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 effect of smartphone-based lifestyle coaching application on community-dwelling population with moderate metabolic abnormalities: a three-arm, parallel-group, single-blind, randomised 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.

Noom

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, Spanish, German, Korean, Japanese

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.

https://www.noom.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: Access is open to everyone, but some optional features require payment.

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)"

Metabolic abnormalities

comma-separated list of primary outcomes reported in the trial

Systolic blood pressure

Secondary/other outcomes

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

Diastolic blood pressure, body weight, fat mass, waist circumference, fasting glucose, homeostatic model assessment of insulin resistance, triglyceride, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol

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: Without specific indication,; as they may wish

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
on statistically significant difference between control and intervention
outcomes potentially harmful: control was significantly better than intervention in one or more
inconclusive: more research is needed
Other: no statistically significant difference in primary outcome across the three arms
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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? *
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Other: 17435

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 effect of smartphone-based lifestyle coaching application on community-dwelling population with moderate metabolic abnormalities: a three-arm, parallel-group, single-blind, randomised 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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N/A; no non-web-based components nor co-interventions were involved in the study.

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 effect of smartphone-based lifestyle coaching application on community-dwelling population with moderate metabolic abnormalities: a three-arm, parallel-group, single-blind, randomised 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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"Participants were randomly assigned (1:1:1) by block randomisation to either non-users, application users of diet and exercise self-logging function, and application users both self-logging and receiving personalized feedback from professional dietitians and exercise regimen coordinators."

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 were randomly assigned (1:1:1) by block randomisation." No human involvement were involved.

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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Does your paper address subitem 1b-iii?

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"We recruited participants aged 30 to 59 years with at least two conditions...Assessments were done at baseline, 6, 12, and 24 weeks." (Details regarding participant recruitment and outcomes assessment are further elaborated in the results section of the abstract and methods section of the main text, due to the structure of the manuscript)

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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Does your paper address subitem 1b-iv?

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"160 participants have participated in the baseline screening examination. Among, 129 (80.63%), who satisfy the study eligibility criteria, were assigned to control (CO; n=41), self-logging feature (AO; n=45), or self-logging with personalized coaching (APC; n=43)."

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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"The mobile-based health management application combined with persistent lifestyle modification feedback was found to be ineffective in systolic blood pressure lowering yet effective in weight or body fat mass reduction in the context of primary prevention."

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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"Despite recent healthcare policy changes have expanded the candidate population for nationwide health examinations and launched health lifestyle advocacy initiatives, a considerable proportion remains unable to achieve the target metabolic profile...Previous studies have primarily recruited clinic patients whom were already using or are highly motivated to use health management tools and estimated the effect of these mobile interventions using per protocol analysis."

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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"The objective was to evaluate the longitudinal effect of smartphone-based healthcare application on metabolic parameters in general population with moderate metabolic abnormalities yet without overt diagnosis nor pharmacological treatment."

2b) In INTRODUCTION: Specific objectives or hypotheses

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 2b? *

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Yes; "The objective was to evaluate the longitudinal effect of smartphone-based healthcare application on metabolic parameters in general population with moderate metabolic abnormalities yet without overt diagnosis nor pharmacological treatment. We hypothesized that participants receiving real-time personalized coaching, in addition to diet and physical activity self-logging, will yield the greatest improvements in all metabolic parameters than self-logging, alone, or non-users."

METHODS

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 3a? *

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Yes; "The present study was a single-blind, three-arm parallel-design, randomised controlled trial (RCT) delivering a six-month primary prevention program via mobile application to community-dwelling population with moderate metabolic abnormalities."

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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N/A; no changes were made in regards to study methods after trial commencement.

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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Does your paper address subitem 3b-i?

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N/A; no technological errors nor content changes were made throughout the study.

4a) Eligibility criteria for participants

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 4a? *

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Yes; "In this trial, the participants were identified based on objectively measured metabolic profile from previously established prospective-design Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases Etiology Research Center (CMERC) cohort study...We recruited smartphone users aged 30-59 years with at least two metabolic abnormalities defined by the modified version of the third report of the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) expert panel on detection, evaluation, and treatment of high blood cholesterol in adults (Adult Treatment Panel III) criteria for Asian population: waist circumference 90/80 cm (male/female); systolic/diastolic BP (SBP/DBP) 135/85 mmHg; triglyceride 150 mg/dL; high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol <40/50 mg/dL (male/female); fasting glucose 100 mg/dL). Exclusion criteria included current users of any smartphone-based healthcare applications for lifestyle modification, previous diagnosis of overt CVD, malignant cancer, or metabolic syndrome, currently receiving antihypertensives or glucose- or lipid-lowering drugs, or current pregnancy/breastfeeding."

