

Progetto “Terapie Digitali per l’Italia” #DTxITA

Terapie Digitali Sviluppo e Sperimentazione Clinica

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The emerging world of digital therapeutics

The treatment of many physical and mental-health conditions is going digital

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Digital Therapeutics: Emerging New Therapy for Neurologic Deficits after Stroke

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RECENT REGULATORY CHANGES THAT MAKE GERMANY A TOP COUNTRY FOR DIGITAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS

NEW GERMAN REGULATION THAT POSITIVELY IMPACT MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIGITAL HEALTH COMPANIES STARTING FROM 2020/2021



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Terapie digitali

- Le terapie digitali sono un **sottoinsieme della digital health** e riguardano quelle opzioni terapeutiche che **utilizzano tecnologie digitali** per **curare** una patologia, una malattia mentale o una condizione psicologica. Il trattamento si basa **su modifiche del comportamento o degli stili di vita** attraverso l'implementazione di linee guida e programmi, e grazie alla raccolta sistematica di dati utili a raggiungere l'obiettivo.

#DTx - Digital Therapy – Digital Therapeutics

- Interventi Terapeutici
- **Software come Principio Attivo**
- Sviluppato attraverso RCTs
- Autorizzati da enti regolatori
- Sottoposti a valutazione HTA
- Rimborsati da SSN / assicurazioni
- Prescritti dal medico

**What is
digital
therapy
and why
does
it matter?**

WellDoc

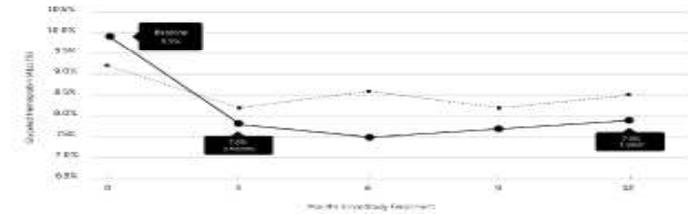
FDA-cleared in 2013



Target indication:
Type 2 diabetes



1.9% A1C Improvement ¹
WITH BLUESTAR
0.7% A1C Improvement
USUAL CARE



¹ Quinn CC, et al. Diabetes Technol Ther. 2008;10(3):160-168. Quinn CC, et al. Diabetes Care. 2011;34(9):1934-1942. Richard Katz, MD, George Washington University Medical Center; Journal of Health Communication, December 2011. Quinn, CC, et al. Glycemic Control: Impact on Physician Prescribing Behavior. Presentation ADA 72nd Scientific Sessions, 2012. Tang FY, et al. eHealth-Assisted Lay Health Coaching for Diabetes Self-Management Support American Diabetes Association 76th Scientific Sessions Poster Presentation 2016.

Propeller

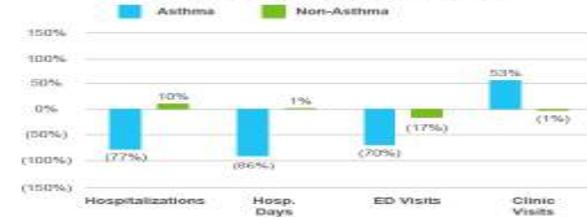
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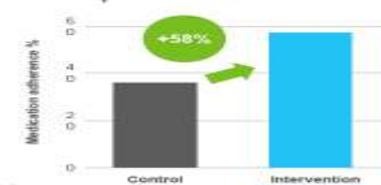
Target indications:
Asthma and COPD



Reduced Acute Care Utilization ¹



Improved Adherence ²



¹ Merchant et al (under review). "Impact of a Digital Health Intervention on Asthma Resource Utilization"
² Van Sickle D, Hummel O, Barnitt M, Henderson K, and Hogg C. 2016. Randomized, controlled study of the impact of a mobile health tool on asthma SABA use, control and adherence. European Respiratory Journal 48: PA1018. <http://doi.org/10.1183/13993001.0000000016001018>

