile Secondary outcome measures: insulin resistance, lipids, dietary intake, blood pressure, physical activity Other outcome measure: -	No Last verified: January 2013 History of changes: 2 documented changes	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: - Other outcome measures: height, weight, BMI percentile, waist circumference, blood pressure, dietary intake, physical activity, television viewing, participant satisfaction, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, fasting plasma glucose, fasting insulin, insulin resistance	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: - Other outcome measures: BMI percentile and waist circumference, blood pressure, HOMA-IR, triglycerides and HDL cholesterol
Pbert 2013	Source: N/T		Other outcome measures: height, weight, BMI, BMI z score, blood pressure, waist circumference, dietary intake, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, acceptability	Other outcome measures: ate breakfast, intake of total sugar and added sugar, drink soda ≤ once per day, eat at fast food restaurants ≤ once per week, BMI, activity, caloric intake
Brennan 2013	Source: AC-TRN12610000111077 Primary outcome measures: body composition, BMI, cardiovascular fitness Secondary outcome measures: energy intake and diet quality, energy expenditure and physical activity, self-reported eating habits, self-reported daily physical activity and sedentary behaviour, resting metabolic rate, cardiovascular fitness, eating and weight-related psychopathology, psychopathology, self-esteem, social support, family interaction, parenting approach, social skills, negative cognitions, knowledge of factors related to overweight and obesity, in-	No Last verified: February 2010 History of changes: no documented changes	Primary outcome measure: body composition Secondary outcome measures: height, weight, BMI, BMI z score, waist and hip circumference, cardiovascular fitness, resting metabolic rate, pubertal status, eating and physical activity behaviours, energy intake and nutritional intake, energy expenditure and physical activity, psychosocial assessments (psychosocial functioning, psychopathology, family functioning, motivation for change), satisfaction	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -

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volvement of family and friends in adolescents' adoption of health behaviour, hip and waist circumference

Other outcome measure: -

Other outcome measure: -

Other outcome measures: weight control behaviour, impulse regulation, social support from family and parent-adolescent problem communication, treatment acceptability, body composition (body fat, % body fat, lean mass) and anthropometric measures (weight, BMI, BMI-for-age z score and percentiles), cardiovascular fitness

<p>Walpole 2013</p>	<p>Source: NCT01246349</p> <p>Primary outcome measures: weight Efficacy Life-style Questionnaire, Child Dietary Self-Efficacy Scale</p>	<p>Yes (study results), first received: 17 January 2014</p> <p>Last verified: March 2014</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: self-efficacy</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p>
	<p>Secondary outcome measures: BMI, waist circumference, psychological well-being, self-esteem, quality of life, depression, coping</p>	<p>History of changes: 26 documented changes</p>	<p>Secondary outcome measures: BMI z score, waist circumference</p>	<p>Secondary outcome measure: -</p>
	<p>Other outcome measure: -</p>		<p>Other outcome measure: -</p>	<p>Other outcome measure: self-efficacy, BMI z scores, number of sessions attended</p>
<p>Toulabi 2012</p>	<p>Source: N/T</p>		<p>Other outcome measures: BMI, body weight, height, waist circumference, hip circumference, and waist-to-hip ratio, depression scores, students' and parents' nutrition knowledge</p>	<p>Other outcome measures: weight, BMI, and waist and hip circumferences, students' and parents' nutrition knowledge, symptoms of depression</p>
<p>Debar 2012</p>	<p>Source: NCT01068236</p> <p>Primary outcome measure: BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcome measures: blood pressure, fasting lipid profile, fasting glucose</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Last verified: March 2010</p> <p>History of changes: 1 documented change</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: BMI z score</p> <p>Secondary outcome measures: dietary intake, physical activity, health behaviours, eating and mood disorder symptoms, body satisfaction, internalisation of sociocultural attitudes toward ap-</p>	<p>Primary outcome measure: -</p> <p>Secondary outcome measure: -</p>

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			pearance, self-esteem, quality of life	
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measure: BMI z score
Ebbeling 2012	Source: NCT00381160 Primary outcome measure: BMI Secondary outcome measure: -	No Last verified: August 2012 History of changes: 12 documented changes	Primary outcome measure: BMI Secondary outcome measures: body fat as % total body weight, dietary intake, physical activity	Primary outcome measure: BMI Secondary outcome measures: consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, weight, change in body fat as a % body weight
Vos 2011	Source: ISRCTN36146436 Primary outcome measure: BMI Secondary outcome measures: waist circumference, insulin sensitivity, secretion of gastrointestinal hormones, cardiovascular fitness, quality of life Other outcome measure: -	No Last verified: September 2011	Primary outcome measure: BMI-SDS Secondary outcome measures: weight, waist circumference, waist-to-height ratio, blood pressure, glucose, insulin, C-peptide, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, free fatty acids, free T4, TSH, inflammation parameters (CRP, adiponectin), mixed meal tolerance, insulin resistance, insulin sensitivity, physical fitness, health-related quality of life Other outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: - Other outcome measures: BMI-SDS, health-related quality of life, waist circumference SDS, physical fitness, insulin resistance, lipid profile, high-sensitive CRP or for adiponectin
Christie 2011	Source: ISRCTN99840111 Primary outcome measure: BMI Secondary outcome measures: quality of life, waist circumference, cardiovascular risk factors, psychological function, lifestyle; cardiometabolic risk factors; health economic data	No Last verified: August 2015	Primary outcome measure: BMI at 6 months (end of intervention) Secondary outcome measures: HRQoL, BMI at 12 months, waist circumference, fat mass/fat percentage, Eating Attitudes Test, self-esteem, psychological health, lifestyle, fasting insulin and glucose, fasting lipids (total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, total cholesterol:HDL cholesterol ratio, periph-	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -

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			eral blood pressure, cost-effectiveness	
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI, BMI z score, fat mass, self-esteem, eating behaviours, quality of life, process evaluation, association of pulse wave velocity (proxy for arterial stiffness) and breathlessness score poststep test, self-reported exertion
Wengle 2011	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measures: BMI and BMI z score	Primary outcome measure: -
			Secondary outcome measures: changes in metabolic profile, nutrition, physical activity	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI z score, waist circumference, HDL cholesterol, LDL:HDL ratio, consumption high-calorie foods and snacks, fast food restaurant visits, screen time, feasibility of intervention
Ford 2010	Source: NCT00407420	No	Primary outcome measure: change in BMI-SDS	Primary outcome measure: BMI-SDS
	Primary outcome measure: change in BMI-SDS	Last verified: December 2006		
	Secondary outcome measures: biochemical parameters including insulin sensitivity using glucose and insulin measures, physical activity measured by CSA, state of well-being, rate of eating and grams of food consumed in mandometer arm, fat-free mass (bioimpedance)	History of changes: 0 documented changes	Secondary outcome measures: % body fat/body fat SDS, grams of food consumed, speed of eating, development of satiety (Mandometer and subgroup of control arm only), fasting glucose and insulin concentrations, lipid profile, high-sensitivity CRP, insulin resistance, paediatric quality of life, blood pressure	Secondary outcome measures: body fat SDS, change in portion size, HDL cholesterol
Nguyen 2012	Source: AC-TRN12606000175572	No	Primary outcome measures: BMI z score and waist-to-height ratio (protocol paper states primary outcomes are BMI z score and waist circumference z score)	Primary outcome measure: -
	Primary outcome measures: BMI z score, waist circumference z score	Last verified: May 2006		
	Secondary outcome measures: fasting insulin, glucose total cho-		Secondary outcome measures: parallel changes in metabolic and self-reported psychosocial and be-	Secondary outcome measure: -

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	lesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, blood pressure, physical activity, food intake and eating patterns; psychosocial assessment		havioural variables, physical activity, adverse events	
	Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI z score, waist-to-height ratio, total cholesterol level, triglycerides level, global self-worth, dietary, physical activity, sedentary behaviour
Grey 2009	Source: N/T		Other outcome measures: weight, % body fat, height, BMI, waist circumference, insulin, insulin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance, lipids, child depressive symptoms, health behaviours and attitudes, physical activity	Other outcome measures: anthropometric measures, lipids, depressive symptoms, BMI
Vissers 2008	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measure: weight	Primary outcome measure: -
			Secondary outcome measures: BMI, body fat, skinfold thickness, hip and waist circumference, waist-to-hip ratio, fasting glucose, cholesterol and triglycerides	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: weight, BMI, waist circumference, fasting glucose
NCT00132132	Source: NCT00132132 Primary outcome measures: change in BMI, % participants with BMI reduction	Yes (study results) Last verified: May 2015 History of changes: 9 documented changes	Primary outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: -
Pitetti 2007	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measures: body weight, BMI	Primary outcome measure: -
			Secondary outcome measures: energy expenditure, exercise capacity (treadmill walking frequency, speed, elevation)	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI, treadmill walking

