

CONSORT-EHEALTH (V 1.6.1) - Submission/Publication Form

The CONSORT-EHEALTH checklist is intended for authors of randomized trials evaluating web-based and Internet-based applications/interventions, including mobile interventions, electronic games (incl multiplayer games), social media, certain telehealth applications, and other interactive and/or networked electronic applications. Some of the items (e.g. all subitems under item 5 - description of the intervention) may also be applicable for other study designs.

The goal of the CONSORT EHEALTH checklist and guideline is to be

- a) a guide for reporting for authors of RCTs,
- b) to form a basis for appraisal of an ehealth trial (in terms of validity)

CONSORT-EHEALTH items/subitems are MANDATORY reporting items for studies published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research and other journals / scientific societies endorsing the checklist.

Items numbered 1., 2., 3., 4a., 4b etc are original CONSORT or CONSORT-NPT (non-pharmacologic treatment) items.

Items with Roman numerals (i., ii, iii, iv etc.) are CONSORT-EHEALTH extensions/clarifications.

As the CONSORT-EHEALTH checklist is still considered in a formative stage, we would ask that you also RATE ON A SCALE OF 1-5 how important/useful you feel each item is FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CHECKLIST and reporting guideline (optional).

Mandatory reporting items are marked with a red *.

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Title of your manuscript *

Provide the (draft) title of your manuscript.

The Effects of Remote Cognitive Training Combined with a Mobile App Intervention in Psychosis: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Trial

Name of your App/Software/Intervention *

If there is a short and a long/alternate name, write the short name first and add the long name in brackets.

Brain HQ

Evaluated Version (if any)

e.g. "V1", "Release 2017-03-01", "Version 2.0.27913"

Your answer

Language(s) *

What language is the intervention/app in? If multiple languages are available, separate by comma (e.g. "English, French")

English

URL of your Intervention Website or App

e.g. a direct link to the mobile app on app in appstore (itunes, Google Play), or URL of the website. If the intervention is a DVD or hardware, you can also link to an Amazon page.

BrainHQ.com



URL of an image/screenshot (optional)

Your answer

Accessibility *

Can an enduser access the intervention presently?

- access is free and open
- access only for special usergroups, not open
- access is open to everyone, but requires payment/subscription/in-app purchases
- app/intervention no longer accessible
- Other: A specific set of BrainHQ exercises were utilized. All exercises are ava

Primary Medical Indication/Disease/Condition *

e.g. "Stress", "Diabetes", or define the target group in brackets after the condition, e.g. "Autism (Parents of children with)", "Alzheimers (Informal Caregivers of)"

Psychosis

Primary Outcomes measured in trial *

comma-separated list of primary outcomes reported in the trial

Penn Computerized Neurocognitive Battery M/



Secondary/other outcomes

Are there any other outcomes the intervention is expected to affect?

Motivation and Pleasure Scale (MAP-SR), Motivational State Questionnaire (MSQ), Defeatist Beliefs, Temporal Experience of Pleasure (TEPS), Behavioral Inhibition System/Behavioral Activation System (BIS-BAS), Quick Scale for the Assessment of Negative Symptoms/Quick Scale for the Assessment of Positive Symptoms (Q-SANS/Q-SAPS), Beck Depression Inventory, UCLA, Loneliness Scale, Role Functioning Scale (RFS)

Recommended "Dose" *

What do the instructions for users say on how often the app should be used?

- Approximately Daily
- Approximately Weekly
- Approximately Monthly
- Approximately Yearly
- "as needed"
- Other: 2 hours per week



Approx. Percentage of Users (starters) still using the app as recommended after 3 months *

- unknown / not evaluated
- 0-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71%-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%
- Other:

Overall, was the app/intervention effective? *

- yes: all primary outcomes were significantly better in intervention group vs control
- partly: SOME primary outcomes were significantly better in intervention group vs control
- no statistically significant difference between control and intervention
- potentially harmful: control was significantly better than intervention in one or more outcomes
- inconclusive: more research is needed
- Other:



Article Preparation Status/Stage *

At which stage in your article preparation are you currently (at the time you fill in this form)

- not submitted yet - in early draft status
- not submitted yet - in late draft status, just before submission
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- submitted to a journal and after receiving initial reviewer comments
- submitted to a journal and accepted, but not published yet
- published
- Other:

Journal *

If you already know where you will submit this paper (or if it is already submitted), please provide the journal name (if it is not JMIR, provide the journal name under "other")

- not submitted yet / unclear where I will submit this
- Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)
- JMIR mHealth and UHealth
- JMIR Serious Games
- JMIR Mental Health
- JMIR Public Health
- JMIR Formative Research
- Other JMIR sister journal
- Other:



Is this a full powered effectiveness trial or a pilot/feasibility trial? *

- Pilot/feasibility
- Fully powered

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- no ms number (yet) / not (yet) submitted to / published in JMIR
- Other: 48634

TITLE AND ABSTRACT

1a) TITLE: Identification as a randomized trial in the title

1a) Does your paper address CONSORT item 1a? *

I.e does the title contain the phrase "Randomized Controlled Trial"? (if not, explain the reason under "other")

- yes
- Other:



1a-i) Identify the mode of delivery in the title

Identify the mode of delivery. Preferably use “web-based” and/or “mobile” and/or “electronic game” in the title. Avoid ambiguous terms like “online”, “virtual”, “interactive”. Use “Internet-based” only if Intervention includes non-web-based Internet components (e.g. email), use “computer-based” or “electronic” only if offline products are used. Use “virtual” only in the context of “virtual reality” (3-D worlds). Use “online” only in the context of “online support groups”. Complement or substitute product names with broader terms for the class of products (such as “mobile” or “smart phone” instead of “iphone”), especially if the application runs on different platforms.