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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"We recruited smartphone users...Exclusion criteria included current users of any smartphone-based healthcare applications for lifestyle modification..." We ensured that all participants were competent with smartphone-based application usage.

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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"At the baseline examination, all participants received on-site education program that entailed details regarding metabolic syndrome and preventive strategies, including validated exercise regimen and nutritious cooking recipes. Then, we randomly allocated 129 participants into one of the three distinctive intervention arms: the control group (CO; n=41) has only received the aforementioned baseline education and were asked to refrain from concurrently engaging in any smartphone-based lifestyle modification application nor programs; the application-only (AO; n=45) and the application with personalized coaching (APC; n=43) groups have also received the baseline education and were additionally asked to use the smartphone-based weight management application called "Noom" (Noom Inc, New York, NY)...Primary outcome was changes in SBP, and secondary outcomes were changes in DBP, body weight, body fat mass, waist circumference, homeostatic model of assessment of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), and lipid profile (triglyceride and HDL cholesterol) between the baseline and three follow-up occasions after 6, 12, and 24 weeks." The intervention was web-based, whereas outcome assessments were performed via face-to-face health examinations.

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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Does your paper address subitem 4a-iii?

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"...a total of 129 participants have actually attended the baseline examination and have given written consent without knowledge of the intervention assigned"

4b) Settings and locations where the data were collected

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 4b? *

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Yes; "A total of 129 community-dwelling population residing in Seoul and nearby capital regions, Republic of Korea...Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases Etiology Research Center (CMERC)" The metadata collected from the intervention (mobile application) were available in courtesy of Noom, and the health examination were conducted at the CMERC Center in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

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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N/A; no outcomes were assessed through online questionnaires.

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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"The study protocol was approved by the institutional review boards of severance Hospital, Yonsei University Health System, Seoul, republic of Korea (4-2017-0666)...This study was supported by a grant from the Korean Health Technology R & D Project, Ministry of Health & Welfare, Korea (HI13C0715). The funder of the study had no role in study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation, nor writing of the report. The corresponding author had full access to all the data in the study and had final responsibility for the decision to submit for publication."

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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"...smartphone-based weight management application called "Noom" (Noom Inc, New York, NY). Briefly, Noom allows users to log details regarding daily food intake and physical activities; as an additional feature, it delivers structured health-related curricula and personalized feedback from exercise and dietary professionals based on the review of user's logs"

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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Does your paper address subitem 5-ii?

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N/A; Since Noom is already a commercially available product, its history/development process are unavailable and irrelevant to our study.

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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Does your paper address subitem 5-iii?

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N/A; no revisions nor updating were made to the intervention throughout the study.

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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Please refer to Figure 1; we ensured the participants eligibility criteria multiple rounds prior to the study inclusion-by phone calls and on-site screening examination. "For unbiased data monitoring and trial safety overseeing, the research director delegated Dae Ryong Kang, a professor of biomedical data science at Yonsei University, Wonju College of Medicine, Wonju, Korea, who remained independent of research execution throughout the entire study."

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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Please refer to Figures 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, 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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https://www.noom.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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"After universal baseline examination, including anthropometry, blood test, and face-to-face interview collecting demographic and disease history information using structured questionnaire, participants have received text message notifying the initiation of the study. The AO and APC groups were given an additional instruction regarding the Noom application installation procedure with user-specific identification code."

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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"...Noom allows users to log details regarding daily food intake and physical activities; as an additional feature, it delivers structured health-related curricula and personalized feedback from exercise and dietary professionals based on the review of user's logs (Figure 2). The AO group was asked to only utilize the self-logging feature, while the APC group has additionally received personalized coaching."

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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Since the primary objective of this study was to assess real-world effectiveness of lifestyle modification mobile application, we have not given specific instructions regarding the frequency and depth of the application usage after the initial instruction on and activation of the application. This was deliberate to avoid any artificial changes in everyday behavior of the participants.

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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N/A; no human involvement were done regarding the intervention,.

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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"...we randomly allocated 129 participants into one of the three distinctive intervention arms: the control group (CO; n=41) has only received the aforementioned baseline education and were asked to refrain from concurrently engaging in any smartphone-based lifestyle modification application nor programs; the application-only (AO; n=45) and the application with personalized coaching (APC; n=43) groups have also received the baseline education and were additionally asked to use the smartphone-based weight management application called "Noom" (Noom Inc, New York, NY). Briefly, Noom allows users to log details regarding daily food intake and physical activities; as an additional feature, it delivers structured health-related curricula and personalized feedback from exercise and dietary professionals based on the review of user's logs. The AO group was asked to only utilize the self-logging feature, while the APC group has additionally received personalized coaching." Only the AO group had received reminders and feedbacks.