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Savoye 2007	Source: NCT00409422 Primary outcome measures: weight, BMI, percentage body fat, lipids, blood pressure, glucose, insulin, insulin resistance	No Last verified: June 2008 History of changes: 2 documented changes	Primary outcome measure: change in BMI Secondary outcome measures: weight, % body fat, total body fat, blood pressure, plasma glucose, insulin, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin resistance	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -
	Secondary outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -			Other outcome measures: BMI z score, BMI, % body fat, total body fat mass, total cholesterol, density lipoprotein cholesterol, insulin resistance
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measures: BMI-SDS, physical activity, eating behaviour, quality of life	Other outcome measures: anthropometric measures, questionnaires on eating behaviour, physical activity, quality of life, self-efficacy, subjective rating of the intervention
Daley 2005	Source: ISRCTN83888112 Primary outcome measures: physical self-perceptions, depression, fitness, BMI	No Last verified: September 2009 History of changes: no documented changes	Primary outcome measure: physical self-perceptions Secondary outcome measures: depression, self-perceptions, affect, aerobic fitness, physical activity, height, weight, BMI	Primary outcome measure: - Secondary outcome measure: -
	Secondary outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Secondary outcome measure: -
	Other outcome measure: -			Other outcome measures: children's Depression Inventory score, physical self-worth, self-esteem, physical activity over time, BMI
Resnicow 2005	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measure: BMI	Primary outcome measure: -

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			Secondary outcome measures: % body fat; waist and hip circumferences; blood pressure; serum measures of lipids, insulin, glucose; cardiovascular fitness	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI, % body
Jiang 2005	Source: N/T -		Other outcome measures: weight, height, BMI, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure	Other outcome measures: BMI, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure
Carrel 2005	Source: N/T		Other outcome measures: BMI, % body fat, cardiovascular fitness, insulin sensitivity	Other outcome measures: BMI, % body fat, VO _{2max} , insulin level
Ebbeling 2003	Source: N/T		Other outcome measures: dietary outcomes including glycaemic load, BMI, body mass, fat mass, weight, insulin resistance	Other outcome measures: glycaemic load, BMI, fat mass, insulin resistance
Saelens 2002	Source: N/T		Primary outcome measure: BMI z score	Primary outcome measure(s): -
			Secondary outcome measures: weight, height, dietary intake, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, problematic eating and weight-related behaviours and beliefs, physician counseling, behavioural skills use, participant satisfaction	Secondary outcome measure: -
			Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measures: BMI z scores, behavioural skills use, energy intake, % calories from fat, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, problematic weight-related or eating behaviours/beliefs, feasibility, participant satisfaction
Brownell 1983	Source: N/T		Other outcome measures: weight, % above mean weight, BMI, Developmental Index	Other outcome measures: weight loss, blood pressure
Chandra 1968	Source: N/T		Other outcome measure: weight (% expected)	Other outcome measure: -
NCT00807560	Source: NCT00807560 Primary outcome measure: BMI z score	Yes (study results) Last verified: December 2015	Primary outcome measure: -	Primary outcome measure: -

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Secondary outcome measures: % completion, waist measurement, hip measurement, height, weight, BMI, BMI percentile	History of changes: 9 documented changes	Secondary outcome measure: -	Secondary outcome measure: -
Other outcome measure: -		Other outcome measure: -	Other outcome measure: -

"-" denotes not reported.

^aTrial document(s) refers to all available information from published design papers and sources other than regular publications (e.g. FDA/EMA documents, manufacturer's websites, trial registers)

^bPublication(s) refers to trial information published in scientific journals (primary reference, duplicate publications, companion documents or multiple reports of a primary study)

 BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis; BMI: body mass index; CRP: C-reactive protein; CSA: computer science applications; DXA: dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry; EMA: European Medicines Agency; FDA: Food and Drug Administration; HbA1c: glycosylated haemoglobin A1c; HDL: high-density lipoprotein; HOMA-IR: homeostatic model assessment, insulin resistance; HRQoL: health-related quality of life; LDL: low-density lipoprotein; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; N/T: no trial document available; PedsQL: Pediatric Quality of Life; SDS: standard deviation score; TSH: thyroid stimulating hormone; VO_{2max}: maximum volume of oxygen.

Appendix 6. Examination of outcome reporting bias according to ORBIT classification

Trial ID	Outcome	High risk of bias (category A) ^a	High risk of bias (category D) ^b	High risk of bias (category E) ^c	High risk of bias (category G) ^d
Patsopoulou 2017	N/A	-	-	-	-
Jelalian 2016	N/A	-	-	-	-
Norman 2016	N/A	-	-	-	-
Hofsteenge 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Schranz 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Visuthranukul 2015	N/A	-	-	-	-
Wong 2015	N/A	-	-	-	-
Pakpour 2015	N/A	-	-	-	-
Bean 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Carraway 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Sigal 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Love-Osborne 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-

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Kong 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Luna-Pech 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Boodai 2014	N/A	-	-	-	-
Gourlan 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Patrick 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Kong 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Pbert 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Brennan 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Walpole 2013	N/A	-	-	-	-
Toulabi 2012	N/A	-	-	-	-
Debar 2012	N/A	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2012	N/A	-	-	-	-
Vos 2011	N/A	-	-	-	-
Christie 2011	N/A	-	-	-	-
Wengle 2011	N/A	-	-	-	-
Ford 2010	N/A	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	N/A	-	-	-	-
Grey 2009	N/A	-	-	-	-
Vissers 2008	N/A	-	-	-	-
NCT00132132	N/A	-	-	-	-
Pitetti 2007	N/A	-	-	-	-
Savoye 2007	N/A	-	-	-	-
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	N/A	-	-	-	-
Daley 2005	N/A	-	-	-	-
Resnicow 2005	N/A	-	-	-	-
Jiang 2005	N/A	-	-	-	-
Carrel 2005	N/A	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2003	N/A	-	-	-	-

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Saelens 2002	N/A	-	-	-	-
Brownell 1983	N/A	-	-	-	-
Chandra 1968	N/A	-	-	-	-
NCT00807560	N/A	-	-	-	-

^aClear that outcome was measured and analysed; trial report states that outcome was analysed but reports only that result was not significant

(Classification 'A', table 2, [Kirkham 2010](#))

^bClear that outcome was measured and analysed; trial report states that outcome was analysed but report no results

(Classification 'D', table 2, [Kirkham 2010](#))

^cClear that outcome was measured but was not necessarily analysed; judgement says likely to have been analysed but not reported because of non-significant results

(Classification 'E', table 2, [Kirkham 2010](#))

^dUnclear whether outcome was measured; not mentioned, but clinical judgement says likely to have been measured and analysed but not reported on the basis of non-significant results

(Classification 'G', table 2, [Kirkham 2010](#))

N/A: not applicable; ORBIT: Outcome Reporting Bias In Trials

Appendix 7. Definition of endpoint measurement

Trial ID	Behaviour change	Changes in BMI and body weight	Height	Health-related quality of life or self-esteem	All-cause mortality/morbidity	Socioeconomic effects	Parent-child relationship or assessment of parenting	Participants' views of the intervention	Severe/serious adverse events
Pat-sopoulou 2017	-	Weight measured using Tanita HD646 scales (reference provided) to 0.1 kg. Participants removed shoes and jackets. BMI determined according to: BMI = weight/height ²	Height measured to 0.1 cm using stretch stature method and PE87 portable stadiometers (reference provided). Participants removed shoes and jackets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jelalian 2016	Physical activity assessed using Sense Wear Mini monitor	Weight measured on digital scale with participants wearing light clothing and no shoes. BMI was calculated as kg/m ²	Measured on wall mounted stadiometer	-	-	-	-	Session Evaluation Form given to adolescents at end of each therapy session with questions about usefulness of session rated on a 4-point Likert scale (1 = strongly	-

agree to 4
= strongly
disagree

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Norman 2016	-	<p>Weight measured using calibrated digital scale while participant was wearing light clothing. BMI calculated as kg/m².</p> <p>BMI z scores calculated using CDC Vital and Health Statistics.</p> <p>BMI percentile calculated using age- and gender-specific median, SD and power of the Box-Cox transformation (reference provided).</p> <p>% over median BMI calculated as adolescent's percentage over median BMI for age and gender (formulae provided).</p> <p>% body fat determined from DXA (model details provided).</p> <p>Waist circumference based on the mean of 2 measurements following standardised procedures</p>	<p>Height (without shoes) measured using stadiometer</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hofsteenge 2014	Dutch Eating Behaviour Questionnaire	<p>Body weight measured within 0.1 kg with calibrated electronic flat scale. For calculation of BMI-SDS or z scores, using Dutch reference database.</p> <p>Waist circumference measured and recorded with flexible band to an accuracy of 0.1 cm.</p> <p>Body composition assessed with DXA</p>	<p>Height measured with an accuracy of 0.1 cm with an electronic stadiometer</p>	<p>PedsQL</p> <p>CHQ</p> <p>BES - validated questionnaire on general feelings about appearance, weight satisfac-</p>	-	-	-	-	-

tion and evaluations of attributions to others about one's body and appearance.

