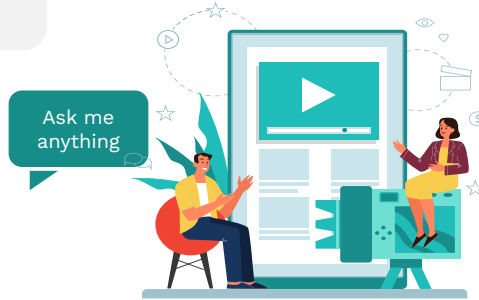




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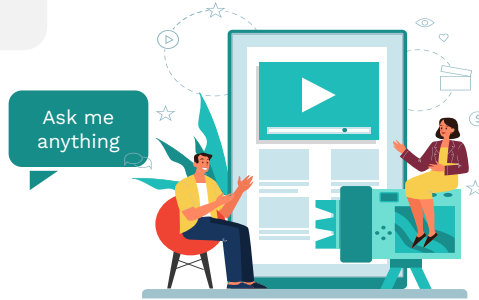
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# Background

- Biometric monitoring technologies (BioMeTs): Connected digital tools that process data captured by mobile sensors using algorithms to generate measures of behavioral or physiological function
- Suboptimal adherence to data collection procedures or a study intervention is often the cause of a failed clinical trial (Eysenbach, 2005)
- If we build it, will they come?

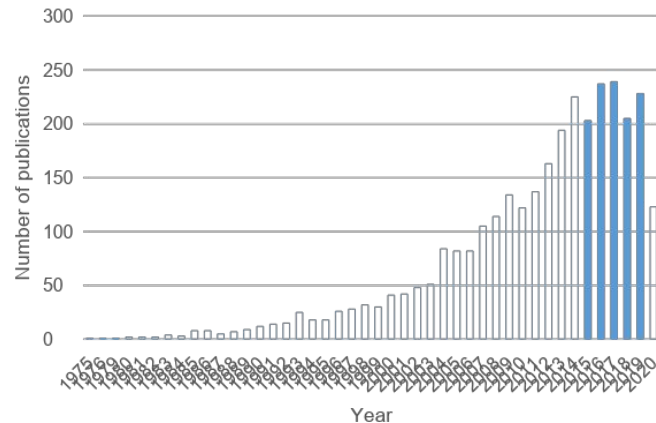
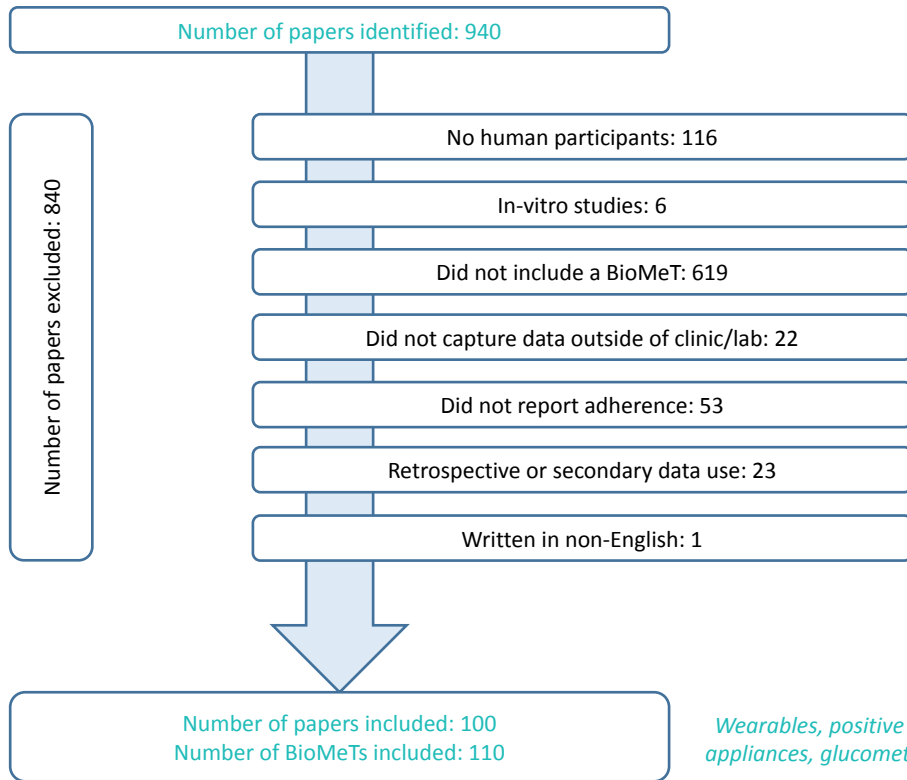
# Objectives

Conduct a systematic literature review of published studies reporting adherence captured by BioMeTs to:

- identify studies that have used these tools to capture adherence to data collection procedures and/or study interventions
- describe the various methods used to measure adherence
- compare the definitions of adherence reported in the literature

... then use this information to identify gaps and compile recommendations for investigators

# Systematic review



*Wearables, positive airway pressure devices, smart clothing, blood pressure monitors, smartphones, oral appliances, glucometers, ingestibles, implantables, smart scales, patches, exercise equipment, and more...*