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Does your paper address subitem 1a-i? *

Copy and paste relevant sections from manuscript title (include quotes in quotation marks "like this" to indicate direct quotes from your manuscript), or elaborate on this item by providing additional information not in the ms, or briefly explain why the item is not applicable/relevant for your study

"The Effects of Remote Cognitive Training Combined with a Mobile App Intervention in Psychosis: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Trial"



1a-ii) Non-web-based components or important co-interventions in title

Mention non-web-based components or important co-interventions in title, if any (e.g., "with telephone support").

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1a-iii) Primary condition or target group in the title

Mention primary condition or target group in the title, if any (e.g., "for children with Type I Diabetes") Example: A Web-based and Mobile Intervention with Telephone Support for Children with Type I Diabetes: Randomized Controlled Trial

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"The Effects of Remote Cognitive Training Combined with a Mobile App Intervention in Psychosis: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Trial"

1b) ABSTRACT: Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions

NPT extension: Description of experimental treatment, comparator, care providers, centers, and blinding status.



1b-i) Key features/functionalities/components of the intervention and comparator in the METHODS section of the ABSTRACT

Mention key features/functionalities/components of the intervention and comparator in the abstract. If possible, also mention theories and principles used for designing the site. Keep in mind the needs of systematic reviewers and indexers by including important synonyms. (Note: Only report in the abstract what the main paper is reporting. If this information is missing from the main body of text, consider adding it)

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"In this study, we tested the effects of online targeted cognitive and social cognitive training (TCT), delivered in conjunction with an innovative digital smartphone app called Personalized Real-Time Intervention for Motivational Enhancement (PRIME). The PRIME app provides users with a motivation coach to set personalized goals and secure social networking for peer support.

Objective: We investigated whether deficits in cognition and motivation in people with a psychosis spectrum disorder (N=100) can be successfully addressed with 30 hours of TCT+PRIME as compared to 30 hours of a computer games control condition plus PRIME (CG+PRIME)."



1b-ii) Level of human involvement in the METHODS section of the ABSTRACT

Clarify the level of human involvement in the abstract, e.g., use phrases like “fully automated” vs. “therapist/nurse/care provider/physician-assisted” (mention number and expertise of providers involved, if any). (Note: Only report in the abstract what the main paper is reporting. If this information is missing from the main body of text, consider adding it)

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"Participants completed a diagnostic interview and remote cognitive, clinical, and self-report measures at baseline, post training, and at a six-month follow-up."



1b-iii) Open vs. closed, web-based (self-assessment) vs. face-to-face assessments in the METHODS section of the ABSTRACT

Mention how participants were recruited (online vs. offline), e.g., from an open access website or from a clinic or a closed online user group (closed usergroup trial), and clarify if this was a purely web-based trial, or there were face-to-face components (as part of the intervention or for assessment). Clearly say if outcomes were self-assessed through questionnaires (as common in web-based trials). Note: In traditional offline trials, an open trial (open-label trial) is a type of clinical trial in which both the researchers and participants know which treatment is being administered. To avoid confusion, use "blinded" or "unblinded" to indicated the level of blinding instead of "open", as "open" in web-based trials usually refers to "open access" (i.e. participants can self-enrol). (Note: Only report in the abstract what the main paper is reporting. If this information is missing from the main body of text, consider adding it)

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"Methods: In this double-blind, randomized, controlled trial, English-speaking participants completed all cognitive training, PRIME activities, and assessments



1b-iv) RESULTS section in abstract must contain use data

Report number of participants enrolled/assessed in each group, the use/uptake of the intervention (e.g., attrition/adherence metrics, use over time, number of logins etc.), in addition to primary/secondary outcomes. (Note: Only report in the abstract what the main paper is reporting. If this information is missing from the main body of text, consider adding it)

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"Results: Our results include participants from 27 states across the U.S. and 8 countries worldwide. Our study population was 60% female with a mean age of 33.77 (SD=10.70). On average, participants completed more than half of the cognitive training regimen (M=18.58, SD=12.47 hours of training), logged into the PRIME application 4.71 (SD=1.58) times per week, interacted with their PRIME coach 79.24 (SD=89.19) times during the 16 week intervention, and achieved 14.16 (SD=14.66) goals. The attrition rate of 22% was lower than our previous studies of remote cognitive training. The total sample showed significant gains in Global Cognition (P=.03) and Attention/Vigilance (P<.001). TCT+PRIME participants showed significantly greater gains in Emotion Recognition (P<.001) and Global Cognition at trend level significance (P=.09) relative to CG+PRIME participants. The total sample also showed significant improvement on multiple indices of motivation (P=.02-0.05), in depression (P=.04), positive symptoms (P=.04), and in negative symptoms at trend level significance (P=.09). Overall satisfaction with the PRIME app was rated at 7.74 (SD=2.05) on a scale of 1-10, with higher values indicating more satisfaction."



1b-v) CONCLUSIONS/DISCUSSION in abstract for negative trials

Conclusions/Discussions in abstract for negative trials: Discuss the primary outcome - if the trial is negative (primary outcome not changed), and the intervention was not used, discuss whether negative results are attributable to lack of uptake and discuss reasons. (Note: Only report in the abstract what the main paper is reporting. If this information is missing from the main body of text, consider adding it)

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Does your paper address subitem 1b-v?

