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Abstract

Objectives: This study examined the effect of using Patient-Reported Outcome Measures

(PROMs) routinely to assess and address depressive symptoms and diabetes distress among adults with type 2 diabetes.

Design: A systematic review of published peer-reviewed studies.

Data Sources: Medline, Embase, CINAHL Complete, PsycInfo, The Cochrane Library, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials were searched.

Eligibility criteria: Studies including adults with type 2 diabetes, published in English, from the inception of the databases to 3 August 2020 inclusive; and where the intervention included completion of a PROM of depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress, with feedback of the responses to a healthcare professional.

Data extraction and synthesis: Using Covidence software, screening and risk of bias assessment were conducted by two reviewers independently with any disagreements resolved by a third reviewer.

Results: The search identified 3,581 citations, of which 147 full-text citations were assessed for eligibility, and eight studies met the inclusion criteria. Four studies involved assessment of depressive symptoms only, two studies assessed diabetes distress only, and two studies assessed both. All studies had an associated co-intervention. When depressive symptoms were assessed (n=6), a statistically significant between-group difference in depressive symptoms was observed in five studies; with a clinically significant ($\geq 0.5\%$) between-group difference in HbA1c in one study. Diabetes distress was also assessed in this study. When diabetes distress was assessed (n=4), one study demonstrated statistically significant difference in depressive symptoms and diabetes distress; with a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c observed in two studies.

Conclusion: Studies are sparse in which PROMs are used to assess and address depressive symptoms or diabetes distress during routine clinical care of adults with type 2 diabetes. Further research is warranted to understand how to integrate PROMs into clinical care efficiently and determine appropriate interventions to manage identified problem areas.

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Article Summary

Strengths and limitations of this study

- The review focuses on depressive symptoms and diabetes distress in people with type 2 diabetes, an important aspect of diabetes management.
- Systematic searching of five databases with independent review of abstracts and studies by two reviewers.
- Meta-analysis was not possible due to heterogeneity in method and frequency of PROM completion, communication of PROM responses to healthcare professionals, and differing associated co-interventions.

Keywords

Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2, Depression, Patient Reported Outcome Measures

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Introduction

Type 2 diabetes is a global health priority, with an estimated 463 million people with diabetes in 2017, set to rise to 700 million people in 2045.¹ Up to four in ten adults with type 2 diabetes experience emotional health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and diabetes distress.^{2 3} While depression is a *general* negative affect; diabetes distress is the negative emotional or affective response specific to the day-to-day living with diabetes.³⁻⁵ The relationship between diabetes distress and depressive symptoms is bi-directional: elevated diabetes distress is a predictor of future depression, and depression predicts future diabetes distress.^{6 7} While early studies have linked depressive symptoms to sub-optimal glycaemia;⁸ more recent research has demonstrated that diabetes distress affects glycaemia more than depressive symptoms.^{5 9} Elevated depressive symptoms and diabetes distress are associated with reduced diabetes self-care and increased risk of diabetes-related complications, impaired quality of life, mortality, and an estimated 50% increase in healthcare costs.^{6 10-15} Recent systematic reviews have focused on interventions for the management of diabetes distress; however, the first step is to identify people with depressive symptoms or diabetes distress requiring interventions in clinical practice.¹⁶⁻¹⁸

Guidelines have acknowledged the importance of assessing psychological well-being as part of diabetes care for over 25 years.¹⁹ Given the growing evidence that diabetes-tailored psychological interventions reduce elevated distress and glycaemia, international diabetes guidelines have issued recommendations for routine assessment of depressive symptoms and diabetes distress.^{16 20-25} Guidelines vary in terms of the specific patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) recommended to assess depressive symptoms or diabetes distress. PROMs are standardised, validated questionnaires to assess latent constructs such as emotional well-being, treatment satisfaction, perceived health or functional status, or health-related quality of life.²⁶ Recent consensus from the International Consortium of Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) recommends standardising the assessment of diabetes distress, depressive symptoms and general emotional well-being – with use of the Problem Areas In Diabetes (PAID) scale,

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3 Patient Health Questionnaire – 9 (PHQ-9) and World Health Organisation – Five Well-Being Index
4 (WHO-5), respectively – within clinical diabetes care.²⁷
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9 Despite these recommendations for using PROMs, 60% of healthcare professionals only discuss
10 emotional issues if initiated by the person with diabetes.²⁸ Healthcare professionals need
11 efficient systems to both assess and address depressive symptoms and diabetes distress as part
12 of routine diabetes care.³ For healthcare professionals to use PROMs, they need to understand
13 the utility of PROMs in supporting people with type 2 diabetes clinically, not just for audit or
14 research purposes,^{29 30} and they need guidance in how to use and interpret PROM responses in
15 clinical consultations.^{31 32}
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23 Thus, the aim of this systematic review is to examine the effect of using PROMs routinely to assess
24 and address depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress among adults with type 2 diabetes
25 on: (1) glycaemia as measured by HbA1c; (2) self-reported depressive symptoms or diabetes
26 distress; (3) self-reported general emotional well-being or health-related quality of life; (4) self-
27 reported diabetes self-management; (5) referrals for psychiatric or psychological therapy; (6)
28 self-reported quality of patient-professional communication; and (7) self-reported satisfaction
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38 **Methods**

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40 The protocol for this systematic review has been published,³³ and the methods are summarised
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42 (PRISMA) guidelines.³⁴ This systematic review is registered on the International Prospective
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49 **Eligibility criteria**

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51 *Inclusion criteria:* Studies were eligible if: the design was a randomised controlled trial (RCT),
52 interrupted time-series study, (prospective or retrospective) cohort study, case-control study, or
53 analytical cross-sectional study; participants were adults (18 years or older) with type 2 diabetes
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3 from any country; interventions involved a) participants completing a PROM for depressive
4 symptoms and/or diabetes distress *and* b) use of PROM responses by the healthcare professional
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16 **Data sources and searches**

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18 A systematic search strategy was used to identify studies. The search was limited to papers
19 published in English and before 3rd of August 2020. The search strategy was developed in
20 consultation with a librarian from a biomedical library (complete search strategy: Supplementary
21 Document 1). Databases searched included MEDLINE (Ovid), EMBASE (Ovid), CINAHL Complete
22 (EBSCO), APA PsycInfo (Ovid), The Cochrane Library (Ovid), and Cochrane Central Register of
23 Controlled Trials (Ovid).
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32 **Study selection and data extraction**

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34 Two reviewers (RM and a second member of the review team (JMN, BH, LC, DK or FCSH))
35 screened studies independently based on the inclusion criteria using Covidence software. Both
36 reviewers screened the title and abstract of all eligible studies, followed by full-text screening of
37 the shortlisted studies. Any disagreements about selection, assessment, and data extraction in
38 the included studies were discussed between the two reviewers, and if required, a third reviewer
39 was involved in the discussion. Reference lists were not checked for studies. Data extraction was
40 undertaken by RM with 20% checked by LC. The extracted data were: study settings, participants,
41 description of the interventions, comparators, study duration, length of follow-up, and outcome
42 measures. The authors of the selected studies were contacted for additional data (when
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10 11 12 **Data synthesis**

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14 Due to heterogeneity regarding method and frequency of PROM completion, communication of
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23 **Patient and Public Involvement**

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25 Patients or public were not involved in the conduct of this systematic review.
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29 **Ethics approval**

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33 **Results**

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35 for eligibility, and eight studies met the inclusion criteria (Figure 1).
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43 Figure 1 PRISMA Flow Diagram³⁴
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51 **Characteristics of included studies**

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53 The eight included studies were published between 2009 and 2019 (Table 1). The overall number
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3 of the eight studies were conducted in the USA,³⁶⁻⁴⁰ with the remainder conducted in Australia,⁴¹
4 Germany,⁴² and Iceland.⁴³ Most study designs were RCTs (n=7),^{36 37 39 40-43} one of which was a
5 pilot study (n=1),⁴¹ and one was an observational study (n=1).³⁸ Clinical settings varied across
6 studies, including: general practice (n=3);^{37 39 40} both primary care and hospital clinics (n=2);^{36 38}
7 specialist outpatient clinic (n=2);^{41 43} and a specialist rehabilitation service (n=1).⁴²
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Table 1. Study characteristics