# Adherence data

**PASSIVE:** Designed to be used continuously

*Example: Fitness trackers*

**SESSION-BASED:** Designed to be used during sessions

*Example: Connected exercise equipment*

**TASK-BASED:** Designed to be used as a one-off task

*Example: Connected weight scales*



# Adherence data

## Duration of use

*Minutes/day*  
*Hours/night*

Adherence reported as duration of use

## Number of measurements

*Number of tasks completed*  
*Number of days with usage*

Adherence reported as number of measurements

## Categorical variable

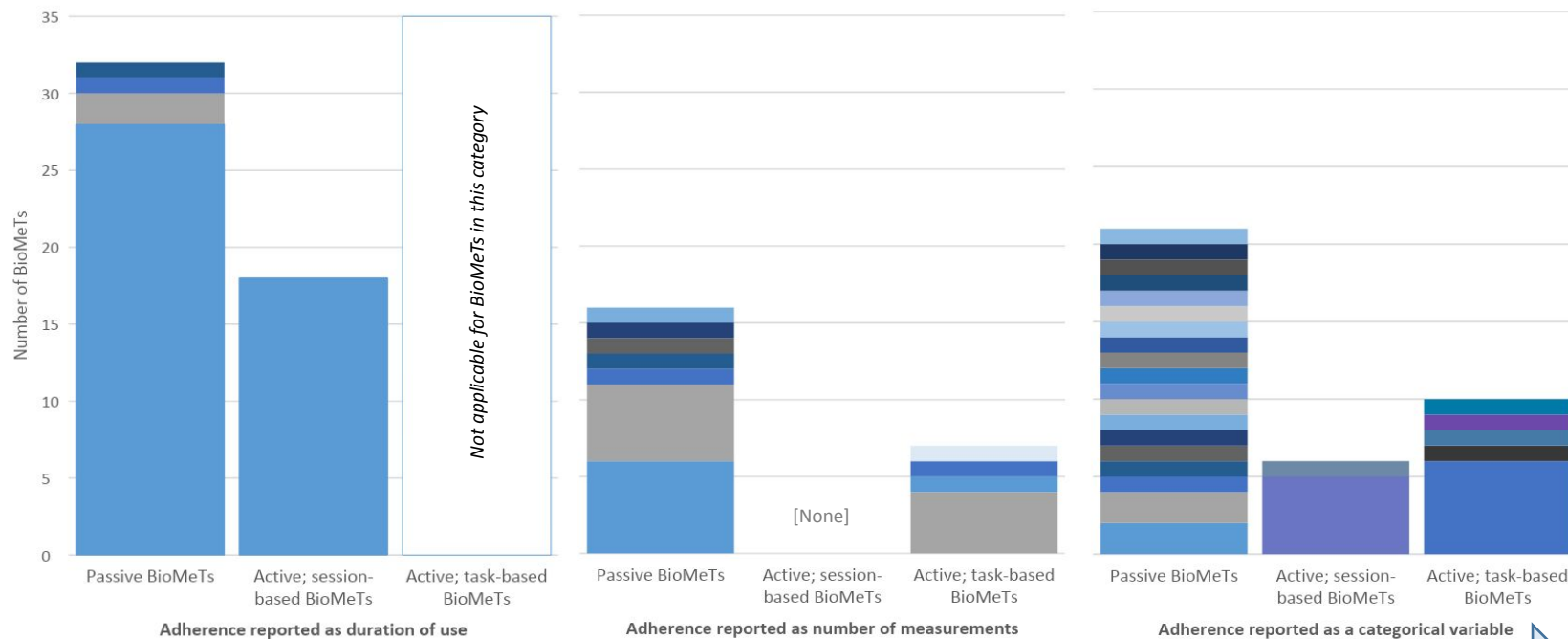
*% with usage >x hours/day*  
*% who completed >y tasks*

Adherence reported as a categorical variable

*Highest resolution data*

*Lowest resolution data*

# Adherence data



*Heterogeneity of adherence data **increased** as resolution of adherence data **decreased***

# Gaps and Recommendations

# Gap 1: Sensor-based adherence data were not reported in 29.9% of screened manuscripts

- **Recommendation 1:** Develop and/or use BioMeT sensors to capture sensor-based adherence data in addition to their primary purpose
- **Recommendation 2:** Collect and report adherence data that are a direct reflection of actual use, rather than a surrogate

# Gap 2: BioMeT manufacturer or model & software information missing for 10% and 68% of tools

- **Recommendation 3:** Provide a clear description of the sensor or sensors capturing adherence data
- **Recommendation 4:** Describe the algorithm or algorithms that convert sample-level measurements into a measurement of adherence

# Gap 3: Heterogeneity of adherence definitions increased alongside decreasing resolution of adherence data



- **Recommendation 6:** Report primary adherence as a continuous variable of time for passive or session based BioMeTS
- **Recommendation 7:** Report primary adherence as a continuous variable of time for task based BioMeTS
- **Recommendation 8:** Categorical adherence data are reported with continuous adherence data
- **Recommendation 9:** Categorical definitions of adherence should be based on clinical validation data

# Key Takeaways

- With **increased consistency and reporting** of adherence and associated data elements, it will become possible to meta-analyze adherence data to identify determinants
- Understanding determinants of adherence allows for the development and testing of **targeted interventions** to optimize adherence
- Increased adherence to BioMeTs will ultimately improve the quality and efficiency of clinical trials

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