

# Effectiveness of self-management interventions for long-term conditions in people experiencing socio-economic deprivation in high-income countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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## ABSTRACT

**Background** Long-term conditions (LTCs) are prevalent in socio-economically deprived populations. Self-management interventions can improve health outcomes, but socio-economically deprived groups have lower participation in them, with potentially lower effectiveness. This review explored whether self-management interventions delivered to people experiencing socio-economic deprivation improve outcomes.

**Methods** We searched databases up to November 2022 for randomized trials. We screened, extracted data and assessed the quality of these studies using Cochrane Risk of Bias 2 (RoB2). We narratively synthesized all studies and performed a meta-analysis on eligible articles. We assessed the certainty of evidence using GRADE for articles included in the meta-analysis.

**Results** The 51 studies included in this review had mixed findings. For the diabetes meta-analysis, there was a statistically significant pooled reduction in haemoglobin A1c ( $-0.29\%$ ). We had moderate certainty in the evidence. Thirty-eight of the study interventions had specific tailoring for socio-economically deprived populations, including adaptions for low literacy and financial incentives. Each intervention had an average of four self-management components.

**Conclusions** Self-management interventions for socio-economically deprived populations show promise, though more evidence is needed. Our review suggests that the number of self-management components may not be important. With the increasing emphasis on self-management, to avoid exacerbating health inequalities, interventions should include tailoring for socio-economically deprived individuals.

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## Background

Long-term conditions (LTCs) are any health problem requiring active, ongoing management over at least a year, where there is no cure.<sup>1</sup> LTCs affect approximately 43% of the adult population in England and are more prevalent in socio-economically deprived groups.<sup>2</sup> The least affluent social class has a 60% higher prevalence of LTCs than the most affluent social class.<sup>1</sup> Major socio-economic inequalities in the distribution of LTCs exist even when accounting for common risk factors such as smoking, diet and exercise.<sup>3</sup>

Individuals with LTCs have greater care needs than the general population.<sup>4</sup> Around 70% of all health and social care

funding goes to supporting people with LTCs.<sup>1</sup> In England, people with LTCs account for around 70% of hospital bed days.<sup>4</sup> Consequently, improving the self-management capacity

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of individuals has been a proposed solution to reduce the strain LTCs place on health systems.<sup>4</sup> Evidence has shown that self-management approaches can improve clinical outcomes and reduce health service utilization.<sup>5,6</sup>

According to Barlow and colleagues, self-management can include (i) providing information about the condition, (ii) drug management, (iii) symptom management, (iv) management of psychological consequences, (v) lifestyle changes, (vi) Social support and (vii) communication with doctors.<sup>7</sup> Self-management interventions aimed at the general population are less effective in people experiencing deprivation and may help maintain existing inequalities.<sup>8</sup> This could be because people experiencing socio-economic deprivation are less likely to engage with the intervention.<sup>8</sup> In addition, self-management involves taking a proactive approach, such as accessing preventative services, which is reduced in this population.<sup>9</sup> Those experiencing deprivation have reported feeling less able to ask their doctor questions.<sup>10</sup> These, along with other unexplored factors, impact the ability of interventions to effectively improve self-management in this population.

Whilst we know self-management interventions overall are less effective for people experiencing socio-economic deprivation, it has not been explored whether self-management interventions targeted specifically at this population are effective. By exploring tailored interventions, we may identify intervention active components for this population.

## Aims

This review aimed to explore whether self-management interventions targeted at people experiencing socio-economic deprivation are effective at improving outcomes. The second aim was to explore how interventions are tailored and activate components is explored.

## Methods

### Protocol registration

The protocol was registered on PROSPERO on 8 December 2021 (CRD42021289674), available from: [https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display\\_record.php?ID=CRD42021289674](https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.php?ID=CRD42021289674).

### Information sources and search strategy

We used previous reviews<sup>8,11,12</sup> as a guiding point to develop a comprehensive list of search terms ([Supplementary Material 1](#)). The search was run in AMED, EMBASE, Medline, PsycINFO and CINAHL plus on 15 December 2021. We updated the search on 14 November 2022. The screening of titles, abstracts and full texts was undertaken independently by

two authors (TO and MA). Any disagreements were resolved in collaboration with the multi-disciplinary team of authors. Data extraction and quality assessment were undertaken by TO, and all were checked by MA.

### Eligibility criteria

For studies to be eligible, the population must be adults, with a least one LTC and be experiencing socio-economic deprivation. Indicators of socio-economic deprivation considered in this review include education, income and area-level indicators (such as the index of multiple deprivation).<sup>13</sup> The intervention must primarily be focused on self-management. The design must be an intervention study with a comparator population such as a randomized control trial (RCT).

The exclusion criteria were (i) the study population did not capture a dimension of socio-economic deprivation, (ii) palliative patients, (iii) no full text in English and (iv) review articles, editorials and conference proceedings. Qualitative studies were excluded from this review, but identified papers have been analysed separately to explore the barriers and facilitators of self-management in this population.<sup>14</sup> Self-management of LTCs occurs within a unique socio-economic and public health context. Therefore, suitable interventions are likely to differ widely between lower and high-income countries.<sup>15</sup> Whilst exploring self-management of LTCs in lower income countries is important, it requires its own discussion beyond the scope of this review. Therefore, we excluded studies set in low-income countries.

### Critical appraisal (risk of bias)

We evaluated the risk of methodological bias using version 2 of the Cochrane tool for assessing the risk of bias in randomized trials (RoB2) and version 2 for cluster-RCTs (RoB2 CRT).<sup>16,17</sup> We assessed each domain using information from the trials' main published journal articles, published protocols, clinical trial registries and supplementary appendices, when available.

### Data extraction

We created three data extraction tables on the study characteristics, intervention characteristics (modelled after the template for intervention description and replication (TiDier) guidelines<sup>18</sup>) and the self-management components.

### Narrative synthesis

Due to the heterogeneity of studies included in this review, the main results are presented as a narrative summary. We tabulated and compared positive study outcomes against a selection of study and intervention characteristics.

## Meta-analysis

Studies with the same outcome were screened for inclusion in a random-effects meta-analysis. Studies had to contain data on the mean change from baseline to end for both the intervention and control groups, and the standard deviations (SD). If the SDs were not reported, we converted the standard error (SE) or 95% confidence intervals.<sup>19</sup> If a study did not report this data and was not available from the authors, it was excluded from the meta-analysis. To measure heterogeneity,  $I^2$  was the preferred measure because  $\mathcal{Q}$ 's power is reduced when the studies are unbalanced in sample size.<sup>20</sup> We assessed publication bias using a contour-enhanced funnel plot and Egger's test. In this review, only diabetes studies were eligible.

## GRADE

The GRADE methodology was used to assess the certainty of the body of retrieved evidence from the studies included in the meta-analysis. We assessed GRADE using developed checklists<sup>21</sup> and using a series of guidelines by Guyatt and colleagues, 2011.<sup>22–26</sup>

## Results

### Study selection

After full-text screening, 49 articles met the inclusion criteria. The updated search brought this total up to 51 studies. Figure 1 summarizes the selection process.

### Study characteristics

The study characteristics are outlined in Table 1. Almost all the trials took place in the USA. The sample sizes varied from 25 to 5599 participants. Common dimensions of socio-economic deprivation in the included samples were low income or uninsured participants or the study setting was in an area of high deprivation. Most studies had predominantly African American or Hispanic/Latino study samples.