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
Cummings et al. (2019) ³⁹ USA	Adults with symptoms of distress and/or depression attending general practice	12-month RCT: Intervention n=67/ usual care n=72	PHQ-9* DDS-17**	In-person completion with trained study team member twice, six months apart	Stratified treatment to 16 sessions of cognitive behavioural therapy or lifestyle coaching based on PROM responses	Educational materials and usual care with GP.
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴² Germany	Adults attending specialist outpatient clinic, recruitment during inpatient rehabilitation stay	12-month RCT: Intervention n=98 / Control n=101	PAID**, WHO-5, PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member, monthly	Behaviour motivation plan developed. Monthly follow-up telephone calls using PHQ-2 (with progression to PHQ9 if PHQ score ≥ 3) to identify and address emotional problems. Severity of symptoms guided counseling techniques, increase in call frequency, or referral	Written information on diet, physical activity by mail at 3 and 9 months.
Ell et al. (2011) ³⁷ USA	Adults with PHQ9 response ≥ 10 , attending primary care safety net clinics	24-month RCT: Intervention n=193/ Enhanced usual care n=194	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member once	Collaborative care model using structured stepped-care algorithm, with patient preferences for problem-solving therapy or anti-depressants guiding treatment	Standard care, depression educational pamphlets and social resource list. GPs informed of depression diagnosis.
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴⁰ USA	Adults with PHQ >10, attending	12-month RCT: Intervention n=95 / Active	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study	Case-managers delivered individualised care, in collaboration with psychiatrist and	GP notified by letter of elevated PHQ-9 responses.

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
	general practice	control n=62/ usual care n=71		team member at least monthly until PHQ-9 <10	endocrinologist, with treatment recommendations to GP based on a treatment algorithm and PROM responses	
Naik et al. (2019) ³⁶ USA	Adults with T2D attending hospital and outpatient community Veterans Affairs clinics	12-month RCT: Intervention n=136 / Enhanced usual care (EUC) n=89	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member once 12 months	Nine telephone coaching sessions with trained study members using workbooks guiding the discussion and tracking progress to set and assess goals related to wellness, diet, exercise medication management.	Participants informed of PHQ-9 responses with educational materials.
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴¹ Australia	Adults with diabetes related retinopathy and moderate diabetes distress attending specialist outpatient clinic	6-month pilot RCT: Intervention n=21 / control n=19	DDS**	In-person completion with trained study member once	PROM responses guided eight 45–60-minute problem solving therapy sessions	Pamphlets on diabetes-specific topics
Sigurdardottir et al. (2009) ⁴³ Iceland	Adults attending specialist outpatient clinic	6-month RCT: Intervention n=28 / Control n=25	PAID** DKT, DES, Summary of diabetes self-care measure	In-person completion at clinic with diabetes educator once	Diabetes educators delivered individual educational sessions based on empowerment theory. PROM responses identified barriers to goals with a weekly follow-up call for five weeks	Information booklet about T2D and attended usual diabetes clinics.
Wu et al. (2018) ³⁸	Adults attending	6-month observational:	PHQ-2, PHQ-9*	Initially completed via	PROM responses linked to clinical decision support that generated	Standard primary care. GPs offered optional training.

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
USA	primary care or hospital-based safety net clinics	Technology-facilitated care n=432/ supported care n=461/ usual care n=416		telephone with trained study member. Then monthly – quarterly completion via automated calls	action reminders for healthcare professionals depending on PROM responses	

*depression, **diabetes distress

DDS: Diabetes Distress Scale; DES: Diabetes Empowerment Scale; DKT: Diabetes Knowledge Test; GP: general practitioner; PAID: Problem Area In Diabetes scale, PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire (2 items or 9 items), WHO-5: The World Health Organisation Five-item Well-Being Index

Risk of bias of included studies

Five of the eight studies were rated as having a low risk of bias (Table 2).^{37 39-41 43} Methodological concerns were observed in three studies.^{36 38 42} Dobber *et al.* reported outcomes for 98 of the 123 participants randomised to the intervention group and did not state how missing outcomes were dealt with; intention to treat was not reported.⁴² Wu *et al.* assigned participants to intervention groups based on the clinic attended with non-random allocation.³⁸ Naik *et al.* reported 12-month outcome data for only 90 of the 136 intervention participants; intention to treat was not reported.³⁶ In most studies, due to the study design, participants and study team members could not be blinded to participants' group allocation. Two studies had small sample sizes.^{41 43}

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Table 2. Risk of bias assessment

Author (year)	Randomisation process	Deviations from intended interventions	Missing outcome data	Measurement of the outcome	Selection of the reported result	Overall Bias
Cummings et al. (2019) ³⁹	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴²	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Some concerns
Ell et al. (2011) ³⁷	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴⁰	Some concerns	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Naik et al. (2019) ³⁶	Low	Low	Some concerns	Low	Low	Some concerns
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴¹	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Sigurdardottir et al. (2009) ⁴³	Low	Some concerns	Low	Low	Low	Low
Wu et al. (2018) ³⁸	Some concerns	Low	Some concerns	Some concerns	Low	Some concerns

Risk of bias as assessed using the Risk of Bias 2.³⁵

Intervention

Interventions to assess depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress

Four of the eight studies assessed depressive symptoms alone,^{36-38 40} two assessed depressive symptoms and diabetes distress,^{39 42} and two assessed diabetes distress alone.^{41 43} All six studies assessing depressive symptoms used the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ).^{36-40 42} One study used the PHQ-2 for brief screening with responses of more than three proceeding to the PHQ-9.³⁸ Diabetes distress was assessed in two studies using the Diabetes Distress Scale (DDS),^{39 41} and in two studies using the Problem Areas In Diabetes (PAID) scale.^{42 43}

PROMs were completed either in-person (n=4),³⁹⁻⁴² or via telephone (n=4).^{36-38 43} In six studies, PROM responses were collected by study team members not involved in ongoing clinical care,^{36 37 39-42} either via telephone,^{36 37 40 42} or at the clinic with a study team member.^{39 41} One study collected PROM responses using automated calls.³⁸ In one study, PROM completion was at the clinic with the diabetes educator.⁴³

Feedback of PROM responses provided to treating healthcare professionals varied. Two studies trained case managers in making treatment recommendations to primary care health professionals based on case collaboration and treatment algorithms.^{37 40} In studies where trained study members collected PROM responses, the mechanism by which PROM data was provided to the treating healthcare professionals was not reported.^{41 42} In the Naik *et al.* study, the general practitioner received a secure message notifying the HbA1c results and PHQ-9 response.³⁶ Wu *et al.* used PHQ-9 responses to generate action reminders integrated with the disease management registry for healthcare professionals to review.³⁸

Co-intervention associated with PROM responses

Each of the eight studies had a co-intervention associated with the PROM completion (see Table 1), which included telephone-assisted psychological therapy or coaching interventions,^{36 39 41-43} or healthcare professional interventions of collaborative team care with case management and stepped care treatment algorithms.^{37 40} Wu *et al.* linked PROM responses to a clinical decision

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Table 3 Follow-up study outcomes between intervention and control groups

Author (year) Country	Intervention PROM	Length of follow up	HbA1c	Depressive symptoms	Diabetes distress	Other PROM outcomes	Self-management
Cummings et al. (2019) ³⁹ USA	PHQ-9* DDS-17**	12 months	8.9% (2.1) vs 9% (2.2) p = 0.06	PHQ-9: 6.3 (5.9) vs. 7.9 (7) p = 0.01	DDS (RDD): 2.1 (1.2) vs 2.6 (1.3) p = 0.0001	Not assessed	SDSCA: 4.3 (1.4) vs. 3.98 (1.3) p = 0.03
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴² Germany	PAID**, PHQ-9*	12 months	mean change -0.7% (1.4) vs. 0.1% (1.7) p = 0.006	PHQ-9: mean change -1.35 (4.3) vs. -0.23 (4.9) p = 0.057	PAID: mean change - 4.77 (14.4) vs. -1.4 (17) p = 0.069	WHO-5: 1.23 (5.7) vs. 0.1 (5.8) p = 0.044	Not assessed
Ell et al. (2011) ³⁷ USA	PHQ-9*	24 months	9.1% (0.29) vs. 8.9% (0.29) p = 0.42	PHQ-9 (reported as >50% reduction): adjusted OR=1.87, 95%CI [1.05–3.32] p = 0.03	Not assessed	SF-12 mental: 44.76 (1.150) vs. 42.48 (1.17) p = 0.001	SDSCA: 3.6 (0.15) vs. 3.41 (0.2) p = 0.26
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴⁰ USA	PHQ-9*	12 months	mean change: -0.2% (1.3) vs. -0.2% (1.1) p = 0.47	PHQ-9: 7.1 (5.4) vs. 9.4 (5.9) p = <0.001	PAID-5: mean change -0.6 (0.8) vs. 0.2 (0.9) p = 0.03	EQ-5D: mean change 0.03 (0.1) vs. 0.04 (0.12) p = 0.23	Not assessed
Naik et al. (2019) ³⁶ USA	PHQ-9*	12 months	8.7% (1.6) vs 8.9% (2) p = 0.83	PHQ-9: 10.1 (6.9) vs 12.6 (6.5) p = 0.03	Not assessed	Not assessed	Not assessed
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴¹ Australia	DDS**	6 months	7.1% (1.1) vs. 8.4% (2.5) p = 0.093	PHQ-9: 6.7 (5.9) vs. 9.9 (6.5) p = 0.144	DDS: 2.2 (1.1) vs. 2.5 (0.8) p = 0.427	Not assessed	SDSCA diet: 6.1 (1.1) vs. 5 (1.5) p = 0.026