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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N/A; there was only single intervention available.

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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"Primary outcome was changes in SBP, and secondary outcomes were changes in DBP, body weight, body fat mass, waist circumference, homeostatic model of assessment of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), and lipid profile (triglyceride and HDL cholesterol) between the baseline and three follow-up occasions after 6, 12, and 24 weeks.

Anthropometric measurements were performed with strict adherence to standardized protocol and calibrated equipment. BP was consecutively measured using both single- and double-arm automated oscillometric device (HEM-7080, Omron Health, Matsusaka, Japan and WatchBP Office Central, Microlife, Taipei, Taiwan) at a single sitting; the mean of second and third measurements was adopted for analysis. Participants underwent blood test after overnight fasting for a minimum of 8 hours. Fasting plasma glucose and insulin levels were assessed using colorimetry method (ADIVA1800 Auto Analyzer, Siemens medical Sol., USA.). HOMA-IR was calculated by a product of fasting glucose and insulin levels divided by 405 in mg/dL. Weight was measured to the nearest 0.1 kg on a digital scale (DB-150, CAS, Seongnam, Korea). To minimize measurement variability, a zero-point adjustment was routinely conducted using weight blocks (20, 40, and 60 kg). Bioelectrical impedance analysis determined illustrated body composition, including lean body and fat mass (BSM-330, INBODY, Seoul, Korea). Body circumferences, including waist, hip, and mid-thigh and arm, are measured to the nearest 0.1 cm using a plastic tape (SECA 201, SECA, Hamburg, Germany), while maintaining the level of the measuring tape."

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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N/A; no online questionnaires were used in this study.

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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"....participants have received text message notifying the initiation of the study. The AO and APC groups were given an additional instruction regarding the Noom application installation procedure with user-specific identification code." We ensured that the AO and APC groups have installed the intervention application by cross-referencing with their user identification code. After the activation, no additional activities/use were further assessed in our study.

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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N/A; no qualitative feedback was asked of from the participants.

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

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N/A; no changes to trial outcomes after the trial have commenced.

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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"The target sample size was 150 participants, chosen to provide good precision for estimating the intended effect of usage and feature of the mobile application. Specifically, the sample size calculation was conducted based on the expected difference in SBP after 24 weeks of follow-up across the three intervention arms. We assumed a statistical power of 80% and a significance level set at P <0.05. Based on previous literature, we expected SBP to embody a mean difference of 6 mmHg with a standard deviation of 10 mmHg after 24 weeks. When adopting 10% attrition rate, the required number of participants was approximately 50 participants; considering the three-arm design, the study required a minimum of 150 participants."

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 7b? *

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N/A; no interim analyses nor stopping guidelines were made until the end of the study.

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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Yes; "We randomly allocated 129 participants into one of the three intervention arms via sexand age-stratified block randomization by setting block size n=6 from sex (male/female) by age group in decile (years 30, 40, and 50) using R version 3.4.4 (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria)."

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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Yes; "We randomly allocated 129 participants into one of the three intervention arms via sexand age-stratified block randomization by setting block size n=6 from sex (male/female) by age group in decile (years 30, 40, and 50) using R version 3.4.4 (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria)."

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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Yes; "We adopted a single-blind approach; thus, the effectiveness would be assessed by masked researchers unaware of the randomisation results. The allocation concealment was achieved via individualized texting, instructing all participants to adhere to their respective intervention and to refrain from sharing of their intervention instructions with each other for the entire duration of the study."

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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Yes; "In this trial, the participants were identified based on objectively measured metabolic profile from previously established prospective-design Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases Etiology Research Center (CMERC) cohort study...we randomly allocated 129 participants into one of the three intervention arms via sex- and age-stratified block randomization...using R version 3.4.4 (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria)"

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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Yes; "We adopted a single-blind approach; thus, the effectiveness would be assessed by masked researchers unaware of the randomisation results."

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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Yes; "The allocation concealment was achieved via individualized texting, instructing all participants to adhere to their respective intervention and to refrain from sharing of their intervention instructions with each other for the entire duration of the study."

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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N/A; Since our study is ehealth trials, similarity of interventions is not applicable.