Of the 51 studies, there were three cluster RCTs, 15 pilot studies and 33 RCTs. Three RCTs had three arms, making 54 unique interventions in total. Most trials looked at diabetes ( $n = 35$ ). In addition, eight were on general chronic conditions or multi-morbidity, four on asthma, two on secondary stroke prevention, and one each for arthritis and depression.

### Intervention details

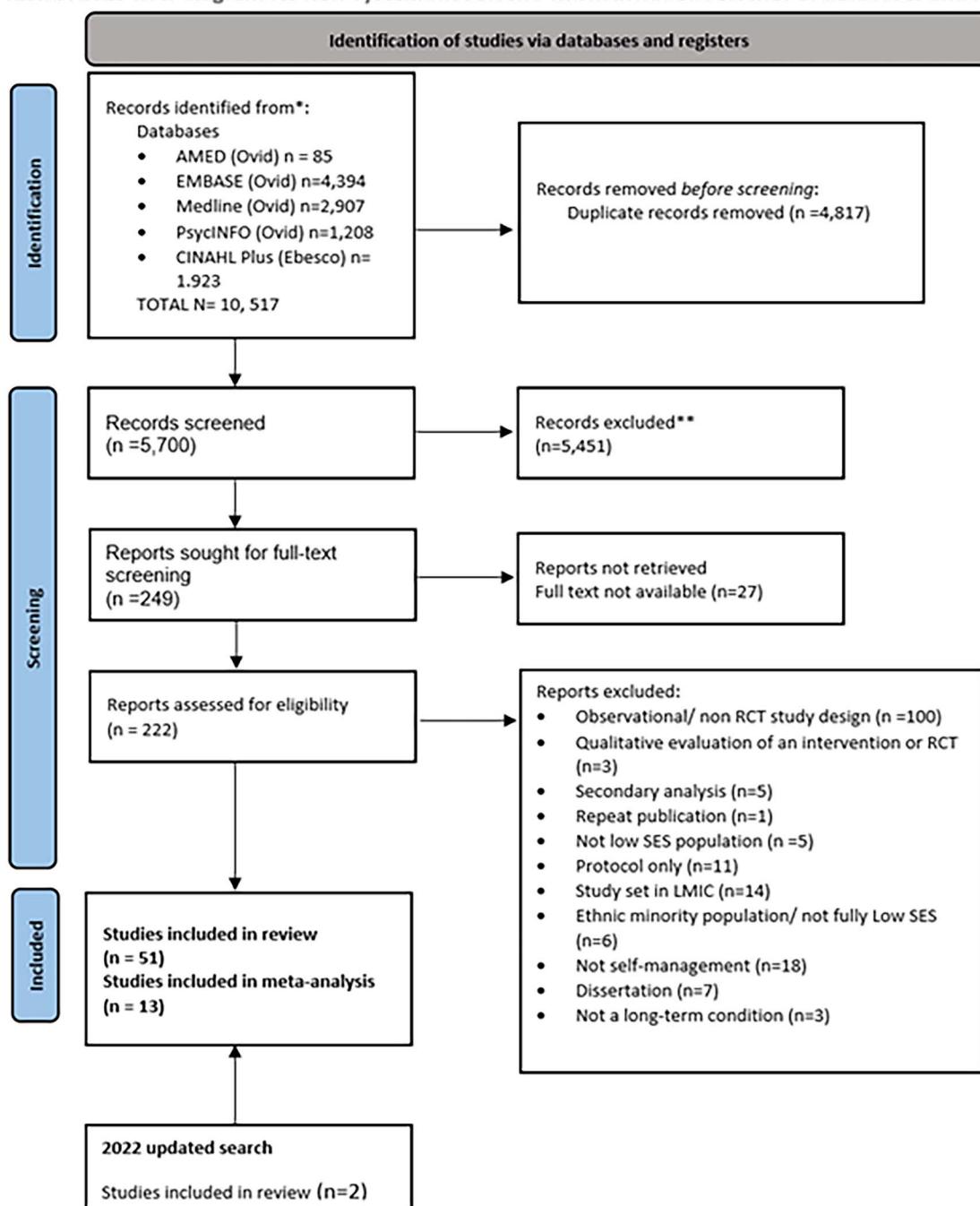
Table 2 describes the interventions. In addition, 25 of the 51 studies (49.0%) were underpinned by at least one named behaviour change theory. The most common were social

cognitive theory ( $n = 8$ ), the transtheoretical model ( $n = 5$ ) and self-efficacy theory ( $n = 6$ ). The 54 intervention arms were delivered either face to face ( $n = 23$ , 42.6%), remotely ( $n = 9$ , 16.7%) or a combination of both ( $n = 22$ , 40.7%). Few made use of smartphone applications ( $n = 2$ , 3.7%). In addition, 29 (53.7%) of the intervention arms were delivered to participants individually. The rest were delivered to groups ( $n = 12$ , 22.2%) or used a combination of individual and group delivery ( $n = 11$ , 20.4%). The most common intervention providers were community health workers (CHWs). They were also referred to as peer leaders, lay leaders and peer supporters ( $n = 22$ ). Other intervention providers included nurses, health educators and dieticians.

Thirty-eight of the intervention arms had outlined their specific tailoring for socioeconomically deprived groups (70.4%). The most common modification was adapting the reading material for low literacy and numeracy, for example, setting the materials at the US fourth or fifth grade reading levels (ages 9 to 11) ( $n = 16$ , 29.6%), including visual aids and diagrams to simplify abstract and complex concepts ( $n = 8$ , 14.8%) and using colour codes for health guides ( $n = 3$ , 5.6%). Materials were provided in both English and Spanish to accommodate the high numbers of Hispanic and Latino participants ( $n = 27$ , 54.0%). Also, many interventions ( $n = 22$ , 40.7%) were delivered by bilingual CHWs or peer leaders from the same ethnicity and community as the intervention participants, who provided culturally tailored advice based on their experiences. Finally, some of the text-messaging-based interventions had financial provisions to cover the cost of texts or provided participants a mobile phone for the study duration ( $n = 4$ , 7.4%). Only two (3.7%) of the face-to-face interventions had tailoring that addressed transportation barriers, for example, by providing free bus tokens or minicab transportation. These modifications were often used in combination with one another.

Of the seven self-management components (Table 3), the most frequently used was 'lifestyle changes' ( $n = 46$ , 85.2%), with most intervention arms focusing on diet and physical activity. This was followed by 'symptom management' ( $n = 40$ , 74.1%), mainly about blood glucose monitoring. Both 'information' and 'drug management' were common (both  $n = 36$ , 66.7%). Drug management involved medication reminders, aids such as pill boxes and sessions explaining how and why to take each drug. 'Management of psychological consequences' ( $n = 33$ , 61.1%) focused on stress management. 'Social support' ( $n = 32$ , 59.3%) usually involved sessions on family and home barriers to self-management. Families could also attend group sessions and home visits. The

PRISMA 2020 flow diagram for new systematic reviews which included searches of databases and registers only

**Fig. 1** PRISMA study selection process.

least used component was ‘Communication’. Only 18 (33.3%) interventions explicitly had elements involving communication strategies with primary care providers.