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"Conclusions: These results demonstrate the feasibility and acceptability of remote cognitive training combined with the PRIME application, and that this intervention can improve cognition, motivation, and symptoms in individuals with psychosis. TCT+PRIME appears more effective in improving Emotion Recognition and Global Cognition relative to CG+PRIME. Future analyses will test the relationship between hours of cognitive training completed, PRIME usage, and changes in cognition, motivation, symptoms, and functioning."

INTRODUCTION



2a) In INTRODUCTION: Scientific background and explanation of rationale

2a-i) Problem and the type of system/solution

Describe the problem and the type of system/solution that is object of the study: intended as stand-alone intervention vs. incorporated in broader health care program? Intended for a particular patient population? Goals of the intervention, e.g., being more cost-effective to other interventions, replace or complement other solutions? (Note: Details about the intervention are provided in "Methods" under 5)

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Does your paper address subitem 2a-i? *

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"Psychosis spectrum disorders are not only characterized by positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, but also by mood, motivational, and cognitive impairments [1]. These latter symptoms impact functioning and quality of life, contribute strongly to disability [2], and have now become primary therapeutic targets [3] because of their strong association with functional outcomes [4,5]."

"It is also likely that motivational deficits have an impact on engagement with training [19–21] though these can respond to interventions that scaffold goal planning and reward processing [22]. We thus hypothesized that leveraging an intervention specifically targeted to improving motivated behavior would improve adherence and benefits from cognitive training in individuals with psychosis spectrum disorders."

2a-ii) Scientific background, rationale: What is known about the (type of) system

Scientific background, rationale: What is known about the (type of) system that is the object of the study (be sure to discuss the use of similar systems for other conditions/diagnoses, if appropriate), motivation for the study, i.e. what are the reasons for and what is the context for this specific study, from which stakeholder viewpoint is the study performed, potential impact of findings [2]. Briefly justify the choice of the comparator.

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Does your paper address subitem 2a-ii? *

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Despite the evidence that cognitive training can lead to benefits in cognition and functioning [17,18], patient adherence to a cognitive training regimen is highly variable. Training is highly effortful, requiring close attention to stimuli and response outcomes– processes which are impaired in psychotic disorders. It is also likely that motivational deficits have an impact on engagement with training [19–21] though these can respond to interventions that scaffold goal planning and reward processing [22].

2b) In INTRODUCTION: Specific objectives or hypotheses

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 2b? *

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"Our primary hypotheses were: 1) TCT+PRIME participants would show greater gains in cognition relative to CG+PRIME; 2) Both groups would show improvements in motivation and related indices of motivation as a result of PRIME. Secondly, we explored the effects of these interventions on symptoms and functioning."

METHODS

3a) Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 3a? *

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"In this recently completed double-blind controlled trial (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02782442), participants were randomized to PRIME + 30 hours of TCT or PRIME + 30 hours of CG in a 1:1 ratio."

3b) Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 3b? *

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We have indicated that "Eighty-five percent of participants enrolled prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 15% enrolled during the pandemic." and that "Our final sample consists of 100 participants randomized, which is a decrease from our original goal of 120 participants randomized."



3b-i) Bug fixes, Downtimes, Content Changes

Bug fixes, Downtimes, Content Changes: ehealth systems are often dynamic systems. A description of changes to methods therefore also includes important changes made on the intervention or comparator during the trial (e.g., major bug fixes or changes in the functionality or content) (5-iii) and other "unexpected events" that may have influenced study design such as staff changes, system failures/downtimes, etc. [2].

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No changes to the intervention or comparator were made.

4a) Eligibility criteria for participants



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 4a? *

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"All participants met the following inclusion criteria: ages of 18-60 years; clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, schizophreniform disorder, psychosis NOS, major depressive disorder with psychotic features, or bipolar disorder with psychotic features confirmed by the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-V, Patients Edition (SCID-5); fluent in spoken and written English; can demonstrate adequate decisional capacity to make a choice about participating in the research study as demonstrated by the UCSD Brief Assessment of Capacity to Consent (UBACC) and in the judgment of the consenting study staff member; in good general physical health; outpatient status without hospitalization at least one month prior to participation; has maintained a stable dose of psychiatric medication for at least one month prior to participation; has a personal smartphone and access to a computer; willing to share contact information for their clinical provider; if from a non-English speaking country, the study team must be able to establish a plan for communicating with the participant's clinical provider. Exclusion Criteria were: participation in research or therapy involving cognitive training within the past three years; having a history of severe substance use in the past three months determined by DSM-V criteria; having a history of neurological disorder."



4a-i) Computer / Internet literacy

Computer / Internet literacy is often an implicit "de facto" eligibility criterion - this should be explicitly clarified.

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In the inclusion criteria section, we note the following criteria: "has a personal smartphone and access to a computer."



4a-ii) Open vs. closed, web-based vs. face-to-face assessments:

Open vs. closed, web-based vs. face-to-face assessments: Mention how participants were recruited (online vs. offline), e.g., from an open access website or from a clinic, and clarify if this was a purely web-based trial, or there were face-to-face components (as part of the intervention or for assessment), i.e., to what degree got the study team to know the participant. In online-only trials, clarify if participants were quasi-anonymous and whether having multiple identities was possible or whether technical or logistical measures (e.g., cookies, email confirmation, phone calls) were used to detect/prevent these.

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"Participants were recruited through online advertisements on Craig's List, Reddit, Schizophrenia.com, and the National Alliance on Mental websites or were self-referred to our research group. Physical flyers and brochures were distributed in community programs and events and in University of Minnesota clinics."

