

Figure 1 Risk of bias summary.

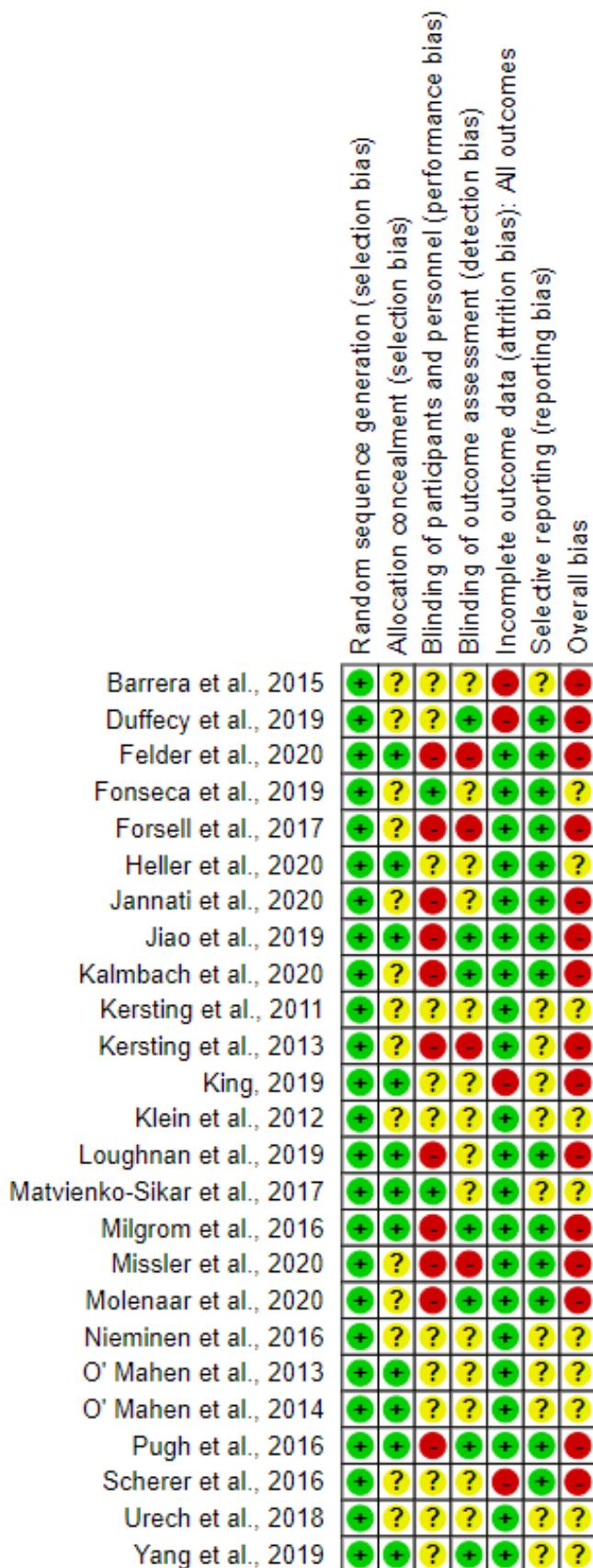


Figure 2 Bubble plot for effect size (Hedges's g) of depression symptoms on age and use of cognitive behavioral therapy.

