Table 1 Data summary

STUDY DESCRIPTION	STUDY FINDINGS
JEMINIWA 2019	eHealth
SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND	Pros (+)
META-ANALYSIS	All categories of eHealth across different technologies used
	for monitoring adherence yielded a small effect on
FIVE DATABASES SEARCH	adherence (SMD 0.41, 95% CI 0.02–0.79), and was more
FROM INCEPTION UNTIL	significant in studies utilizing EMDs to measure adherence
AUGUST 2018	(SMD 1.19, 95% CI 0.49-1.89).
	mHealth
EHEALTH AMONG CHILDREN	Pros (+)
AND ADULT ASTHMATIC	Significant effect on adherence (SMD 0.96, 95% CI 0.28–1.64)
PATIENTS <b>VS.</b>	across mHealth studies using different methods in
USUAL CARE OR WITHOUT	monitoring adherence and significant across mHealth studies
EHEALTH INTERVENTION	utilizing EMDs to monitor adherence (SMD 1.28, 95% CI
	0.41–2.14) and self-reports (SMD 0.52, 95% CI 0.23–0.82).
OUTCOME MEASURES	eHealth
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF	Cons (-)
EHEALTH ON ADHERENCE TO	Insignificant effect on adherence in studies utilizing
ICS AND THE TYPES OF	pharmacy refill data to monitor adherence (SMD -0.13, 95%
EHEALTH IN USE	CI -0.70 - 0.44) or self-report (SMD 0.25, 95% CI -0.10 -
	0.60), or electronic health records, interactive voice
	response, telephone calls by HCP (SMD 0.20, 95% CI –0.02 –
	0.43).
BOUTOPOULOU 2018	EMDs
SYSTEMATIC REVIEW	Pros (+)
FOLID DATABASES SEADS!!	One prospective observational cohort study monitored
FOUR DATABASES SEARCH	adherence rates over median of 92 days interval following
FROM JANUARY 2012 TO	EMDs technology for 93 severe outpatient asthmatic
MARCH OF 2018	children.
MEDICATION ADHERENCE	The adherence rate baseline was (median 74% (21%-99%).
INTERVENTIONS AMONG	Post EMDs, ≥80% adherence rate for 39 patients, 60-79%
SEVERE ASTHMA CHILDREN	adherence rate for 25 patients (42%), and <60% adherence
VS.	rate for 29 patients (31%).
WITHOUT ADHERENCE	Cons (-)
INTERVENTIONS	Suboptimal adherence (adherence rate <80%) remained
	prevalent among all children with severe asthma
OUTCOME MEASURES	representing 58%.
INFLUENCE OF ADHERENCE	
INTERVENTIONS	

#### **PEARCE 2022**

ANARRATIVE SYSTEMATIC
REVIEW

SIX DATABASES SEARCH FROM INCEPTION UNTIL OCTOBER 2020

ADHERENCE INTERVENTION
AMONG ASTHMATIC
CHILDREN TO ICS WITH AT
LEAST ONE OUTCOME
MEASURE OF ADHERENCE
VS.

USUAL TREATMENT OR A
BASIC EDUCATION

### **OUTCOME MEASURES**

ICS ADHERENCE
INTERVENTIONS IN CHILDREN
WITH ASTHMA
AND
CHARACTERISTICS OF
SUCCESSFUL ADHERENCE
INTERVENTIONS

#### EARCE 2022

#### Pros (+)

EMDs with audio-visual enabled Vs. EMDs with audio-visual disabled, after 6 months resulted in median adherence of 84% in the EMDs enabled group (10th percentile 54%, 90th percentile 96%), compared with 30% in the EMDs disabled group (8%, 68%) (P<0.0001).

**EMDs** 

EMDs with feedback was compared to EMDs alone. The EMDs with feedback group achieved higher adherence than control (median adherence for the Intervention group was 70% vs. 49% for the control group) (p < 0.001).

Another study found mean percentage adherence for EMDs with feedback= 79% vs. 57.9% for EMDs without feedback (P< 0.01).