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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Yes; "In regard to the baseline characteristics, we employed analysis of variance to assess differences in demographic and health-related behavior across the three intervention groups...we used independent t-test to evaluate the differences in study outcomes at each time point. To account for repeated measurements over multiple follow-ups, we employed linear mixed model to determine the effect of mobile healthcare applications on the prespecified outcomes. Specifically, the unstructured linear mixed model incorporates time and group x time interaction terms to assume no homogeneity across the three groups at baseline. From the random intercept model, the estimated beta coefficient of the group x time interaction term was regarded as the effect of the application usage. The average changes are presented as estimated beta coefficient (B) and standard error (SE). All statistical tests were two-sided, and the statistical significance was set at a P <0.05."

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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Does your paper address subitem 12a-i? *

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Yes; "We compared the extent of changes in each metabolic parameter among participants randomly assigned to CO versus AO and APC, separately, using an intention-to-treat (ITT) approach; all participants who participated in at least one of the three follow-up examinations were included in the analysis."

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 12b? *

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Yes; "To ensure homogeneity between those who have and have not attended follow-up examination at least once, we have compared the baseline characteristics as illustrated on Supplementary Table 1."

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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Yes; "The study protocol was approved by the institutional review boards of severance Hospital, Yonsei University Health System, Seoul, republic of Korea (4-2017-0666), and the protocol of our study was registered at ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT03300271)."

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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Yes; "Of the 160 whom expressed affirmative for screening test, a total of 129 participants have actually attended the baseline examination and have given written consent without knowledge of the intervention assigned." The participants have given written consent offline at the baseline examination site.

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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Does your paper address subitem X26-iii?

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Yes; "Data were de-identified and were accessible only by researchers whom were specifically instructed to enter or to analyse. All researchers strictly adhered to data safety protocol. For unbiased data monitoring and trial safety overseeing, the research director delegated Dae Ryong Kang, a professor of biomedical data science at Yonsei University, Wonju College of Medicine, Wonju, Korea, who remained independent of research execution throughout the entire study."

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 13a? *

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Yes; "Of the 129 enrolled individuals, 41 (31.8%) were randomly assigned to CO group, 45 (34.9%) to AO group, and 43 (33.3%) to APC group, respectively." Please also refer to Figure 1.

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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Yes; Since the study results were analyzed using an intention-to-treat method, "all participants who participated in at least one of the three follow-up examinations were included in the analysis."

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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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Does your paper address subitem 13b-i?

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Yes; "Of the 129 enrolled individuals, 41 (31.8%) were randomly assigned to CO group, 45 (34.9%) to AO group, and 43 (33.3%) to APC group, respectively (Figure 1). In total, 111 participants came to at least one follow-up examinations (1st follow-up: n=107; 2nd follow-up: n=100; 3rd follow-up: n=105), yielding 14.0% attrition rate overall." Pleas also refer to Figure 1.

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 14a? *

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Yes; "All participants were concurrently enrolled on Octobre 28th, 2017, with the last participant completing the 24-week follow-up on June 2nd, 2018." All outcomes were assessed at baseline and three follow-up occasions after 6, 12, and 24 weeks during the aforementioned study period.

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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N/A; no secular events have occurred during the study period.

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 14b? *

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N/A; the trial has not ended nor terminated prior to the defined study period.

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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Yes; please refer to Table 1.

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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Does your paper address subitem 15-i? *

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N/A; our study was not intended to assess digital divide issues.

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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Yes; the number of participants allocated to each intervention group are elaborated in Table 1. In addition, we have conducted supplementary analysis to asses the number and baseline characteristics differences between participants who have and have not attended the examinations at least once throughout the study (Supplementary Table 1). "To ensure homogeneity between those who have and have not attended follow-up examination at least once, we have compared the baseline characteristics as illustrated on Supplementary Table 1. In regard to age, sex, anthropometry and chemistry tests, no statistically significant differences were detected between the two group. The only notable difference was the difference in proportion of current smokers; those who have not attend any follow-up examinations had higher proportion of current smokers than those who have attended at least once throughout the study period (17.1% versus 44.4%)."

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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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Yes; "We compared the extent of changes in each metabolic parameter among participants randomly assigned to CO versus AO and APC, separately, using an intention-to-treat (ITT) approach; all participants who participated in at least one of the three follow-up examinations were included in the analysis."

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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Yes; "The average changes are presented as estimated beta coefficient (B) and standard error (SE)." Please refer to Supplementary Tables 2 and 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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N/A; No process outcomes were relevant to our study.

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 17b? *

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N/A; All outcomes of interests were measured as continuous variables.

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

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Yes; "To ensure homogeneity between those who have and have not attended follow-up examination at least once, we have compared the baseline characteristics as illustrated on Supplementary Table 1."