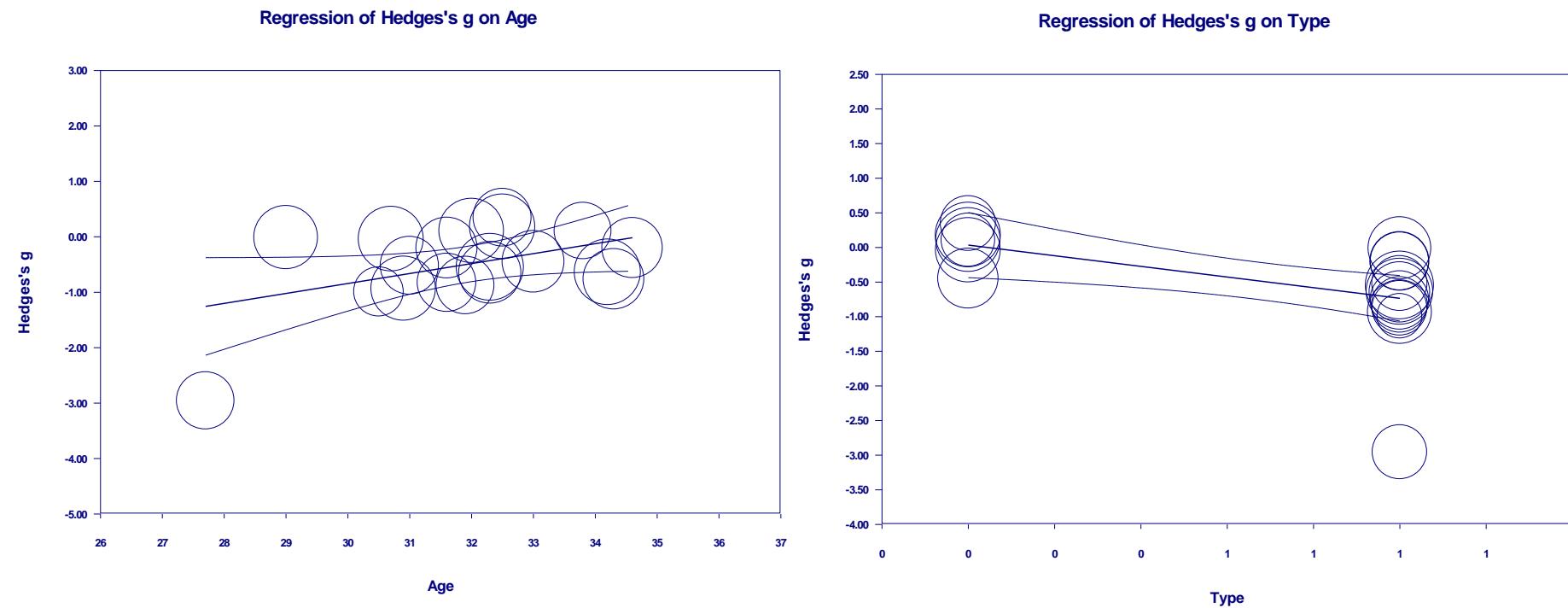
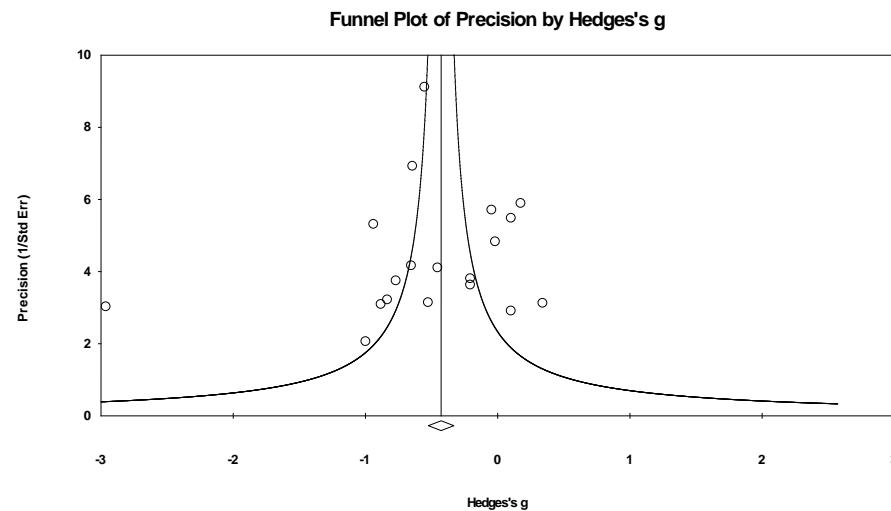
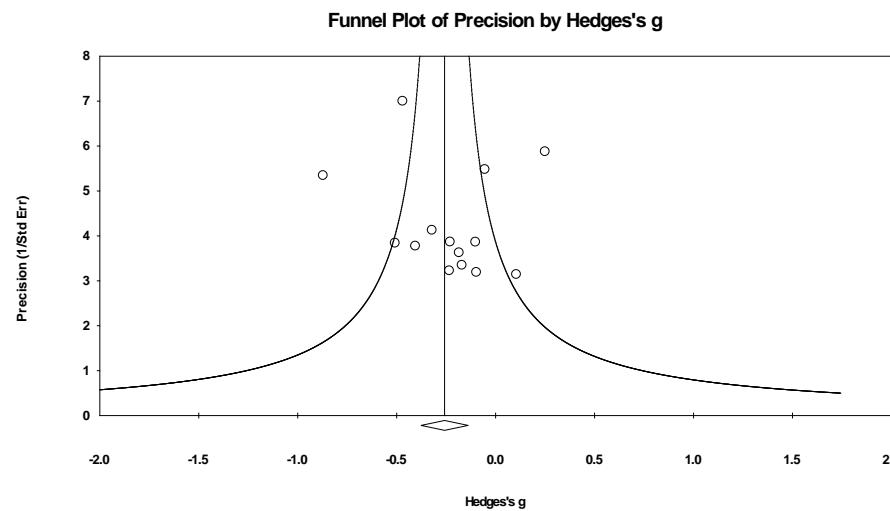