### Risk of bias

In 43 studies, there was a substantial risk of bias, mainly due to loss of follow-up (Figs. 2 and 3). For continuous

outcomes, most studies had insufficient outcome data. Furthermore, there were sometimes large differences in the proportion of dropouts between the intervention and control groups. Following Cochrane’s RoB2 guidance, we did not assume that multiple imputation or ‘last observation carried forward’ corrected for bias due to missing outcome data, unless there was a sensitivity analysis showing that there was

**Table 1** Study characteristics

Ref	Author, date	Country	Follow-up time	Long term condition	Population socioeconomic status	Sample size (intervention-/control)	Mean age (SD)	n Female (%)	Primary ethnicity (%)	Outcome	Results summary	P value
27	Anderson et al., 2010	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of deprivation: patients are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level	295 (146/149)	NP	171 (58)	African American and Hispanic/Latino	Mean HbA1c value	The difference in HbA1c between the intervention and control group was not significant	0.63
28	Arora et al., 2013	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of deprivation: low-income patients of a safety-net hospital	128 (64/64)	50.7 (10.2)	82 (64) (87)	Hispanic/Latino (87)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a -0.45 (95% CI: -0.27 to 1.17) greater decrease in HbA1c levels compared to control	0.230
29	Baig et al., 2015	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of deprivation: low-income neighbourhood	100 (50/50)	53.7 (11.6)	81 (81) (97.9)	Hispanic/Latino (97.9)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a -0.21 (CI: -0.98 to 0.55) greater decrease in HbA1c levels compared to control	>0.05
30	Berry et al., 2016	USA	15 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income: annual household income <200% of federal poverty guidelines	80 (40/40)	51.4 (8.5)	72 (89.3) (67.7)	African American (77.4)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	Patients in the experimental group decreased their HbA1C significantly more than the control group	0.001
31	Chamany et al., 2015	USA	12 months	Type 1 and 2 diabetes	Low income	941 (443/498)	56.3 (11.7)	599 (63.7) (67.7)	Hispanic/Latino (67.7)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a 0.4% greater mean decrease in HbA1c compared to the control group	0.01
32	Clancy et al., 2007	USA	12 months	Type 2 Diabetes	Inadequately insured patients	186 (96/90)	56.1	134 (72%) (82.8)	African American (82.8)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was no difference in HbA1c change between the groups over 12 months	NP

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33	Davis <i>et al.</i> , 2010	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of deprivation: rural, medically underserved and low income	165 (85/80)	59.9 (9.4)/59.2 (9.3)*	123 (75%)	African American (75.3/72.5)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The improvement in HbA1c was greater in the intervention group compared with usual care	0.004
34	Fitzpatrick <i>et al.</i> , 2022	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	At least one of the four social risks (food insecurity, unstable housing, difficulty paying for medical care and lack of transportation)	110 (56/54)	53.3 (12)	77 (70)	Multi-ethnic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	Within each group, there was a clinically significant reduction in HbA1c. –0.72% in the intervention group and –0.54% in the control	Between-group difference not reported
35	Fortmann <i>et al.</i> , 2017	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income, uninsured and low educational attainment	126 (63/63)	48.43 (9.80)	94 (75%)	Hispanic/Latino (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was a significant time-by-group interaction effect for HbA1c, indicating that over time, the intervention group had greater glycaemic control compared to the control group	0.03
36	Frosch <i>et al.</i> , 2011	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income and uninsured	201 (100/101)	56.7 (8.3)/54.3 (8.9)	97 (48.3%)	Hispanic/Latino (55.80)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was an overall decrease in HbA1c values for both groups. However, there was no significant interaction effect of group by time	0.49
37	Gary <i>et al.</i> , 2009	USA	24 months	Type 2 diabetes	Socioeconomically disadvantaged <sup>d</sup>	488 (235/253)	58 (11)	358 (73)	African American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There were no within-group or between-group differences in HbA1c change	0.44

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Ref	Author, date	Country	Follow-up time	Long term condition	Population socio-economic status	Sample size (intervention-/control)	Mean age (SD)	n Female (%)	Primary ethnicity (%)	Outcome	Results summary	P value
38	Greenhalgh et al., 2011	UK	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Socio-economically deprived area	157 (79/78)	58 (12)	110 (70)	Multi-ethnic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)*	There was no significant difference in the within-group change in HbA1c between the intervention and control groups	0.364
39	Hill-briggs et al., 2011	USA	9 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	56 (29/27)	61.3 (10.9)	33 (58.9)	African American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a larger reduction in HbA1c change	0.02
40	Lynch et al., 2014	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	61 (30/31)	54.1 (10.0)	41 (67.2)	African American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)*	There was no significant difference in HbA1c reduction between the groups	0.10
41	Lynch et al., 2018	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	211 (106/105)	55.0 (10.3)	148 (70.1)	African American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	While the HbA1c change was greater in the intervention group than the comparison group, the difference was not statistically significant	0.52
42	Nelson et al., 2017	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income: household income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level	287 (145/142)	52.5 (9.3)	140 (48.8)	Multi-ethnic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was no significant difference in the mean HbA1c change in the intervention group compared to the control group	0.54
43	Pérez-Escamilla et al., 2015	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	211 (105/106)	56.3 (11.8)	155 (73.5) (100)	Latino/Hispanic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention led to a greater reduction in HbA1c, compared to the control	0.021

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44	Phillis-Tsimikas et al., 2011	USA	4 months	Type 2 diabetes	Underinsured, low income	207(104/103)	52.2 (9.6)/49.2 (11.8)	146 (70.5)	Mexican American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a significant decrease in HbA1c, from baseline to month 4 ( $-1.7\%$ , $P = 0.001$ ). The control group had a non-significant reduction of $-1.1\%$ ( $P = 0.14$ )	Between-group difference not reported
45	Protheroe et al., 2016	UK	7 months	Type 2 diabetes	Residents from an area of deprivation	76 (39/37)	64.7 (11.2)/61.5 (10.1)	38 (50)	NP	Mean change in HbA1c values	No difference in HbA1c change between the groups	0.183
46	Pyatak et al., 2018	USA	6 months	Type 1 and 2 diabetes	Low income/education—self-reported	81 (41/40)	22.6 (3.5)	51 (63)	Hispanic/Latino (78)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had greater improvement in HbA1c compared to the control group	0.01
47	Rosal et al., 2005	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Household income was below 250% of the federal poverty level or neither parent had a bachelor's degree	25 (15/10)	62.6 (8.6)	20 (80)	Hispanic/Latino (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The HbA1c decrease was larger in the intervention group compared to control	0.005
48	Rosal et al., 2011	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	252 (124/128)	NP	93 (76.6)	Hispanic/Latino—Puerto Rico (87.7)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention effect was not significant	>0.293
49	Ruggiero et al., 2014	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	266 (134/132)	53.15 (12.36)	183 (68.8)	African American (52.6) and Hispanic/Latino (47.4)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	No intervention effect was found, and no differences were found for A1C	NP

