PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS AND ANTIRETROVIRAL ADHERENCE

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First author, year	Randomized sample	Name	Study Aim	Measure type
Country	Mean age and % female	Provider	Control Group	
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Basso, 2013	N = 121 PLWH	Human Right- Based Intervention	Aim: increasing adherence.	MEMS
Brazil	Mean age: 43 years; 37% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: SC	
	Screened on detectable viral load	Categorized as: counselling		
	(DG).	Length: 4 hrs; Setting: individual		
Carrico, 2006	N = 130, male PLWH	Cognitive Behavioural Stress Management	Aim: improving health.	ACTG, self-report, 4 days recall.
USA	Mean age: 42 years; 0% female	Provider: psychologist/psychiatrist	CG: SC	
		Categorized as: CBT (CB, REL)		
		Length: 22.5 hrs; Setting: group		
Chung, 2011	N = 200 PLWH	Adherence Counselling	Aim: increasing adherence.	Pill-Count
Kenya	Mean age: 36 years; 66% female	Provider: counsellor	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating ART (RG)	Categorized as: counselling (CB)		
		Length: 1.9 hrs; Setting: individual		
Claborn, 2014	N = 97 PLWH	eLifeSteps	Aim: increasing adherence.	ACTG, self-report, 4 days recall.
USA	Mean age: 44 years; 16% female	Provider: computer	CG: SC	
	Screened on adherence $\leq 95\%$ (DG)	Categorized as: CBT (CB)		
		Length: 1 hour; Setting: individual		
De Bruin, 2010	N = 133 PLWH	Adherence Improving Self-Management	Aim: increasing adherence.	MEMS
The Netherlands	Mean age: 48 years; 10% female	Strategy	CG: SC	
		Provider: HIV-nurse		
		Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
		Length: 1 hour; Setting: individual		
DiIorio, 2008	N = 247 PLWH	Motivational Interviewing	Aim: increasing adherence.	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 42 years; 28% female	Provider: HIV-nurse	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating or changing	Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
	ART (RG)	Length: 2.8 hrs; Setting: individual		

Supplement B – Summary of RCT studies on the Effect of Psychosocial Interventions on Medication Adherence in PLWH.

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Duncan, 2012	N = 76 PLWH	"FOCUS" MBSR	Aim: improving health	VAS, self-report, 30 days recall
USA	Mean age: 48 years; 16% female	Provider: MBSR (healthcare) professional	CG: SC	
	Screened on experiencing distress	Categorized as: CBT (CB, REL)		
	from side effects (RG)	Length: 30 hrs; Setting: group		
Goggin, 2013	N = 135 PLWH	Motivational Interviewing - CBT	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 40.6 years; 26% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: SC	
	Screened on adherence problems,	Categorized as: counselling (CB, MI)		
	initiating or changing ART (DG)	Length: 4.2 hrs; Setting: individual		
Golin, 2006	N = 155 PLWH	Motivational Interviewing	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 40 years; 34% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: Active control group: PE	
	Screened on detectable or increased	Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
	viral load or initiating ART (DG)	Length: 2.3 hrs; Setting: individual		
Hersch, 2013	N = 168 PLWH	eLifeSteps	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age:46 years; 24% female	Provider: computer	CG: WLC	
	Screened on detectable viral	Categorized as: CBT (CB, REL)		
	load(DG)	Length: 1 hour; Setting: individual		
Holstad, 2011	N = 207, female PLWH	KHARMA – Motivational Interviewing	Aim: improving health	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 44 years; 100% female	Provider: nurse	CG: Active control group: PE	
		Categorized as: counselling (MI)	Analysed if \geq 7 of 8 sessions	
		Length: 14 hrs; Setting: group	were followed	
Holstad, 2012	N = 60, female PLWH	KHARMA – Motivational Interviewing	Aim: improving health	AGAS, self-report, 30 days recall
Nigeria	Mean age: 31 years; 100% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: Active control group: PE	
		Categorized as: counselling (MI)	Analysed if \geq 7 of 8 sessions	
		Length: 14 hrs; Setting: group	were followed	
Horvath, 2013	N = 145, gay or bisexual PLWH	Thrive With Me - online social support	Aim: increasing adherence	Self-report item, 30 days recall
USA	Mean age: 43 years; 0% female	Provider: peer	CG: WLC	
	Screened on adherence problems	Categorized as: peer support		
	(DG)	Length: NR; Setting: individual		