Figure 3 Funnel plots of precision by Hedges's g of depression, anxiety and stress symptoms.

a. Depression symptoms



b. Anxiety symptoms



c. Stress symptoms

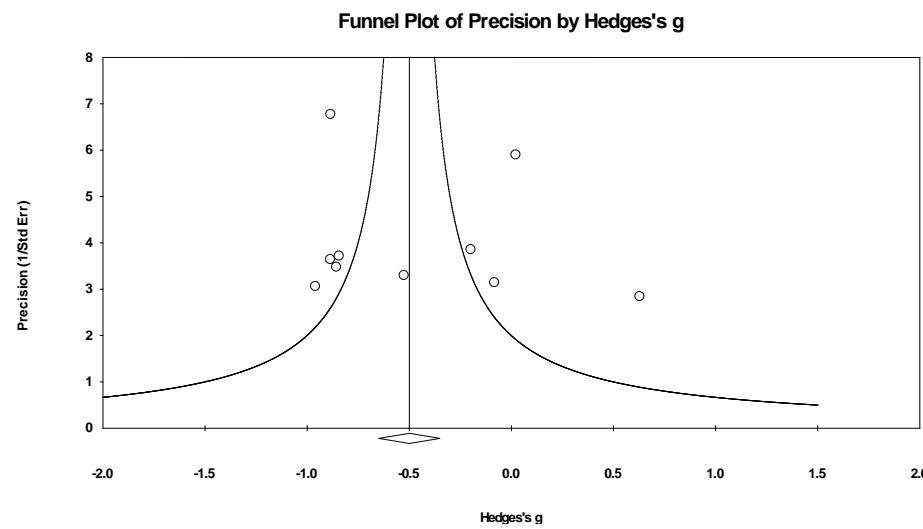


Table 1 Eligible criteria for systematic review

Criteria	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
Population	Perinatal women aged 18 years and above, including antenatal and postnatal mothers	Women who had complicated pregnancy Women who have cognitive impairment
Intervention	The psychotherapeutic intervention were included if the content design based on theoretical principle of cognitive behavioral theory, mindfulness therapy, problem solving therapy, stress reduction therapy, psychoeducation intervention or its combination that were delivered via website or/and mobile application.	Intervention without using a digital platform Intervention without psychotherapeutic elements
Comparison	treatment as usual, waitlist control or placebo control	

Primary outcomes	Depression symptoms Anxiety symptoms Stress symptoms	
Type of design	Any types of randomized controlled trials (RCTs)	Controlled Clinical Trials (CCTs) One-group pre-test post-test study design Non-experimental studies Qualitative studies Reviews
Years of publication	No limit	
Publication type	Published primary research Unpublished thesis	Abstract only Conference proceedings Book chapter reviews Editorials Letters
Language	English	Non-English

Table 2 Index and keyword terms used in eight databases.