The Methods section describes that all study activities were completed remotely through an online cognitive battery, self-report forms through REDCap, and interview-rated measures conducted with an assessor via videoconference.



4a-iii) Information giving during recruitment

Information given during recruitment. Specify how participants were briefed for recruitment and in the informed consent procedures (e.g., publish the informed consent documentation as appendix, see also item X26), as this information may have an effect on user self-selection, user expectation and may also bias results.

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The following study description was provided to participants during recruitment:

The purpose of this study is to investigate whether combining computer-based cognitive exercises or computer games from a program called BHQ, and a motivational intervention (PRIME mobile application), may help people with psychosis learn new thinking skills, and increase motivation and quality of life. The PRIME app may help you make and achieve goals, and includes a safe community to connect with others who may have similar interests and struggles, and a motivational coach who will provide support via messaging.

We have uploaded the informed consent as an appendix.



4b) Settings and locations where the data were collected

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 4b? *

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"All study activities were completed remotely."

4b-i) Report if outcomes were (self-)assessed through online questionnaires

Clearly report if outcomes were (self-)assessed through online questionnaires (as common in web-based trials) or otherwise.

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"Cognition was measured with the Penn Computerized Neurocognitive Battery MATRICS version (Table 3). Participants were provided a link to the battery and completed the measures independently. The following self-report measures of motivation and related constructs were completed online via REDCap: Motivation and Pleasure Scale Self Report (MAPS-SR), Motivation State Questionnaire (MSQ), Defeatist Beliefs Scale, Temporal Experience of Pleasure Scale (TEPS), Behavioral Inhibition/Behavioral Activation Scale (BIS/BAS), Beck Depression Inventory, and the UCLA Loneliness Scale, (Table 5). Symptoms and functioning were assessed with the following interview-rated measures conducted via videoconference: Quick Scale for the Assessment of Negative Symptoms (Q-SANS) and Positive Symptoms (Q-SAPS), the Abbreviated Quality of Life Scale (aQLS), and the Role Functioning Scale (RFS) (Table 5)."

4b-ii) Report how institutional affiliations are displayed

Report how institutional affiliations are displayed to potential participants [on ehealth media], as affiliations with prestigious hospitals or universities may affect volunteer rates, use, and reactions with regards to an intervention. (Not a required item – describe only if this may bias results)

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5) The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered

5-i) Mention names, credential, affiliations of the developers, sponsors, and owners

Mention names, credential, affiliations of the developers, sponsors, and owners [6] (if authors/evaluators are owners or developer of the software, this needs to be declared in a "Conflict of interest" section or mentioned elsewhere in the manuscript).

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Does your paper address subitem 5-i?

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From the Methods section: "Targeted Cognitive Training (TCT) and Computer Games (CG) Control Condition This study employed two computerized programs provided by Posit Science Inc. through their BrainHQ portal: a targeted cognitive training (TCT) module focused on auditory processing and social cognition, and a computer games control condition module (CG). The CG module consists of computer games that are engaging and enjoyable, but not designed to drive neuroplastic change. Participants were asked to use their assigned program (treatment or active control) via computer for approximately 2 hours per week over the course of 16 weeks."

From the Conflicts of Interest section: "None of the authors have any financial interest in Posit Science Inc."

5-ii) Describe the history/development process

Describe the history/development process of the application and previous formative evaluations (e.g., focus groups, usability testing), as these will have an impact on adoption/use rates and help with interpreting results.

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"Targeted Cognitive Training (TCT)

Auditory Training Module: This suite of exercises has been extensively studied by us and has been described in detail in Fisher et al. [6]. It is designed to improve the speed and accuracy of auditory information processing while engaging working memory and cognitive control under conditions of close attention and reward. Exercises continuously adjust difficulty level to user performance to maintain an approximately 80% correct performance rate.

Social Cognition Training Module: This training module consists of exercises designed to ameliorate core deficits in social cognition expressed in schizophrenia [24]. The exercises apply principles of implicit learning to restore the brain's capacity to process and utilize socially-relevant information, and includes training to improve affect perception (both visual and vocal), social cue perception (in faces, gazes, social situations), theory of mind, self-referential style, and emotion labeling and working memory. This module has been previously studied by us, and drives improvements in social cognition as well as measures of motivated behavior [13,24,25]. See Supplemental Table 1 for a list of the auditory and social cognition training exercises.

Computer Games (CG) Control Condition

CG participants rotated through a series of 13 different enjoyable commercially available computer games (e.g., checkers, solitaire, crossword puzzles, Supplemental Table 2) playing 4-5 games on any given day. Games were chosen that have been shown to provide face-valid cognitive stimulation and that are rated E (for everyone) by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB). The CG condition was designed to control for computer exposure, contact with research personnel, and monetary payments. The CG condition is administered in exactly the same way as TCT: the number, availability, and time spent on each game is managed by the same server which manages the treatment group exercises to match the experience between the two conditions."



5-iii) Revisions and updating

Revisions and updating. Clearly mention the date and/or version number of the application/intervention (and comparator, if applicable) evaluated, or describe whether the intervention underwent major changes during the evaluation process, or whether the development and/or content was “frozen” during the trial. Describe dynamic components such as news feeds or changing content which may have an impact on the replicability of the intervention (for unexpected events see item 3b).

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5-iv) Quality assurance methods

Provide information on quality assurance methods to ensure accuracy and quality of information provided [1], if applicable.