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50	Schillinger et al., 2009	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income and uninsured	339 (113/112/114)	56.1 (12.0)	200 (59.0)	Multi-ethnic	Patient assessment of chronic illness care (PACIC)	Both the intervention groups showed a greater improvement in PACIC compared to control	For ATSM: $P < 0.0001$
51	Schoenbergs et al., 2017	USA	7 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of poverty	41 (20/21)	58.24 (10.77)	30 (65.85) (100)	Anglo-white	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was no overall difference in HbA1c change over time	For GMV: $P = 0.04$
52	Seligman et al., 2018	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Food insecure—food bank recipients	568 (285/283)	54.8 (11.4)	384 (68.3) (52.1)	Hispanic/Latino	Risk difference in mean HbA1c (%) at follow-up	No evidence of a difference in HbA1c at follow-up	0.16
53	Shea et al., 2006	USA	12 months	Type 2 diabetes	Medicare beneficiaries	1665 (844/821)	70.82 (6.63)	1040 (62.82)	Multi-ethnic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The intervention group had a greater reduction in mean HbA1c level compared to control	0.006
54	Sixta and Ostwald, 2008	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	131 (63/68)	56.3	93 (71)	Mexican American	Mean change in HbA1c (%)*	There was no difference in the HbA1c level over the study period, within both the intervention and control group	NP
55	Skelly et al., 2009	USA	9 months	Type 2 diabetes	Rural, low income	180 (60/60/60)	67	180 (100)	African American (100)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There were no differences in the amount of decline between the 3 study arms	NP
56	Spencer et al., 2018	USA	18 months	Type 2 diabetes	Area of deprivation residents	222 (60/89/73)	48.9 (10.6)	135 (60.8)	Latino	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	From 6 to 12 months, improvements in HbA1c were sustained for participants randomized to the enhanced intervention group ( $n = 60$ ) ( $-0.63\%$ [95% CIs: $-1.06$ to $-0.19$ ]; $P < 0.01$ ) but not the regular intervention or the control groups	NP

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57	Talavera et al., 2021	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low education and low income	456 (225/231)	55.72 (9.82)	290 (63.7)	Hispanic/Latino (96.5)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	The group × time interaction effect (-0.32, 95% CI: -0.49 to -0.15) indicated greater improvement in HbA1c level over 6 months in the intervention group	<0.01
58	Thom et al., 2013	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	299 (148/151)	55	156 (52.2)	Multi-ethnic	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	Patients in the intervention group had a 0.77% greater decrease in HbA1c levels at 6 months compared to control	0.01
59	Wang et al., 2018	USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income, underinsured and uninsured	26 (11/96)	56.4	16 (62)	African American/Black (65.38)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	At 6 months, there were no statistically significant group differences in HbA1c level change	0.44
60	Wayne et al., 2015	Canada	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	97 (48/49)	53.2 (11.3)	70 (72)	Black-Caribbean (40)	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was no between-group differences in mean HbA1c change from baseline to 6 months	0.48
61	Whittemore-2020	Mexico/USA	6 months	Type 2 diabetes	Low income	47 (26/21)	55.35 (8.75)	31 (68)	Hispanic/Latino	Mean change in HbA1c (%)	There was little difference of changes between the groups	0.11
62	Aikens et al., 2022	USA	12 months	Depression	Low-income	204 (108/96)	48.6 (12.2)	165 (80.8)	Caucasian (74.1)	Depressive symptom severity	The intervention group's mean PHQ-9 total had a greater reduction compared to the control	0.004

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63	Apter et al., 2019	USA	12 months	Asthma	Area of deprivation: residents of a neighbourhood in which 20% of households had incomes of less than the federal poverty level	301 (151/150)	49 (13)	270 (89.7)	African American (75.4)	Mean difference in Asthma Control Questionnaire score	The intervention had greater reduction in ACQ score, but the difference was not statistically significant	NP
64	Krieger et al., 2015	USA	12 months	Asthma	Low income: household income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level (2007)	366 (177/189)	41.3	268 (73.2)	Multi-ethnic	'Symptom-free days' over 2 weeks	The intervention group had significantly greater and clinically meaningful increases in symptom-free days compared to control	<0.001
65	Martin et al., 2009	USA	3 months	Asthma	Low income (2007)	42 (20/22)	33 (9) versus 37 (8)	29 (69.05)	African American (92.86)	Asthma self-efficacy score	Self-efficacy increased in the intervention group and either remained the same or decreased in the control group, controlling for baseline variables	<0.001
66	Young et al., 2012	USA	6 months	Asthma	Income less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level	98 (49/49)	44.6 (15.8)	75 (76.5)	White (92.9%)	Patients' asthma control (Asthma Control Test (ACT))	Results did not indicate a significant difference between the control and intervention groups	NP
67	Evans-Hudnall et al., 2014	USA	4 weeks	Stroke	Low income and education and uninsured	52 (27/25)	56.03 (9.9)/46.95 (10.74)	20 (38.5%)	African American (57)	Tobacco use (Behavioral Surveillance Survey [BRFSS])	There was a greater proportion of patients with treatment-compliant tobacco use in the intervention group compared to control	0.01

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68	Kronish et al., 2014	USA	6 months	Stroke	Low income	600 (301/299)	63 (11)	354 (59)	Multi-ethnic: Hispanic/Latino and African American (86)	Proportion of sample who achieved a composite outcome of control of blood pressure lipids and regular use of antithrombotic medication	There was no difference in the proportion of intervention and control participants who at 6 months had attained their composite control measure	0.98
69	Tiliakos et al., 2013	USA	6 months	Rheumatoid arthritis	Low income	104 (52/52)	53.55	82 (79)	African American (90)	Proportion of patients who achieved 20% improvement from baseline according to the American College of Rheumatology (ACR20)	The test for interaction between intervention group and time was not statistically significant	0.7
70	Eakin et al., 2007	USA	6 months	Two or more chronic conditions	Low income	200 (101/99)	50 (13)/49 (13)	157 (78.5%)	Hispanic/Latino (80.2/11)	Dietary behaviour (Kristal Fat and Fibre Behavior Questionnaire [FFB])	The intervention group showed a significantly greater improvement in dietary behaviour compared to the control group	P = 0.003
71	Kangovi et al., 2017	USA	6 months	Two or more chronic conditions	Area with high poverty rate, underinsured/publicly insured	302 (150/152)	56.3 (13.1)	228 (75.5)	African American (94.7)	Mean change in participant's chosen parameter (HbA1c, BMI, SBP and number of cigarettes per day)	There were positive differences in the 6-month change in chronic disease parameters, favouring the intervention arm	0.08

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Ref	Author, date	Country	Follow-up time	Long term condition	Population socioeconomic status	Sample size (intervention-/control)	Mean age (SD)	n Female (%)	Primary ethnicity (%)	Outcome	Results summary	P value
72	Kennedy et al., 2013	UK	12 months	Irritable bowel syndrome, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or type 2 diabetes	Area of high deprivation	5599 (2295/3304)	NP	2990 (53.5)	White (96.7)	Change in shared decision making (health care climate questionnaire)	There was no difference between the groups	0.66
73	McKee et al., 2011	USA	6 months	Hypertension and type 2 diabetes	Low income	55 (31/24) (11.2)/58.6 (7.9)	61.2 (12.73)	36 (65.45) (7.9)	Hispanic/Latino (72.73)	Change in proportion at goal for HbA1c ( $\leq 7\%$ )*	A significantly larger proportion of the intervention group was at goal for HbA1c compared to control	0.049
74	Mercer et al., 2016	UK	12 months	Two or more chronic conditions	Socio-economically deprived area (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation)	152 (76/76)	52	85 (55.92)	NP	Mean change in patient-reported health-related quality of life (EQ-5D-5L).	Positive improvements in quality of life favoured the intervention group at 12 months. However, the overall effect size was not significant	0.15
75	Riley et al., 2001	USA	1 month	1 or more chronic diseases	Low income	28 (15/13)	58 (9.5)	23 (82)	Anglo-white (55)	Use of social-environmental resources (Chronic Illness Resources Survey [CIRS])	The intervention group had increased their use of social-environmental resources significantly more than those in the control group	<0.03
76	Swervissen et al., 2006	Australia	6 months	Chronic diseases (general)	Low income	474 (320/154)	66 (9.52)	355 (74.9)	Multi-ethnic (Greek, Vietnamese, Chinese, Italian)	Health status (self-rated health)	At 6 months, the intervention group had a better mean self-rated health score compared to control	0.000