Mean scores range from 0 (worst possible score) to 4 (best possible score), with higher scores representing a better body esteem

Schranz 2014	-		<p>Body mass using digital scales (model details provided). Skinfolds measured (biceps, triceps, subscapular, iliac crest, suprascapular, abdominal, front thigh, medial calf) to calculate a sum of skinfolds measure, using Harpenden callipers. Stature, mass and skinfold measurements taken using ISAK protocols. Body composition (% body fat, lean mass and bone mineral density) assessed using whole body DXA scanning (details provided)</p>	<p>Height measured with stadiometer (model details provided)</p>	<p>Physical Self-Worth Scale - 4-choice structured alternative format.</p> <p>Self-Perception Profile for Adolescents - 4-choice structured alternative format.</p> <p>For all measures,</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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				a higher score (or positive effect size change) indicated higher self-efficacy/confidence or beliefs/self-perception							
Vi-suthranukul 2015	<p>Dietary: 3-day dietary records, not extracted as per review protocol.</p> <p>Physical activity questionnaire: unclear if validated</p>	<p>Weight measured without shoes and with light clothing using a stadiometer to nearest 0.1 kg.</p> <p>BMI z score calculated based on (WHO 2009) growth reference using WHO AnthroPlus programme.</p> <p>Waist circumference measured at umbilicus level after normal exhalation with participants in standing position.</p> <p>Hip circumference measured at maximum circumference of hips.</p> <p>Mid-upper arm circumference measured the circumference at middle point between olecranon process of ulna and acromion process of scapula</p>	<p>Measured without shoes using a stadiometer to nearest 0.1 cm</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakpour 2015	<p>Youth Adolescent Food Frequency Questionnaire: valid and reliable against the 24-hour dietary recall adolescent populations. The Per-</p>	<p>Weight for adolescents and parents measured to nearest 0.1 kg on calibrated digital scales.</p>	<p>Height for adolescents and parents measured to nearest 0.1 cm af-</p>	PedsQL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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sian version of the questionnaire was found to be valid and reliable for use in Iranian adolescents.

Objective Physical Activity using a GT3 X monitor.

Child Dietary Self-Efficacy Scale 15-item tool assessing dietary self-efficacy gathered on a 3-point Likert scale (from "not sure" to "very sure"). Responses ranged from -15 to 15, with higher scores indicating higher dietary self-efficacy.

Weight Efficacy Lifestyle Questionnaire, a 20-item tool assessing adolescents' confidence in their ability to lose weight. Items scored on a 10-point Likert scale (from 0 = not confident to 9 = very confident), and items scores were averaged.

Physical Exercise Self-Efficacy Scale, adolescents' confidence in their ability to perform physical activity a 5-item tool with responses scored on a 4-point Likert scale (0 = uncertain to 9 = very certain)

BMI calculated in kg/m². BMI z score or SDS recommended by WHO.

BMI percentile calculated according to the CDC's age- and gender-specific reference norms.

Waist circumference measured midway between lowest rib and superior border of iliac crest with inelastic measuring tape at end of normal expiration to nearest 0.1 cm.

% body fat measured by DXA, a valid measure that provided a more accurate assessment of body composition than body weight alone. BIA conducted

ter removing shoes. Height measured using a stadiometer (model details provided)

Bean 2014

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Weight measured in light clothing without shoes to

Height measured to

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		nearest 0.1 kg using an electric scale. (reference provided).	nearest 0.1 cm using a stadiometer (reference provided)						
		BMI z scores and age- and gender-specific BMI percentiles determined using Epi Info software.							
Carraway 2014	Physical activity levels assessed by accelerometer (model details provided). Children and Youth Physical Self-Perception Profile, self-administered, 40-item measure assessing self-perception in 6 domains (validated)	BMI calculated using measured height and weight. Weight measured to nearest 0.1 lb using a Digital Cardinal Scale (reference provided). % overweight calculated by comparing actual BMI to BMI at the 50th percentile for participant's age and gender. Body composition assessed by DXA	Height measured to nearest 0.1 inches using a stadiometer (details provided)	-	-	-		Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support a 12-item measure that assessed perceptions of social support in several domains, including family (validated)	
Sigal 2014	Pedometers (model details provided) to assess physical activity, asked to maintain step-count logs for 7 days at baseline and 6 months	Body composition assessed by MRI with a 1.5-T system (details of system provided). Weight in kg measured using a Health O Meter manual scale (details provided). Waist circumference measured at middle distance between last floating rib and iliac crest using a retractable ergonomic measuring tape (details provided).	Height in cm measured using a Health O Meter manual scale (details provided)	Ped-sQL-Adolescent version) Harter Physical Self-Perceptions Profile for Children adapted physical self-perception profile	-	-	-		Recorded all directly observed adverse events and those spontaneously reported by participants. Participants also questioned about adverse

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events at each study visit. Serious adverse events and hospitalisations, not defined further

questionnaire, 36-item self-reporting scale developed to determine domain-specific judgments of competence, and a global perception of their worth or esteem as a person. It contains 6 separate subscales consisting of 5 specific domains: sport competence (athletic ability, ability to learn sports); perception of physical condition and fitness; perception of an attractive body (confidence in personal

Hip circumference measured at widest point, over buttocks

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				appearance); perception of physical strength; and physical self-worth, as well as a general domain of global self-worth						
Love-Osborne 2014	-	Weight measured without shoes with same calibrated scale. BMI recorded as various categories of BMI and subgroups	Height measured without shoes with same stadiometer		-	-	-	-	-	-
Lu-na-Pech 2014	-	Digital scale (model details provided), BMI z score	Stadiometer	Standardized Pediatric Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire Spanish Version	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kong 2014	Physical activity levels: self-administered, validated, Chinese version of International Physical Activity Questionnaires	BMI ≥ 95th percentile of local age- and gender-specific references. % body fat by bioimpedence (Tanita physician digital scale)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Boodai 2014	-	Weight measured to 0.1 kg in light indoor clothing, not wearing shoes. BMI z scores calculated based on (CDC 2000) reference data.	Height measured to 0.1 cm with a portable stadiometer (model details		-	-	-	-	-	-

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		Waist circumference: details not reported	provided), not wearing shoes							
Gourlan 2013	<p>Perceived competence assessed by 14-item questionnaire - a scale based on recommendations by Bandura 1997 (not validated).</p> <p>Motivation for physical activity assessed via French version of the Behavioral Regulation Exercise Questionnaire (validated).</p> <p>Physical activity measures assessed using the 7-day Physical Activity Recall Interview (validated).</p> <p>Total energy expenditure assessed by accelerometer by multiplying each intensity level by an intensity factor (1.5 for light intensity, 4 for moderate intensity, 6 for hard intensity, 10 for very hard intensity (validated))</p>	<p>Weight recorded in light clothes and without shoes (digital balance scale; model details provided) to nearest 1 kg</p>	<p>Measured to nearest 0.5 mm using a wall-mounted stadiometer (model details provided)</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Patrick 2013	<p>Personal views and questionnaires (unclear if questionnaires were completed by participants/member of team) - not validated.</p> <p>Dietary intake assessed using the Youth/Adolescent Questionnaire, a validated self-admin-</p>	<p>Weight measured using a calibrated digital scale.</p> <p>% body fat assessed by DXA</p>	<p>Height (without shoes) measured using stadiometer with participant standing erect against a wall with</p>	<p>Health-related quality of life.</p> <p>Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale used to assess self-esteem, a</p>	-	-	-	-	-	