Akili Interactive

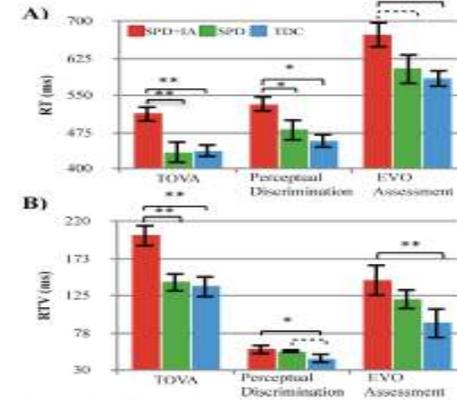
FDA-clearance - submitted



Target indications:

ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Parkinson's

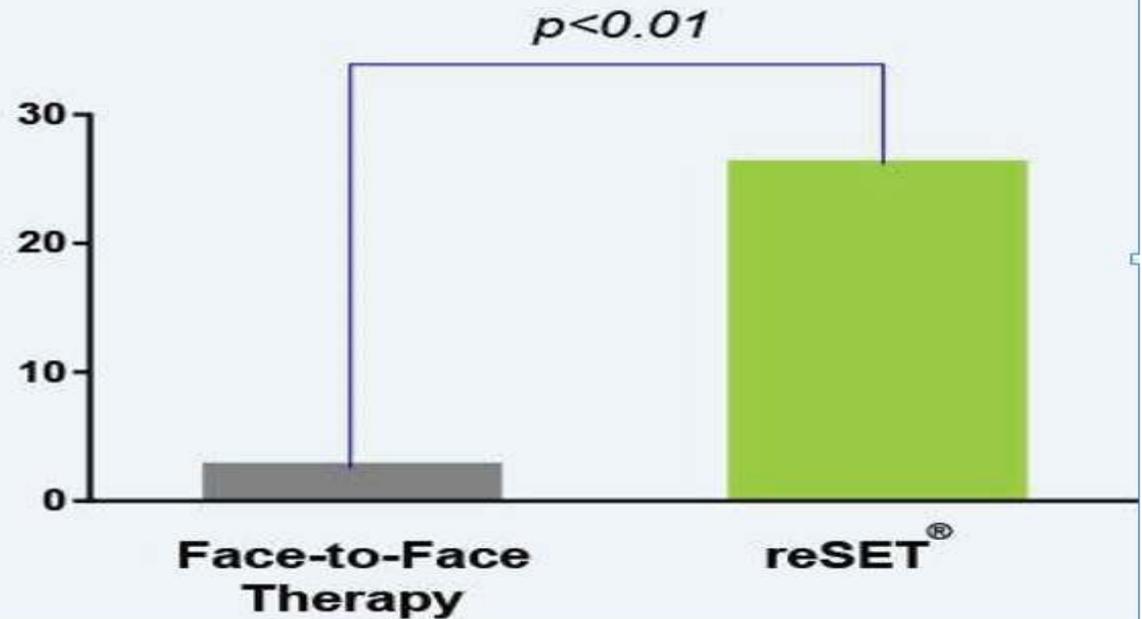
Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction (SPD)



Anguera JA, et al., (2017) A pilot study to determine the feasibility of enhancing cognitive abilities in children with sensory processing dysfunction. PLoS ONE 12(4): e0172616. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0172616>