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77	Willard-Jarrett-2015	USA	12 months	Hypertension and/or hyperlipidaemia and/or diabetes	Low income, uninsured or publicly insured	441 (224/217)	52.7 (11.1) 244 (55.3)	(70.1)	Latino/Hispanic	Composite clinical outcome—proportion of treatment group with improvement in either HbA1C, SBP or LDL according to predefined thresholds	Participants in the intervention arm were more likely than those in the control group to achieve the primary composite measure	0.02

**Table 2** Intervention details

Author date	Theory	Materials and procedures	Intervention provider(s)	Model(s) of delivery	Setting(s)	Frequency	Low SES tailoring	Planned fidelity assessment	Actual fidelity	Financial/incentives
Anderson et al., 2010	No	Patients received unscripted phone calls on disease management followed by mailed educational materials	Nurses were trained by a 'master trainer' who was an expert in commercial disease self-management	Telephone: individual	Centralised call centre	If HbA1c > 9, weekly calls, 7 < HbA1c < 9 or HbA1c < 7 with HTN/depression/retinopathy/neuropathy	Educational materials were available in English and Spanish and at fourth grade reading level	Nurses documented phone encounters on patients' electronic health record.	NP	\$25 gift card to a local store after completing their 6- and 12-month assessments
Arora et al., 2013	No	Participants received unidirectional, SMS text messages sent. text messages were based on content from the National Diabetes Education Program	Automated	Text messages: individual	Remote	Two daily text messages (9 am and 5 pm) over 6 months. Each text is a 160-character phrase	Texts were available in English and Spanish at fifth grade reading level. If needed patients were financially compensated (\$20 per month) to upgrade to an unlimited messaging plan on the phones	NP	\$175 during 6 months for time and travel costs associated with study follow-up visits	
Baig et al., 2015	Self-determination theory, social cognitive theory and the transtheoretical model (stages of change)	Patients received a faith-based diabetes self-management education program (DSME)	Trained, lay leaders, who either had diabetes themselves or knew a friend or family member with diabetes. Lay leaders underwent three 3 hour training sessions on coaching skills through modelling, program content, feedback and role play	Face to face: group	Churches	Eight sessions weekly 90 min each	The DSME was faith based and culturally tailored. Lay leaders were bilingual in English and Spanish	Members of the academic team observed the class leaders during the first 8-week class and then periodically to ensure intervention fidelity using standard processes including checklists and direct observation	NP	No

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Berry et al., 2016	No	Patients received group diabetes self-management education	Health nurse practitioner, a physician, a postdoctoral fellow and a trained interventionist	Face to face: group	Community health centre	Five sessions—one session every 3 months	NP	NP	NP	No
Chamary et al., 2015	Self-efficacy theory and the transtheoretical model (stages of change)	Patients were mailed a 'welcome' packet that included print counselling by phone. Materials on diabetes attended a 10 h American self-management and healthy retention incentives such as pedometers. Also, they received self-management support via telephone	Health educators who received 20 h of training in delivering behavioural interventions on diabetes Diabetes Association-recognized diabetes self-management program. They were supervised by a team consisting of a nurse-certified diabetes educator, internal medicine physician and clinical health psychologist	Telephone: individual	Remote	Four calls (one every 3 months) if over 12 months if baseline HbA1c was in the >7.0% and <9.0%, or eight calls over 12 months if HbA1c was >9.0%	The health educators were bilingual in English and Spanish, and the print materials were adapted for low literacy	Fidelity to the protocol was enhanced by the use of telephone log sheets for documenting details of every call. Also, every study participant had a protocol flow sheet with exact dates by which protocol activities had to occur	NP	No
Clancy et al., 2007	No	Patients received group medical visits	The groups were co-led by an internal medicine physician and a registered nurse, modelling the format of Cooperative Health Care Clinics (CHCC). They were trained by a senior internist who had previous experience in group visits.	Face to face: Clinic group	Clinic	2 h group sessions, delivered monthly over 12 months	No	NP	A visit deposit fee per visit of \$15 for intervention patients and \$45 for control group patients	

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Davis et al., 2010	Health belief model and transtheoretical model (stages of change)	Patients received remote DSME, with content based off the 'Pounds Off With Empowerment' materials, the ADA (American Diabetes Association guidelines) and the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center's Life with Diabetes Curriculum	A self-management education team, consisting of a nurse/certified diabetes educator and a dietitian	Face to face: group and video conferencing; providers and primary care group and individual	Academic health centre (for the clinic (for the patients))	Over 12 months, there were 13 sessions in total, with two being held in the first month (one group and one individually). Sessions were monthly thereafter. 10 sessions were group based, and the remaining three were individual	Modifications included considerations for a low-literacy and a rural population	No	NP	Participants were given a gift card for each of the three completed visits
Fitzpatrick et al., 2022	No	Patients received resource navigation in addition to a problem-solving based, ADA recognized DSME programme	Community health workers (CHWs) who were already embedded in culturally specific community-based organizations. CHWs received 20 h of training in diabetes, delivering the DSME programme and addressing social needs	Face to face and telephone: individual	Patients' homes or community settings (churches, cafes, libraries)	The DSME curriculum was adapted for low literacy. All materials weekly and bi-weekly basis. Resource navigation support was provided as needed	A random selection of CHW visits were audio-recorded and reviewed as a check for fidelity	NP	Participants were given a \$50 gift card for completing the 6-month follow-up	
Forstmann et al., 2017	No	Patients received an m-health SMS-text-based self-management intervention. Text message content was based on the Project Dulce DSME curriculum. The text bank included 119 different messages, less than 160 characters in length	Bilingual study co-ordinator	Text messages: individual	Remote—texts were sent out via a contracted per day at standardized h.	At the start of the intervention period, texts were 2–3 times per day at patient health management technology platform	Patients who did not have a mobile-phone with texting capability were provided free of charge. Those with their own phones had the costs of the additional texts covered by the study (\$12/month). Texts were in English and Spanish	No	NP	Participants received incentives at baseline, 3-month and 6-month assessment

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Frosch et al., 2011	No	Patients received one 24-min-long DVD program with an accompanying booklet called 'Living with Diabetes: Making Lifestyle Changes to Last a Lifetime', which was developed by the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making.	A nurse educator trained in patient-centred approaches to diabetes management and motivational enhancement	Mail and telephone: individual	Patients receive the calls and material remotely, from their homes	Five phone calls in total. Call 1 being up to 60 min. Calls 2 and 3 up to 30 min. Calls 4 and 5 up to 15 min. Patients could receive no more than 150 min (2.5 h) worth of telephone support. The time interval between calls was at the discretion of the patients and nurse educator	The nurse educator was bilingual in English and Spanish	To improve fidelity, patients received a call 1 week after enrolment in the study to remind them to review the coaching intervention materials provided and again to schedule a telephone session. Fidelity was assessed as the number of phone sessions each patient underwent	73.0% completed five sessions of telephone coaching.	No
Gary et al., 2009	PRECEED-PROCEED Framework	Patients received individualised care and self-management support, in the form of intervention action plans (IAPs) based on a clinical algorithm	Both nurse case managers (NCMs) and community health workers (CHWs) received 6 weeks' worth of training.	Face to face and telephone: individual	Clinic, patients' homes, community settings or remote	NCMs conduct a minimum of one face-to-face clinic visit per patient per year. CHWs conducted home visits at least 3 times a year. However, the frequency and intensity of the intervention for each patient is guided by the algorithm which triages them according the diabetes control level. For example, those with 'poor control' will receive weekly contact versus every other week for those with optimal control	CHWs are also African American	No	NP	No

