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Adaptive Element in Architecture of Internet-Delivered Treatments systems to improve user adherence: Systematic Review

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Abstract

Background Internet-Delivered Psychological Treatments (IDPT) are built on evidence-based psychological treatment models, such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and are adjusted for online delivery through the Internet. The use of Internet technologies has the potential to accelerate access to evidence-based mental health services for a far-reaching population at a lower cost. However, despite extensive evidence that Internet Interventions can be effective means in mental health morbidities, user adherence towards such Internet programs are sub-optimal.

Objective The aim of this review was to i) inspect and identify the adaptive elements of Internet-Delivered Psychological Therapy (IDPT) for mental health morbidities, ii) examine how adaptation influences the efficacy of IDPT in mental health, iii) identify the design elements, processes and adaptive elements for implementing these interventions for mental health illness, and iv) use the findings to create a conceptual framework that provides better user adherence and adaptiveness in IDPT for mental health issues.

Methods A systematic literature review was performed. The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, EMBASE, MEDLINE, CINAHL, and PsycINFO were searched for studies dating from January 2000 through to October 2019. Based on predetermined selection criteria, data was extracted from eligible studies. Methodological quality of the studies was assessed using an adapted version of the Cochrane Collaboration Back Review Group checklist.

Results and conclusion will have to be updated later after survey is completed.

Results

Conclusions: Based on the results, we envision developing a conceptual framework that provides adaptive Internet based interventions to mental health patients.

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Keywords: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; IDPT; Adaptive treatment; Internet-based treatment; adaptive system; mental health; literature review; architecture centric development; Tailored Internet interventions; flexible mental 1877-0509 © 2019 The Authors, Published by Elsevier B.V. mearth interventions; convictors in the control of th

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1. Introduction

Research statistics reveals IDPT¹ as an effective therapeutic tools [1] with increase potential to provide evidence-based mental health interventions for far-reaching population at lower cost [2, 3]. However, the actual user adherence to such interventions are low [4, 5, 6, 7, 8]. These results raise a critical question in IDPT: how can these IDPT be effective if the user adherence is sub-optimal? Therefore, it is relevant to focus on the factors associated in enhancing user adaption towards such interventions. Several studies have been conducted with an attempt to reduce user dropout rates. To our knowledge, some of the attempts taken to increase user adherence to IDPT are as follows:

- 1. **Therapists contact for online support during interventions**: Some studies claimed providing therapists contact for online guidance and support during interventions duration has been found to increase adherence and effect sizes [7, 9, 10].
- 2. Reminder telephone calls and postcards from therapists: Clarke et al. added telephone calls and postcard reminders from therapist with an aim to increase user adherence [11]. The study concluded by discovering no significant difference between intervention groups with or without reminders. However, a similar study done by Farrer et al. [12] to evaluate effectiveness of a six week IDPT for depression with and without telephone interaction concludes that IDPT is effective both with and without tracking for reducing depression. This indicates the success of specific interventions are associated to the settings in which they are performed.
- 3. **Increasing frequency of emails from therapists**: Klein et al. [13] conducted a study to examine if the frequency of therapists contact (from one e-mail per week to three e-mails per week) make a difference in user adherence. The study concluded that the effectiveness of IDPT may be independent of the frequency of therapist support.
- 4. **Providing choice of treatment course, timing and varying economic cost**: Hilvert-Bruce et al. [14] conducted a study with an aim of inspecting if dropouts of users in IDPT is because of lack of efficacy; can change in adding choice of treatments, reminders and financial cost improve adherence; and finally if addition of clinical contact improves user adherence. The results obtained in this study claims adding reminders; the choice of treatments, cost and timing; contact of clinicians improves the user adherence.

