

Multimedia Appendix 2: Studies Excluded During Full Text Review

Excluded articles (n=65)

Summary of reasons:

Inclusion criteria not met:

1. App is not primary intervention tool / Article does not have a primary focus on App (n=11)
2. Targeted population under 18 years old (n=3)

Exclusion criteria met:

1. Quasi-experiment studies (n=21)
2. Protocol (n=10)
3. Only qualitative studies (n=8)
4. No relevant behaviour intervention outcomes (n=7)
5. Editorial (n=2)
6. Commentary (n=2)
7. Conference report (n=1)

List of excluded articles:

(1) App is not primary intervention tool / Article does not have a primary focus on App

1. Turner-McGrievy GB, M.W.; Moore, J.B.; Kaczynski, A.T.; Barr-Anderson, D.J.; Tate, D.F. : Comparison of traditional versus mobile app self-monitoring of dietary intake and physical activity among overweight and obese adults participating in the mhealth weight loss program. 2013.
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6. Kirwan M, Duncan MJ, Vandelanotte C, et al.: Using Smartphone Technology to Monitor Physical Activity in the 10,000 Steps Program: A Matched Case–Control Trial. *J Med Internet Res.* 2012;14(2):e55.

7. Hebden L, Cook A, Ploeg HP, et al.: A mobile health intervention for weight management among young adults: a pilot randomised controlled trial. *Journal of Human Nutrition & Dietetics*. 2014;27(4):322-332.
8. Fukuoka Y, Gay CL, Joiner KL, et al.: A Novel Diabetes Prevention Intervention Using a Mobile App. A Randomized Controlled Trial With Overweight Adults at Risk. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2015.
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11. Mays D, Cremeens J, Usdan S, et al.: The feasibility of assessing alcohol use among college students using wireless mobile devices: Implications for health education and behavioural research. *Health Education Journal*. 2010;69(3):311-320.

(2) Targeted population under 18 years old

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(3) Quasi-experiment studies

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2. Ben-Zeev D, Kaiser SM, Brenner CJ, et al.: Development and usability testing of FOCUS: a smartphone system for self-management of schizophrenia. *Psychiatric rehabilitation journal*. 2013;36(4):289-296.
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13. Morris ME, Kathawala Q, Leen TK, et al.: Mobile therapy: case study evaluations of a cell phone application for emotional self-awareness. *J Med Internet Res*. 2010;12(2):e10.
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16. Rizvi SL, Dimeff LA, Skutch J, et al.: A Pilot Study of the DBT Coach: An Interactive Mobile Phone Application for Individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder and Substance Use Disorder. *Behavior Therapy*. 2011;42(4):589-600.
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(4) Protocol

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(5) No relevant behaviour intervention outcomes

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(6) Only Qualitative outcome

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(7) Conference report

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(8) Editorial

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(9) Commentary

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