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Greenhalgh et al., 2011	No	Participants took part in a semi-structured, informal group story-telling intervention, each session based around themes.	The story-telling facilitator (bilingual health advocate [BHA]) was a non-clinical professional or volunteer trained in the sharing stories model. Medical professionals such as a dietician, exercise specialist or diabetes nurse were invited to one-off sessions on a case-by-case basis related to the group-selected theme	Face to face: group	Informal community settings	Each session lasted 2 h and was held every 2 weeks for 6 months	BHAs were bilingual, groups were offered in Bengali, Tamil, Punjabi, Urdu, Gujaratis and English. Those with mobility needs were offered minicab transport, allowing 'housebound' patients the opportunity to join the study	A researcher attended all but 8 of the 72 story-sharing sessions and checked that they followed the established protocol and format	NP	No
Hill-briggs et al., 2011	D'Zurilla and Nezu problem-solving therapy	Patients received a diabetes and CVD education session and followed prepared manuals problem-solving training sessions. Patients also received two workbooks:	The interventionists underwent training and followed prepared manuals	Face to face: group	NP	One education session and 8 problem-solving training sessions, each lasting 90 min, delivered biweekly	The sessions and materials (workbooks) were adapted for accessibility and usability in low literacy and functionally impaired populations. The workbooks made use of colours (red vs green) and symbols to simplify concepts	All sessions were audiotaped, and randomly selected audiotapes were reviewed	NP	No

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Lynch et al., 2014	Information processing model.	Participants received a community-based, group intervention that focused on diet and physical activity, and follow-up peer support	Classes were facilitated by a registered dietitian, who was assisted by two peer supporters. Peer supporters trained weekly for 8 weeks (2 h per week) with a psychologist, dietitian and health educator.	Face to face: group and telephone: individual	Local city park building near the recruitment clinic	18, 2 h LIFE classes, which were weekly for the first 3 months and every other week for the second 3 months. Telephone support was weekly	Peer supporters were also African American and had diabetes or hypertension. They came from the same community as the participants	No	NP	No
lynch et al., 2018	Cognitive-behavioural models of behaviour change and information processing model	Participants received group-based DSME and individualized peer support. The bulk of the LIFE intervention curriculum focused on diet change and goals. It was based on a modified plate method referred to as 'the Plate of LIFE'. Participants also received educational materials and workbooks	The intervention team for each group session consisted of a registered dietitian, a group facilitator and 1-2 peer supporters. A clinical psychologist supervised peer supporters. Peer supporters completed 8 h of training. They were trained to reinforce progress on goals with verbal praise and apply simplified motivational interviewing and problem-solving techniques. Peer supporters provided telephone support	Face to face: group and telephone: individual	Community settings near the main clinic	28, 2 h group sessions over 12 months; weekly for the first 4 months, biweekly for the second 4 months and monthly for the third 4 months. Two additional maintenance sessions were held at months 15 and 18. Telephone support was delivered at the same frequency	Peer supporters were also African American and the curriculum was culturally tailored. To address literacy barriers, the sessions and materials made use of graphics, simplified food lists, and physical demonstrations and hands-on activities to reinforce more abstract concepts. Numeracy barriers were addressed by repeated visual and tangible exercises counting out carb portions (using real food)	Yes: fidelity was monitored using checklists developed for each session to assess content delivery. Group sessions were recorded using a digital voice recorder. The project director reviewed fidelity data and provided feedback	NP	US\$100 for each of the three full assessments and \$25 for brief assessments

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Nelson et al., 2017	Self-efficacy theory	Patients received home visits where their current diabetes self-management was assessed using a structured interview.	Community health workers (CHWs) who received 60 h of mandatory training in health coaching and motivational interviewing by a professional health coach and training in how to use a blood pressure monitor. Each CHW passed a competency test prior to intervention delivery	Face to face: individual homes	Participants' homes	4 mandatory home visits that took place 0.5, 1.5, 3.5 and 7 months after enrolment. There was a fifth optional visit at month 10	The CHWs were bilingual in English and Spanish and educational materials each visit. The forms were available in both languages. Materials were also adapted for those with low literacy	Yes: CHWs completed an encounter form after each visit. The forms were reviewed monthly by a certified diabetes educator to ensure that each participant receives the required components of the intervention	NP	US\$25 at both baseline and 12-month assessment
Pérez-Escamilla et al. 2015	Transtheoretical model (stages of change) and problem solving theory	Participants received home visits where they were taught the DIALBEST curriculum in modules and received a tailored self-management plan	Community healthcare workers (CHWs) (nurse and medical assistant) who were employed by a community-based non-profit organization. They received 65 h of core training and 25 h of supplementary training by an interdisciplinary team of academics and practitioners in topics such as diabetes pathology, lifestyle strategies for glycaemic control, motivational interviewing, communication skills and social determinants of health	Face to face: individual homes	Participants' homes	17 visits over a 12-month period. Visits were weekly during the first month, biweekly during months 2 and 3, and monthly until month 12	CHWs were bilingual in English and Spanish. The curriculum was designed to be both culturally and health literate appropriate. The self-management plans were individually tailored to meet the participants' socio-economic circumstances	Yes: an ancillary study was conducted to audit the CHW progress notes and phone records to the document intervention fidelity scheduled 17 visits, with an average duration of 87.8 (18.2) min per home visit	Over half of the participants (51%) received the the intervention fidelity scheduled 17 visits, with an average duration of 87.8 (18.2) min per home visit	

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Philis-Tsimikas et al., 2011	No	Participants received diabetes self-management education based on the Project Dulce Diabetes among friends' curriculum	Peer educators (PE) known as 'promotoras'. They were individuals with diabetes, identified as 'natural leaders' from a patient population. Over a 3-month period, they received 40 h of training in the curriculum, group instruction, mediation and behaviour change techniques	Face to face: NP group and telephone: individual	8, 2 h group classes, delivered weekly and then monthly support groups.	PEs were bilingual in English and Spanish	Yes: to ensure the fidelity of intervention delivery, all classes were audio-recorded and reviewed using checklists to monitor the delivery or omission of curriculum component	NP	Yes: participants were given small gift cards at each of the three assessment points (amount not disclosed)	Yes: participants were given small gift cards at each of the three assessment points (amount not disclosed)
Protheroe et al., 2016	No	Patients received an individualized self-management plan, following an interview with a lay health trainer, along with follow-up telephone support	Lay health trainers (LHTs) received training from the research team on evidence-based diabetes care and appropriate lifestyle advice	Face to face and telephone: individual	NP and remote	1 interview took place at the start of the intervention period, followed by up to 3 2-monthly support phone calls	Pamphlets were adapted for low health literacy	No	NP	No