Author (year) Country	Intervention PROM	Length of follow up	HbA1c	Depressive symptoms	Diabetes distress	Other PROM outcomes	Self-management
Sigurdardottir et al. (2009) ⁴³ Iceland	PAID**	6 months	8.0% (1.16) vs. 7.8% (.081) p = 0.399	Not assessed	PAID: 19.1 (12.9) vs. 13.8 (12.6) p = 0.239	WBQ-12: 28.4 (6.1) vs. 27.4 (5.6) p = 0.544	SDSCA diet: 3.6 (0.4) vs. 3.4 (0.5) p = 0.122
Wu et al. (2018) ³⁸ USA	PHQ-2, PHQ- 9*	6 months	8.1% (0.16) vs. 8.0% (0.17) p = 0.57	PHQ-9: 5.16 (0.48) vs. 6.35 (0.49) p = 0.02	Not assessed	SF-12 mental: 49.87 (1.02) vs. 48.38 (1.04) p = 0.17 Satisfaction with diabetes care 4.20 (0.09) vs. 4.01 (0.09) p=0.05	SDSCA: 4.78 (0.12) vs. 4.66 (0.13) p = 0.38

Outcome data are always presented as intervention vs control. Note, Wu et al was an observational study involving three groups, with data related to intervention vs usual care represented here.

Other PROM outcomes included general emotional well-being, mental health and health status, as well as satisfaction with diabetes care

DDS: Diabetes Distress Scale; 5-level EQ-5D: EuroQoL Five Dimensions; PAID: Problem Area in Diabetes scale, PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire, RDD: Regimen-related Diabetes Distress (a subscale of the DDS); SDSCA: Summary of Diabetes Self-Care Activities, SF-12: 12-Item Short-Form Survey, WBQ: Well-being Questionnaire; WHO-5: The World Health Organisation Five-item Well-Being Index,

Outcomes

Reported outcomes across studies are detailed in Table 3. Referrals to psychology or psychiatry services were not reported. In three studies, in the control arm, healthcare professionals were informed of the elevated depressive symptoms.^{36 37 40} In no study were healthcare professionals informed about elevated diabetes distress of participants in the control group.

All eight studies reported glycaemia, measured by HbA1c, as an outcome measure. Where PROM assessed depressive symptoms (n=6), a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was observed only when diabetes distress was also assessed.⁴² Where diabetes distress was assessed (n=4), a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was observed in two studies.^{41 42} Each of these studies had a co-intervention involving a series of psychological therapy sessions.^{41 42} Studies using PROMs as part of stepped care algorithms with care coordination did not demonstrate a clinically or statistically significant glycaemic reduction.^{37 40}

All but one study⁴³ examined the impact of PROMs use on depressive symptoms. Across all seven studies, depressive symptoms (measured with the PHQ-9) reduced in both arms. Where the intervention included assessment of depressive symptoms (n=6), statistically significant difference in depressive symptoms between groups was observed in five studies.³⁶⁻⁴⁰ Where diabetes distress was assessed during the intervention (n=4)^{39 41-43}, three studies^{39 41 42} reported depressive symptoms as an outcome measure, with a significant difference in depressive symptoms between groups observed in one study.³⁹ Five studies reported diabetes distress as an outcome measure.³⁹⁻⁴³ Diabetes distress reduced in both the intervention and control arms across all five studies.³⁹⁻⁴³ The difference between groups, favouring the intervention, was statistically significant in two studies.^{39 40}

In the Cummings *et al.* study, when therapy was stratified based on elevated levels of depressive symptoms or diabetes distress, improved diabetes self-management was reported.³⁹ Similarly, in the Rees *et al.* study, when co-interventions focused on people with type 2 diabetes with elevated distress levels receiving individual psychological therapy, an improvement in diabetes

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3 self-management was reported.⁴¹ General emotional well-being, mental health and health status
4 were reported using various measures, including the WHO-5, W-BQ, SF-12, and EQ-5D. No study
5 reported patient-professional communication as an outcome. The Wu *et al.* study was the only
6 one to assess satisfaction with diabetes care, and a statistically significant improvement in the
7 intervention arm was observed.³⁸
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13 14 Discussion

15 16 Main findings

17 To our knowledge, this is the first systematic review to synthesise the evidence related to PROM
18 use to assess and address depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress in type 2 diabetes care,
19 despite diabetes guidelines recommending this practice for the past 25 years.²⁰⁻²⁵ The key finding
20 is that very few studies have examined the use of PROMs to assess and address depressive
21 symptoms and/or diabetes distress during routine type 2 diabetes care. When depressive
22 symptoms were assessed (n=6), a statistically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was
23 observed in one study.⁴² Diabetes distress was also assessed in this study.⁴² A statistically
24 significant between-group difference in depressive symptoms was observed in five of six studies
25 where depressive symptoms were assessed during the intervention.³⁶⁻⁴⁰ Where diabetes distress
26 was assessed, a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was observed in two of
27 four studies,^{41 42} and a statistically significant difference in both depressive symptoms and
28 diabetes distress was observed in one study.³⁹ Two studies targeting people with elevated
29 diabetes distress or depressive symptoms demonstrated statistically and clinically significant
30 reductions in glycaemia.^{41 42} This review found little evidence of the best-associated co-
31 intervention for people identified by PROMs with elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes
32 distress despite guideline recommendations.²⁰⁻²⁵
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49 Similar to this review's findings, a Cochrane review of PROM completion and feedback to
50 healthcare professionals in the treatment of mental health conditions found insufficient evidence
51 of impact on patient outcomes.⁴⁴ However, the interventions included in the Cochrane review
52 were limited to PROM feedback to the healthcare professional, not linked to interventions.⁴⁴
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3 While healthcare professionals frequently treat co-existing depression and type 2 diabetes,
4 emotional issues such as diabetes distress are discussed less frequently.²⁸ The most effective
5 intervention to address PROM-identified elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes distress
6 remains unclear. Details about how precisely PROMs were used by healthcare professionals in
7 discussion with people with type 2 diabetes were lacking. Further exploration of how PROMs can
8 be integrated into routine clinical practice with the escalation of care for people with elevated
9 depressive symptoms or distress is needed. Considering the recent recommendations from
10 ICHOM for PROM use during diabetes care,²⁷ healthcare professionals need guidance on the
11 appropriate evidence-based intervention for elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes distress
12 identified using a PROM in clinical practice.^{29 30}

23 Studies demonstrating improved glycaemia had co-interventions of targeting people with
24 elevated distress levels or depressive symptoms.^{41 42} Dobber *et al.* increased frequency of follow-
25 up counselling if elevated depressive symptoms were identified using the PHQ-9.⁴² Sturt's
26 systematic review regarding the effectiveness of interventions to reduce diabetes distress
27 showed that interventions delivered by a general healthcare professional demonstrate an
28 improvement in glycaemia and reduce diabetes distress.¹⁷ However, participants included in
29 Sturt's review had low levels of diabetes distress, and a further systematic review in 2018
30 identified that severe diabetes distress reduced with diabetes-specific psychological
31 interventions.¹⁶ Evidentially, targeted interventions are needed stratified on the basis of severity
32 of distress.