<i>(Continued)</i>	<p>istered food frequency questionnaire for adolescents (not relevant to review protocol).</p> <p>Physical activity assessed using 7-day Physical Activity Recall Interview, developed for the Stanford Five-City Project.</p> <p>Sedentary behaviour assessed using 8-item survey based on survey that measured hours spent doing various sedentary behaviours during school and non-school days</p>		<p>heels close to wall</p>	<p>10-item survey where each item had a 4-point ordinal response scale and a score range of 10-40, with higher scores indicating greater self-esteem</p>
<p>Kong 2013</p>	<p>Dietary intake assessed using the YAQ. Not relevant to review protocol.</p> <p>Physical activity assessed using 3-Day Physical Activity Recall and an accelerometer (model details provided) (validated)</p>	<p>Weight measured twice without shoes and mean for analysis, measured to nearest 0.1 kg on a strain-gauge digital scale (model details provided).</p> <p>Waist circumference measured twice to nearest 1 mm with a steel tape and averaged</p>	<p>Height measured twice without shoes and averaged for analysis.</p> <p>Height measured to nearest 1 mm using a Schorr vertical measuring board</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Process evaluation conducted to monitor how well study was implemented. In addition to monitoring fidelity of motivational interviewing used by intervention clinician, participant attendance, length of clinic visit, partici-</p>

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																	pant satisfaction
<p>Pbert 2013</p>	<p>Physical activity assessed by accelerometer (model details provided) for 7-day period.</p> <p>Mean daily minutes of light, moderate and vigorous activity calculated using published cut-off points (validated).</p> <p>Sedentary behaviour, TV watching and playing computer or video games on a school day measured using 2 items from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.</p> <p>Dietary intake assessed with 24-hour Dietary Recall Interview (not extracted as per review protocol).</p> <p>8-item instrument used to assess healthful and unhealthful dietary behaviours targeted by intervention. Instrument was designed to be completed independently by adolescents and was based on literature review, expert feedback, and feasibility testing, which found it to be feasible in public health and primary care settings, similar to the performance of the longer Food Habits Question-</p>	<p>Weight in kg, measured in light clothing by a research assistant.</p> <p>Waist circumference measured as mean of 2 measurements midway between rib cage and superior border of iliac crest.</p> <p>Bodyweight and body fat measured using leg-to-leg BIA system (details provided)</p>	<p>Height measured using standard methodology, wearing light clothing, and no shoes</p>	-	-	-	-										<p>Perceived helpfulness of nurse intervention and level of comfort in discussing weight with school nurse.</p> <p>% visits in which the students thought that school nurse was very helpful in their learning how to eat healthy and be physically active.</p> <p>% visits in which students thought that they feel very comfortable in discussing their weight-related</p>

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Brennan 2013	<p>Resting metabolic rate determined through indirect calorimetry at the laboratory.</p> <p>Diet assessed by 7-day weighed food diary (not validated).</p> <p>Energy expenditure and physical activity measured using accelerometers for a 7-day monitoring period. Participants wore the actigraph on their right hip attached using a firm-fitting elastic belt strapped around their hips as per operator's instructions. Data included if participants had worn the actigraph for ≥ 10 hours each day on ≥ 5 days including 1 weekend day.</p> <p>Physical activity and sedentary behaviour using Self-Administered Physical Activity Checklist (validated)</p>	<p>body weight measured to nearest 10 g on a calibrated set of digital scales by trained independent assessors in presence of a trained assistant.</p> <p>Body composition determined through whole body DXA (model details provided). A total body scan was conducted to providing estimates of fat mass and lean tissue mass for the entire body and 4 subregions.</p> <p>Body circumference measurements taken from the right side of body at hip, waist, upper arm and forearm using a steel tape measure to nearest 1 mm</p>	<p>Standing height measured with a calibrated stadiometer to nearest 0.5 cm</p>	<p>Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale used as measure of self-esteem for adolescents and parents</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole 2013	-	BMI z score and waist circumference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toulabi 2012	<p>Students and parents' nutritional knowledge. 12 questions (with 1.5 points given to each correct answer) before and after implementing interventional programme</p>	<p>Weight (without wearing shoes or excess clothes) measured by same nurse using a digital scale (model details provided) to nearest 0.1 kg.</p>	<p>Nurse who provided intervention - measured to nearest 0.1 cm using a plastic</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(Continued)	(not extracted as per review protocol)	Waist and hip circumferences measured to nearest 0.1 cm using a plastic measuring tape	measuring tape (while standing against wall, without wearing shoes, and their occiputs and heels touching the wall); a level was placed on top of head, parallel with floor, to indicate height on measuring tape																										
Debar 2012	<p>Certified dietary interviews conducted 3 unannounced 24-hour telephone dietary recalls (not reported as per review protocol).</p> <p>Adapted 24-hour telephone physical activity recall from the 7-day physical activity recall (not validated).</p> <p>Validated questionnaire measures included: hours per week of screen time and mean days per week of breakfast eaten (both adapted from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey).</p> <p>Mean times per week a "family" meal eat-</p>	Weight measured with participants lightly clothed and without shoes and taken 3 times for quality assurance	Height measured with participants lightly clothed and without shoes and taken 3 times for quality assurance, measured to nearest 0.5 cm by using a Harpenden portable stadiometer (model details provided) monthly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	en together, and mean times per week fast food and sweetened beverages/sodas consumed (adapted from the Project EAT Student Survey)								
Ebbeling 2012	<p>2 × 24-hour dietary and physical activity recall interviews conducted by telephone at baseline and another 2 at the end of intervention period (not validated).</p> <p>Dietary intake (not validated).</p> <p>Energy intake from sugar-sweetened beverages (not validated).</p> <p>Volumetric consumption of all non-caloric beverages (not validated).</p> <p>Recall of physical activity and inactivity, including sleep, using a protocol modelled after validated methodology. Participant asked to recall activity performed most during respective 15-minute time blocks throughout the preceding day (12:00 AM to 11:59 PM) and then to rate the relative intensity of each reported activity as light, moderate, hard or very hard</p> <p>MET level assigned to each activity to calculate a physical</p>	<p>Trained personnel measured weight using calibrated scales.</p> <p>BIA used to calculate body fat as a % total body weight (reference for calculation provided)</p>	Trained personnel measured height using calibrated stadiometers	-	-	-	-	Adherence to Instructions, beverage delivery logistics and overall enjoyment of participation.	-
								<p>1) How well did you follow the study instructions to drink the BASH beverages delivered to your home? Range: 0 = not at all (0) to 10 = very well. mean 8.4 (SD 1.7).</p> <p>2) How well did you follow the study instructions to not buy or drink sug-</p>	

ar-sweetened beverages?
Range: 0 = not at all (0) to 10 = very well, mean -8.1 (SD 2.1).

3) How was the number of beverages that you received each week?
Range: 0 = too few to 10 = too many, mean -6.4 (SD 1.9).

4) How was the frequency (once per week) of beverage deliveries?
Range: 0 = not often enough to 10 = too often, mean -5.4 (SD 1.5).

5) Did you enjoy participating in the BASH study?

activity factor (kcal/kg/hour). As points of reference, resting = 1.0, and brisk walking = 5.0. Asked participants to estimate usual number of hours per day spent watching television, using a computer (for purposes other than doing homework), and playing video games

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Range: 0
= not at
all (0) to
10 = very
much,
mean -8.6
(SD 1.9)

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Vos 2011	-	<p>Assistant measured weight to nearest 0.1 kg using electronic scale (model details provided) in underwear and bare-foot.</p> <p>BMI calculated as kg/m². Participants classified as obese using BMI gender- and age-specific international cut-off levels developed by Cole et al. BMI expressed as SDS for Dutch references.</p> <p>Waist measured with an anthropometric tape midway between lower rib margin and iliac crest at end of gentle expiration and expressed as SDS (waist circumference-SDS)</p>	Height to nearest of 0.1 cm with a stadiometer (model details provided)	Dis-ease-generic measure for children with chronic diseases (DISABKIDS) and KIDSCREEN	-	-	-	-	-
Christie 2011	<p>Questions on smoking activities, meal skipping, sociable eating and frequency of 5 fruit per day intake (did not appear to use validated tools).</p> <p>Actigraph accelerometer 7-day measurement once in each participant to calibrate activity diary</p>	<p>BMI (kg/m²) at end of intervention.</p> <p>Waist circumference using standardised protocol.</p> <p>Non-invasive measurement of fat mass/% fat by bioimpedance scales (model details provided)</p>	-	<p>PedsQL, Impact of Weight on Quality of Life-Kids, see below.</p> <p>Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale: global self-esteem scale valid and reliable</p>	-	-	-	-	<p>Structured and semi-structured interviews administered to providers, young people and their parents to assess how acceptable the pro-</p>

									for adolescents	gramme was, ease of delivery, participation and influence on weight, quality of life, self-management, emotional, behavioural and family functioning
Wengle 2011	<p>Nutritional tools not validated.</p> <p>Activity: all participants wore uniaxial accelerometer (model details provided) at mid-axillary line using an elastic waist strap, except during sleep and water activities, for 7 days. Provided reliable and valid measurements of physical activity levels during walking, running and free-living activities. Data from accelerometer downloaded to a computer, and software provided with accelerometer used to calculate number of steps and time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity based on age-dependent validated criteria.</p>	<p>Trained study staff. Lightweight clothing with shoes removed. Weight measured to nearest 0.1 kg using combined standing stadiometer scale (model details provided).</p> <p>Waist circumference measured just above iliac crest</p>	<p>Trained study staff. Lightweight clothing with shoes removed.</p> <p>Height measured to nearest 1 cm using combined standing stadiometer and scale (model details provided) and measuring tape</p>	-	-	-	-	-	Views measured by asking participants. Helpfulness of having a mentor score and get along with their mentor score	