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Pyatak et al., 2018	Social-ecological model of health behaviour and complexity theory	Participants received an adaptation of the Lifestyle Redesign OT intervention framework, which involves a manualized, individually tailored intervention, composed of 7 flexible modules	Two licensed occupational therapists (OTs) who received 20 h of training in the intervention manual, 12 h of training in motivational interviewing and 20 h training in diabetes self-management education. An endocrinologist and a licensed clinical social worker were available on an as-needed basis for issues identified that were outside the main scope of the intervention	Face to face: individual	Participants' homes and community settings	12 biweekly sessions averaging 1 h each, over 6 months.	NP	Intervention fidelity was maintained through three monitoring strategies. First, therapists documented intervention dose, timing and treatment activities in notes completed after each session. Second, approximately 10% of sessions were observed by a second therapist trained in the intervention protocol, who completed a fidelity checklist and shared feedback with the treating therapist. Third, all team members trained in the intervention met weekly to facilitate problem-solving and prevent intervention drift	Fidelity	Yes; received US\$25 at baseline and US\$50 at follow-up
Rosal et al., 2005	Social cognitive theory	Participants received an interactive self-management education program. The program involved direct instruction and modelling through a soap opera, skill-building activities, personalized goal setting and skill reinforcement activities	A nutritionist, nurse and intervention assistant were trained in the intervention's theoretical and delivery models, intervention goals, counselling skills and use of materials	Face to face: individual and group	A community room 3 blocks from the health centre and 2 blocks away from the elder service	One initial 1 h individual session, followed by 10 weekly 2.5 h interventions to 3 h group sessions and two 15-min individual sessions that occurred during the 10-week period immediately prior to the group session	The intervention team was bilingual and the sessions that occurred during the 10-week period messages were spread out over the three assessment points	NP	Participants were offered incentives equivalent to US\$90 for completing the assessment	

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Rosal <i>et al.</i> , 2011	Social cognitive theory	Participants received an interactive self-management education program. The program involved direct instruction and modelling through a soap opera, skill-building activities, personalized goal setting and skill reinforcement activities	The intervention delivery team consisted of two leaders and an assistant (either a nutritionist or health educator and trained lay individuals or three lay individuals). The intervention staff received approximately 40 h of extensive training in accordance with a protocol that covered diabetes self-management, the theoretical foundation of the intervention and group management skills	Face to face: individual and group and community settings such as senior centres and local YMCAs	Participants home (first individual session followed by 11 weekly 2.5 h group sessions and 8 monthly community group sessions. Each group session included a 10-min one-to-one session for each participant with one of the intervention teams	One 1 h individual session followed by 11 weekly 2.5 h group sessions and 8 monthly community group sessions.	The intervention was culturally tailored (English and Spanish). The content was adapted for low literacy by simplifying concepts, minimizing didactic instruction and using picture and colour-coded based guides	Yes: fidelity checklists monitored delivery or omissions of intervention components. Supervision of interventionists included a review of completed checklists following the sessions	NP	No
Ruggiero <i>et al.</i> , 2014	Transtheoretical model (stages of change) and empowerment theory	Patients received a self-care coaching intervention. The aim was to help the patients learn the necessary information and skills to make informed self-care goals and changes, using the 5As framework and motivational interviewing as the primary coaching methods. They were also provided with written materials matched to their stage of change in the framework	Medical assistants served as medical assistant coaches (MACs). In addition to the standard medical assistant training, they received more than 40 h of initial project training and ongoing boosters. They were trained by the multidisciplinary team in diabetes self-management, behavioural counselling strategies guided by the theory, motivational interviewing and the 5As framework	Face to face and telephone:	The clinic and remote	Face-to-face clinic visits were delivered quarterly during routine diabetes visits at the clinic and were less than 30 min in length.	MACs were of the same ethnicity (African American or Hispanic/Latino) as the patients at their clinic, educational materials were culturally tailored, written at a fifth grade or below reading level and length	Yes: the PI and project coordinator reviewed and tracked intervention reports, notes and charts. There was occasional direct observation by a trained research assistant and periodic PI follow-ups were monthly and less than 15 min in length	The majority of patients did not receive two follow-up assessments the intended dose of the intervention	US\$20 cash for baseline assessment and US\$25 cash for the two follow-up assessments the intervention

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Schillinger et al., 2009	Self-efficacy theory	Patients received individual action plans and took part in collaborative goal setting. This was achieved through an Automated Telephone Self-Management Support System (ATSM), where patients responded to automated queries regarding their self-care. Action plans and interactions are linked to the patients' clinic record	IDEALL clinical staff, including the nurse diabetes care managers for the ATSM, were trained in model protocols, motivational interviewing and communication techniques for patients with limited literacy	Telephone: individual patients received calls in their homes	Remote—patients call takes between 6 and 10 min to complete	Weekly calls over 39 weeks (9 months). Each call takes between 6 and 10 min to complete	Intervention was delivered in English, Spanish or Cantonese	No	NP	US\$15 and US\$25 at baseline and 1-year follow-up, respectively
Schoenberg et al., 2017	No	Patients received a hybrid model of diabetes self-management classes (with goal setting) combined with care navigation based on the chronic care model	Trained community health workers (CHWs)	Face to face: group	Monthly visits of 9 months, each lasting approximately 90 min	Intervention was delivered in English, Spanish or Cantonese. Participants were given bus tokens to assist with transportation costs	No	NP	US\$15 and US\$25 at baseline and 1-year follow-up, respectively	

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Seligman et al., 2018	No	Patients received food packages and DSME modelled on the American Association of Diabetes Educators AADE7 Self-Care Behaviours and adapted from components of the Type 2 Diabetes BASICS curriculum	Food bank staff, volunteers and health educators. Educators were food bank staff trained in curriculum delivery by a registered nurse and diabetes educator. Staff also received training in the following subjects: diabetes pathophysiology, screening, evaluation and treatment, client privacy and HIPAA regulations, universal precautions and sharps safety, medical waste handling and use of specific study equipment.	Face to face: Food bank group	Food bank	2 mandatory group classes in the first 2 months of the intervention period, each lasting between 2 and 2.5 h.	Classes and material were available in English and Spanish. The DSME curriculum and intervention was tailored to address literacy, numeracy, transportation barriers and costs, food-access barriers and food insecurity	No	No	US\$15 gift cards at each assessment
Shea et al., 2006	Social cognitive theory	Patients received telehealth case management via a home telemedicine unit (HTU), which consisted of a web-enabled computer with video conferencing capabilities	Nurse case managers and dieticians conducted the tele-health visits	HTU video: individual	Remote	Every 4–6 weeks across a 5-year period	The intervention providers for ethnic minority patients were bilingual in English and Spanish and were Hispanic/Latino or African American so advice could be tailored to the patients cultural background	No	NP	

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Sixta and Ostwald, 2008	No	Patients received a diabetes self-management course, according to a scripted course curriculum	Promotores, employed by the clinic, led the course sessions in pairs, supervised by nurses. The nursing director oversaw quality control and promotes' education and training	Face to face: group	Community clinic	10, 1.5 h sessions held weekly	The course curriculum was presented in Spanish, was culturally sensitive and used pictures to aid understanding	No	NP	No
Skelly et al., 2009	No	Patients received a symptom-focused diabetes intervention (teaching and counselling) based on the University of California, San-Francisco symptom management model. Half of patients also received a telephone booster, reinforcing the content and strategies of the home visit.	Nurses	Face to face and telephone: individual	Patient homes and remote	The 4 home visits were 60 min and took place bimonthly. The 4 telephone boosters took place 3 months after the last visit and occurred every 2–3 weeks. Each call averaged 15 min in length	The teaching was individualized and made specific to each patient home and community. Also, the visits took place at the patients' homes to avoid transport-related barriers	No	NP	No
Spencer et al., 2018	Social cognitive theory	Participants received an empowerment-based group diabetes self-management education (DSME) classes, based on the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) curriculum for Latinos. In addition, they received home visits and accompanied clinic visits	Community health workers (CHWs), who underwent more than 160 h of CHW training, more than 80 h of diabetes education, including home visit experiences, training in human subjects protocols, behaviour modification strategies, cultural competency and community-based participatory research	Face to face: group and individual	Community locations, homes and clinics and remote	Eleven 2 h group DSME sessions held every 2 weeks, two 60-min home visits each month and 1 accompanied clinic visit over a 6-month period	The CHWs were Latinas, bilingual in English and Spanish and were from the same community/area as the participants	No	NP	No