43 Studies have reported that completing a measure of diabetes distress before a consultation can
44 improve glycaemia and patient satisfaction among adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.⁴⁵
45 However, only Wu *et al.* explored changes in patient satisfaction with care – which is an
46 important measure considering PROMs are reported as enablers of person-centred care.⁴⁶ No
47 studies in our review explored the impact on patient-professional communication in the
48 consultation, despite evidence suggesting PROM use in other clinical settings (oncology)
49 improves communication, with PROMs initiating discussion of issues not otherwise addressed.⁴⁷

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5 Studies have also indicated that completion of a diabetes distress measure before a consultation,
6 and discussion of those responses during the consultation, improves glycaemia and reduces
7 diabetes distress among adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in specialist diabetes clinics.^{7 45}
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9 Pouver *et al.*'s study of people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes found monitoring of well-being,
10 using the Well-being Questionnaire (W-BQ), during diabetes care resulted in improved mood.⁴⁸
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12 While PROMs in these studies were embedded in routine care, they included people with type 1
13 and type 2 diabetes (without separate sub-group analyses) and were not conducted in general
14 practice, where most type 2 diabetes care occurs.⁴⁹ In our review, PROMs were completed most
15 frequently with a trained study team member, not by a healthcare professional involved in the
16 person's clinical care.^{36 37 39-42} While this may replicate the likely real-world administration of
17 PROMs (e.g. by a receptionist, upon arrival at the clinic), it is suggested that screening for
18 depressive symptoms is best performed as part of collaborative care by the treating doctor or
19 diabetes educator.⁵⁰ In the future, it would be useful to explore models based on depressive
20 symptoms or diabetes distress identified by the usual healthcare professional with stratification
21 of actions based on responses.
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34 Healthcare professionals need PROMs that provide responses that provoke action. However, the
35 effective interventions in this study were resource-intensive, which will be difficult to replicate
36 and sustain in routine clinical practice. Only one study used electronic prompts to healthcare
37 professionals based on PHQ responses.³⁸ Several studies have highlighted that clinical systems
38 for PROM response delivery to healthcare professionals need to fit with clinical workflow.⁵¹⁻⁵³
39 Even with the electronic delivery of PROM responses, the large volume of responses for
40 healthcare professionals to review and the difficulty accessing PROM responses (due to storage
41 on a dashboard separate from the electronic medical record) contribute to low use of PROMs in
42 clinical settings.⁵²⁻⁵⁴
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53 **Strengths and limitations of the review**

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3 Key strengths of this review include adherence to the PRISMA guidelines,³⁴ a comprehensive
4 search strategy of five electronic databases, and screening performed independently by two
5 reviewers. The risk of bias was low in most studies, indicating outcomes of this review are based
6 on high-quality studies. Depression and diabetes distress were assessed using well-validated
7 measures, including PHQ, PAID, and the DDS. The focus on type 2 diabetes is also a strength, as
8 people with type 2 diabetes receive their care mostly in primary care settings, and their needs
9 and preferences are different from people with type 1 diabetes.^{55 56}
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18 The heterogeneity of included co-interventions, how PROMs were completed, and healthcare
19 professionals received the PROM responses, limits the overall review, making comparisons
20 between studies difficult. It was not possible to conduct a meta-analysis because of the wide
21 range of interventions and co-interventions assessed. Two studies had a small sample size with
22 limited statistical power.^{41 43} Other limitations include the restriction of our search to published
23 journal articles in the English language. All studies included were from high-income or upper-
24 middle-income countries, with no studies from low-middle income countries identified. The
25 inclusion criteria limited studies to populations with type 2 diabetes only, or where a sub-group
26 analysis of participants with type 2 diabetes was included.
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36 **Future directions**

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38 Considering the low number of eligible studies, further research is warranted to understand the
39 most efficient co-interventions to associate with PROM responses and how to integrate PROMs
40 to coordinate interventions in general practice where most type 2 diabetes care occurs. The
41 interventions examined as part of this review required significant external staff involvement,
42 while only one study used technology to assist with PROM collection and delivery to healthcare
43 professionals. Future research could focus on similar interventions using technology for self-
44 completing PROMs with actionable outcomes if elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes
45 distress are identified. Further research is needed to explore if PROM assessment of depressive
46 symptoms and diabetes distress in routine type 2 diabetes care impacts communication and
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Conclusions

This systematic review summarized and critiqued studies using PROMs for assessing and addressing depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress as part of clinical type 2 diabetes care. The findings showed few studies using PROMs, but most are effective in reducing depressive symptoms or diabetes distress, though co-interventions related to PROM use in type 2 diabetes care are heterogeneous. While guidelines recommend the routine assessment of depressive symptoms and diabetes distress using PROMs, a clear mechanism for implementing this in routine diabetes care or the most effective co-intervention is yet to be established.

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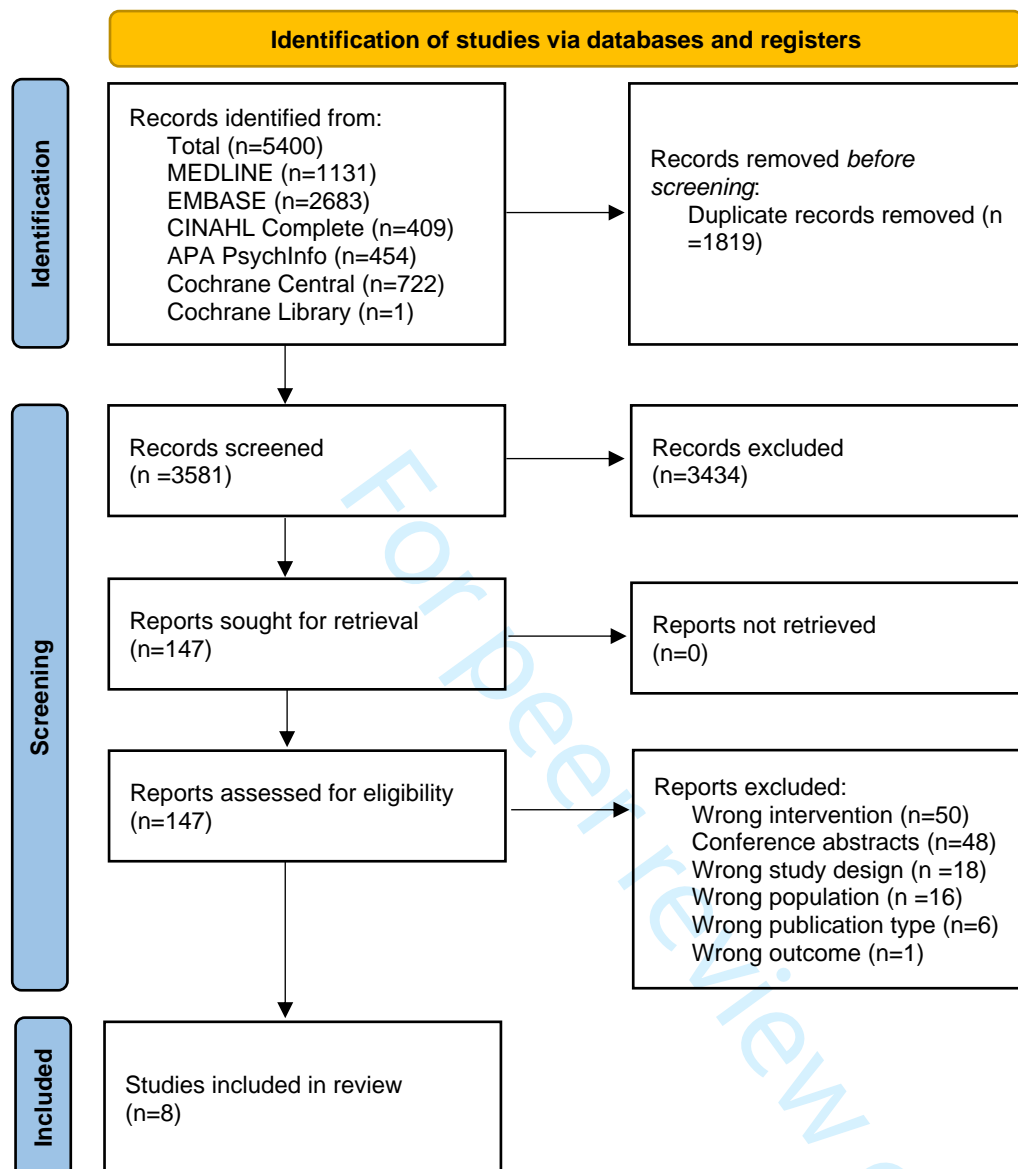
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Abstract

Objectives: This study examined the effect of using Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) routinely to assess and address depressive symptoms and diabetes distress among adults with type 2 diabetes.