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"The number of TCT participants with an accuracy threshold of 50% or greater was used as an indicator of engagement and to screen for participant guessing on the cognitive training exercises."



5-v) Ensure replicability by publishing the source code, and/or providing screenshots/screen-capture video, and/or providing flowcharts of the algorithms used

Ensure replicability by publishing the source code, and/or providing screenshots/screen-capture video, and/or providing flowcharts of the algorithms used. Replicability (i.e., other researchers should in principle be able to replicate the study) is a hallmark of scientific reporting.

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A complete list of the Brain HQ cognitive and social cognitive training exercises and computer games used in this study are provided in Supplemental Tables 1 and 2.



5-vi) Digital preservation

Digital preservation: Provide the URL of the application, but as the intervention is likely to change or disappear over the course of the years; also make sure the intervention is archived (Internet Archive, [webcitation.org](https://www.webcitation.org), and/or publishing the source code or screenshots/videos alongside the article). As pages behind login screens cannot be archived, consider creating demo pages which are accessible without login.

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The URL of the Brain HQ exercises is: brainhq.com



5-vii) Access

Access: Describe how participants accessed the application, in what setting/context, if they had to pay (or were paid) or not, whether they had to be a member of specific group. If known, describe how participants obtained "access to the platform and Internet" [1]. To ensure access for editors/reviewers/readers, consider to provide a "backdoor" login account or demo mode for reviewers/readers to explore the application (also important for archiving purposes, see vi).

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We encouraged participants to complete training from home, in an environment free from distractions.

Payment: "Participants in this study received \$100 for completing the diagnostic interview and baseline assessments, \$5 per session of cognitive training or computer games completed, \$55 for post-intervention assessments, and \$55 for 6 month follow-up assessments."

Access: Participants were provided a link to the cognitive training or computer games. The list of training exercises and computer games used in this study is provided in Supplemental Tables 1 and 2. Sample exercises can be accessed for free at



5-viii) Mode of delivery, features/functionalities/components of the intervention and comparator, and the theoretical framework

Describe mode of delivery, features/functionalities/components of the intervention and comparator, and the theoretical framework [6] used to design them (instructional strategy [1], behaviour change techniques, persuasive features, etc., see e.g., [7, 8] for terminology). This includes an in-depth description of the content (including where it is coming from and who developed it) [1], “whether [and how] it is tailored to individual circumstances and allows users to track their progress and receive feedback” [6]. This also includes a description of communication delivery channels and – if computer-mediated communication is a component – whether communication was synchronous or asynchronous [6]. It also includes information on presentation strategies [1], including page design principles, average amount of text on pages, presence of hyperlinks to other resources, etc. [1].

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Please see response to item 5ii.



5-ix) Describe use parameters

Describe use parameters (e.g., intended "doses" and optimal timing for use). Clarify what instructions or recommendations were given to the user, e.g., regarding timing, frequency, heaviness of use, if any, or was the intervention used ad libitum.

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"Participants were asked to use their assigned program (treatment or active control) via computer for approximately 2 hours per week over the course of 16 weeks."



5-x) Clarify the level of human involvement

Clarify the level of human involvement (care providers or health professionals, also technical assistance) in the e-intervention or as co-intervention (detail number and expertise of professionals involved, if any, as well as "type of assistance offered, the timing and frequency of the support, how it is initiated, and the medium by which the assistance is delivered". It may be necessary to distinguish between the level of human involvement required for the trial, and the level of human involvement required for a routine application outside of a RCT setting (discuss under item 21 – generalizability).

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Does your paper address subitem 5-x?

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All participants utilized a co-intervention-- the PRIME app: "Both groups used the PRIME app on their personal smartphones."

"PRIME pairs participants with a "motivational coach" trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to encourage and reinforce the goals."

The number of coach interactions are listed in Table 2.



5-xi) Report any prompts/reminders used

Report any prompts/reminders used: Clarify if there were prompts (letters, emails, phone calls, SMS) to use the application, what triggered them, frequency etc. It may be necessary to distinguish between the level of prompts/reminders required for the trial, and the level of prompts/reminders for a routine application outside of a RCT setting (discuss under item 21 – generalizability).

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Does your paper address subitem 5-xi? *

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"The Study Coordinator was un-blinded to enroll and randomize participants, perform weekly check-ins with participants and provide support while participants completed their assigned training program."



5-xii) Describe any co-interventions (incl. training/support)

Describe any co-interventions (incl. training/support): Clearly state any interventions that are provided in addition to the targeted eHealth intervention, as ehealth intervention may not be designed as stand-alone intervention. This includes training sessions and support [1]. It may be necessary to distinguish between the level of training required for the trial, and the level of training for a routine application outside of a RCT setting (discuss under item 21 – generalizability).

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All participants utilized the PRIME app: "As a mobile application, PRIME is designed to enhance motivation (but not cognition) by helping participants set and track S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) goals and by celebrating accomplishments. PRIME pairs participants with a "motivational coach" trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to encourage and reinforce the goals. PRIME participants message and interact with their coach as well as a community of peers."

6a) Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 6a? *

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"1) TCT+PRIME participants would show greater gains in cognition relative to CG+PRIME; 2) Both groups would show improvements in motivation and related indices of motivation as a result of PRIME. Secondly, we explored the effects of these interventions on symptoms and functioning. "

"Assessments of symptoms, functioning, motivation, and cognition at all 3 time points were also completed entirely remotely via videoconference, self-report surveys, and online cognitive batteries (see Measures section for details)."