% Abstinent in Study
Weeks 9-12

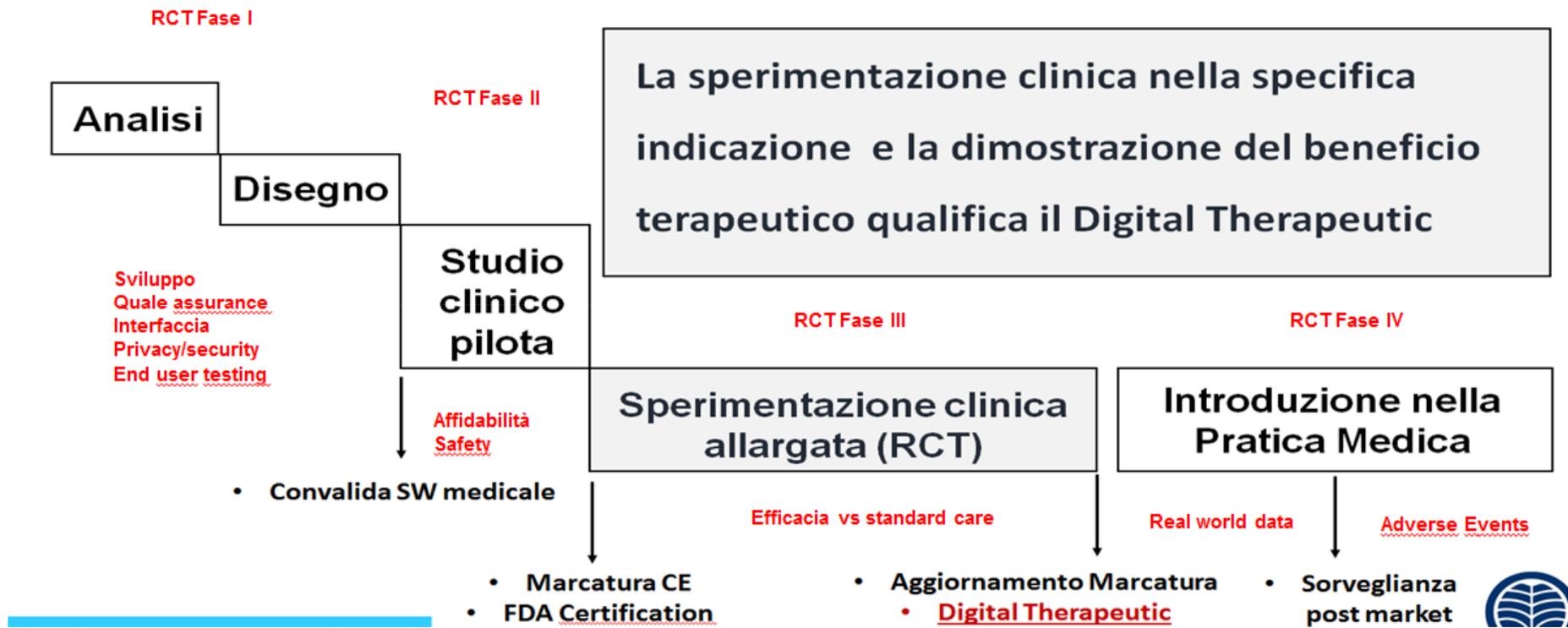


Quali Indicazioni Terapeutiche?

170+ Digital therapeutics companies

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<p>kealth APPSCRIPT</p>	<p>RX Infrastructure «Digital Pharmacy»</p>	<p>RxU</p>

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Impact of a Novel Smartphone App (CureApp Smoking Cessation) on Nicotine Dependence: Prospective Single-Arm Interventional Pilot Study