The above statistics illustrates the baseline predictors of adherence vary between different research studies. A systematic review by Christensen et al. [7] discovered *disease diversity, treatment length* and *chronicity* predicted are important factors contributing to user adherence in IDPT. Similarly, *clinical severity* has also been indicated as one of the important factors contributing to user adherence in web-based interventions targeting problematic drinking [15]. Similar factors have been identified as the most prominent factors in user adherence towards IDPT. However, only few studies discusses why the target group choose not to adhere. The most common reasons for non-adherence elaborated on state-of-art studies are:

- 1. **Sufficient progress**: A meta analysis by Vandereycken et al. [16] elaborates the target groups choose not to adhere in the eating disorder treatment because they believed they achieved sufficient progress. However, the lack of progress is not related to non-adherence according to several other studies [7, 13].
- 2. **Too much content without much flexibility**: According to a survey done by Johansson et al. [17], participants chose not to adhere as they were unable to perceive compatible correlation between the length of weekly text modules and the conditions in their personal life. Moreover, the participants found the content to be a tiresome

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¹ Web-based Internet-Delivered Psychological Treatments

burden because of the length of the text modules and time consumed to go through it. Furthermore, the fixed format of the content sent to the participants each week were perceived as inflexible for some participants.

- 3. **Treatment being too difficult**: Content complexity was perceived as difficult to comprehend and process by individuals participating in interventions [17, 8] especially when these individuals consider themselves as having attention problem or limited reading and writing skills.
- 4. Users expectations and trust: Participants' knowledge and expectations about the treatment process have known to influence user trust and hence adherence [18]. Johansson et al. [17] outlined in their study that participants mentioned they were grateful for being offered the treatment but not all of them appeared to be fully aware of the treatment and its significance. Similar conclusion has been drawn in the study by Alaoui et al. [19] indicating higher treatment credibility as the strongest prognostic factor for user adherence.
- 5. Lack of therapists feedback: Feedback have thought to increase user adherence [15] for sixty-five percent of intervention participants. Contrary to this, no face-to-face therapist during the interventions were perceived as the therapist not caring about their personal issues [17]. In addition to this, some participants outlined they never prioritized on their own personal development as they were aware face-to-face meeting was not required.
- 6. **Lack of personalization**: Recent study on mental health indicates that compliance failure can result from lack of personalization [8]. A study done by Doherty claims to have improved user compliance with the IDPT system by focusing on user personalization [20].

Most of the researches examining the causes for declining user adherence towards IDPT discovered the patients personal reasons [7]. More than about the diagnosis and problem severity, it is about personal and interpersonal competencies, and resources. Moreover, it is about the patient's intrinsic motivation to change, his self-relatedness, and receptivity to change. Levey et al. [21] characterizes this reason as *patient variable*. Considering this reason for premature termination of interventions indicate the need to further investigate the reasons and circumstances for non-adherence. Specifically, this indicates a gap in the literature concerning the in-depth exploration of the subjective reasons for non-adherence in online psychological interventions. In general, the factors affecting premature termination of participants from IDPT, as outlined by Johansson et al. [17], be characterized by interaction between the *participant perception of the treatment* (Content complexity, therapists feedback, information about significance) and the *participants' personal situations* (awareness about the treatment, availability, daily routines, treatment expectations, perceived language skills). Analogously, a report by WHO [22] distinguishes five interacting dimensions affecting adherence to medication, therapies and healthcare in general: *socio-economic factors, therapy-related factors, patient-related factors, condition-related factors,* and *health system/health care team-factors*. The same report justifies relatively limited research has been done on the effects of health care team and system-related factors on adherence.

We hypothesise in this paper that in addition to these two factors (perception of treatment and personal situations), third factors is contributing to user adherence - adaptive Information Architecture (IA) in IDPT. There are two perspective here: *adaptivenss* and *information architecture*. First, IA is associated with how people cognitively process information and enhances the ability of the participants to find information. Second, adaptiveness refers to an ability system that changes its behavior with response to its environmental changes. The former perspective makes information presented in IDPT comprehensible and discoverable, while the latter makes the IDPT more personalized. In this paper, we argue that both adaptivenes and IA are important factors that contributes to user adherence in IDPT. Hence, we aim to investigate following research questions from this literature review:

- 1. **RQ1**: What are the most relevant choices of IA chosen in existing IDPT systems? What are the main rationale behind such architecture?
- 2. **RQ2**: What are the main adaptive elements in such IDPT systems? How does these elements contribute in enhancing user adherence and interventions outcomes?
- 3. **RQ3**: How can we use generalized results to create a conceptual framework that can be used in creation of adaptive IDPT for mental health interventions?

To our knowledge only few studies, if any, have examined experience of non-adherence in IDPT system based on IA and adaptiveness as affecting factors. In this study, we focus on reviewing the adaptive element and IA in the current IDPT system used for the treatment of mental health disorders.