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Ingersoll, 2011	N = 56, crack cocaine using PLWH	Motivational Interviewing	Aim: improving health	TLB, self-report, 14 days recall
USA	Mean age: 45 years; 52% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: Active control group: PE	
	Screened on adherence problems	Categorized as: counselling (CB, MI)		
	(DG)	Length: 6 hrs; Setting: individual		
Johnson, 2007	N = 204 PLWH	The Healthy Living Project	Aim: improving health	ACTG, self-report, 3 days recall
USA	Mean age: 40 years; 22% female	Provider: healthcare professional.	CG: WLC	
	(DG; see analysed sample)	Categorized as: counselling (CB)	Analysed if $\leq 85\%$ adherence	
		Length: 22.5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Johnson, 2011	N = 249 PLWH	The Balance Project	Aim: increasing adherence	VAS, self-report, 30 days recall
USA	Mean age: 46 years; 9% female	Provider: healthcare professional.	CG: WLC	
	Screened on side effect distress (RG)	Categorized as: counselling (CB)		
		Length: 5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Kalichman, 2011	N = 41 PLWH	Cell Phone Adherence Counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	Pill-count
USA	Mean age: 51 years; 35% female	Provider: counsellor	CG: Active control group:	
	Screened on \leq 95% adherence (DG)	Categorized as: counselling (CB)	pill-count calls	
		Length: 3.75 hrs; Setting: individual		
Konkle-Parker,	N = 56 PLWH	Motivational Interviewing	Aim: increasing adherence	VAS, self-report, 21-28 days recall
2012	Mean age: 35 years; 38% female	Provider: nurse	CG: SC	
USA	Screened on initiating or changing	Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
	ART (RG)	Length: 2.5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Konkle-Parker,	N = 100 PLWH	Motivational Interviewing	Aim: increasing adherence	VAS, self-report, 21-28 days recall
2014	Mean age: 37 years; 51% female	Provider: other (research coordinator)	CG: SC	
USA	Screened on adherence problems	Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
	(DG)	Length: 2.5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Kurth 2014	N = 240 PLWH	CARE+: online counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	VAS, self-report, 30 days recall
USA	Mean age: 45 years; 9% female	Provider: computer	CG: SC	
		Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
		Length: NR; Setting: individual		

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Margolin, 2003	N = 90 PLWH in a methadone	HIV+ Harm Reduction Program	Aim: improving health	TLB, self-report, 7 days recall
USA	maintenance program	Provider: counsellor	CG: SC	
	Mean age: 41 years; 30% female	Categorized as: CBT (CB)		
	Screened on injection drug use (RG)	Length: 104 hrs; Setting: group (inpatient)		
Murphy, 2002	N = 52 PLWH	CBT	Aim: increasing adherence	ACTG, self-report, 3 days recall
USA	Mean age: 39 years; 12% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: SC	
	Screened on missing ≥ 1 dose per	Categorized as: CBT (CB)		
	week (DG)	Length: NR; Setting: group & individual		
Nyamathi, 2012	N = 68, female PLWH, aged 18-45	ASHA-life	Aim: increasing adherence	Pill-Count
India	Mean age: 31 years; 100% female	Provider: peer	CG: Active control group: PE	
	Screened on CD4 count ≥ 100	Categorized as: peer support		
		Length: NR; Setting: group & individual		
Parsons, 2007	N = 143 PLWH	Project PLUS – CBT and MI	Aim: improving health	Self-report item, 14 days recall
USA	Mean age: 44 years; 21% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: Active control group: PE	
	Screened on hazardous drinking (RG)	Categorized as: CBT (CB, MI)		
		Length: 8 hrs; Setting: individual		
Rathbun, 2005	N = 33 PLWH	Psycho-educative counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 38 years; 15% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating ART (RG)	Categorized as: counselling		
		Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Remien, 2005	N = 215 PLWH in relationship with	SMART Couples Support Study	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	seronegative partner (≥ 6 months)	Provider: nurse	CG: SC	
	Mean age: 42 years; 46% female	Categorized as: social support (CB)		
	Screened on $\leq 80\%$ adherence (DG)	Length: 3.3 hrs; Setting: individual		
Reynolds, 2008	N = 109 PLWH	Telephone Adherence Counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	ACTG, self-report, 4 days recall
USA	Mean age: 37 years; 15% female	Provider: nurse	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating ART (RG)	Categorized as: counselling		
		Length: 1.5 hrs; Setting: individual		