JMIR Mhealth Uhealth 2019;7(2):e12694

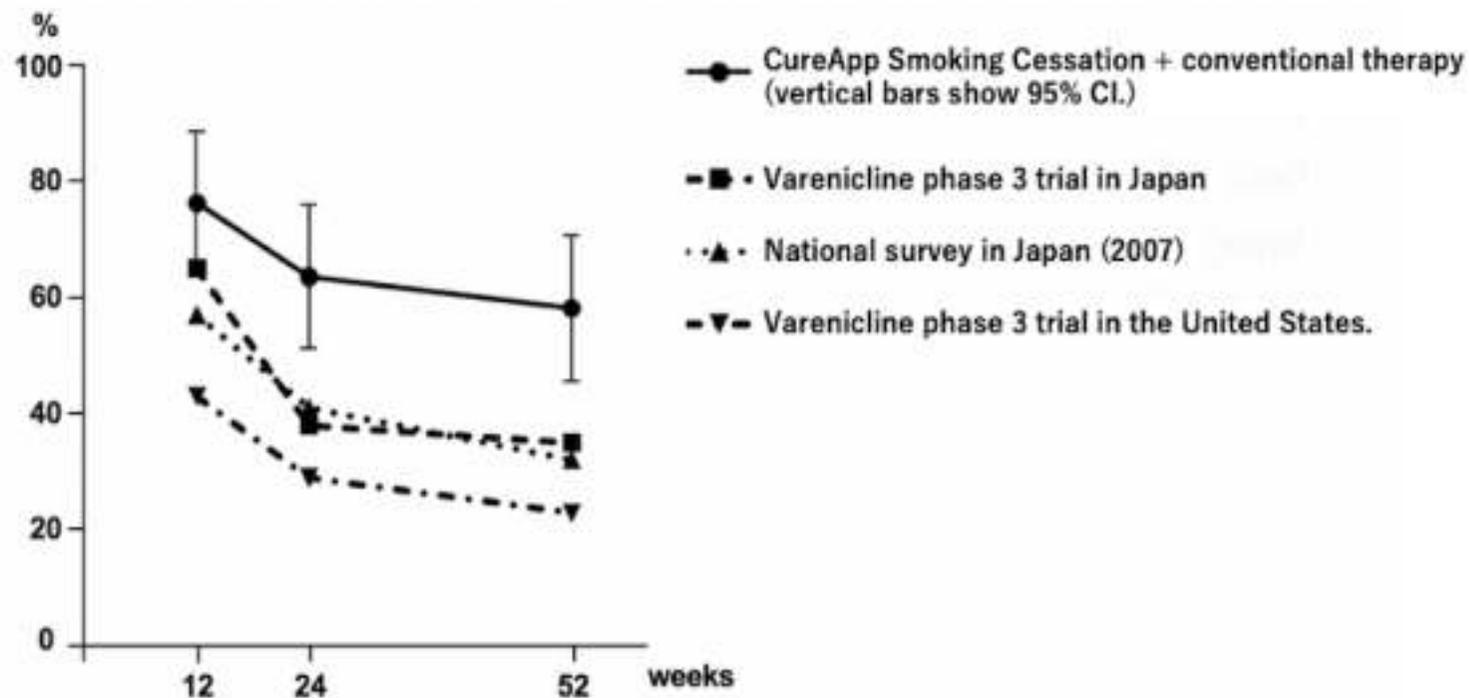
Intervention= CureApp: data collection, personalized counseling advices created by a AI system and based on national guidelines, diary of smoking cessation + messages and education videos + counseling chatbot answering individual's questions and providing encouraging messages. App used daily for 24 weeks. CureApp support s the pharmacological treatment.

Primary outcome: abstinence rate from 9 to 24 weeks

Secondary outcome: abstinence rate from 9 to 12 and from 9 to 52 weeks

Smokers recruited: 56

Figure 7. Continuous abstinence rates from weeks 9 to 12, 9 to 24, and 9 to 52.





A prescription mobile app that provides personalized symptom recommendations.

THE OLEENA JOURNEY HERE'S HOW OLEENA™ WORKS



Prescribe

The healthcare provider sets up Oleena™ to meet the patient's unique needs. The patient gets access to the Oleena™ app.



Report

The patient experiences a symptom and reports it in Oleena™.



Evaluate

Oleena™ evaluates the symptom severity and provides a personalized recommendation.



Act

The patient self-manages their symptom based on the recommendation. When severity is too high for self-management, Oleena™ connects the patient to the care team.



Monitor

Oleena™ continues monitoring the patient until the symptom subsides.