2. Methods

We conducted the review according to the PRISMA guidelines [23]. We used the P.I.C.O.S. (Population, Interventions, Comparators, Outcomes, and Study Design) framework to identify relevant studies. Our focus was on adult (> 18 years) mental health patients receiving IDPT (P), interventions that were delivered via the Internet (I) compared to standard care or other active intervention (C-Comparison) and their adherence to the interventions (O-Outcomes).

2.1. Search Strategy

We searched the databases recommended by Cochrane [24] including Medline (PubMed), ACM Digital Library, PsycINFO, EMBASE, CINAHL and Cochrane to identify studies. In addition to this, we hand searched the reference list of the selected publications to retrieve other relevant publications. The search string included Adaptive, OR Flexible, OR Tailored, AND Internet, AND Interventions, AND Mental Health. Each term included medical subject headings (MeSH) and the search was done on full text papers. The search was limited to all papers published in English from January 2000 to October 2019. The database searches, and subsequent review were performed by two of the authors independently in a double-blind process.

2.2. Eligibility Criteria

We included those studies in which the articles met the following inclusion criteria (IC): (1) an intervention delivered through Internet (Both web or mobile based); (2) attempts to provide adaptive (dynamic, tailored, flexible) interventions by using adaptive strategies; (3) delivered for mental health disorders including depression, social anxiety, bipolar disorder, dementia, schizophrenia, suicidal tendencies, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, PTSD, social phobias, panic disorder, ADHD, eating disorder, borderline personality disorder and stress; and (4) published between 2000 and 2019. No data restrictions were imposed. The following exclusion criteria (EC) were used: (1) not written in English language, (2) not having a full text or was published in the form of a conference paper or an abstract; (3) designed as non-empirical findings such as opinion papers, reviews, editorials, letters or study protocols; (4) the paper dealt with adaptive technology in any domain other than mental health, or (5) was not about adaptive technology.

2.3. Review Procedure

The selection of studies took place in three phases based on title, abstract and full publication. Title and abstract screening was done blinded for author, journal and date of publications. Any doubtful paper were included for the next phase and disagreement were resolved using discussion. After identifying 913 relevant papers through the initial database search, 207 duplicated papers were removed and 706 unique papers remained. In the screening step, the resulting list of 323 papers were reviewed independently by the same two authors according to inclusion and exclusion criteria. By reviewing the title, abstract, and keywords, all 109 eligible papers were retrieved. Full texts were evaluated to determine the eligibility of the remaining papers. The full texts of all identified articles were assessed independently by the same authors. Articles upon which both authors agreed were included. Any discrepancies between the authors regarding the selection of the papers were resolved through discussion. In total, 84 papers were excluded in this round, and the selection process lead to the inclusion of 17 papers as depicted in Figure 1. The most common reason for exclusion in this phase was that the publications were not using Internet to deliver intervention. Other publications were excluded because they focused on other type of healthcare interventions without clear information about IA, user adherence, and adaptive strategies. In addition to this, several publications used the term "adaptive" to oversell their research papers. On a critical review of those research papers, it was not clear how interventions were adapted.

PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram

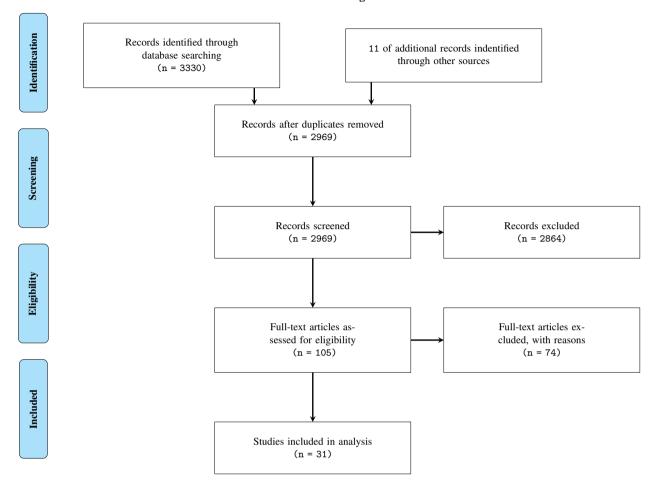


Fig. 1: PRISMA information architecture

2.4. Data Extraction and Synthesis

Data from the included studies were extracted by a team of reviewers and then verified and tabulated for review by title, abstract and full description of the research paper. Potential literature related to increasing user adherence, enhancing treatment outcomes and using adaptive strategies were included for study. We chose to list related studies (Table 1), studies attempting to increase user adherence through RCT (Table 2) and most relevant studies including adaptive strategies (Table 3).