6a-i) Online questionnaires: describe if they were validated for online use and apply CHERRIES items to describe how the questionnaires were designed/deployed

If outcomes were obtained through online questionnaires, describe if they were validated for online use and apply CHERRIES items to describe how the questionnaires were designed/deployed [9].

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Does your paper address subitem 6a-i?

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6a-ii) Describe whether and how "use" (including intensity of use/dosage) was defined/measured/monitored

Describe whether and how "use" (including intensity of use/dosage) was defined/measured/monitored (logins, logfile analysis, etc.). Use/adoption metrics are important process outcomes that should be reported in any ehealth trial.

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Does your paper address subitem 6a-ii?

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Hours of cognitive training or computer games completed were obtained from the backend of the Brain HQ website and is described in the results section: "Participants in the TCT+PRIME group averaged 17.15 (SD=13.89) hours of cognitive training across the study, with an intensity of 1.33 (SD=0.98) hours per week. Participants in the CG+PRIME group completed an average of 19.91 (SD=10.98) hours of computer games, at an intensity of 1.86 (SD=1.52) hours per week."



6a-iii) Describe whether, how, and when qualitative feedback from participants was obtained

Describe whether, how, and when qualitative feedback from participants was obtained (e.g., through emails, feedback forms, interviews, focus groups).

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Does your paper address subitem 6a-iii?

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"Acceptability was measured through participant ratings of satisfaction, interest, and enjoyment in PRIME and in the TCT and CG conditions, and anticipated benefits of the TCT and CG conditions."

"Seventy-two of the 100 participants evaluated TCT and CG modules and features of PRIME during an exit interview."

6b) Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 6b? *

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There were no changes to study outcomes.

7a) How sample size was determined

NPT: When applicable, details of whether and how the clustering by care provides or centers was addressed

7a-i) Describe whether and how expected attrition was taken into account when calculating the sample size

Describe whether and how expected attrition was taken into account when calculating the sample size.

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Does your paper address subitem 7a-i?

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Sample size was estimated prior to the study using effect sizes and attrition rates from our previous studies of cognitive training in schizophrenia.

7b) When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 7b? *

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Interim analyses were not conducted.

8a) Method used to generate the random allocation sequence

NPT: When applicable, how care providers were allocated to each trial group

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 8a? *

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"Prior to enrolling participants, a random allocation sequence was created using a randomization generator."



8b) Type of randomisation; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 8b? *

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"Participants were randomized to PRIME + 30 hours of TCT or PRIME + 30 hours of CG in a 1:1 ratio."

9) Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (such as sequentially numbered containers), describing any steps taken to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 9? *

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The sequence was stored in Box and concealed/inaccessible to study members blind to group assignment (i.e. PRIME coaches and assessment staff). The sequence was accessible to our un-blinded Study Coordinator who enrolled and randomized participants.

10) Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 10? *

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"Prior to enrolling participants, a random allocation sequence was created using a randomization generator. The sequence was stored in Box and concealed/inaccessible to study members blind to group assignment (i.e. PRIME coaches and assessment staff). The sequence was accessible to our un-blinded Study Coordinator who enrolled and randomized participants."

11a) If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how
NPT: Whether or not administering co-interventions were blinded to group assignment

11a-i) Specify who was blinded, and who wasn't

Specify who was blinded, and who wasn't. Usually, in web-based trials it is not possible to blind the participants [1, 3] (this should be clearly acknowledged), but it may be possible to blind outcome assessors, those doing data analysis or those administering co-interventions (if any).

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Does your paper address subitem 11a-i? *

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"Participants, the PRIME coaches, and assessment staff were blind to group



11a-ii) Discuss e.g., whether participants knew which intervention was the "intervention of interest" and which one was the "comparator"

Informed consent procedures (4a-ii) can create biases and certain expectations - discuss e.g., whether participants knew which intervention was the "intervention of interest" and which one was the "comparator".

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Does your paper address subitem 11a-ii?

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We did not formally test whether participants remained blind at the end of the trial. However, it is unlikely that the blind was broken since "The CG condition is administered in exactly the same way as TCT: the number, availability, and time spent on each game is managed by the same server which manages the treatment group exercises to match the experience between the two conditions."

11b) If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions

(this item is usually not relevant for ehealth trials as it refers to similarity of a placebo or sham intervention to a active medication/intervention)

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 11b? *

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"Computer Games (CG) Control Condition

Games were chosen that have been shown to provide face-valid cognitive stimulation and that are rated E (for everyone) by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB). The CG condition was designed to control for computer exposure, contact with research personnel, and monetary payments. The CG condition is administered in exactly the same way as TCT: the number, availability, and time spent on each game is managed by the same server which manages the treatment group exercises to match the experience between the two conditions."



12a) Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes

NPT: When applicable, details of whether and how the clustering by care providers or centers was addressed

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 12a? *

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Statistical Analyses

"An intent-to-treat analysis was conducted using a linear mixed-effects model with group and time as fixed factors. Model parameters were estimated using restricted maximum likelihood. Participant groups were compared on the change in the Penn cognition z-scores, and measures of motivation, symptoms and functioning. Effect sizes (Cohen's d) were calculated using the mean changes from baseline to post-training and baseline to six-month follow up, and the pooled standard deviations."



12a-i) Imputation techniques to deal with attrition / missing values

Imputation techniques to deal with attrition / missing values: Not all participants will use the intervention/comparator as intended and attrition is typically high in ehealth trials. Specify how participants who did not use the application or dropped out from the trial were treated in the statistical analysis (a complete case analysis is strongly discouraged, and simple imputation techniques such as LOCF may also be problematic [4]).