Database	Index and keyword terms
PubMed	<p>"Prenatal Care"[Mesh] OR "Perinatal Care"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh] OR "Antepartum period"[Mesh] OR "Peripartum period"[Mesh] OR prenatal*[Title/Abstract] OR pre-natal*[Title/Abstract] OR perinatal*[Title/Abstract] OR perinatal women* [Title/Abstract] OR antenatal women*[Title/Abstract] OR peripartum*[Title/Abstract] OR antenatal*[Title/Abstract] OR antepartum[Title/Abstract] OR postnatal*[Title/Abstract] OR post-natal*[Title/Abstract] OR postpartum[Title/Abstract] OR post-partum*[Title/Abstract] pregnant[Title/Abstract] OR pregnan*[Title/Abstract]</p> <p>AND</p> <p>"Mental Health"[Mesh] OR "Psychology"[Mesh] OR "Depression"[Mesh] OR "Psychophysiology"[Mesh] OR "psychotherapy"[Mesh] OR Depress*[Title/Abstract] OR well-being[Title/Abstract] OR stress[Title/Abstract] OR psychosocial[Title/Abstract] OR mental health[Title/Abstract] OR emotion*[Title/Abstract] OR psycholog*[Title/Abstract] OR panic[Title/Abstract] OR anxiety[Title/Abstract] OR anxious[Title/Abstract] OR mood[Title/Abstract] OR phobia[Title/Abstract] OR bipolar[Title/Abstract] OR posttraumatic stress disorder[Title/Abstract] OR posttraumatic stress[Title/Abstract]</p> <p>AND</p> <p>"Therapy, Computer-Assisted"[Mesh] OR "Internet"[Mesh] OR "Computers"[Mesh] OR "Mobile Applications"[Mesh] OR Computer*[Title/Abstract] OR internet[Title/Abstract] OR web[Title/Abstract] OR web-based[Title/Abstract] OR technology[Title/Abstract] OR application[Title/Abstract] OR apps[Title/Abstract] OR e-health[Title/Abstract] OR m-health[Title/Abstract] OR mhealth[Title/Abstract] OR</p>

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EMBASE	<p>'Prenatal Care'/exp OR 'Perinatal Care*':ti,ab OR 'Pregnancy*':ti,ab OR 'Antepartum period*':ti,ab OR 'Peripartum period*':ti,ab OR prenatal*:ti,ab OR pre-natal*:ti,ab OR perinatal*:ti,ab OR perinatal women*:ti,ab OR peripartum*:ti,ab OR antenatal*:ti,ab OR ante-natal*:ti,ab OR antepartum:ti,ab OR ante-partum*:ti,ab OR postnatal*:ti,ab OR post-natal*:ti,ab OR postpartum:ti,ab OR post-partum*:ti,ab OR pregnant:ti,ab OR pregnant*:ti,ab</p> <p>AND</p> <p>'mental health'/exp OR 'psychology'/exp OR 'depression'/exp OR 'psychophysiology'/exp OR 'psychotherapy'/exp OR depress*:ti,ab OR 'well-being':ti,ab OR stress:ti,ab OR psychosocial:ti,ab OR 'mental health':ti,ab OR emotion*:ti,ab OR psycholog*:ti,ab OR panic:ti,ab OR anxiety:ti,ab OR anxious:ti,ab OR mood:ti,ab OR phobia:ti,ab OR bipolar:ti,ab OR posttraumatic stress disorder:ti,ab OR posttraumatic stress:ti,ab</p> <p>AND</p> <p>'computer assisted therapy'/exp OR 'internet'/exp OR 'computer'/exp OR 'mobile application'/exp OR computer*:ti,ab OR internet:ti,ab OR web:ti,ab OR 'web based':ti,ab OR technology:ti,ab OR application*:ti,ab OR</p>