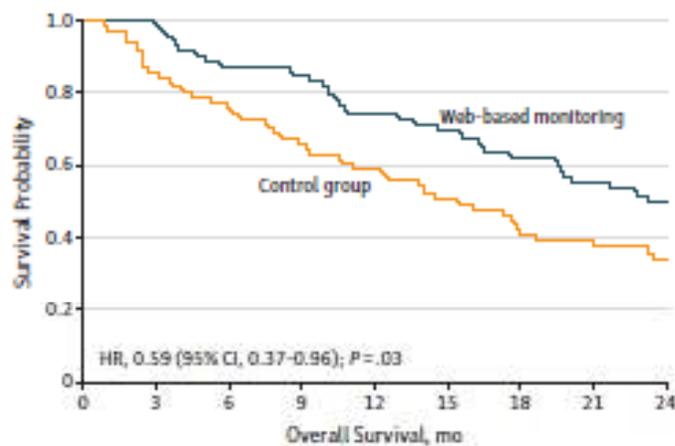
RESEARCH LETTER

Two-Year Survival Comparing Web-Based Symptom Monitoring vs Routine Surveillance Following Treatment for Lung Cancer

JAMA January 22, 2019 Volume 321, Number 3

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curves for the Overall Survival (OS) Analysis

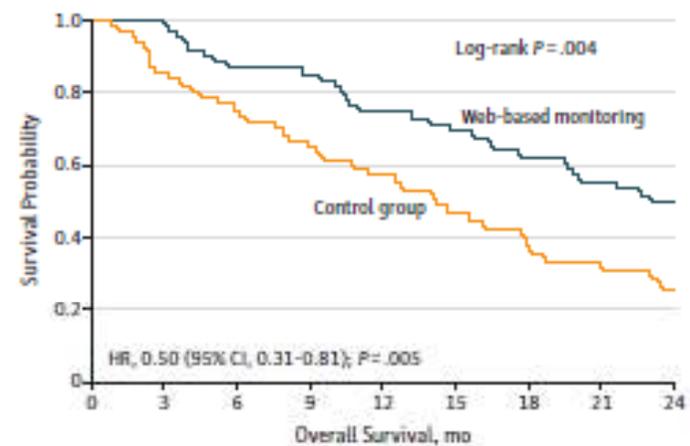
A Intention-to-treat analysis



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Web-based monitoring	60	60	51	48	43	39	35	31	27
Control	61	52	45	38	34	29	24	22	19

Source	Median OS	12-mo OS, %	24-mo OS, %
Web-based monitoring	22.5 mo	75	50
Control	14.9 mo	56	34

B Censoring of crossover analysis



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Web-based monitoring	60	60	51	48	43	39	35	31	27
Control	61	52	43	33	26	20	15	13	11

Source	Median OS	12-mo OS, %	24-mo OS, %
Web-based monitoring	22.5 mo	75	50
Control	13.5 mo	53	26

A total of 121 patients were included in the intention-to-treat survival analysis. Ten of 34 living patients in the control group were eligible to cross over following the interim analysis. HR indicates hazard ratio.