3. Results

3.1. Taxonomy challenge

Our review shows that several different terms are used to describe similar Internet delivered psychological treatments. The interventions involving Internet as delivery mechanism are referred as web-based treatments, web-based interventions, online treatment, computerized psychotherapy, e-therapy, Internet-based cognitive behavioral therapy (ICBT or iCBT), digital interventions, web-application based psychotherapy treatments, therapeutic web-based interventions, eHealth interventions [25], and others. Analogously, other variations include creation of technical plat-

forms such as *Interapy* [26], *Deprexis* [27], ULTEMAT [28], dBCIs (digital behaviour change interventions) [29], smartphone-based applications with specific brand names [30]. The absence of any taxonomic preferences and professional ontology make the field of IDPT inconsistent and ambiguous. The use of multitude terms and labels to describe similar health interventions make it difficult to search the results of the study. To be consistent, we chose to use the term *Internet Delivered Psychological Treatments* (IDPT), as suggested by Andersson et al. [31].

3.2. Mode of Delivery

The medium used to administer Internet delivered interventions to the patients falls under five categories: *robotics*, *Virtual Reality (VR) [32] and Augumented Reality(AR)*, *conversational agents* or *chatbots* [33], web applications (Table 2), and *mHealth* or *mobile applications*. [34] As depicted in figure 2, the higher is the block in chain, the higher is the computational complexity involved and lower is the prevalence. Conversely, the lower is the block in the chain, the lower is the computational complexity but higher is the prevalence. An interesting observation from the literature study made was, most of the IDPT are delivered using mobile applications [34] and web-based applications. One explanation for this is smartphones contain a plethora of sensors and other data sources that can inform aspects of users well being, context, activities, behaviors, or in-

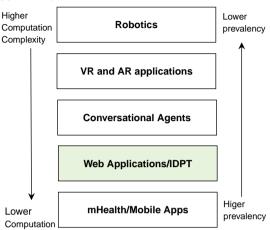


Fig. 2: Mode of delivery for Internet delivered interventions. Most of the IDPT falls under web-based applications.

tentions. However, fewer attempts have been made to deliver IDPT using conversational agents [33], VR and AR applications.

3.3. Authors credentials category

We evaluated educational background of the first author of the included papers. 66.7% of the authors were from computer science background while remaining 33.3% of the authors were from healthcare domain. The most common occurrence was summative evaluations carried out by authors with a computer science background. When healthcare scientists are involved in the IDPT development, it is in collaboration with scientists from computer science background.