Design: A systematic review of published peer-reviewed studies.

Data Sources: Medline, Embase, CINAHL Complete, PsycInfo, The Cochrane Library, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials were searched.

Eligibility criteria: Studies including adults with type 2 diabetes, published in English, from the inception of the databases to 24 February 2022 inclusive; and where the intervention included completion of a PROM of depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress, with feedback of the responses to a healthcare professional.

Data extraction and synthesis: Using Covidence software, screening and risk of bias assessment were conducted by two reviewers independently with any disagreements resolved by a third reviewer.

Results: The search identified 4,349 citations, of which 163 full-text citations were assessed for eligibility, and nine studies met the inclusion criteria. Five studies involved assessment of depressive symptoms only, two studies assessed diabetes distress only, and two studies assessed both. All studies had an associated co-intervention. When depressive symptoms were assessed (n=7), a statistically significant between-group difference in depressive symptoms was observed in five studies; with a clinically significant ($\geq 0.5\%$) between-group difference in HbA1c in two studies. When diabetes distress was assessed (n=4), one study demonstrated statistically significant difference in depressive symptoms and diabetes distress; with a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c observed in two studies.

Conclusion: Studies are sparse in which PROMs are used to assess and address depressive symptoms or diabetes distress during routine clinical care of adults with type 2 diabetes. Further research is warranted to understand how to integrate PROMs into clinical care efficiently and determine appropriate interventions to manage identified problem areas.

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Article Summary

Strengths and limitations of this study

- The review focuses on depressive symptoms and diabetes distress in people with type 2 diabetes, an important aspect of diabetes management.
- Systematic searching of six databases with independent review of abstracts and studies by two reviewers.
- Meta-analysis was not possible due to heterogeneity in method and frequency of PROM completion, communication of PROM responses to healthcare professionals, and differing associated co-interventions.

Keywords

Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2, Depression, Patient Reported Outcome Measures

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Introduction

Type 2 diabetes is a global health priority, with an estimated 463 million people with diabetes in 2017, set to rise to 700 million people in 2045.¹ Up to four in ten adults with type 2 diabetes experience emotional health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and diabetes distress.^{2 3} While depression is a *general* negative affect; diabetes distress is the negative emotional or affective response specific to the day-to-day living with diabetes.³⁻⁵ The relationship between diabetes distress and depressive symptoms is bi-directional: elevated diabetes distress is a predictor of future depression, and depression predicts future diabetes distress.^{6 7} While early studies have linked depressive symptoms to sub-optimal glycaemia;⁸ more recent research has demonstrated that diabetes distress affects glycaemia more than depressive symptoms.^{5 9} Elevated depressive symptoms and diabetes distress are associated with reduced diabetes self-care and increased risk of diabetes-related complications, impaired quality of life, mortality, and an estimated 50% increase in healthcare costs.^{6 10-15} Recent systematic reviews have focused on interventions for the management of diabetes distress; however, the first step is to identify people with depressive symptoms or diabetes distress requiring interventions in clinical practice.¹⁶⁻¹⁸

Guidelines have acknowledged the importance of assessing psychological well-being as part of diabetes care for over 25 years.¹⁹ Given the growing evidence that diabetes-tailored psychological interventions reduce elevated distress and glycaemia, international diabetes guidelines have issued recommendations for routine assessment of depressive symptoms and diabetes distress.^{16 20-25} Guidelines vary in terms of the specific patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) recommended to assess depressive symptoms or diabetes distress. PROMs are standardised, validated questionnaires to assess latent constructs such as emotional well-being, treatment satisfaction, perceived health or functional status, or health-related quality of life.²⁶ Recent consensus from the International Consortium of Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) recommends standardising the assessment of diabetes distress, depressive symptoms and general emotional well-being – with use of the Problem Areas In Diabetes (PAID) scale,

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3 Patient Health Questionnaire – 9 (PHQ-9) and World Health Organisation – Five Well-Being Index
4 (WHO-5), respectively – within clinical diabetes care.²⁷
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9 Despite these recommendations for using PROMs, 60% of healthcare professionals only discuss
10 emotional issues if initiated by the person with diabetes.²⁸ Healthcare professionals need
11 efficient systems to both assess and address depressive symptoms and diabetes distress as part
12 of routine diabetes care.³ For healthcare professionals to use PROMs, they need to understand
13 the utility of PROMs in supporting people with type 2 diabetes clinically, not just for audit or
14 research purposes,^{29 30} and they need guidance in how to use and interpret PROM responses in
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23 Thus, the aim of this systematic review is to examine the effect of using PROMs routinely to assess
24 and address depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress among adults with type 2 diabetes
25 on: (1) glycaemia as measured by HbA1c; (2) self-reported depressive symptoms or diabetes
26 distress; (3) self-reported general emotional well-being or health-related quality of life; (4) self-
27 reported diabetes self-management; (5) referrals for psychiatric or psychological therapy; (6)
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38 **Methods**

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40 The protocol for this systematic review has been published,³³ and the methods are summarised
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51 *Inclusion criteria:* Studies were eligible if: the design was a randomised controlled trial (RCT),
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21 strategy was developed in consultation with a librarian from a biomedical library (complete
22 search strategy: Supplementary Document 1). Databases searched included MEDLINE (Ovid),
23 EMBASE (Ovid), CINAHL Complete (EBSCO), APA PsycInfo (Ovid), The Cochrane Library (Ovid), and
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37 review team (JMN, BH, LC, DK or FCSH)) screened studies independently based on the inclusion
38 criteria using Covidence software. Both reviewers screened the title and abstract of all eligible
39 studies, followed by full-text screening of the shortlisted studies. Any disagreements about
40 selection, assessment, and data extraction in the included studies were discussed between the
41 two reviewers, and if required, a third reviewer was involved in the discussion. Following the
42 updated search on 24th February 2022, RM screened additional identified title and abstract
43 independently, with full-text screening of the shortlisted studies by RM. Reference lists were not
44 checked for studies. Data extraction was undertaken by RM with 20% checked by LC or DK. The
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18 **Data synthesis**

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30 **Patient and Public Involvement**

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Characteristics of included studies

The nine included studies were published between 2009 and 2020 (Table 1). The overall number of participants across all nine studies was N=3325, ranging from N=40 to N=1,306 per study. Six of the nine studies were conducted in the USA,³⁷⁻⁴² with the remainder conducted in Australia,⁴³ Germany,⁴⁴ and Iceland.⁴⁵ Most study designs were RCTs (n=6),^{37 38 40 43-45} one of which was a pilot study (n=1).⁴³ The remaining three studies included case control study (n=2)^{41 42} and an observational study (n=1).³⁹ Clinical settings varied across studies, including: general practice (n=4);^{38 40 41 42} both primary care and hospital clinics (n=2);^{37 39} specialist outpatient clinic (n=2);⁴³ and a specialist rehabilitation service (n=1).⁴⁴

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Table 1. Study characteristics

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
Cummings et al. (2019) ⁴⁰ USA	Adults with symptoms of distress and/or depression attending general practice	12-month RCT: Intervention n=67/ usual care n=72	PHQ-9* DDS-17**	In-person completion with trained study team member twice, six months apart	Stratified treatment to 16 sessions of cognitive behavioural therapy or lifestyle coaching based on PROM responses	Educational materials and usual care with GP.
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴⁴ Germany	Adults attending specialist outpatient clinic, recruitment during inpatient rehabilitation stay	12-month RCT: Intervention n=98 / Control n=101	PAID**, WHO-5, PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member, monthly	Behaviour motivation plan developed. Monthly follow-up telephone calls using PHQ-2 (with progression to PHQ9 if PHQ score ≥ 3) to identify and address emotional problems. Severity of symptoms guided counseling techniques, increase in call frequency, or referral	Written information on diet, physical activity by mail at 3 and 9 months.
Fortmann et al. (2020) ⁴² USA	Adults attending two primary care clinics	12-month case control study: Intervention n=236 / n=239	PHQ-2*, PHQ-9*	In-person completion with the registered nurse or certified diabetes educator, once	Positive screening on PROM resulted in referral to depression care manager with group-based cognitive behavioral therapy. Depression screening was part of a collaborative care model focused on cardiometabolic targets	Standard diabetes care without depression screening.
Ell et al. (2011) ³⁸ USA	Adults with PHQ9 response ≥ 10 ,	24-month RCT: Intervention n=193/ Enhanced	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study	Collaborative care model using structured stepped-care algorithm, with patient preferences for	Standard care, depression educational pamphlets and social resource list. GPs informed of depression diagnosis.