	apps:ti,ab OR 'e health':ti,ab OR 'm health':ti,ab OR mhealth:ti,ab OR teleconferencing:ti,ab OR 'behaviour therapy':ti,ab OR 'cognitive therapy':ti,ab OR Psychotherapy:ti,ab OR 'behavioural activation':ti,ab OR 'cognitive behaviour':ti,ab OR cognition:ti,ab OR 'cognitive psychotherapy':ti,ab OR 'cognition therapy':ti,ab OR 'behavioral therapy':ti,ab OR 'cognitive arousal':ti,ab OR 'cognitive behavioral':ti,ab OR 'cognitive behavioural':ti,ab OR CBT:ti,ab OR ICBT:ti,ab OR 'cognitive restructuring':ti,ab OR psychoeducation:ti,ab OR 'behaviour modification':ti,ab OR 'cognitive remediation':ti,ab
Cochrane Library	<p>MeSH descriptor: [Perinatal Care] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Prenatal Care] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Pregnancy] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Peripartum Period] explode all trees OR (prenatal* OR pre-natal* OR perinatal* OR perinatal women* OR peripartum* OR antenatal* OR ante-natal* OR antepartum OR ante-partum* OR postnatal* OR post-natal* OR postpartum OR post-partum* pregnant OR pregnan*):ti,ab,kw AND</p> <p>MeSH descriptor: [Mental health] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Psychology] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Depression] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Psychophysiology] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [psychotherapy] explode all trees OR (Depress* OR well-being OR stress OR psychosocial OR mental health OR emotion* OR psycholog* OR panic OR anxiety OR anxious OR mood OR phobia OR bipolar OR posttraumatic stress disorder OR posttraumatic stress):ti,ab,kw AND</p> <p>MeSH descriptor: [Therapy, Computer-Assisted] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Internet] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Computers] explode all trees OR MeSH descriptor: [Mobile Applications] explode all trees OR (Computer* OR internet OR web OR web-based OR technology OR application OR apps OR e-health OR m-</p>

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CINAHL	<p>(MH "Antenatal Period+") OR (MH "Antenatal Care+") OR (MH "Maternal-Child Health") OR (MH "Perinatal Nursing") OR (MH "Perinatal Care") OR TI(prenatal* OR pre-natal* OR perinatal* OR perinatal women* OR peripartum* OR antenatal* OR ante-natal* OR antepartum OR ante-partum* OR postnatal* OR post-natal* OR postpartum OR post-partum* OR pregnant OR pregnan*) OR AB(OR prenatal* OR pre-natal* OR perinatal* OR perinatal women* OR peripartum* OR antenatal* OR ante-natal* OR antepartum OR ante-partum* OR postnatal* OR post-natal* OR postpartum OR post-partum* OR pregnant OR pregnant*)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(MH "Mental Health") OR (MH "Psychology+") OR (MH "Depression+") OR (MH "Psychophysiology+") OR (MH "Psychotherapy+") OR TI (Depress* OR well-being OR stress OR psychosocial OR "mental health" OR emotion* OR psycholog* OR panic OR anxiety OR anxious OR mood OR phobia OR bipolar OR "posttraumatic stress disorder" OR "posttraumatic stress") OR AB (Depress* OR well-being OR stress OR psychosocial OR "mental health" OR emotion* OR psycholog* OR panic OR anxiety OR anxious OR mood OR phobia OR bipolar OR "posttraumatic stress disorder" OR "posttraumatic stress")</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(MH "Therapy, Computer Assisted+") OR (MH "Internet+") OR (MH "Computers and Computerization+") OR (MH "Mobile Applications") OR TI (Computer* OR internet OR web OR web-based OR technology OR application*</p>