Reference	Year	Objective	Main findings		
Brian <i>et al.</i> [35]	2005 designs for effective web-based		Encourage adoption of a multidisciplinary perspective IA for presenting content of behavior change interventions.		
Jillian <i>et al.</i> 2018		Find relationship between IA and its effect on health outcomes	No clear relationship found between IA and health outcomes, given the limited evidence in the literature.		
Webb <i>et al</i> . [37]	2010	Investigate which characteristics of IDPT best promote health behavior change	a) IDPT incorporating more behavior change techniques have larger effects on outcomes. b) Additional communication with participants using SMS, email, messages increases adherence.		
Van Ballegooijen <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> [38]	2014	Compare adherence to guided ICBT vs face-to-face CBT	Adherence to guided ICBT was found to be adequate and could be equal to adherence to face-to-face CBT.		
Christensen <i>et</i> al. [7]	2009	Review adherence with respect to IDPT and investigate the rates of dropouts and compliance in RCT for anxiety and depression	Main predictors of adherence include disease severity, treatment length and chronicity. Very few studies examined the actual reasons for dropout.		
Gerhard Andersson <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> [31]	2019	Literature review arguing ICBT can be viewed as a vehicle for innovation	Detailed review in several directions including effectiveness of IDPT, implementation paradigm, predictors and future works.		
Kelson <i>et al.</i> [39]	2019	Examine the therapeutic impact of Internet-delivered acceptance and commitment therapy(iACT) on all anxiety conditions.	Results indicate iACT to be efficacious and acceptable treatments.		
Jokste <i>et al</i> . [40]	2017	A systematic review to about rule-based adaptation to discover types of rules applied, application domains, and performance measures	a) Results indicate widely adopted in medicine related system, adjustable system for people with disabilities and others. b) Categorized three forms of semantic rules: event-condition rules (if-else), association rules and RuleML based behavior rules.		
Karyotaki <i>et al</i> . [41]	2006	Examine the predictors of droput in an individual patient data meta-analysis	a) Dropout can be predicted by several variables and is not randomly distributed. b) Understanding such variables can help to adapt IDPT to prevent dropout in identified groups at risk.		
Rogers et al. [42]	2017	(a) discover the range of health-related topics that are addressed through Internet-delivered interventions, (b) generate a list of current websites used in the trials, and (c) identify gaps in the research that may have hindered dissemination.	Wide range of IDPT are available for health-related behavior. However, most of the IDPT found to be efficacious in RCT do not have website for general use.		
Brouwer et al. [43]	2011	Identify (a) which potentially exposure-promoting methods and strategies are used in existing IDPT, b) which objective measures are used to measure exposure to IDPT, c) which methods are associated with better exposure.	Feedback, interactive elements, and email/phone contact were mostly used methods and strategies to increase treatment outcomes. No clear conclusion drawn due to diversity of intervention methods used and inconsistency in reporting.		
Arnberg et al. [44]	2014	Evaluate whether IDPT for mood and anxiety disorders are efficacious, non-inferior to established treatments, safe, and cost-effective for children, adolescents and adults.	IDPT is a viable treatment option for adults with depression and some anxiety disorders who request this treatment modality.		

Table 1: List of related review papers.

Keterence	Year	Country	Size	Target group	Methods	Main findings
						a) A semi-automated algorithm was used to
						assess risk of treatment failure early in
Forsell et al.	0100	7	130	1	At-fisk patients (assessed by a semi-automated	Teatment in 231 patients and at-risk patients
[45]	7019	Sweden	107	Insomnia	algorithm) were randomly assigned to continue	were given adapted ICB1. b) Concludes that an
1					standard ICBT or adapted ICBT	adaptive treatment can increase treatment
						effect for at-risk patients and reduce the
						number of failed treatment.
Zita						a) Adding reminders, choice of course, timing,
Hilvert Bruce	2012	Australia	2107	Depression,	6 online lessons in the form of a story with	financial cost and clinician contact support
at al [14]	7107	Апзитапа	7017	Anxiety	homework at the end	increase adherence, b) adherence is an
						important determinant of effectiveness.
						The process of non-adherence is described by
Olof Johansson					Q weaks modulas of taxt andio illustration and	interaction between patient factors (daily
101 JUIIAIISSUII	2015	Sweden	7	GAD	o weeks inodules of text, audio, inustration and	routines, perceived language, expectations) and
et at. [17]					assignments	treatment factors (workload, text-content
						complexity, treatment process).
						The process of non-adherence is described by
Deschor of al				Tobass	Enhanced condition web (interactive, tailored,	interaction between patient factors (daily
Janianel <i>et at.</i>	2006	Sweden	2523	robacco	rich-media content) and basic condition web	routines, perceived language, expectations) and
[ot				CCSSauon	(static, text-based)	treatment factors (workload, text-content
						complexity, treatment process).
ily Constants				Homotitic A D	Three groups randomly exposed to tunneled	Increased website use in the tunneled version
Kik Crutzen <i>et</i>	2012	Dutch	899	nepauus A, b,	version with less control, a higher control and	of the web indicating higher effectiveness of
ai. [47]				and C virus	not exposed to web	guided interventions
Bridgette M.					Personalized feedback and social norms	Personalized feedback proved to be effective in
Bewick et al.	2008	\overline{UK}	206	Alcohol misuse	information using IDPT to randomized group	reducing alcohol intake
[15]					self-reporting alcohol consumption	
Walter			;	:	Both patients and staff reported the reasons for	patients were satisfied with the therapy so did
Vandereycken et al. [15]	2010	Belgium	21	Eating disorder	dropout using Likert Scale	not expect further benefits in continuing.
Unaling of al					10-weeks interventions to two groups -	Intomostivo seise
пшш <i>ш еі аі.</i> [48]	2006	UK	75	Obesity	interactive group (interactive web) and control	interacuve version was more engaging and hence has heffer user refention
[21]					group(less interactive web)	
Alfred Lange et	2003	Nether-	69	PTSD	IDPT for people with mild to relatively severe	More than fifty percent of participants showed
ut. [20]		Idildə			Post-traumatic stress	mprovements.
I annalainen ot				evissemeb	Comprised home assignments, assessment	Significant effects were observed in favor of the
apparamen e <i>t</i> al. [49]	2015	Finland	39	symptoms	7-week intervention period, and automated	Internet-delivered acceptance and commitment
					email-based reminders	therapy group on depression symptoms.