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	Activity (activity log) not validated								
Ford 2010	-	<p>Body weight in kg measured with SECA scales to 1 decimal point.</p> <p>Waist circumference measured in cm to 1 decimal point with a standard anthropometric tape at the maximal circumference.</p> <p>MI adjusted for age and gender to give a BMI-SDS with British 1990 growth reference data from the Child Growth Foundation.</p> <p>% body fat/body fat SDS by bioimpedance (reference provided)</p>	<p>Height measured to nearest 0.1 cm with stadiometer</p>	PedsQL	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	<p>Self-reported - dietary intake assessed from 15-item food frequency questionnaire. Unclear if validated, not data abstracted</p> <p>Physical activity and sedentary behaviours measured with Children's Leisure Activities Study Survey</p>	<p>Anthropometry using standard procedures and calibrated instruments.</p> <p>Weight measured with portable scales (model details provided) to nearest 0.1 kg, with shoes and heavy clothing removed. By trained staff members, who are blinded to treatment allocation. BMI z scores calculated based on age- and gender-specific reference values</p>	<p>Height measured to nearest 0.1 cm using fixed stadiometer at The Children's Hospital at Westmead (Holtain Limited; Crymych, Dyfed, UK) or portable stadiometer (model details provided) when measurements were conducted at commu-</p>	SF-36.	-	-	-	<p>Questions about satisfaction with the Loozit programme</p>	-

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			nity health centres	acceptance, athletic, physical appearance, job, romantic appeal, close friendship, behavioural conduct).	Importance attributed to each domain also measured using 16-item scale														
Grey 2009	Questionnaire data collected by trained research staff. Health Behavior Questionnaire used to measure health behaviours and attitudes. Usual Food Choices (14-items, measured student's usual food selections), Dietary Self-Efficacy (15 items, e.g. "How sure are you that you can eat a baked potato instead of French fries?"), and Physical Activity Self-Efficacy (5 items, e.g. "How sure are you that you can choose to jog during recess?") scales used. Validity and consistency measured.	Measured with scale (model details provided). Measured in light indoor clothing with bare feet	All measurements taken by research staff/nurses. Wall-mounted stadiometer, calibrated in 1/8 cm intervals. Measured in light indoor clothing with bare feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		Revised Godin-Shephard Activity Survey, a self-administered instrument in which participants report number of times in an average week that they spent > 15 minutes in activities classified as mild (3 METs), moderate (5 METs) or strenuous (9 METs)									
Vissers 2008	-	Weight measured using digital column scale (model details provided). % body fat assessed using BIA. Skinfold thickness measured using a calliper at 4 sites: biceps, triceps, subscapular, suprailiac. Hip and waist circumference measured to nearest 1 mm using non-elastic measuring tape. Waist circumference measured placing tape in horizontal plane around abdomen midway between iliac crest and floating ribs at end of a normal expiration. WHR calculated	Height measured to nearest cm using stadiometer (model details provided)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NCT00132132		Change in BMI and proportion of participants with reduction in BMI not defined		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pitetti 2007	-	Weight measured to nearest 0.11 kg (or ¼ lb) measured on a standard physician's scale (model details provided)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Savoie 2007	-	Weight measured (with participant in socks with no shoes and wearing a light gown) in kg to nearest 0.1 kg using medical weight scale (model details provided), zeroed and calibrated before each weight. % body fat determined by body fat analyser (model details provided). Total body fat calculated by multiplying % body fat by weight in kg	Height measured with stadiometer (model details provided), calibrated in 0.1-cm intervals	-	-	-	-	-	-
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	Physical activity questionnaire	-	-	KINDL questionnaire	-	-	-	-	-
Daley 2005	Physical Activity Questionnaire for Adolescents used to collect participants' involvement in different physical activities. Each physical activity component scored between 1 = not involved to 5 = involved 5-7 times per week	Weight measured to nearest 0.1 kg using balance scale. From these values, BMI values calculated. All values expressed as SDS (z scores), relative to current UK standards	Height measured to nearest completed 0.1 cm using wall-mounted stadiometer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resnicow 2005	-	Weight: Tanita scale (model details provided). Shoes, socks and outer clothing removed. % body fat: same scale as used for weight. Waist and hip circumference: tape measurements obtained twice per site. Waist measured at navel, and hip measurement taken at broadest points on hips and buttocks.	Measured with a stadiometer	-	-	-	-	Intervention: brief questionnaire that queried their perceptions regarding overall programme and individual in-	-

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		Third measure obtained if first 2 measurements varied by > 2 cm							tervention elements. Compara- tor: simi- lar ques- tionnaire excluding items ad- dressing elements not includ- ed in their condition, e.g. pagers
Jiang 2005	-	Weight measured without outer clothing and calibrated to 0.1 kg	Height mea- sured with- out shoes and cali- brated to 0.1 cm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrel 2005	-	Weight measured on calibrat- ed beam balance platform scale to nearest 0.1 kg. % body fat and % fat-free body mass measured by DXA	Height mea- sured on wall- mounted stadiometer to nearest 0.5 cm.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2003	Dietary intake: 7 days food diary (not validat- ed)	BMI in kg/m ² Fat mass measured by DXA using Hologic instrumenta- tion (model details provided)	Height mea- sured using wall- mounted stadiometer (model de- tails provid- ed)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saelens 2002	2-day dietary recall in- terview (not extracted as per review protocol).	Weight measured at baseline in the paediatric clinic using a calibrated standard digital scale. Weight measured at post-treatment and follow-up	Stated height mea- sured by stadiome-	-	-	-	-	Physi- cian coun- selling, be- havioural skills use	-

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	Seven-Day Physical Activity Recall interview (validated). Sedentary behaviour through self-report questionnaire (not validated). Cognitive dietary restraint and eating disinhibition through the Three-Factor Eating Questionnaire (validated)	on calibrated balance beam scale	ter, no other details							and participant satisfaction questions
Brownell 1983	-	Weight; % above mean weight. BMI, Developmental Index (based on normative changes in height and weight). Weight measured with balance-beam scale in street clothes with no shoes	Measured with balance-beam scale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chandra 1968	-	Mean weight loss in kg.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NCT00807560	Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity Measure. Sedentary Activity Checklist. Youth and Parent/Guardian Eating Questionnaire. PACE + Fruit Vegetable Screening Measure. PACE+ Dietary Fat Screening Measure	Z score calculated using Baylor College of Medicine Children's Nutrition Research Center's online BMI calculator		-	PedsQL	-	-	-	-	-

BASH: Beverages and Student Health; BES: Body Esteem Scale; BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis; BMI: body mass index; CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CHQ: Child Health Questionnaire; DXA: dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry; ISAK: International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry; KINDL: Fragebogen für KINDer und Jugendliche zur Erfassung der gesundheitsbezogenen Lebensqualität (questionnaire for children and adolescents to record health-related quality of life); MET:

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metabolic equivalent; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging; N/D: not defined; N/I: not investigated; PACE: Patient-Centered Assessment and Counseling for Exercise; PedsQL: Paediatric Quality of Life; SD: standard deviation; SDS: standard deviation score; SF-36: 36-item Short Form; TV: television; WHO: World Health Organization; WHR: waist-to-hip ratio.