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PsycINFO	<p>exp Prenatal Care / or exp Pregnancy/ or exp Antepartum period / or exp Peripartum period / or (prenatal* OR pre-natal* OR perinatal* OR peripartum* OR antenatal* OR ante-natal* OR antepartum OR ante-partum* OR postnatal* OR post-natal* OR postpartum OR post-partum* OR pregnant OR pregnan*).ti. or (prenatal* OR pre-natal* OR perinatal* OR peripartum* OR antenatal* OR ante-natal* OR antepartum OR ante-partum* OR postnatal* OR post-natal* OR postpartum OR post-partum* OR pregnant OR pregnan*).ab</p> <p>AND</p> <p>exp Mental Health/ or exp Psychology/ or exp Depression/ or exp Psychophysiology/ or exp Psychotherapy/ or (Depress* or well-being or stress or psychosocial or mental health or emotion* or psycholog* or panic or anxiety or anxious or mood or phobia or bipolar or posttraumatic stress disorder or posttraumatic stress).ti. or (Depress* or</p>

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Table 3 Description of digital psychotherapeutic intervention of selected 25 trials.

Ref.	Aim	Psychotherapy principle	Elements	Digital platform	Leng th	Sess ion	Inten sity	Durat ion	Follow- up	Guide d by	The ory
Barrera et al [62], 2015	Prevention	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Feedback	Website	90 mins	8 y	Weekl y	8 weeks	6 months postpartum	Self	Yes
Duffecy et al [63], 2019	Prevention	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Feedback, Forum, Task	Website + Email	10-15 mins	16 times / wee k	2 weeks	8 weeks	4 and 6 weeks postpartum	Therapist	Yes
Felder et al [64], 2020	Treatment	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Reminder, Forum, Support	Website or Mobile application	20 mins	6 y	Weekl y	6 weeks	18 weeks postpartum	Virtual therapist	Yes
Fonseca et al [65], 2019	Treatment	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Feedback, Support	Website + Email	NR	5 y	Weekl y	6 weeks	NR	Self	Yes

		Mindfulness									
		component									
		Psychoeducation									
		component									
Forsell <i>et al</i> [⁶⁶], 2017	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Reminder, Feedback, Support	Website	NR	10	Weekl	10	NR	Self	Yes
Heller <i>et al</i> [⁶⁷], 2020	Treatm ent	Problem solving therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Reminder, Feedback, Q&A	Website + Email,	NR	5	Weekl	5	10	Therap ist	Yes
Jannati <i>et al</i> [⁶⁸], 2020	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Story	Mobile applicatio n	45-60 mins	8	Weekl	8	2	Self	Yes

Problem solving component												
Jiao <i>et al</i> [69], 2019	Prevention	Psychoeducation intervention	Education, Reminder, Q&A	Advice, Forum, Q&A	Website	NR	NR	NR	4 weeks	3 months	and 6 months	Research team
Kalmbach <i>et al</i> [70], 2020	Treatment	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice	Website	NR	6 weeks	Weekly	6 weeks	6 weeks	Virtual postpartum	Therapist	Yes
Kerstin <i>et al</i> [72], 2011	Prevention	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Feedback, Support	Website	45 mins	10 times	2 weeks	5 weeks	12 weeks	Therapist	Yes	
Kerstin <i>et al</i> [71], 2013	Prevention	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Feedback, Support	Website	45 mins	10 times	2 weeks	5 weeks	12 weeks, months	Therapist	Yes	