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Adaptation of mobile user interface based on context and rules showed improved productivity and task efficiency.	Credibility of IDPT is the strongest prognostic factor. Early screening of ADHD-like symptoms may help clinicians identify patients who might need extra support. Therapist behaviours that promote adherence.	Medication and CBT were preferred over IDPT. In order to increase access of IDPT, several user preference options are required.	IDPT proved to an efficacious treatment for OCD. The proportion of participants showing clinically significant improvement was 60% in the IDPT group compared to 6% in the control condition.	Outcomes for the pooled treatment groups(CL, CO) were superior to the control groups. 74% and 76% of CL and CO participants completed the program respectively.	Participants showed significant improvements. Therapist supported group has considerable more effective than other groups.	Participants of web-based self-help program showed significant improvements. Residual symptoms at discharge from inpatient treatment and utilization of the Web-based self-help were the major predictors of depressive symptoms at follow-up.	Web-based interventions outcome and adherence can be predicted by patterns of early change, which can inform treatment decisions and potentially help optimize the allocation of scarce clinical resources.
a mobile application that can adapt user interface based on context and pre-defined rules	Rates of symptomatic change during treatment and adherence were analysed using multilevel modeling. Variables examined: (a) socio-demographic; (b) clinical characteristics; (c) family history; and (d) treatment-related factors	Patients with elevated anxiety were randomly assigned to medication, CBT and IDPT in order to investigate patients perception about Internet delivered treatments.	Patients with OCD were randomly given 10 weeks IDPT with therapist support or an attention control condition. Outcome was measured with Yale–Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale (YBOCS) psychometric test.	Compare three groups: clinically supported (CL), coach-supported (CO) and wait list control. 8 lesson, 10 weeks IDPT program with weekly contact from a clinician or a coach and a follow up at 3-months post-treatment.	Parallel randomized three groups with and without therapist support, and waiting list was given six weeks IDPT. Assessment before and after treatment with 3 months follow up	Participants randomized to web-based self-help or an active control group for 12 weeks. Follow-up was performed 6 months after study intake.	Applied piecewise growth mixture modeling (PGMM) to identify different latent classes of early change in individuals with mild-to-moderate depression
•	SAD	Anxiety	OCD	GAD, social phobia or panic disorder, depression	Insomnia	Depression	Depression
10	764	116	101	131	133	229	409
Saudi Arabia	Sweden	North America	Sweden	Australia	Sweden	Germany	Germany
2013	2015	2017	2012	2011	2012	2019	2017
Alnanih <i>et al.</i> [50]	Samir El Alaoui <i>et al.</i> [19]	Soucy et al. [51]	Andersson et al. [52]	Johnston <i>et al.</i> [34]	Jernelov <i>et al.</i> [53]	Zwerenz et al. [54]	Lutz et al. [55]

Table 2: List of papers using Randomized Control Trial to increase treatment outcomes and user adherence