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"An intent-to-treat analysis was conducted using a linear mixed-effects model with group and time as fixed factors. Model parameters were estimated using restricted maximum likelihood."

12b) Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 12b? *

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There were no subgroup analyses.

X26) REB/IRB Approval and Ethical Considerations [recommended as subheading under "Methods"] (not a CONSORT item)

X26-i) Comment on ethics committee approval

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"Ethical Considerations

The Institutional Review Board of the University of Minnesota reviewed and approved this study. All participants provided informed consent. Data from this study have been de-identified. Participants in this study received \$100 for completing the diagnostic interview and baseline assessments, \$5 per session of cognitive training or computer games completed, \$55 for post-intervention assessments, and \$55 for 6 month follow-up assessments."

x26-ii) Outline informed consent procedures

Outline informed consent procedures e.g., if consent was obtained offline or online (how? Checkbox, etc.), and what information was provided (see 4a-ii). See [6] for some items to be included in informed consent documents.

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Consent was obtained online. Participants read through the informed consent as presented through REDCap, with the support of the research coordinator. Participants were prompted to call the research coordinator, who then reviewed the consent over the phone with them and was available for any questions or comments. The research coordinator ensured that the participant had full understanding of the study. The online consent form was designed so that the participant was unable to proceed with reviewing the consent document without the telephone presence and support of the research coordinator. Only after the research coordinator reviewed the consent and determined the participant fully understood all procedures using the UBACC, he/she distributed a "code" for the participant to proceed.

X26-iii) Safety and security procedures

Safety and security procedures, incl. privacy considerations, and any steps taken to reduce the likelihood or detection of harm (e.g., education and training, availability of a hotline)

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The following procedures were followed to protect the safety and privacy of participants: During the consent discussion, participants will be required to provide contact information for a clinical provider. Participants are also asked during the consent appointment to provide contact information for an emergency contact, which can be a family member or friend. Study staff may contact this person if there are concerns for a participant's well-being (following the Crisis Protocol). Providing an emergency contact is optional. Research staff will not share details of the individual's study participation with others unless they have written authorization from the participant to do so.

RESULTS

13a) For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analysed for the primary outcome
NPT: The number of care providers or centers performing the intervention in each group and the number of patients treated by each care provider in each center

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Figure 5 shows the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analysed.



13b) For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 13b? (NOTE: Preferably, this is shown in a CONSORT flow diagram) *

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Figure 5 shows attrition during baseline assessments and after randomization. Reasons for attrition are described in the Results section: "Most participants who did not complete the post-training assessment were lost to follow-up (i.e. could not be reached after multiple attempts)."

13b-i) Attrition diagram

Strongly recommended: An attrition diagram (e.g., proportion of participants still logging in or using the intervention/comparator in each group plotted over time, similar to a survival curve) or other figures or tables demonstrating usage/dose/engagement.

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Please see Figure 5 for attrition.

14a) Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 14a? *

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The study start date was 9/1/2016 and end date was 3/12/2022. "Eighty-five percent of participants enrolled prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 15% enrolled during the pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a decrease in enrollment and greater attrition during baseline assessments (i.e. prior to randomization). "



14a-i) Indicate if critical “secular events” fell into the study period

Indicate if critical “secular events” fell into the study period, e.g., significant changes in Internet resources available or “changes in computer hardware or Internet delivery resources”

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Does your paper address subitem 14a-i?

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There were no significant changes.

14b) Why the trial ended or was stopped (early)



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Recruitment slowed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and ended with 83% of our target recruitment goals met. "During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a decrease in enrollment and greater attrition during baseline assessments (i.e. prior to randomization)."

15) A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group

NPT: When applicable, a description of care providers (case volume, qualification, expertise, etc.) and centers (volume) in each group

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 15? *

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Table 1 shows baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of each group.



15-i) Report demographics associated with digital divide issues

In ehealth trials it is particularly important to report demographics associated with digital divide issues, such as age, education, gender, social-economic status, computer/Internet/ehealth literacy of the participants, if known.

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"There were no significant differences in demographic or clinical characteristics between the TCT+PRIME or the CG+PRIME groups (Table 1)."

16) For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups



16-i) Report multiple “denominators” and provide definitions

Report multiple “denominators” and provide definitions: Report N’s (and effect sizes) “across a range of study participation [and use] thresholds” [1], e.g., N exposed, N consented, N used more than x times, N used more than y weeks, N participants “used” the intervention/comparator at specific pre-defined time points of interest (in absolute and relative numbers per group). Always clearly define “use” of the intervention.

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Does your paper address subitem 16-i? *

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The number of participants in each group and each analysis are listed in the first row of Tables 1-5.



16-ii) Primary analysis should be intent-to-treat

Primary analysis should be intent-to-treat, secondary analyses could include comparing only "users", with the appropriate caveats that this is no longer a randomized sample (see 18-i).

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"An intent-to-treat analysis was conducted using a linear mixed-effects model with group and time as fixed factors."

17a) For each primary and secondary outcome, results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval)



Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 17a? *

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Results and effects sizes are listed in Tables 3-4 and in Supplemental Table 3.

17a-i) Presentation of process outcomes such as metrics of use and intensity of use

In addition to primary/secondary (clinical) outcomes, the presentation of process outcomes such as metrics of use and intensity of use (dose, exposure) and their operational definitions is critical. This does not only refer to metrics of attrition (13-b) (often a binary variable), but also to more continuous exposure metrics such as "average session length". These must be accompanied by a technical description how a metric like a "session" is defined (e.g., timeout after idle time) [1] (report under item 6a).