Appendix 8. Adverse events

Trial ID	Intervention(s) and comparator(s)	Participants included in analysis (n)	Deaths (n (%))	Participants with adverse events (n (%))	Participants with severe/serious adverse events (n (%))	Participants discontinuing study due to adverse events (n (%))	Participants hospitalised (n (%))	Participants with outpatient treatment (n (%))	Participants with specific adverse events (description) (n (%))
Pat-sopoulou 2017	I1: activity	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I2: activity + diet	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jelalian 2016	I1: CBT + healthy lifestyle	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: CBT	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norman 2016	I1: step down care	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: enhanced usual care	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hofsteenge 2014	I1: group education	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: dietitian only	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schranz 2014	I1: resistance training	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vi-suthranukul 2015	I1: low GI diet	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: conventional diet	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong 2015	I1: standard weight loss diet + increase water intake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss diet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Pakpour 2015	I1: motivational interviewing	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I2: motivational interviewing + parental involvement	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: passive control	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bean 2014	I1: motivational interviewing	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: education control	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carraway 2014	I1: mentor-led exercise	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: wait list control	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sigal 2014	I1: diet + aerobic training	75	-	19 (25)	0	2 (3)	0	-	Upper body: 3 (4) Lower body: 9 (12) Musculoskeletal injury: 0 Anxiety or depression: 1 (1) Headache: 0 Fainting: 0 Respiratory infection: 0 Other: 1 (1)
	I2: diet + resistance training	78	-	14 (19)	0	0	0	-	Upper body: 4 (5) Lower body: 10 (13) Musculoskeletal injury: 1 (1) Anxiety or depression: 0 Headache: 0 Fainting: 0 Respiratory infection: 1 (1) Other: 0

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	I3: diet + aerobic+ resistance training	75	-	16 (21)	0	0	0	-	Upper body: 7 (9) Lower body: 8 (11) Musculoskeletal injury: 2 (3) Anxiety or depression: 0 Headache: 0 Fainting: 0 Respiratory infection: 0 Other: 2 (3)
	C1: diet only	76	-	18 (24) ^a	0	0	0	-	Upper body: 6 (8) Lower body: 4 (5) Musculoskeletal injury: 0 Anxiety or depression: 3 (4) Headache: 1 (1) Fainting: 1 (1) Respiratory infection: 1 (1) Other: 2 (3)
Love-Osborne 2014	I1: motivational interviewing	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kong 2014	I1: low GI diet	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: usual Chinese diet	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luna-Pech 2014	I1: normocaloric diet + physical activity	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: no intervention	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boodai 2014	I1: multicomponent group sessions	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	C1: no intervention	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gourlan 2013	I1: motivational Interviewing + standard weight loss	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard weight loss	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick 2013	I1: website intervention	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I2: website + group	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I3: website + SMS	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: usual care	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kong 2013	I1: ACTION	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pbert 2013	I1: "Lookin' Good Feelin' Good"	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brennan 2013	I1: motivational interviewing	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: wait list control	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole 2013	I1: motivational Interviewing	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: social skills training	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toulabi 2012	I1: behavioural modification	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debar 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: usual care	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2012	I1: multicomponent intervention	110	-	7 (6.4)	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Vos 2011	I1: family-based CBT + nutrition	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: wait list control	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I1: HELP weight management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: enhanced standard care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wengle 2011	I1: mentored lifestyle intervention	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: unmentored lifestyle intervention	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ford 2010	I1: Mandometer	44	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	43	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	I1: Loozit + ATC	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: Loozit	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grey 2009	I1: coping skills	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: general education	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visser 2008	I1: school-based intervention	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NCT00132132	I1: behavioural education	15	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	15	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
Pitetti 2007	I1: treadmill	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savoie 2007	I1: Bright Bodies weight management	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
van Egmond-	I1: multicomponent intervention	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	271	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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2006**

Daley 2005	I1: exercise counselling	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: exercise placebo	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C2: control	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resnicow 2005	I1: GoGirls high-intensity behavioural intervention	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: moderate-intensity behavioural intervention	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jiang 2005	I1: family-based intervention	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: control	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrel 2005	I1: lifestyle-focused gym classes	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard gym classes	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ebbeling 2003	I1: low GL diet	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: conventional diet	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saelens 2002	I1: healthy habits	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: standard care	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brownell 1983	I1: mother + child separate	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	I2: mother + child together	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: child only	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chandra 1968	I1: low-calorie formula Limical	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C1: low-calorie diet	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NCT00807560	I1: family-based therapy for paediatric overweight	38							

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C1: nutritional educational control condition	39	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
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"-" denotes not reported.

ATC: additional therapeutic contact; C: comparator; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; GI: glycaemic index; GL: glycaemic load; HELP: Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme; I: intervention; n: number of participants; SMS: short message service.

^a injuries in the control group related to intervention occurred during run-in (prior to randomisation).

Appendix 9. Checklist to aid consistency and reproducibility of GRADE assessments

		Changes in BMI, BMI z score, body weight	Adverse events	Health-related quality of life
Study limitations (risk of bias)^a	1. Was random sequence generation used (i.e. no potential for selection bias)?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	2. Was allocation concealment used (i.e. no potential for selection bias)?	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
	3. Was there blinding of participants and personnel (i.e. no potential for performance bias)?	No	Unclear	No (↓)
	4. Was there blinding of outcome assessment (i.e. no potential for detection bias)?	No	Unclear	No
	5. Was an objective outcome used?	Yes	Unclear	No
	6. Were x 80% of participants enrolled in trials included in the analysis (i.e. no potential reporting bias)? ^e	Yes	No (↓)	Yes
	7. Were data reported consistently for the outcome of interest (i.e. no potential selective reporting)?	Yes	No (↓)	No (some studies did not report health-related quality of life despite mentioning)
	8. No other biases reported (i.e. no potential of other bias)?	Yes	No (↓)	Yes
	9. Did the trials end up as scheduled (i.e. not stopped early)?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inconsistency^b	1. Point estimates did not vary widely?	No (some variability)	N/A	Yes
	2. To what extent did confidence intervals overlap (substantial: all confidence intervals overlap at least one of the included studies point estimate; some: confidence intervals overlap but not all overlap at least one point estimate; no: at least one outlier: where the confidence interval of some of the studies do not overlap with those of most included studies)?	Some	N/A	Some
	3. Was the direction of effect consistent?	Yes	N/A	Yes
	4. What was the magnitude of statistical heterogeneity (as measured by I ²) - low (I ² < 40%), moderate (I ² 40%-60%), high I ² > 60%)?	High (↓)	N/A	High (↓)
	5. Was the test for heterogeneity statistically significant (P < 0.1)?	Statistically significant (↓)	N/A	Statistically significant (↓)

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Indirectness^a	1. Were the populations in included studies applicable to the decision context?	Highly applicable	Applicable	Highly applicable
	2. Were the interventions in the included studies applicable to the decision context?	Highly applicable	Highly applicable	Highly applicable
	3. Was the included outcome not a surrogate outcome?	No (↓) for BMI and BMI z score	Yes	Yes
	4. Was the outcome timeframe sufficient?	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient
	5. Were the conclusions based on direct comparisons?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Imprecision^c	1. Was the confidence interval for the pooled estimate not consistent with benefit?	No	N/A	No
	2. What is the magnitude of the median sample size (high: 300 participants, intermediate: 100-300 participants, low: < 100 participants)? ^e	High	High	High
	3. What was the magnitude of the number of included studies (large: > 10 studies, moderate: 5-10 studies, small: < 5 studies)? ^e	Large	Moderate	Moderate
	4. Was the outcome a common event (e.g. occurs more than 1/100)?	N/A	Unclear	N/A
Publication bias^d	1. Was a comprehensive search conducted?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	2. Was grey literature searched?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	3. Were no restrictions applied to study selection on the basis of language?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	4. There was no industry influence on studies included in the review?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	5. There was no evidence of funnel plot asymmetry?	Unclear	N/A	Unclear
	6. There was no discrepancy in findings between published and unpublished trials?	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

^aQuestions on risk of bias were answered in relation to the majority of the aggregated evidence in the meta-analysis rather than to individual studies.

^bQuestions on inconsistency were primarily based on visual assessment of forest plots and the statistical quantification of heterogeneity based on I^2 .

^cWhen judging the width of the confidence interval it was recommended to use a clinical decision threshold to assess whether the imprecision was clinically meaningful.

^dQuestions addressed comprehensiveness of the search strategy, industry influence, funnel plot asymmetry and discrepancies between published and unpublished trials.

^eDepended on the context of the systematic review area.

(↓): key item for potential downgrading the quality of the evidence (GRADE) as shown in the footnotes of the 'Summary of finding' table.

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BMI: body mass index; N/A: not applicable.