													Post- interv ntion
King ^[86] l, 2009	Preven tion	Stress reduction therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Support	Website +, Email, Phone	60 mins	4	Weekl y	5	12	Self	Yes		
Klein <i>et al</i> ^[73] , 2012	Preven tion	Psychoeducation intervention	Education, Advice, Forum, Support, Q&A	Website	NR	NR	NR	NR	3	Therap ist	No		
Lough nan <i>et</i> <i>al</i> ^[74] , 2019	Preven tion	Cognitive behavioral Problem solving component	Counselling, Education, Assignment, Reminder, Q&A, SMS	Website + Email, Phone,	NR	3	Weekl y	4	4 weeks	Self	Yes		
Matvie nko- Sikar <i>et</i>	Preven tion	Mindfulness therapy	Body scan, Reflection, Assignment, Reminder	Website + SMS	NR	12	4	3	NR	Therap ist	Yes		

Author[s]	Year	Treatment	Intervention Type	Intervention Components	Delivery	Duration	Frequency	Length	Therapist Involved	Therapy Type	Notes
Milgro m et al[75], 2016	2017	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Feedback, Support, activation	Website + Email, Phone	30 mins	6 y	Weekl y	6 weeks	9,12 weeks	Therap ist post-intervne ntion
Missle r et al[76], 2020	Preven tion	Psychoeducation intervention	Education, Advice, Support, Booklet, Q&A	Website + Email, Phone	15-20 mins	4	NR	4 weeks	6 and 10 weeks	Resear ch postpar tum	No team
Molen aar et al[77], 2020	Preven tion	Cognitive behavioral therapy (Preventive)	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment	Mobile applicatio n	30 mins	8	Weekl y	8 weeks	12 weeks	Therap ist postpar tum	Yes
Niemi nen et al[78], 2020	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral	Counselling, Education, Advice,	Website	NR	8	Weekl y	8 weeks	3 months	Therap ist	Yes

<i>all[79],</i> 2016	therapy (Trauma focused CBT)	Assignment, Feedback, Support Psychoeducation component				and 6 months		
O'Mahen <i>et al</i> [81], 2013	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy (Behavioural activation)	Counselling, Education, Advice, Assignment, Forum, Support, Reminder, Self-monitoring, Q&A	Website + Education, Advice, Email mins	≥ 40 11	Weekl y	≤ 15 weeks NR	Therapist Yes
O'Mahen <i>et al</i> [80], 2014	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy (Behavioural activation)	Counselling, Education, Assignment, Forum, Support, Reminder, Self-monitoring, Q&A	Website + Education, Email, SMS, Phone	NR	12	Weekl y 12 weeks	Therapist Yes
Pugh <i>et al</i> [82], 2016	Treatm ent	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice Assignment, Support, Q&A	Website + Education, Advice, Email, Phone	NR	7	Weekl y 7 weeks	Therapist Yes
						4 week after	post-	

Schere r et al [83], 2016	Preven tion	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice Assignment, Stress reduction therapy	Website + Phone	NR	6	Weekl y	6 weeks	NR	Therap ist	Yes
Urech et al [84], 2018	Preven tion	Cognitive behavioral therapy	Counselling, Education, Advice Assignment, Stress reduction therapy	Website	NR	6	Weekl y	6 weeks	NR	Self	Yes

Yang et al[85], 2019	Treatment	Mindfulness therapy	Counselling, Education, Stress reduction component	Mobile application + Phone Forum, Tracking	40 mins	4 times / week	2 weeks	NR	Therapist	Yes

Mins: Minutes; SMS: short messaging service; Q&A: Questions and answers; CBT: Cognitive Behavioral therapy

Table 4 GRADE criteria.

10	RCTs	Serious ^a	Serious ^b	Serious ^c	Serious ^d	Not detected	359	361	-0.47 [-0.79 - -0.15]	⊕○○ ○ VERY LOW	IMPORTA NT
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CI=Confidence interval; SMD=Standardised mean difference; RCT=Randomised controlled trials

Explanation

- a. More than half of the trials had unclear or high risks of selection, performance and detection biases
- b. Heterogeneity is high ($I^2>40\%$)
- c. There are variation of components, frequency, approach and duration in designing digital psychotherapeutic intervention across trials
- d. More than half of the trials used less than sample size of 50 per group, with wide confidence intervals.