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
	attending primary care safety net clinics	usual care n=194		team member once	problem-solving therapy or anti-depressants guiding treatment	
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴¹ USA	Adults with PHQ >10, attending general practice	12-month case control: Intervention n=95 / Active control n=62/ usual care n=71	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member at least monthly until PHQ-9 <10	Case-managers delivered individualised care, in collaboration with psychiatrist and endocrinologist, with treatment recommendations to GP based on a treatment algorithm and PROM responses	GP notified by letter of elevated PHQ-9 responses.
Naik et al. (2019) ³⁷ USA	Adults attending hospital and outpatient community Veterans Affairs clinics	12-month RCT: Intervention n=136 / Enhanced usual care (EUC) n=89	PHQ-9*	Telephone completion with trained study team member once	Nine telephone coaching sessions with trained study members using workbooks guiding the discussion and tracking progress to set and assess goals related to wellness, diet, exercise medication management.	Participants informed of PHQ-9 responses with educational materials.
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴³ Australia	Adults with diabetes related retinopathy and moderate diabetes distress attending specialist outpatient clinic	6-month pilot RCT: Intervention n=21 / control n=19	DDS**	In-person completion with trained study member once	PROM responses guided eight 45–60-minute problem solving therapy sessions	Pamphlets on diabetes-specific topics
Sigurdardottir et al. (2009) ⁴⁵	Adults attending specialist	6-month RCT: Intervention	PAID** DKT, DES, Summary of	In-person completion at clinic with	Diabetes educators delivered individual educational sessions based on empowerment theory. PROM	Information booklet about T2D and attended usual diabetes clinics.

Author (year) Country	Clinical setting	Study design and n per arm	Intervention PROM	Method and frequency of PROM completion	Summary of actions based on PROM responses	Control arm
Iceland	outpatient clinic	n=28 / Control n=25	diabetes self-care measure	diabetes educator once	responses identified barriers to goals with a weekly follow-up call for five weeks	
Wu et al. (2018) ³⁹ USA	Adults attending primary care or hospital-based safety net clinics	6-month observational: Technology-facilitated care n=432/ supported care n=461/ usual care n=416	PHQ-2, PHQ-9*	Initially completed via telephone with trained study member. Then monthly – quarterly completion via automated calls	PROM responses linked to clinical decision support that generated action reminders for healthcare professionals depending on PROM responses	Standard primary care. GPs offered optional training.

*depression, **diabetes distress

DDS: Diabetes Distress Scale; DES: Diabetes Empowerment Scale; DKT: Diabetes Knowledge Test; GP: general practitioner; PAID: Problem Area In Diabetes scale, PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire (2 items or 9 items), WHO-5: The World Health Organisation Five-item Well-Being Index

Risk of bias of included studies

Four of the nine studies were rated as having a low risk of bias (Supplementary File 2).^{38 40 41 43 45}

Three studies were non-randomised studies of interventions, and at moderate risk of bias due to risk of baseline confounding.^{39 41 42} Methodological concerns were observed in three studies.³⁷

^{39 44} Dobber *et al.* reported outcomes for 98 of the 123 participants randomised to the intervention group and did not state how missing outcomes were dealt with; intention to treat was not reported.⁴⁴ Naik *et al.* reported 12-month outcome data for only 90 of the 136 intervention participants; intention to treat was not reported.³⁷ In most studies, due to the study design, participants and clinical study team members delivering the intervention could not be blinded to participants' group allocation. Two studies were pilot studies with small sample sizes.⁴³

⁴⁵ Despite being a pilot study, the Rees *et al.* had sufficient power to detect differences in glycaemia, but lower power for depressive symptoms or diabetes distress.⁴³ Sigurdardottir *et al.* did not include power calculations.⁴⁵

Intervention

Interventions to assess depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress

Five of the nine studies assessed depressive symptoms alone,^{37-39 41 42} two assessed depressive symptoms and diabetes distress,^{40 44} and two assessed diabetes distress alone.^{43 45} All seven studies assessing depressive symptoms used the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ).^{37-42 44} One study used the PHQ-2 for brief screening with responses of more than three proceeding to the PHQ-9.³⁹ Diabetes distress was assessed in two studies using the Diabetes Distress Scale (DDS),^{40 43} and in two studies using the Problem Areas In Diabetes (PAID) scale.^{44 45}

PROMs were completed either in-person (n=5),⁴⁰⁻⁴⁴ or via telephone (n=4).^{37-39 45} In six studies, PROM responses were collected by study team members not involved in ongoing clinical care,^{37 38 40 41 43 44} either via telephone,^{37 38 41 44} or at the clinic with a study team member.^{40 43} One study collected PROM responses using automated calls.³⁹ In two study, PROM completion was at the clinic with the diabetes educator.^{42 45}

Feedback of PROM responses provided to treating healthcare professionals varied. Three studies trained case managers in making treatment recommendations to primary care health professionals based on case collaboration and treatment algorithms.^{38 41 42} In studies where trained study members collected PROM responses, the mechanism by which PROM data was provided to the treating healthcare professionals was not reported.^{43 44} In the Naik *et al.* study, the general practitioner received a secure message notifying the HbA1c results and PHQ-9 response.³⁷ Wu *et al.* used PHQ-9 responses to generate action reminders integrated with the disease management registry for healthcare professionals to review.³⁹

Co-intervention associated with PROM responses

Each of the nine studies had a co-intervention associated with the PROM completion (see Table 1), which included telephone-assisted psychological therapy or coaching interventions,^{37 40 43-45} or healthcare professional interventions of collaborative team care with case management and stepped care treatment algorithms.^{38 41 42} Wu *et al.* linked PROM responses to a clinical decision

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support tool that generated action reminders for healthcare professionals based on PROM responses within a disease management register.³⁹

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Table 2 Follow-up study outcomes between intervention and control groups

Author (year) Country	Intervention PROM	Length of follow up	HbA1c	Depressive symptoms	Diabetes distress	Other PROM outcomes	Self-management
Cummings et al. (2019) ⁴⁰ USA	PHQ-9* DDS-17**	12 months	8.9% (2.1) vs 9% (2.2) p = 0.06	PHQ-9: 6.3 (5.9) vs. 7.9 (7) p = 0.01	DDS (RDD): 2.1 (1.2) vs 2.6 (1.3) p = 0.0001	Not assessed	SDSCA: 4.3 (1.4) vs. 3.98 (1.3) p = 0.03
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴⁴ Germany	PAID**, PHQ-9*	12 months	mean change -0.7% (1.4) vs. 0.1% (1.7) p = 0.006	PHQ-9: mean change -1.35 (4.3) vs. -0.23 (4.9) p = 0.057	PAID: mean change - 4.77 (14.4) vs. -1.4 (17) p = 0.069	WHO-5: 1.23 (5.7) vs. 0.1 (5.8) p = 0.044	Not assessed
Ell et al. (2011) ³⁸ USA	PHQ-9*	24 months	9.1% (0.29) vs. 8.9% (0.29) p = 0.42	PHQ-9 (reported as >50% reduction): adjusted OR=1.87, 95%CI [1.05–3.32] p = 0.03	Not assessed	SF-12 mental: 44.76 (1.150) vs. 42.48 (1.17) p = 0.001	SDSCA: 3.6 (0.15) vs. 3.41 (0.2) p = 0.26
Fortmann et al. (2020) ⁴² USA	PHQ-2, PHQ-9*	12 months	mean change: -0.5% vs. 0.0% p = 0.011	Only assessed in intervention arm	Only assessed in intervention arm	Not assessed	Only assessed in intervention arm
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴¹ USA	PHQ-9*	12 months	mean change: -0.2% (1.3) vs. -0.2% (1.1) p = 0.47	PHQ-9: 7.1 (5.4) vs. 9.4 (5.9) p = <0.001	PAID-5: mean change -0.6 (0.8) vs. 0.2 (0.9) p = 0.03	EQ-5D: mean change 0.03 (0.1) vs. 0.04 (0.12) p = 0.23	Not assessed
Naik et al. (2019) ³⁷ USA	PHQ-9*	12 months	8.7% (1.6) vs 8.9% (2) p = 0.83	PHQ-9: 10.1 (6.9) vs 12.6 (6.5) p = 0.03	Not assessed	Not assessed	Not assessed

