

The high global prevalence of depression, together with the recent acceleration of remote care owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, has prompted increased interest in the efficacy of digital interventions for the treatment of depression. We provide a summary of the latest evidence base for digital interventions in the treatment of depression based on the largest study sample to date. A systematic literature search identified 83 studies ( $N = 15,530$ ) that randomly allocated participants to a digital intervention for depression versus an active or inactive control condition. Overall heterogeneity was very high ( $I^2 = 84\%$ ). Using a random-effects multilevel metaregression model, we found a significant medium overall effect size of digital interventions compared with all control conditions ( $g = .52$ ). Subgroup analyses revealed significant differences between interventions and different control conditions (WLC:  $g = .70$ ; attention:  $g = .36$ ; TAU:  $g = .31$ ), significantly higher effect sizes in interventions that involved human therapeutic guidance ( $g = .63$ ) compared with self-help interventions ( $g = .34$ ), and significantly lower effect sizes for effectiveness trials ( $g = .30$ ) compared with efficacy trials ( $g = .59$ ). We found no significant difference in outcomes between smartphone-based apps and computer- and Internet-based interventions and no significant difference between human-guided digital interventions and face-to-face psychotherapy for depression, although the number of studies in both comparisons was low. Findings from the current meta-analysis provide evidence for the efficacy and effectiveness of digital interventions for the treatment of depression for a variety of populations. However, reported effect sizes may be exaggerated because of publication bias, and compliance with digital interventions outside of highly controlled settings remains a significant challenge.