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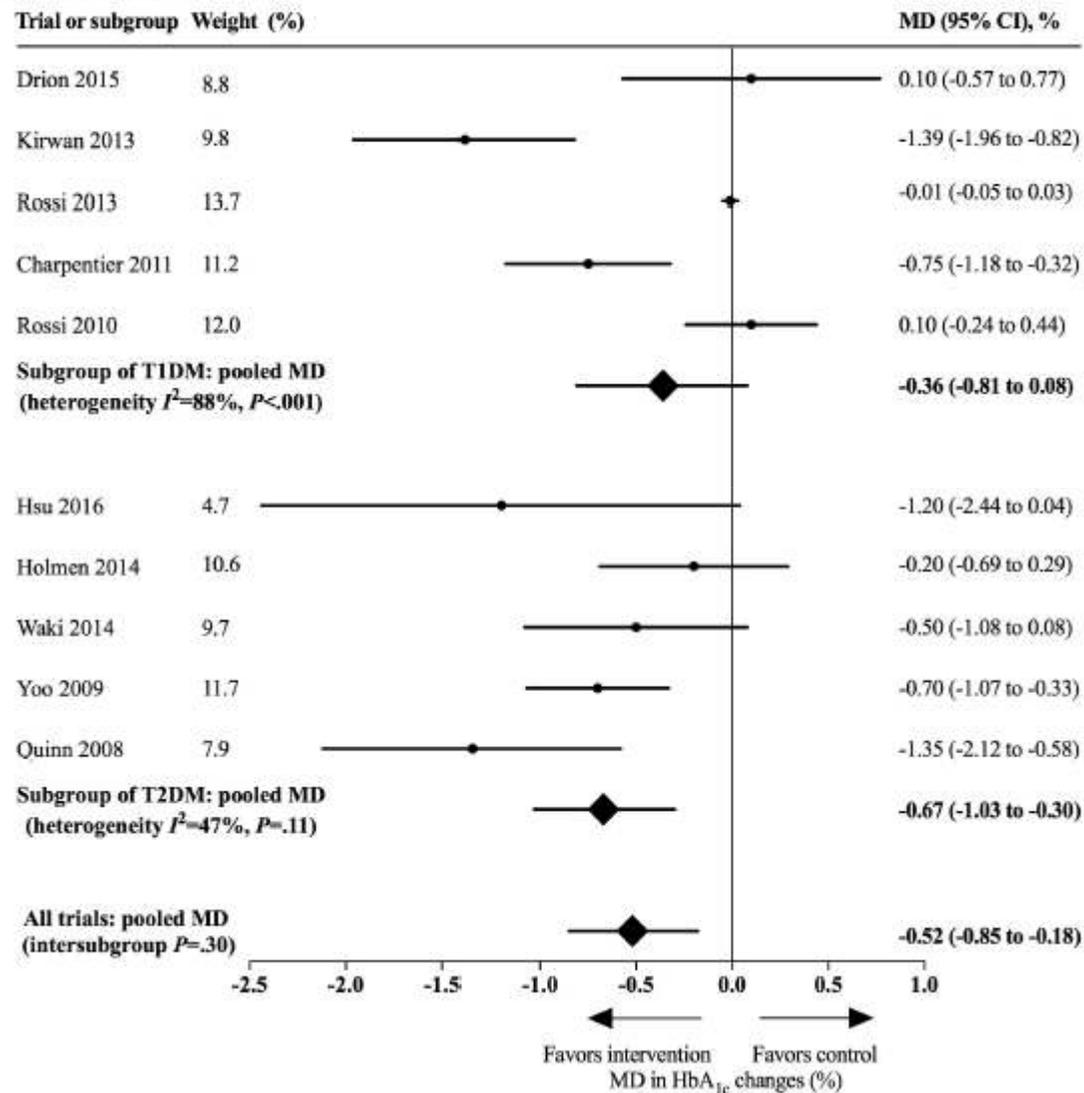
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DTX Diabete – Meta-analisi

Figure 5. Effects of app-based mobile health interventions on hemoglobin A_{1c} (HbA_{1c}) for patients with type 1 diabetes (T1DM) and type 2 diabetes (T2DM). MD: mean difference.