Author (year) Country	Intervention PROM	Length of follow up	HbA1c	Depressive symptoms	Diabetes distress	Other PROM outcomes	Self-management
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴³ Australia	DDS**	6 months	7.1% (1.1) vs. 8.4% (2.5) p = 0.093	PHQ-9: 6.7 (5.9) vs. 9.9 (6.5) p = 0.144	DDS: 2.2 (1.1) vs. 2.5 (0.8) p = 0.427	Not assessed	SDSCA diet: 6.1 (1.1) vs. 5 (1.5) p = 0.026
Sigurdardottir et al. (2009) ⁴⁵ Iceland	PAID**	6 months	8.0% (1.16) vs. 7.8% (.081) p = 0.399	Not assessed	PAID: 19.1 (12.9) vs. 13.8 (12.6) p = 0.239	WBQ-12: 28.4 (6.1) vs. 27.4 (5.6) p = 0.544	SDSCA diet: 3.6 (0.4) vs. 3.4 (0.5) p = 0.122
Wu et al. (2018) ³⁹ USA	PHQ-2, PHQ- 9*	6 months	8.1% (0.16) vs. 8.0% (0.17) p = 0.57	PHQ-9: 5.16 (0.48) vs. 6.35 (0.49) p = 0.02	Not assessed	SF-12 mental: 49.87 (1.02) vs. 48.38 (1.04) p = 0.17 Satisfaction with diabetes care 4.20 (0.09) vs. 4.01 (0.09) p = 0.05	SDSCA: 4.78 (0.12) vs. 4.66 (0.13) p = 0.38

Outcome data are always presented as intervention vs control. Note, Johnson et al. was a case control study involving three groups, with data related to intervention and active control represented here. Wu et al. was an observational study involving three groups, with data related to intervention vs usual care represented here.

Other PROM outcomes included general emotional well-being, mental health and health status, as well as satisfaction with diabetes care

DDS: Diabetes Distress Scale; 5-level EQ-5D: EuroQoL Five Dimensions; PAID: Problem Area in Diabetes scale, PHQ: Patient Health Questionnaire, RDD:

Regimen-related Diabetes Distress (a subscale of the DDS); SDSCA: Summary of Diabetes Self-Care Activities, SF-12: 12-Item Short-Form Survey, WBQ: Well-being Questionnaire; WHO-5: The World Health Organisation Five-item Well-Being Index,

Outcomes

Reported outcomes across studies are detailed in Table 2. Referrals to psychology or psychiatry services were not reported. In three studies, in the control arm, healthcare professionals were informed of the elevated depressive symptoms.^{37 38 41} In no study were healthcare professionals informed about elevated diabetes distress of participants in the control group.

All nine studies reported glycaemia, measured by HbA1c, as an outcome measure. Where PROM assessed depressive symptoms (n=7), a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was observed in two studies.^{42 44} Where diabetes distress was assessed (n=4), a clinically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was observed in two studies.^{43 44} Each of these studies had a co-intervention involving a series of psychological therapy sessions.^{43 44} Only one of three studies using PROMs as part of stepped care algorithms with care coordination demonstrated a statistically significant glycaemic reduction.⁴²

All but two studies examined the impact of PROMs use on depressive symptoms.^{42 45} Across all seven studies, depressive symptoms (measured with the PHQ-9) reduced in both arms. Where the intervention included assessment of depressive symptoms (n=7), statistically significant difference in depressive symptoms between groups was observed in five studies.³⁷⁻⁴¹ Where diabetes distress was assessed during the intervention (n=4)^{40 43-45}, three studies^{40 43 44} reported depressive symptoms as an outcome measure, with a significant difference in depressive symptoms between groups observed in one study.⁴⁰ Five studies reported diabetes distress as an outcome measure.^{40 41 43-45} Diabetes distress reduced in both the intervention and control arms across all five studies.^{40 41 43-45} The difference between groups, favouring the intervention, was statistically significant in two studies.^{40 41}

In the Cummings *et al.* study, when therapy was stratified based on elevated levels of depressive symptoms or diabetes distress, improved diabetes self-management was reported.⁴⁰ Similarly, in the Rees *et al.* study, when co-interventions focused on people with type 2 diabetes with elevated distress levels receiving individual psychological therapy, an improvement in diabetes

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3 self-management was reported.⁴³ General emotional well-being, mental health and health status
4 were reported using various measures, including the WHO-5, W-BQ, SF-12, and EQ-5D. No study
5 reported patient-professional communication as an outcome. The Wu *et al.* study was the only
6 one to assess satisfaction with diabetes care, and a statistically significant improvement in the
7 intervention arm was observed.³⁹
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13 14 Discussion

15 16 Main findings

17 To our knowledge, this is the first systematic review to synthesise the evidence related to PROM
18 use to assess and address depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress in type 2 diabetes care,
19 despite diabetes guidelines recommending this practice for the past 25 years.²⁰⁻²⁵ The key finding
20 is that very few studies have examined the use of PROMs to assess and address depressive
21 symptoms and/or diabetes distress during routine type 2 diabetes care. When depressive
22 symptoms were assessed (n=7), a statistically significant between-group difference in HbA1c was
23 observed in two studies.^{42 44} A statistically significant between-group difference in depressive
24 symptoms was observed in five of six studies where depressive symptoms were assessed during
25 the intervention.³⁷⁻⁴¹ Where diabetes distress was assessed, a clinically significant between-
26 group difference in HbA1c was observed in two of four studies,^{43 44} and a statistically significant
27 difference in both depressive symptoms and diabetes distress was observed in one study.⁴⁰ Two
28 studies targeting people with elevated diabetes distress or depressive symptoms demonstrated
29 statistically and clinically significant reductions in glycaemia.^{43 44} This review found little evidence
30 of the best-associated co-intervention for people identified by PROMs with elevated depressive
31 symptoms or diabetes distress despite guideline recommendations.²⁰⁻²⁵
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47 Similar to this review's findings, a Cochrane review of PROM completion and feedback to
48 healthcare professionals in the treatment of mental health conditions found insufficient evidence
49 of impact on patient outcomes.⁴⁶ However, the interventions included in the Cochrane review
50 were limited to PROM feedback to the healthcare professional, not linked to interventions.⁴⁶
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3 emotional issues such as diabetes distress are discussed less frequently.²⁸ While over 238 unique
4 PROMs for people with type 2 diabetes have been identified, the most effective intervention to
5 implement and then address PROM-identified elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes
6 distress remains unclear.⁴⁷ Details about how precisely PROMs were used by healthcare
7 professionals in discussion with people with type 2 diabetes were lacking. Further exploration of
8 how PROMs can be integrated into routine clinical practice with the escalation of care for people
9 with elevated depressive symptoms or distress is needed. Considering the recent
10 recommendations from ICHOM for PROM use during diabetes care,²⁷ healthcare professionals
11 need guidance on the appropriate evidence-based intervention for elevated depressive
12 symptoms or diabetes distress identified using a PROM in clinical practice.^{29 30}
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23 Studies demonstrating improved glycaemia had co-interventions of targeting people with
24 elevated distress levels or depressive symptoms.^{43 44} Dobber *et al.* increased frequency of follow-
25 up counselling if elevated depressive symptoms were identified using the PHQ-9.⁴⁴ Sturt's
26 systematic review regarding the effectiveness of interventions to reduce diabetes distress
27 showed that interventions delivered by a general healthcare professional demonstrate an
28 improvement in glycaemia and reduce diabetes distress.¹⁷ However, participants included in
29 Sturt's review had low levels of diabetes distress, and a further systematic review in 2018
30 identified that severe diabetes distress reduced with diabetes-specific psychological
31 interventions.¹⁶ Evidentially, targeted interventions are needed stratified on the basis of severity
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43 Studies have reported that completing a measure of diabetes distress before a consultation can
44 improve glycaemia and patient satisfaction among adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.⁴⁸
45 However, only Wu *et al.* explored changes in patient satisfaction with care – which is an
46 important measure considering PROMs are reported as enablers of person-centred care.⁴⁹ No
47 studies in our review explored the impact on patient-professional communication in the
48 consultation, despite evidence suggesting PROM use in other clinical settings (oncology)
49 improves communication, with PROMs initiating discussion of issues not otherwise addressed.⁵⁰
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5 Studies have also indicated that completion of a diabetes distress measure before a consultation,
6 and discussion of those responses during the consultation, improves glycaemia and reduces
7 diabetes distress among adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in specialist diabetes clinics.^{7 48}
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9 Pouver *et al.*'s study of people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes found monitoring of well-being,
10 using the Well-being Questionnaire (W-BQ), during diabetes care resulted in improved mood.⁵¹
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12 While PROMs in these studies were embedded in routine care, they included people with type 1
13 and type 2 diabetes (without separate sub-group analyses) and were not conducted in general
14 practice, where most type 2 diabetes care occurs.⁵² In our review, PROMs were completed most
15 frequently with a trained study team member, not by a healthcare professional involved in the
16 person's clinical care.^{37 38 40 41 43 44} While this may replicate the likely real-world administration of
17 PROMs (e.g. by a receptionist, upon arrival at the clinic), it is suggested that screening for
18 depressive symptoms is best performed as part of collaborative care by the treating doctor or
19 diabetes educator.⁵³ In the future, it would be useful to explore models based on depressive
20 symptoms or diabetes distress identified by the usual healthcare professional with stratification
21 of actions based on responses.
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34 Healthcare professionals need PROMs that provide responses that provoke action. However, the
35 effective interventions in this study were resource-intensive, which will be difficult to replicate
36 and sustain in routine clinical practice. Only one study used electronic prompts to healthcare
37 professionals based on PHQ responses.³⁹ Several studies have highlighted that clinical systems
38 for PROM response delivery to healthcare professionals need to fit with clinical workflow.⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶
39 Even with the electronic delivery of PROM responses, the large volume of responses for
40 healthcare professionals to review and the difficulty accessing PROM responses (due to storage
41 on a dashboard separate from the electronic medical record) contribute to low use of PROMs in
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53 **Strengths and limitations of the review**

