Review AI - Mental Healthcare Products

# Seed for random number generation  
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## Introduction

[INSERT: Explanation AI]

Mental healthcare has been slower to adopt AI technology than physical healthcare (**jiang\_etal17?**). Still, the number of AI-powered mental health applications has been rising over the past years (**nahavandi\_etal22?**). Similar to physical health applications, there exists a gap between the AI algorithms and tools developed and tested in research and the available products ready to be used by patients and healthcare practitioners (see **vanleeuwen\_etal21?**). Specifically, despite the indications of benefits associated with integrating AI into mental healthcare to enhance diagnosis, treatment, and clinical administration quality (Shatte et al., 2019), most of the tools and algorithms developed and tested in research have not (yet) made it into production Chekroud et al. (2021). In fact, “no FDA-approved or FDA-cleared AI applications currently exist in psychiatry” (Lee et al., 2021, p. 5). The lack of available products mainly concerns diagnostic and recommendation tools aiming at detecting psychological disorders and suggesting clinical treatment approaches (e.g., psychopharmacotherapy versus psychotherapy) (Chekroud et al., 2021). In their scoping review of machine learning in psychotherapy research, Aafjes-van Doorn et al. (2021) identified 51 studies that developed and tested a machine learning algorithm aiming to classify or predict treatment process or outcome data or identify clusters in the patient or treatment data. The authors conclude that current applications of machine learning in psychotherapy research provide a range of benefits for choosing appropriate treatment regimes, predicting treatment adherence, supporting therapist skill development, and predicting treatment response. Shatte et al. (2019) identified 190 mental health tools aiming to detect and diagnose mental health conditions, 67 focused on prognosis, treatment and support, 26 on public health applications, and 17 on research and clinical administration. These research findings do not align with the scope of marketed AI-based mental health products. While most research focuses on detecting and diagnosing mental health conditions, the market is dominated by low-threshold wellness and treatment applications, such as chatbots and virtual agents, and sensor-data-based stress reduction applications [REF NEEDED]. The main reasons for the lack of implementation into clinical practice include patient data confidentiality issues, explainability versus performance trade-offs, and the frequency of erroneous predictions (e.g., among underrepresented groups) Aafjes-van Doorn et al. (2021). In addition, mental health interventions often rely on the relational bond formed with the patient and the direct observation of patient behaviors and emotions and are hesitant to rely on AI recommendations (Shatte et al., 2019). \

Despite the public attention devoted to the risks and potential benefits of AI-based mental health applications [MAYBE SOME NEWS ARTICLES], an overview of available AI-supported mental health products is currently lacking. In addition, we lack insight into the gap between research findings on AI-based mental health tools and marketed products in the field. Such an insight may provide a starting point for a systematic reduction of implementation barriers on the side of health care practitioners, application developers, and the general public, including patients suffering from mental health conditions. The current systematic review proceeds in two steps to answer these questions. First, we provide an overview of available AI-powered mental health products. Herein, we include products developed for the general public, patients, and mental health practitioners. We will search [BRIEFLY DESCRIBE SEARCH STRATEGY]… Second, we will compare the available products with the current state of AI-based research in detection and diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and support, public health applications, and clinical administration (Shatte et al., 2019). \

## Questions

* How to find products?
* Narrow down focus? - depression and anxiety?

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