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Metrics on the cognitive training and computer games usage are provided in this section: "Targeted Cognitive Training and Computer Games Usage"

PRIME metrics are provided in this section: "PRIME Usage Metrics"

17b) For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended

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Our outcome measures are not binary.

18) Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory

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"Seventy-two of the 100 participants evaluated TCT and CG modules and features of PRIME during an exit interview (Table 5)."



18-i) Subgroup analysis of comparing only users

A subgroup analysis of comparing only users is not uncommon in ehealth trials, but if done, it must be stressed that this is a self-selected sample and no longer an unbiased sample from a randomized trial (see 16-iii).

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Does your paper address subitem 18-i?

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A subgroup analysis comparing only users was not conducted.

19) All important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms)



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There were no important harms or unintended effects.

19-i) Include privacy breaches, technical problems

Include privacy breaches, technical problems. This does not only include physical "harm" to participants, but also incidents such as perceived or real privacy breaches [1], technical problems, and other unexpected/unintended incidents. "Unintended effects" also includes unintended positive effects [2].

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There were no privacy breaches or technical problems.



19-ii) Include qualitative feedback from participants or observations from staff/researchers

Include qualitative feedback from participants or observations from staff/researchers, if available, on strengths and shortcomings of the application, especially if they point to unintended/unexpected effects or uses. This includes (if available) reasons for why people did or did not use the application as intended by the developers.

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"While retention in both TCT and CG groups was higher in this study than similar studies without PRIME, the TCT participants showed a lower weekly training intensity, likely reflecting the greater effort and difficulty of engaging in TCT exercises..."

DISCUSSION



22) Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence

NPT: In addition, take into account the choice of the comparator, lack of or partial blinding, and unequal expertise of care providers or centers in each group

22-i) Restate study questions and summarize the answers suggested by the data, starting with primary outcomes and process outcomes (use)

Restate study questions and summarize the answers suggested by the data, starting with primary outcomes and process outcomes (use).

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Does your paper address subitem 22-i? *

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"This is the first randomized controlled trial to explore how cognitive training, supported by a novel, smartphone-based app designed to improve motivational deficits, can be delivered remotely to individuals with psychosis spectrum disorders."

"Our primary hypotheses were: 1) TCT+PRIME participants would show greater gains in cognition relative to CG+PRIME; 2) Both groups would show improvements in motivation and related indices of motivation as a result of PRIME. Secondly, we explored the effects of these interventions on symptoms and functioning."

"Our results indicate significantly greater improvement in Emotion Recognition, and greater improvement at trend level significance in Global Cognition in the TCT+PRIME group relative to the CG+PRIME. "

"The total sample showed improvements in a majority of the motivational domains, and these improvements were sustained at the 6 month follow-up."



22-ii) Highlight unanswered new questions, suggest future research

Highlight unanswered new questions, suggest future research.

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"Future studies are needed to determine the effects of remotely delivered cognitive training provided with remotely delivered psychosocial treatments."

"Thus, important future directions include: 1) increasing the enjoyability of digital cognitive training interventions, and 2) providing interventions, such as metacognitive training, that might increase participants' insights into cognitive improvements and encouragement of the use of these improvements in daily functioning. "

"Future studies should consider strategies to increase recruitment of a more diverse



20) Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses

20-i) Typical limitations in ehealth trials

Typical limitations in ehealth trials: Participants in ehealth trials are rarely blinded. Ehealth trials often look at a multiplicity of outcomes, increasing risk for a Type I error. Discuss biases due to non-use of the intervention/usability issues, biases through informed consent procedures, unexpected events.

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Does your paper address subitem 20-i? *

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"The browser interface of cognitive training and mobile interface of PRIME make both interventions highly scalable, though access to a laptop, smartphone, and internet are required. The remote nature of the interventions also created limitations in assessing quality of engagement with TCT or CG, as we were unable to assess between active and distracted engagement or random inputs (though this was likely not the case as only 1 participant showed a cognitive training accuracy level below 50%). Other limitations include our resulting sample, from online recruitment, of highly educated participants who showed average baseline cognitive performance."



21) Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings

NPT: External validity of the trial findings according to the intervention, comparators, patients, and care providers or centers involved in the trial

21-i) Generalizability to other populations

Generalizability to other populations: In particular, discuss generalizability to a general Internet population, outside of a RCT setting, and general patient population, including applicability of the study results for other organizations

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"Other limitations include our resulting sample, from online recruitment, of highly educated participants who showed average baseline cognitive performance. Future studies should



21-ii) Discuss if there were elements in the RCT that would be different in a routine application setting

Discuss if there were elements in the RCT that would be different in a routine application setting (e.g., prompts/reminders, more human involvement, training sessions or other co-interventions) and what impact the omission of these elements could have on use, adoption, or outcomes if the intervention is applied outside of a RCT setting.

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OTHER INFORMATION

23) Registration number and name of trial registry



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Trial Registration: ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02782442

24) Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available

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The protocol was not published.

25) Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders

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"This work was supported by the Stanley Medical Research Institute (grant number #15T-010), and by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National



X27) Conflicts of Interest (not a CONSORT item)



X27-i) State the relation of the study team towards the system being evaluated
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"The cognitive training software used in this study was supplied to the first and last author free of charge by Posit Science Inc, a company with a commercial interest in the cognitive training software used in this study. None of the authors have any financial interest in Posit Science Inc. The Authors have declared that there are no conflicts of interest in relation



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