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3 Key strengths of this review include adherence to the PRISMA guidelines,³⁴ a comprehensive
4 search strategy of six electronic databases, and screening performed independently by two
5 reviewers. The risk of bias was low in most studies, indicating outcomes of this review are based
6 on high-quality studies. Depression and diabetes distress were assessed using well-validated
7 measures, including PHQ, PAID, and the DDS. The focus on type 2 diabetes is also a strength, as
8 people with type 2 diabetes receive their care mostly in primary care settings, and their needs
9 and preferences are different from people with type 1 diabetes.^{58 59}
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18 The heterogeneity of included co-interventions, how PROMs were completed, and healthcare
19 professionals received the PROM responses, limits the overall review, making comparisons
20 between studies difficult. It was not possible to conduct a meta-analysis because of the wide
21 range of interventions and co-interventions assessed. Two studies had a small sample size with
22 limited statistical power.^{43 45} Other limitations include the restriction of our search to published
23 journal articles in the English language. This may explain why all studies included were from high-
24 income or upper-middle-income countries, with no studies from low-middle income countries
25 identified. The inclusion criteria limited studies to populations with type 2 diabetes only, or
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36 **Future directions**

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38 Considering the low number of eligible studies, further research is warranted to understand the
39 most efficient co-interventions to associate with PROM responses and how to integrate PROMs
40 to coordinate interventions in general practice where most type 2 diabetes care occurs. The
41 interventions examined as part of this review required significant external staff involvement,
42 while only one study used technology to assist with PROM collection and delivery to healthcare
43 professionals. Future research could focus on similar interventions using technology for self-
44 completing PROMs with actionable outcomes if elevated depressive symptoms or diabetes
45 distress are identified. Further research is needed to explore if PROM assessment of depressive
46 symptoms and diabetes distress in routine type 2 diabetes care impacts communication and
47 patient satisfaction with care.
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Conclusions

This systematic review summarized and critiqued studies using PROMs for assessing and addressing depressive symptoms and/or diabetes distress as part of clinical type 2 diabetes care. The findings showed few studies using PROMs, but most are effective in reducing depressive symptoms or diabetes distress, though co-interventions related to PROM use in type 2 diabetes care are heterogeneous. While guidelines recommend the routine assessment of depressive symptoms and diabetes distress using PROMs, a clear mechanism for implementing this in routine diabetes care or the most effective co-intervention is yet to be established.

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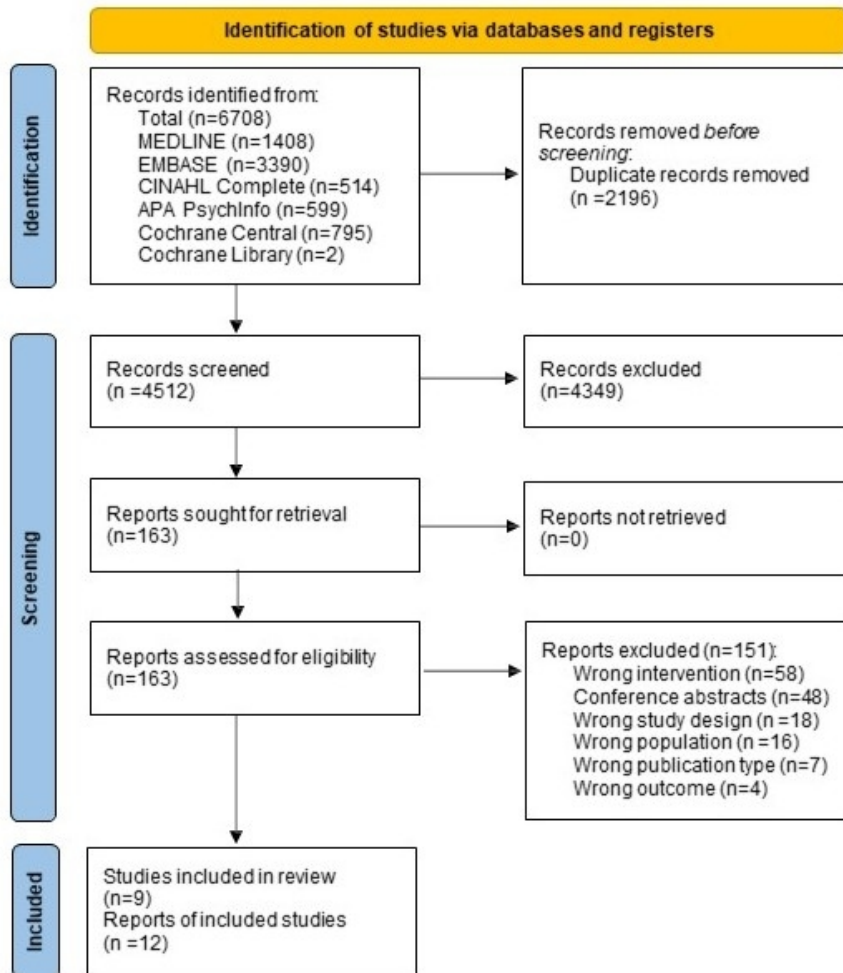


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Supplementary File 2. Risk of bias assessment

Table 1. Risk of bias as assessed using the Risk of Bias 2.³⁵

Author (year)	Randomisation process	Deviations from intended interventions	Missing outcome data	Measurement of the outcome	Selection of the reported result	Overall Bias
Cummings et al. (2019) ⁴⁰	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Dobler et al. (2018) ⁴⁴	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Some concerns
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Naik et al. (2019) ³⁷	Low	Low	Some concerns	Low	Low	Some concerns
Rees et al. (2017) ⁴³	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
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Table 2. Risk of bias as assessed using the Risk Of Bias In Non-randomized Studies – of Interventions (ROBINS-I) assessment tool.³⁶

Author (year)	Bias due to confounding	Bias in selection of participants into the study	Bias in classification of interventions	Bias due to deviations from intended interventions	Bias due to missing data	Bias in measurement of outcomes	Bias in selection of the reported result	Overall Bias
Johnson et al. (2014) ⁴¹	Moderate	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate
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Wu et al. (2018) ³⁹	Moderate	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Moderate



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METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	5
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Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Supplementary Document 1
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Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	N/A
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	N/A
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Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	10
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