

Multimedia Appendix 11. Grading of recommendations, assessment, development, and evaluation quality of evidence profile.

Quality Assessment						Summary of Findings				
Number of Studies*	Risk of Bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Publication Bias	Number of Participants		Effect Size as SMD (95% CI)	Significance	Quality
						mHealth	Control			
Walking (75 RCTs)	<i>Very Serious</i> 58/75 studies high risk of bias based on Cochrane criteria. Numerous studies with short intervention duration, small samples sizes and high attrition. As in most mHealth studies, blinding of participants and personnel is not possible.	<i>Not serious</i> Very high level of heterogeneity ($I^2=84\%$) but range of results limited with 68/75 studies showing positive effects and CI [0.37-0.57]	<i>Not serious</i> Populations and interventions relevant	<i>Not serious</i> Low baseline risk (<5%), narrow confidence interval, sample size 12301)	<i>Undetected</i> Moderate sample size (mean=197, range=21-1442), funnel plot analysis does not suggest systematic publication bias.	6307	5994	0.47 [0.37-0.57]	$P<.001$	●●○○
MVPA (61 RCTs)	<i>Very Serious</i> 47/61 studies high risk of bias based on Cochrane criteria. Numerous studies with short intervention duration, small samples sizes and high attrition. As in most mHealth studies, blinding of participants and personnel is not possible.	<i>Not serious</i> Moderate to high level of heterogeneity ($I^2=63\%$) but range of results limited with 53/61 studies showing positive effects and CI [0.22-0.36]	<i>Not serious</i> Populations and interventions relevant	<i>Not serious</i> Low baseline risk (<5%), narrow confidence interval, sample size 10861)	<i>Undetected</i> Moderate sample size (mean=225, range=29-1442), funnel plot analysis does not suggest systematic publication bias.	5787	5074	0.29 [0.22-0.36]	$P<.001$	●●○○
Total PA (34 RCTs)	<i>Very Serious</i> 29/34 studies high risk of bias based on Cochrane criteria. Numerous studies with short intervention duration, small samples sizes and high attrition. As in most mHealth studies, blinding of participants and personnel is not possible.	<i>Not serious</i> Moderate to high level of heterogeneity ($I^2=68\%$), moderate range of results [0.16-0.38] and 28/34 studies finding positive effects.	<i>Not serious</i> Populations and interventions relevant	<i>Not serious</i> Low baseline risk (<5%), narrow confidence interval, sample size 5144)	<i>Undetected</i> Moderate sample size (mean=189, range=15-1113), funnel plot analysis does not suggest systematic publication bias.	2702	2442	0.27 [0.16-0.38]	$P<.001$	●●○○
Energy Expenditure (8 RCTs)	<i>Very Serious</i> 7/8 studies high risk of bias based on Cochrane criteria. Numerous studies with short intervention duration, small samples sizes and high attrition. As in most mHealth studies, blinding of participants and personnel is not possible.	<i>Very serious</i> High level of heterogeneity ($I^2=87\%$), large effect range CI [0.13-1.00], small sample.	<i>Not serious</i> Populations and interventions relevant	<i>Not serious</i> Low baseline risk (<5%), narrow confidence interval, sample size 834)	<i>Undetected</i> Small sample size (mean=128, range=37-463), funnel plot analysis does not suggest systematic publication bias.	481	353	0.57 [0.13-1.00]	$P=.01$	○○○○

Abbreviations: GRADE, Grading of recommendations, assessment, development, and evaluation; RCT, randomized controlled trials; CI, confidence intervals

* Number of studies that report results at end of intervention.