#### mHealth

## Cons (-)

mHealth (text message reminder with a tip about the value of regular controller use) Vs. control group (receiving only two reminders to sync their sensors). The unadjusted MD: control = 40% vs. mHealth= 34% (P=0.56). Adjusting mean adherence for age and parental education (control=32% vs mHealth=36%, P=0.73).

#### eHealth

## Cons (-)

A web-based interactive education and monitoring system including education, self-monitoring, and rewards Vs. control (receiving an asthma education manual). Mean change since adherence rate baseline (38%) for intervention 11.2% increase vs. control= 4.4% decrease (P=0.67).

### **LEE 2021**

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

SEVEN DATABASES SEARCH FROM INCEPTION UNTIL APRIL 2021 EMD **VS.** USUAL CARE

## **OUTCOME MEASURES**

INHALER ADHERENCE AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES

### **EMDs**

## Pros (+)

EMDs group was 1.50 times (RR = 1.50, 95% CI 1.19–1.90) more likely to adhere to inhalers VS. control (P<0.001) with medium-to-large effect size (g=0.64).

Significant improvement in Children Asthma Control Test (C-ACT) in EMDs group (P=0.02) with a small effect size (g=0.33).

## Cons (-)

No significant differences in asthma exacerbation events per year (risk ratio 0.89, 95% CI 0.45–1.75) (P=0.72), or asthma control using ACQ scores (Z -0.91, P=0.36) and ACT scores (Z 0.95, P=0.34).

## **CHAN 2022**

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

SEARCH FOR CLINICAL TRIALS FROM THE COCHRANE AIRWAYS TRIALS REGISTER FROM FROM INCEPTION UNTIL JUNE 2020

DIGITAL INTERVENTIONS
AMONG CHILDREN AND
ADULT ASTHMATIC PATIENTS
VS.

ANY NON-DIGITAL INTERVENTIONS

### **OUTCOME MEASURES**

ADHERENCE
ASTHMA CONTROL
ASTHMA EXACERBATIONS
UNSCHEDULED GP VISITS
TIME OFF SCHOOL, WORK
DUE TO ASTHMA
LUNG FUNCTION
QUALITY OF LIFE
COST-EFFECTIVENESS
ADVERSE EVENTS

## **BERG 1998**

A RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED STUDY

SIX-WEEK SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

31 ADULTS WITH ASTHMA USING MDI CHRONOLOG VS.

24 ADULTS WITH ASTHMA USING ASTHMA DIARY NOTES

## **OUTCOME MEASURES**

ADHERENCE SCORES

# **Digital interventions**

## Pros (+)

Adherence rate improved by almost 15% with the use of digital technologies Vs. control (MD 14.66%, 95% CI 7.74 to 21.57).

Asthma control as change from baseline of various scales improve by a small (SMD 0.31, 95% CI 0.17 to 0.44).

Asthma exacerbations (≥1 asthma exacerbation) reduced (risk ratio 0.53, 95% CI 0.32 to 0.91) (P=0.02).

Quality of life increased (SMD 0.26 higher, 95% CI 0.07 to 0.45) (P=0.007).

#### **EMDs & mHealth**

### Pros (+)

Adherence improved better with EMDs (MD 23% higher, 95% CI 10.84 to 34.16) (P=0.0002) compared to control group. Adherence improved better with short message services (SMS) (MD 12% higher, 95% CI 6.22 to 18.03) (P< 0.0001) compared to control group.

No significant subgroup differences for participant age ranging from 2 to 98 years old, for a total of 15,207 participants from 30 studies.

## Cons (-)

No significant subgroup differences in FEV1.

No data on missed school or workdays, cost-effectiveness, or adverse events.

## **EMDs (MDI Chronolog)**

## Pros (+)

Adherence rates measured by MDI Chronolog showed 26% of the experimental group had > 80% adherence rates Vs. 4% in the control group.

#### Cons (-)

In each arm of intervention, self-reported adherence rates were higher than the monitored adherence rates.