Appendix 10. Survey of study investigators providing information on included trials

Trial ID	Date trial author contacted	Date trial author replied	Date trial author was asked for additional information (short summary)	Date trial author provided data (short summary)
Cocca 2016	12 January 2017	No	12 January 2017 Aim of the study, participants weight status at baseline, weight outcomes	N/A
Jelalian 2016	17 October 2016	18 October 2016	17 October 2016 Details of the intervention, randomisation and blinding	18 October 2016 Parents were involved in both conditions, research assistance were blinded, computer randomisation.
Norman 2016	3 February 2016	4 February 2016	05 February 2016 Allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes and control outcomes	11 March 2016 Participants were randomised. Randomisation was performed by permuted block algorithm. Measurement staff were blinded. There were other outcome measures that were not included in the paper. These included the following: physical activity based on self-report, quality of life, calories, food and nutrient intake based on self-report, sedentary behaviour based on self-report.
Hofsteenge 2014	21 October 2015	22 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Schranz 2014	22 October 2015	22 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Visuthranukul 2015	29 October 2015	30 October 2015	19 November 2015 Details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	-
Christie 2011	22 October 2015	23 October 2015	22 October 2015 Request for BMI and further details on risk of bias (randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes)	23 October 2015 Cannot release data before publication
Wong 2015	17 January 2017	18 January 2017	18 January 2017 Further data	18 January 2017 Unable to share data at this stage

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Carraway 2014	17 January 2017	N/A	Stratified results, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	N/A
Pakpour 2015	22 October 2015	23 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Sigal 2014	22 October 2015	22 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Love-Osborne 2014	22 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Kong 2014	30 October 2015	30 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Luna-Pech 2014	22 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Gourlan 2013	23 October 2015	26 October 2015	26 October 2015 Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	-
Patrick 2013	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015 Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	-
Kong 2013	22 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Pbert 2013	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015 Request randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	28 October 2015 Computer random number generator. Random allocation was conducted by the study statistician and investigators were blinded to allocation. Impractical to blind participants and personnel. Reported on all physiological and eating and activity behavioural outcomes. We did not report on psychosocial outcomes that could be considered intermediary variables.
Brennan 2013	23 October 2015	5 November 2015	19 November 2015 Allocation concealment and selective reporting of outcomes	-
Walpole 2013	23 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Toulabi 2012	13 January 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Ebbeling 2012	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015 Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details	12 November 2015 Data management software allocated treatment assignment. Participants

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			of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	and staff implementing the beverage delivery were not masked to group assignment. All personnel who assessed study outcomes were masked to group assignment. All outcomes measured were reported
Vos 2011	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Nguyen 2012	21 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Wengle 2011	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015 Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	N/A
Bean 2014	22 October 2015	22 October 2015	26 October 2015 Published data, anticipated date of completion	N/A
Ford 2010	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015 Allocation concealment, blinding, and attrition at 18 months	27 October 2015 Allocation concealed. Not possible to blind. Lost to follow-up at 18 months (stopped attending obesity clinic)
Grey 2009	23 October 2015	26 October 2015	29 October 2015 Request randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	29 October 2015 Randomisation was electronic with permuted blocks. Allocation was conducted by the study statistician to assure concealment. Blinding was not carried out. Reported all the outcomes measured except for psychosocial outcomes which we are writing a manuscript for and anticipated submission date January 2016
Vissers 2008	29/09/2015	No	N/A	N/A
NCT00132132	22 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Pitetti 2007	29 October 2013 23 October 2015	29 October 2013 23 October 2015	29 October 2013 23 October 2015 Request randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	23 October 2013 and 29 October 2015 Randomised allocation using random assignment or random placement. We flipped a coin and "heads" assigned the participant to the treadmill group and "tails" assigned the participants to the control group. Participants were severely developmentally disabled therefore cannot identify group allocation. Outcome assessors were not part of the re-

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				search team. All outcomes were reported
Savoie 2007	23 October 2015	26 October 2015	29 October 2015	29 October 2015
			Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	<p>Randomisation was electronic with permuted blocks. Randomisation sequence was maintained by the study statistician to assure concealment.</p> <p>Participants were not blinded to treatment group. Personnel were not blinded during treatment phase either because they knew if subject was going to the programme.</p> <p>All outcomes measured except psychosocial outcomes are reported, these are being drafted for publication (self-concept of children and family dynamics of family using Piers-Harris Self Concept Scale and Family Assessment Device, respectively). Submission aimed January 2016</p>
Boodai 2014	22 October 2015	25 October 2015	No information required	N/A
Debar 2012	6 August 2015	7 August 2015	6 August 2015	7 August 2015
			Published data	A pilot study of a larger trial (already included in this review)
Resnicow 2005	23 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Daley 2005	23 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Jiang 2005	23 October 2015	No	N/A	N/A
Carrel 2005	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015	26 October 2015
			Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	Random number generator from our statistician to be assigned to intervention or control group. participants were not blinded to their intervention (they knew if they were in the intervention or control class). We reported all outcomes
Ebbeling 2003	23 October 2015	23 October 2015	26 October 2015	12 November 2015
			Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes	Allocation in sealed envelopes, opened by dietitian in sequence. No details of whether envelopes were opaque. Participants and staff implementing the dietary interventions were not masked to group assignment. All personnel who assessed study outcomes were masked to group assignment. Not all outcomes measured were reported

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Saelens 2002	23 October 2015	30 October 2015	30 October 2015	
				Randomisation procedures, allocation concealment, details of blinding, selective reporting of outcomes
Brownell 1983	No e-mail available	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chandra 1968	No e-mail available	N/A	N/A	N/A
NCT00807560	5 August 2015	N/A	5 August 2015	N/A
			Published data	
AC-TRN12607000632493	22 October 2015	N/A	22 October 2015	N/A
			Published data	
AC-TRN12611000862943	18 January 2017	Out of office	18 January 2017	N/A
			Trial status	
Chew 2016	12 January 2017	N/A	12 January 2017	N/A
			Six months data	
TC-TR20130515001	02 September 2016	5 September 2016	2 September 2016	5 September 2016
			Published data	Manuscript amendments, no published data
EUC-TR2009-016921-32-ES	6 August 2015 6 October 2016	N/A	6 August 2015 6 October 2016	N/A
			Published data	
IRC-T201012235440N1	21 October 2016 6 October 2016	N/A	21 October 2016 6 October 2016	N/A
			Published data	
ISRCTN04152711	22 October 2015	N/A	22 October 2015	N/A
			Published data	
NCT00562263	1 September 2016	N/A	1 September 2016	N/A
			Published data	
NCT00940966	5 August 2015 22 October 2016	5 August 2015 22 October 2016	Published data	NA
		N/A		

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NCT01677923	2 September 2016	N/A	2 September 2016 Published data	N/A
NCT00940966	5 August 2015 06 October 2016	N/A	5 August 2015 06 October 2016 Published data	N/A
NCT01764113	5 August 2015	5 August 2015	5 August 2015 Published data	5 August 2015 Ongoing and will notify once complete
NCT01794546	22 October 2015	23 November 2015	22 October 2015 Published data	23 November 2015 Ongoing and cannot share
NCT02086851	21 October 2015	N/A	21 October 2015 Published data	N/A
NCT02228278	2 September 2016	06 September 2016	2 September 2016 Published data	6 September 2016 Currently drafting a manuscript
NCT00998413	22 October 2015 22 October 2016	E-mail error	22 October 2015 22 October 2016 Published data	N/A
Patsopoulou 2017	16 January 2017	18 January 2017	16 January 2017 Further data/anticipated date of publication	18 January 2017 Shared published manuscript
NCT02745795	12 January 2017	N/A	12 January 2017 Anticipated completion date	N/A
NCT02794090	13 January 2017	N/A	13 January 2017 Further data/anticipated date of publication	N/A
Ramalho 2016	16 January 2017	16 January 2017	16 January 2017 Further data/anticipated date of publication	16 January 2017 Initial phase of the project

N/A: not applicable

Appendix 11. Health-related quality of life: instruments

Trial ID	Name (type of measurement)	Dimensions (subscales (number of items))	Validated instrument	Answer options	Scores	Direction of scales	Minimal important difference
Hofsteenge 2014	PedsQL 4.0	Physical functioning (8 items), emotional functioning (5 items), social functioning (5 items), school functioning (5 items)	Yes	5-point Likert scale (0 = never a problem; 4 = almost always a problem)	Items reversed scored and linearly transformed to 0-100 scale. A total scale score and physical and psychosocial health summary scores also calculated	Higher scores indicate better HRQoL	-
	CHQ Child Form	12 domains assess physical, behavioural, mental, social functioning	Yes	Each item contains 4, 5 or 6 response alternatives	Items summed up (some recoded/recalibrated) and transformed to 0-100 scale. A physical summary scale computed, mean of CHQ-subscales physical functioning, role/social limitations-physical, general health perceptions, bodily pain. Also a psychosocial summary scale, mean of CHQ-subscales of role/social limitations emotional, role/social limitations-behavioural, self-esteem, mental health and general behaviour	Higher scores indicate better HRQoL	-
Pakpour 2015	PedsQL 4.0 SF-15	15 items covering 4 dimensions: physical functioning scale (5 items), emotional functioning scale (4 items), social functioning scale (3 items), school functioning scale (3 items)	Yes	-	Items reverse scored and linearly transformed to scale of 0-100.	Higher scores indicate better QoL	-
Sigal 2014	PedsQL - Adolescent version	Physical functioning (8-items), emotional functioning (5-items), social functioning (5-items), school functioning (5-items)	Yes	-	Total scale score derived by mean of all 23 items, as is a psychosocial health summary scored (derived from mean of items in the	-	-