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Outcome	Non-evaluated conceptual framework.	No clear conclusion about the relationship between IA and health outcome.	Not evaluated	Predictors for adherence were cardiac-related fear, sex, and the number of words used to answer the first assignment.	Adapted IDPT for at-risk patients were significantly more successful in reducing symptoms compared to standard IDPT.	Unevaluable	The personalization algorithm is capable of adapting intervention delivery strategies for simulated real-life conditions.	Presents a method for computer-supported assessment for tailoring agent-based assistive technology in a multi-intervention perspective. While the evaluation was not conclusive, futher research is required in the direction.	Not evaluated.	Not evaluated.	An interactive mockup was designed and evaluated with some participants.	Conceptual model presented. Not evaluated.
Adaptive Strategy	User needs and site objectives (GB)	User needs	ML	ML	RB, and user needs	1	RB and ML based reinforcement learning supported by transfer learning for cross-individual knowledge transfer.	RB based on user model	RB	ML	Predictive algorithms	Goal based
Adapter	SA	ı	A	A	SA	1	SA	SA	NC	NC	NC	SA
Dimensions	UP, CPP	UP, CPP	UP, CPP, PT	UP, CPP, PT	UP, CPP	UP	UP, CPP, PT	UP, Goals, Abilities and motives	Goals	User context	User sleep data	UP, CPP, location, knowledge
What is adapted	Design, skeleton, structure	Design, skeleton, structure	Content	,	TF, CP, CC, treatment format	Information, design, structure	Intervention components' timing, frequency and content	Feedback message, assessment tests, intervention component	NC	Behavioral activities	ı	Information and sleep exercises
M	NC	GEN	NC	NC	NC	GEN	GEN	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Year	2009	2018	2018	2018	2019	2015	2019	2016	2014	2014	2019	2013
Reference	Crutzenet al. [56]	Pugatch <i>et al.</i> [36]	Mukhiya <i>et al.</i> [57]	Wallert <i>et al.</i> [58]	Forsell et al. [45]	Danaher et al. [25]	Gonul <i>et al.</i> [59]	Lindgren <i>et al.</i> [60]	Rough <i>et al.</i> [61]	Pejovic <i>et al.</i> [29]	Uyumaz <i>et al.</i> [62]	Beun <i>et al.</i> [63]

A Learning algorithms predictive algorithms and more research is required in this direction.	Personalization can be achieved by RB predictive algorithms and more research is required in this direction.	Personalization can be achieved by predictive algorithms and more research is required in this direction.				
SA	SA	SA				
User needs	User context, location	User context, location				
Interventions	Reminder messages, Questionnaire requests	Reminder messages, Questionnaire requests				
NC	NC	NC				
2014	2017	2010				
Kop et al. [64] 2014 NC	Ven et al. [28] 2017 NC	Rachuri <i>et al.</i> [65]				

Table 3: List of papers considered for review. IA = Information Architecture(NC = Not Clear, GEN = Mentioned but very generic, NM = Not mentioned), What is adapted(TF = Therapist feedback, CP = Content presentation, CC = Content Complexity), Dimensions (UP = User preferences, CPP = Content presentation preferences, PT = Psychometric tests), Adapter(Actor who is actually doing adaptation, A=Automatic, SA = Semi-automatic, M = Manual), Adaptive strategy (RB = Rule based, GB = goal oriented, ML= Machine Learning based)

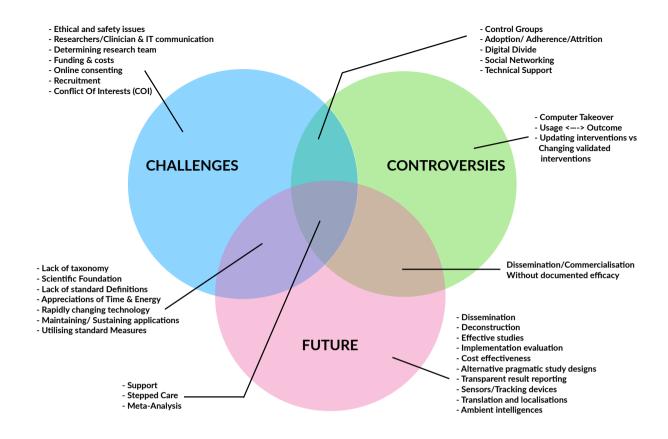


Fig. 3: The Venn Diagram model illustrates challenges, controversies and the futures of developing, evaluating and implementing Internet Delivered Psychological treatments

4. Discussion

- Two important concepts: adpative vs self-adaptive
- Adaptation actors: Who is adapting?
- What is adapted?
- Does it have effect on the outcomes?
- The results of the first part of this study suggest the presence of user needs that largely remain implicit and unaddressed [66].

Our review shows that several different terms are used to describe similar Internet delivered psychological treatments. Similar conclusions were drawn in the study by Barak et al. [67] in 2009.