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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N/A; Since the study was a three-arm, parallel-group design, we have simultaneously assessed differences in the extent of outcome changes in primary analyses. No additionally subgroup analyses were performed.

19) All important harms or unintended effects in each group

(for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms)

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N/A; No harms nor unintended effects were expected nor observed in the study.

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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Yes; "Data were de-identified and were accessible only by researchers whom were specifically instructed to enter or to analyse. All researchers strictly adhered to data safety protocol. For unbiased data monitoring and trial safety overseeing, the research director delegated Dae Ryong Kang, a professor of biomedical data science at Yonsei University, Wonju College of Medicine, Wonju, Korea, who remained independent of research execution throughout the entire study."

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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Does your paper address subitem 19-ii?

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N/A; No qualitative feedback from participants were noted. No significant observations from staff/researchers were made that may jeopardize the study.

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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Yes; 'The goal behind the design of this RCT was to assess the real-world effectiveness of mobile-based, self-monitoring, health management application on modifiable metabolic indices in non-patient population in their free-living environments. We tested two-way changes in metabolic parameters by the application usage and the supplemental feature of personalized coaching on middle-aged, community dwellers with metabolic abnormalities yet without clinical diagnosis nor treatment. The interventions showed differential impact on metabolic parameters at different elapsed time point during the trial. Overall, the primary outcome of interest, SBP, did show decreasing trend from the baseline yet such degree did not vary significantly amongst the three groups at any follow-up examinations. Instead, the combined features of self-logging of dietary and exercise and lifestyle coaching (APC group) yielded notable body weight reduction, specifically via body fat mass reduction. Such effect was attenuated yet sustained after six months of the intervention implementation."

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

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Yes; "Previous trials have focused primarily on efficacy testing, often without concurrent control group nor assessor blinding with moderate retention rates, insufficient follow-up, and limited generalizability due to patient-specific findings; it was unclear whether these interventions had accounted for user compatibility and engagement in general population at more empirical settings. In that context, the greatest novelty of our study lies on its evaluation of the mobile application's realistic effectiveness via intention-to-treat analysis in non-patient population without concern for confounding by pharmacological treatment...future studies with larger sample size and prolonged study period are warranted to better assess the effectiveness of lifestyle modification mobile application on long-term trajectory of metabolic indices."

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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Yes; "Several limitations warrant cautious interpretation of our study findings. During the screening test, there was unexpectedly greater number of participants who had failed to satisfy the study inclusion criteria, thereby unable to reach the goal study sample size. During the study period, because the participants had varying attendance rate to the follow-up examinations, there may be residual heterogeneity among participants who have attended all, twice, once, or no follow-up examinations. Although the attrition rate is indiscernible, it does not diminish our findings; those lost to follow-up were demographically similar to those who had completed the study with the exception of current smoking status. Moreover, because the participant was a subgroup of already-established cohort, such participation may imply higher interest in health and therefore may not be entirely generalizable to the general population...Lastly, considering that BPs, body size, and glycemic and lipid indices are reflective of chronic diseases, our 6 months study period may be insufficient enough to witness their changes."

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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Yes; "the greatest novelty of our study lies on its evaluation of the mobile application's realistic effectiveness via intention-to-treat analysis in non-patient population without concern for confounding by pharmacological treatment. Considering that the general population embodies individuals with wide-ranging application utilization rate and compatibility, interest in primary prevention, flexibility and willingness for lifestyle modification, and physiological and socioeconomic background, our study was able to portray the effectiveness of mobile-based health management application in real-world setting. In details, because our study participants were selected from previously established cohort, we were able to withhold objective information regarding intervention allocation until after randomisation. Such design enabled us to assess true compliance rate in general population regardless of individual preference for or competence with the application, thereby assess the application to the highest proximity real-world potential."

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 23? *

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Yes; "This study was registered with the ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT03300271)."

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

Does your paper address CONSORT subitem 24? *

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Yes; "This study was registered with the ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT03300271)...The study protocol and de-identified individual participant data generated during this study are available from the investigators on reasonable request with publication. Requests should be directed to the corresponding author by email."

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

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Yes; "This study was supported by a grant from the Korean Health Technology R & D Project, Ministry of Health & Welfare, Korea (HI13C0715)."

X27) Conflicts of Interest (not a CONSORT item)

X27-i) State the relation of the study team towards the system being evaluated

In addition to the usual declaration of interests (financial or otherwise), also state the relation of the study team towards the system being evaluated, i.e., state if the authors/evaluators are distinct from or identical with the developers/sponsors of the intervention.

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