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					emotional, social, school functioning subscales)		
Luna-Pech 2014	PAQLQ, Spanish Version	Symptoms, activity limitation and emotional function	Yes	7-point interval scale, from 1 = severe impairment to 7 = no impairment	-	Higher scores indicate better outcomes	0.5
Patrick 2013	Ped QL	23-items	Yes	-	0-100 scale	Higher scores indicate better QoL	-
Debar 2012	PedsQL	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	Mental Health Inventory 5, a mental health assessment component of the Medical Outcomes Study SF-36	5 questions	Yes	-	-	5 indicating most favourable health and 30 indicating least favourable health	-
Christie 2011	PedsQL	Physical, emotional, social, school; 2 domain scores (physical and psychosocial functioning); total score	Yes	-	-	-	-
	IWQOL- Kids	27 items, 4 scales: physical comfort (6 items), body esteem (9 items), social life (6 items), family relations (6 items)	Yes	-	-	-	-
Vos 2011	DISABKIDS and KIDSCREEN	DISABKIDS: 37 questions divided over 6 subscales of 6-7 items each. Only the first 5 subscales (31 items) used to calculate HRQoL, because the last subscale focuses on medication use related to a disease. QOL-physical, QOL-independence, QOL-emotion, QOL-social exclusion, QOL-social inclusion.	Yes	5-point scale: 0 = never, 1 = almost never/seldom, 2 = average/sometimes, 3 = quite often, 4 = always	Total and domains scores of questionnaire expressed as a % between 0 and 100	Higher scores reflect better HRQoL	-

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KIDSCREEN: 52 questions divided over 10 subscales of 3-7 items each

Ford 2010	PedsQL 4.0	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
van Egmond-Frohlich 2006	KINDL-K (self-report) and KINDL-E (parents)	24 items with subscales family, friends, school, self-worth, mental and physical well-being (4 items per domain)	Yes	Children: 3-point scale: never, sometimes, very often. Parents: 5-point scale: never, seldom, sometimes, often, always	Total score, mean score, transformed score (0-100)	Higher scores reflect better HRQoL (10 or 11 items have to be reversed)	-

CHQ: Child Health Questionnaire; DISABKIDS: disease-generic measure for children with chronic diseases; HRQoL: health-related quality of life; IWQoL: Impact of Weight on Quality of Life; PAQLQ: Standardized Paediatric Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire; PedsQL: Paediatric Quality of Life; QoL: quality of life; SF-15: 15-item Short Form; SF-36: 36-item short-form health survey.

Appendix 12. Self-esteem: instruments

Trial ID	Name (type of measurement)	Dimensions (subscales) (number of items)	Validated instrument	Answer options	Scores	Direction of scales	Minimal important difference
Hofsteenge 2014	BES	General feelings about appearance, weight satisfaction and evaluations of attributions to others about one's body and appearance	Yes	Range of scores from 0 = worst possible score to 4 = best possible score	Total mean scores calculated	Higher scores represent a better body esteem	-
Schranz 2014	PSW scale	Measures global self-worth	Yes	4-choice structured alternative format	To minimise socially desirable responses, the PSW scale uses a 4-choice structured alternative format (e.g. 1 scenario presented to participants is as follows: 'Some kids are proud of themselves physically', but 'Other kids don't have much to be proud of physically')	Higher score (or positive effect size change) indicates higher self-efficacy/confidence or beliefs/self-perception	-
	SPPA	Measures youth's perceived competence in academics and other areas (e.g. athletics) as well as their sense of general self-worth	Yes	4-choice structured alternative format	Using the same 4-choice structured alternative format and scoring scale as the PSW scale	Higher score (or positive effect size change) indicates higher self-efficacy/confidence or beliefs/self-perception	-
Pakpour 2015	WEL Questionnaire	20-item tool assessing adolescents' confidence in their ability to lose weight	Yes	10-point Likert scale, ranging from 0 = not confident to 9 = very confident	Items scored on a 10-point Likert scale and items scores were averaged	Higher scores indicate better self-esteem	-
Patrick 2013	Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale	10-item survey that measures self-esteem	Yes	Each item has 4-point Likert scale ranging from 1 = strongly agree to 4 = strongly disagree	Includes 10 items and respondents indicate their level of agreement to each item, score range 10-40	Higher scores indicate a positive self-attitude while a low score indicates a	-

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							negative attitude towards the self	
Brennan 2013	Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
Debar 2012	Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen 2012	Harter Self-Perception Profile for Adolescents	45-item provided a measure of global self-worth	Yes	1 = low and 4 = high	-	-	Higher scores indicate better self-esteem	-
Daley 2005	Harter's Self-Perception Profile for Adolescents	Global self-worth subscale assesses extent to which participants like themselves as a person and the way they are living their lives	Yes	6 items devised in a structured alternative format on a scale between 1 = low competence and 4 = high competence	Score responses 1-4	-	Higher scores indicate better global self-worth	-

BES: Body Esteem Scale; PSW: Physical Self-Worth; SPPA: Self-Perception Profile for Adolescents; WEL: Weight Efficacy Lifestyle.

WHAT'S NEW

Date	Event	Description
26 April 2017	New search has been performed	This is an update of the former Cochrane Review 'Interventions for treating obesity in children and adolescents.'
26 April 2017	New citation required and conclusions have changed	<p>Given the rapid growth in the treatment of child and adolescent obesity, we have split the original review ('Interventions for treating obesity in children and adolescents') into six separate reviews, with a specific intervention and age focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diet, physical activity, and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years • Diet, physical activity, and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obese children from the age of 6 to 11 years • Diet, physical activity, and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in preschool children up to the age of 6 years • Drug interventions for the treatment of obesity in children and adolescents • Parent-only interventions for childhood overweight or obesity • Surgery for the treatment of obesity in children and adolescents

HISTORY

Review first published: Issue 6, 2017

Date	Event	Description
11 October 2008	New citation required and conclusions have changed	<p>This review concludes that combined behavioural lifestyle interventions compared to standard care or self-help can produce a significant and clinically meaningful reduction in overweight in children and adolescents.</p> <p>The search was updated to May 2008. Some amendments were made to update the search strategies. No changes have been made to other aspects of the methodology. Forty-six new studies have been included. These included information on drug interventions for treating obesity in adolescents. The added evidence suggests that lifestyle interventions appear to have positive effects in the treatment of child and adolescent obesity. Furthermore, orlistat and sibutramine were found to have beneficial effects on adiposity in obese adolescents. However, a range of adverse effects was noted.</p>
3 July 2008	Amended	Converted to new review format. Authorship changed with new authors and new contact person.

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROTOCOL AND REVIEW

Given the rapid growth in the treatment of child and adolescent obesity, the original review was split into six separate reviews, with a specific intervention and age focus.

- Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.
- Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in children aged 5 to 11 years.
- Diet, physical activity and behavioural interventions for the treatment of overweight or obesity in infants aged 0 to 4 years.
- Drug interventions for the treatment of obesity in children and adolescents.
- Parent-only interventions for childhood overweight or obesity.
- Surgery for the treatment of obesity in children and adolescents.

For behaviour changing interventions, we included only randomised controlled trials that were specifically designed to treat obesity in children and observed participants for a minimum of six months. The rationale for introducing this criterion arose from the belief that many interventions appear to be effective in the short term (up to three months), but not in the long term (Glenny 1997). It seemed to be more important to evaluate the longer-term effects of treatments, as this would provide a more valuable indication of effectiveness, given the chronic nature of obesity.

We did not present prediction intervals as originally described for the suite of reviews for consistency as the other reviews did not do this either in consultation with the review group.

We did not perform the following sensitivity analyses.

- Restricting the analysis taking into account risk of bias, as specified in the section [Assessment of risk of bias in included studies](#) section, but we did look at the effects of attrition bias and other potential bias introduced by analysis of cluster randomised controlled trials.
- Restricting the analysis to very long or large studies to establish how much they dominated the results.
- Restricting the analysis to studies using the following filters: diagnostic criteria, funding source and country.

This is in line with other reviews in this series.

NOTES

Part of the background, the methods section, appendices, additional tables and figures 1 to 3 of this review are based on a standard template established by the Cochrane Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders Group.

INDEX TERMS

Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

*Behavior Therapy; *Body Mass Index; *Exercise; *Feeding Behavior; Combined Modality Therapy; Overweight [*therapy]; Pediatric Obesity [*therapy]; Quality of Life; Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic

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