4.1. Principal Findings

Personalization and user-profiling: The main aim of adaptation is personalization which is one of the important dimensions in P4 Medicine []. The focus of personalization is tailoring of psychological interventions to match one's relevant traits like cognitive processing skills. Such tailoring can be achieved by maintaining users profile at different levels - historical evidence, personal preferences, goals, availability, and current assessment of issues. One strategy for accumulation of such information is to allow users to self-report such relevant traits. With time and dynamism

Inclu ers of associated health issues, such user-driven data collection is burdensome nonetheless. In addition, it is infeasible for individuals to capture the amount and granularity of information required to generate a comprehensive behavioral profile. Moreover, such self-reporting is problematic for some context such as when self-assessment is involved. Alternative to *user-driven data* collection, *system-driven data* collection is getting popular. Such system-driven system passively measures and models individual characteristics from behavior trace data. Such procedure incorporates ambient intelligence capabilities that are powered by sensors. Given the wealth of available user-specific biological markers data, and considering the effort required to accumulate them, this method can be computationally expensive and involve more data-driven approach.

4.2. Adaptability to the needs of users

An adaptive IDPT system has two types of users: a) patients who interact with the adaptive system, and b) the therapists who create the interventions. For the patients, the adaptive system should create a personalized experience based on their needs, cognitive skills, and historical performance. For the therapists who involve in designing, monitoring patients, and evaluating the adaptive IDPT system, the adaptive system should provide an adaptive dashboard to track and assess the performance of patients and adapt interventions based on their progress.

4.3. Design Features and content for the interventions

4.3.1. Challenges

- 1. **Privacy, Ethical and safety challenges:** Personalization requires the storage of several biological markers health data sets, including location, physical activities, co-locations, emotions, together with other personal health data. Misuse and leaking of such information can have severe consequences. Hence, it is essential to ask who owns the health data, and what information can be extracted from the data of an individual?
- 2. Researcher/Clinicians and IT communication
- 3. Funding and costs
- 4. Online consenting
- 5. Recruitment
- 6. Conflict of Interests

4.4. Implementation Process

4.5. Limitations

Given that health ICT literature is quite diverse and extensive, the current study focused exclusively on Internet-delivered interventions for mental health morbidities. Notwithstanding this limitation, the current paper highlights the significance of the continued study of this intervention method. Another limitation is that our literature exploration only encompasses articles in English; therefore, it is plausible that some researches carried in other parts of the world in other languages were missed. A third limitation pertains to IDPT applications developed by industry which are not accessible for review. Hence, we have less knowledge about the adaptive elements involved in their architecture.

4.6. Implications and recommendations for future research

5. Conclusion

Evidence from this literature review also indicated that almost all studies received positive feedback from their participants who found the evaluated tools useful. However, further research is required to investigate the effects of usability levels of mobile mental health applications on outcomes of an intervention. As many of the studies described using an adapted version of a standard usability questionnaire, there is a need to develop a standardized mobile health usability questionnaire, which is a goal for future research.

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Appendix A. Abbreviations

List of Abbreviations

ACD Architecture-Centric Development

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AUI Adaptive User Interface

CBT Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

GAD Generalized Anxiety Disorder

IA Information Architecture

ICT Information Communication Technology

IDT Internet-Delivered Treatments

OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

PRISMA Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

RCT Randomized Controlled Trial

YBOCS Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale

Appendix B. Search Terms

[website* OR "information system" OR "information architecture" OR "web application" OR "web-based" OR "internet" OR "internet OR "internet interventions" OR "mobile-phone" OR "user-centered application" OR "person-based approach" OR "persuasive design" OR "web-architecture" OR "architecture" OR "adaptive architecture" OR "self-adaptive architecture" OR "adaptive system" OR "adherent system"] AND ["behavior change" OR "behavioral interventions" OR "behavioral treatment" OR "adaptive treatment" OR "adherence" OR "health interventions" OR "patient education" OR "mHealth" OR "online treatment", "self-help" OR "self-care" or "depression" OR "social anxiety" OR "schizophrenia" OR "eating disorder" OR "bipolar disorder" or "ADHD" OR "dementia"] AND ["mental health" OR "mental issues" OR "mental OR neurological problems" OR "neurological" OR "issues" OR "therapies"]