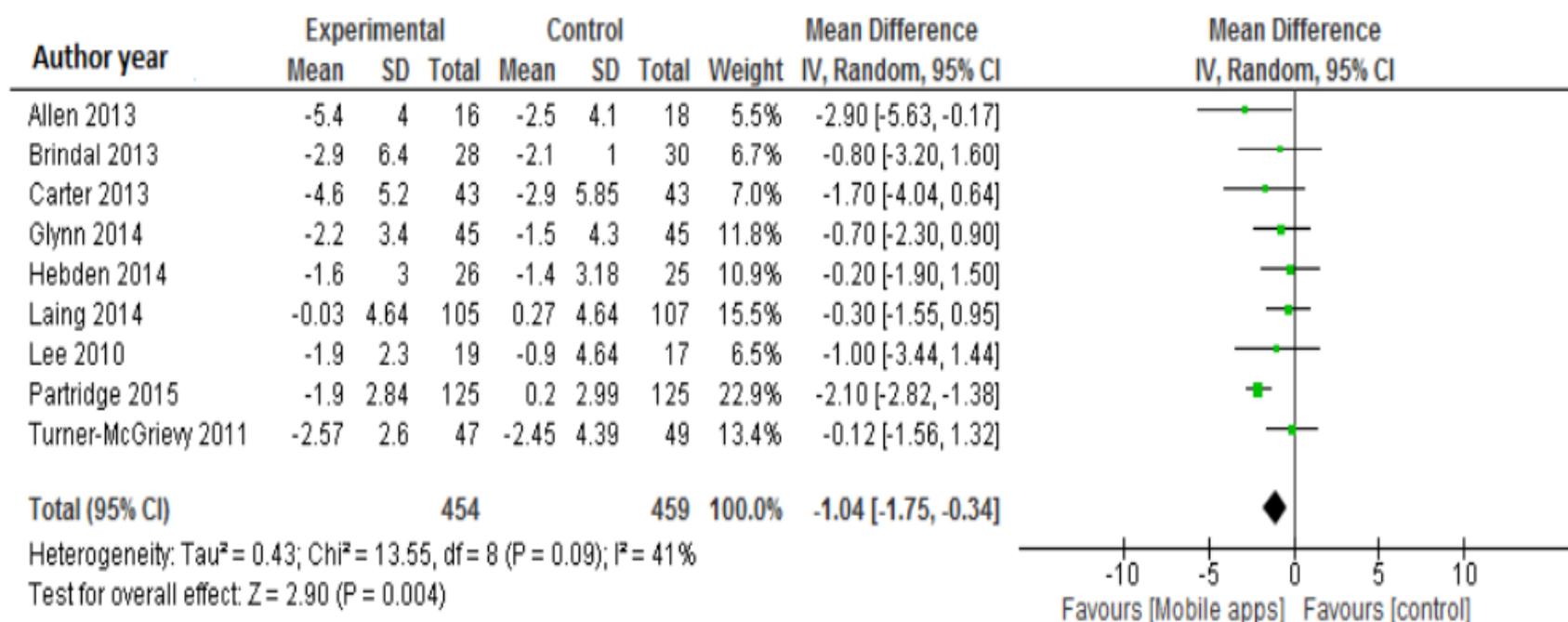


DTX Weight Loss – Meta-analisi

Mobile Phone Apps to Promote Weight Loss and Increase Physical Activity: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

(J Med Internet Res 2015;17(11):e253)

Figure 2. Meta-analysis of the net change in body weight (kg) associated with mobile phone app intervention, expressed as the change during the mobile phone app intervention minus the change during the control diet. The area of each square is proportional to the inverse of the variance of the weighted mean difference. Horizontal lines represent 95% CIs. Diamonds represent pooled estimates from inverse variance (IV) weighted random-effects models.





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Digital and mobile interventions could support regular health services in helping people stop smoking and reduce their risk of obesity, says NICE

Health professionals can consider digital and mobile interventions as a supplement to regular services to support behaviour change in people at risk of developing chronic conditions.

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Limiti metodologici

- Limitato engagement dei pazienti → problemi di compliance e drop out
- Periodo di follow-up in genere troppo brevi
 - con: non si sa se ipotetico vantaggio rimane
 - pro: obsolescenza strumenti/ritardi approvazione
- Reclutamento limitato di pazienti
- Pazienti troppo specifici che impediscono generalizzazione risultati

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Agile research to complement agile development: a proposal for an mHealth research lifecycle

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Mobile health (mHealth) technology is increasingly being used, but academic evaluations supporting its use are not keeping pace. This is partly due to the disconnect between the traditional pharmaceutical approach to product evaluation, with its incremental approach, and the flexible way in which mHealth products are developed. An important step to addressing these problems lies in establishing agile research methods that complement the agile development methodologies used to create modern digital health applications. We describe an mHealth research model that mirrors traditional clinical research methods in its attention to safety and efficacy, while also accommodating the rapid and iterative development and evaluation required to produce effective, evidence-based, and sustainable digital products. This approach consists of a project identification stage followed by four phases of clinical evaluation: Phase 1: User Experience Design, Development, & Alpha Testing; Phase 2: Beta testing; Phase 3: Clinical Trial Evaluation; and Phase 4: Post-Market Surveillance. These phases include sample gating questions and are adapted to accommodate the unique nature of digital product development.

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