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Rosen, 2007	N = 56 PLWH	Contingency Management and counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 44 years; 41% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: Active control group:	
	Screened on $\leq 80\%$ adherence (DG)	Categorized as: CBT (CB)	counselling	
		Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Safren, 2001	N = 56 PLWH	Life-Steps: CBT for Adherence	Aim: increasing adherence	ACTG, self-report, 14 days recall
USA	Mean age: 41 years; 13% female	Provider: healthcare professional	CG: SC	
	Screened on adherence problems	Categorized as: counselling (CB, MI)		
	(DG)	Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Safren, 2009	N = 45 PLWH	Life-Steps: CBT for Adherence	Aim: improving health.	MEMS
USA	Mean age: NR; 16% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: Enhanced SC	
	Screened on mood disorder (RG)	Categorized as: CBT (CB, MI, REL)		
		Length: 9.2 hrs; Setting: individual		
Safren, 2012	N = 89 PLWH	Life-Steps: CBT for Adherence	Aim: improving health	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 47 years; 39% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: Enhanced SC	
	Screened on opioid dependence &	Categorized as: CBT (CB, MI, REL)		
	mood disorder (RG)	Length: 7.5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Samet, 2005	N = 151 PLWH	ADHERE – Motivational Interviewing	Aim: increasing adherence	ACTG, self-report, 30 days recall
USA	Mean age: 43 years; 46% female	Provider: nurse	CG: SC	
	Screened on alcohol problems (RG)	Categorized as: counselling (MI)		
		Length: 2.4 hrs; Setting: individual		
Simoni, 2007	N = 136 PLWH	Peer Support	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 43 years; 45% female	Provider: peer	CG: SC	
		Categorized as: peer support		
		Length: 6 hrs; Setting: group & individual		
Simoni, 2009	N = 114 PLWH	Peer Support	Aim: improving health	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 40 years; 24% female	Provider: peer	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating or changing	Categorized as: peer support		
	ART (RG)	Length: 6 hrs; Setting: group & individual		

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Simoni, 2013	N = 40 PLWH of Mexican descent	CBT for Depression & Life-Steps	Aim: improving health	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 46 years; 28% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: SC	
	Screened on depressive complaints &	Categorized as: CBT (CB, MI, REL)		
	non-adherence or detectable viral	Length: 9.17 hrs; Setting: individual		
	load (DG)			
Sorensen, 2007	N = 66 PLWH	Contingency Management and Counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 43 years; 41% female	Provider: other (not specified)	CG: Active control group:	
	Screened on receiving methadone	Categorized as: CBT (CB)	counselling and reward	
	treatment and $\leq 80\%$ adherence (DG)	Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Tuldra, 2000	N = 116 PLWH	Psycho-educative Counselling	Aim: increasing adherence	Self-report item, 30 days recall
Spain	Mean age: 39 years; 24% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating ART (RG)	Categorized as: counselling		
		Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Wagner, 2006	N = 230 PLWH	CBT or CBT plus Adherence Practice Trial	Aim: improving health	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 39 years; 20% female	Provider: nurse	CG: SC	
	Screened on adherence problems &	Categorized as: CBT (CB)		
	initiating or changing ART (DG)	Length: 3.1 hrs; Setting: individual		
Wagner, 2013	N = 60 PLWH	Adherence Readiness Program	Aim: increasing adherence	MEMS
USA	Mean age: 39 years; 6% female	Provider: counsellor	CG: SC	
	Screened on initiating or changing	Categorized as: counselling (CB, MI)		
	ART (RG)	Length: 3.5 hrs; Setting: individual		
Webel, 2010	N = 89, female and transgender	Peer-Supported Self-management	Aim: improving health	ACTG, self-report, 7 days recall
USA	(identifying female), PLWH	Provider: peer	CG: WLC	
	Mean age: 47 years; 100% female	Categorized as: peer support (CB, REL)		
		Length: 14 hrs; Setting: group		
Weber, 2004	N = 60 PLWH	CBT	Aim: improving health	MEMS
Switzerland	Mean age: 41 years; 17% female	Provider: psychologist	CG: SC	
	Screened on detectable viral load	Categorized as: CBT (CB)		

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	(RG)	Length: 18.8 hrs; Setting: individual		
Williams, 2014	N = 110 PLWH	Ai Sheng Nuo (Love, Life, Hope)	Aim: increasing adherence	VAS, self-report, 30 days recall
China	Mean age: 38 years; 29% female	Provider: peer	CG: SC	
	Screened on $\leq 90\%$ adherence and	Categorized as: counselling		
	detectable viral load (DG)	Length: NR; Setting: individual		
Wyatt, 2004	N = 147, female, PLWH	ESHI: Enhanced Sexual Health Intervention	Aim: increasing adherence	Self-report item, 14 days recall
USA	Mean age: 41 years; 100% female	Provider: peer	CG: WLC	
	Screened on childhood sexual abuse	Categorized as: counselling (CB, REL)		
	history (RG)	Length: 27.5 hrs; Setting: group		

Note. ACTG = AIDS Clinical Trials Group adherence questionnaire; AGAS = Antiretroviral General Adherence Scale; ART = antiretroviral therapy; CB = cognitive and/or behavioural techniques; CBT = cognitive behavioural therapy; CD4 = cluster of differentiation 4 (immune parameter); CG = control group; DG = difficulties group; IG = intervention group; MBSR = mindfulness based stress reduction; MEMS = Medication Event Monitoring System; MI = motivational interviewing techniques; NR = not reported; PE = psychoeducation; PLWH = people living with HIV; REL = relaxation techniques; RG = risk group; SC = standard care; TLB = Time-Line Back; VAS = Visual Analogue Scale; WLC = waiting-list condition.