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After the initial 6 month CHW intervention patients could receive ongoing emotional and behavioural support	Peer leaders (PLs) recruited by the CHWs. They received 46 h of training over 12-weeks and monthly booster sessions over the 12 month intervention period	Face to face: group and telephone: individual	Community locations and remote	Group drop-in sessions held weekly over a 12-month period. PLs made calls to any participants who had not attended three previous sessions in a row	Peer leaders were from the same community as participants but had already done the DSME curriculum previously	No	No	No	No	No
Talavera et al., 2021	Patients received a team-based integrated care and behavioural intervention based on the 5As framework. It consisted of a medical visit, behaviour visit, group DSME classes and care co-ordination. The DSME class curriculum materials were developed as an adaptation of the Pasos Adelante/Steps Forward intervention	Face to face: individual (medical and behaviour visits) and group (self-management classes)	The partnership clinic	All intervention providers were bilingual in English and Spanish and DSME self-management classes	Yes: the number of medical and behavioural visits and DSME classes were tracked.	No major deviations.	Fidelity by the 5As framework showed the following:	DSME classes were audiotape recorded and reviewed by a minimal text to accommodate varied levels of literacy	Agree (78%), Assist (75-97%, depending on the topic) and Arrange (79%).	47 participants received no intervention contact

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Thom et al., 2013	No	Patients received peer health coaching	Peer health coaches who were patients at the clinic, who had an HbA1c level of less than 8.5% within the past 6 months. They received 36 h of training over 8 weeks, conducted by two of the research investigators. Trainees who passed both a written and an oral examination became peer coaches. Trainees received US\$150 for completing the training, regardless of if they passed	Face to face and telephone: individual	The public health clinic and remote	Telephone contact twice a month and in-person contact at least 2 times during the 6-month intervention period	Peer coaches were from the same clinic/community and spoke either English or Spanish	No	NP	Patients received US\$10 after baseline data collection
Wang et al., 2018	Social learning theory and self-regulation theory	In addition to usual diabetes care and education, participants received lifestyle-based intervention sessions and tracked progress using a series of mobile apps (Diabetes Connect app and LoseIt!)	Lifestyle counsellors were trained using publicly available materials and a digital optical disc and printed training materials from the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) program and the Look AHEAD intervention	Face to face and mobile: group and individual	Community centre	11 group sessions: weekly for month 1, biweekly for months 2 and 3, and monthly for months 4 to 6—and an individual session after month 3.	All intervention materials were modified to be at ninth grade reading level. Also, participants without a smartphone were lent one for the study duration to 2 h	A checklist was used for each group and individual session to track the content delivered. The principal investigator (PI) attended at least 30% of the group sessions for both paper and mobile groups to ensure treatment fidelity	NP	No

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Wayne et al., 2015	Intervention described as theory driven but details not provided	Participants received health coaching with additional mobile phone support, based on a behaviour change curriculum co-designed by the study authors. The app used was the Connected Wellness Platform (CWP) provided by Next Systems, Inc	Health coaches who were behaviour change and face to face; individual	Mobile app	Remote	App communication was 24 h a day/7 days a week basis	Participants were provided with a Samsung Galaxy Ace II mobile phone during the intervention period.	No	Mean contact time between participants and health coaches was 38 min/week (SD 25)
Whittemore-2020	Social cognitive theory, Empowerment theory and Health Action Process Approach Model (HAPA)	Participants received education sessions supplemented by text messages	The group session coordinators were a registered nurse and social worker who received one week's worth of training. The training program consisted of content on the program and its theoretical underpinnings, the pathophysiology and treatment of type 2 diabetes, and the social determinants of health in Mexico City	In 5 Seguro group, text messages and telephone calls:	In 5 Seguro Popular clinics sessions, which were followed up by a phone call every 2 weeks and daily text messages	Seven group at a third to fourth grade reading level, with simple pictures to enhance understanding. For those unable to receive approximately 35% texts, the text content and pictures were printed on card. The group sessions were made to be culturally relevant and appropriate for adults with low health literacy.	Texts were written at a trained 3 months). research assistant to ensure protocol fidelity	A 5-item fidelity checklist and attendance were completed by the group session leaders. Also, those unable to receive approximately 35% of sessions were observed by a trained 3 months).	Average group session received attendance was department 89%. 100% of participants after each data collection point—\$200 Mexican pesos (96% at (~\$10 USD) at baseline, \$300 Mexican pesos messages at (~\$15 USD) at 6 months (83% at 3 months) \$400 Mexican pesos (~\$20 USD) at 6 months

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Aikens et al., 2022	No	Patients and their nomination 'care partner' (CP) received depression self-management advice via an automated interactive voice response (IVR) telephone system	Automated: the structured algorithm determines which pre-recorded queries patients hear	Telephone: individual	Remote	Over a 12-month period, patients received calls weekly, with each call lasting 5 to 10 min	NP	No	No	After each of the three planned assessments, patients, their CPs and in-home supporters were offered a \$50 cash card for attendance. Patients could receive up to \$150 during the study
Apter et al., 2019	No	Patients received one-off training in patient portal use on how to locate a laboratory test result, check an upcoming doctor's appointment, schedule an appointment, locate medication lists, find their immunization record, request a prescription refill and send a secure message. They also received home visits for care coordination and to promote their online patient portal use and familiarity with health information technology	Community health workers (CHWs) who were trained as lay health educators	Face to face: individual	Patients' homes	Four visits over 6 months at weeks 2–4, 4–7, 6–11 and 23–27	CHWs were from the same community as the patients	No	NP	No

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Krieger et al., 2015	Social-cognitive self-regulation theory	Participants received home-based asthma education, support and service coordination.	Community health workers (CHWs) with personal experience of asthma. They received 80 h of classroom training followed by biweekly training sessions. A health educator and nurse provided clinical support and a manager provided oversight	Face to face, telephone and email: individual	Patient homes	1 initial visit/assessment at baseline, followed by 4 follow-up visits 0.5, 1.5, 3.5 and 7 months later. Additional telephone and email support was on an as-needed basis	CHWs could speak Spanish	The project nurse conducted monthly audits of home visit records. The project manager or nurse observed at least 1 home visit per month per CHW and rated it with a structured tool	90% of identified problems on each participant's asthma problem list were addressed with the correct protocol, 86% of mandatory protocols were discussed and 83% of active problems were addressed at each visit	US\$35 and US\$50 for completing baseline and exit data collection
Martin et al., 2009	Self-efficacy social learning theory	Patients received group education sessions and home visits and co-developed an asthma self-management plan. Sessions and home visits involved environmental restructuring, problem solving, and asthma related goal setting as mechanisms for improving self-management skills.	A social worker led the group sessions with the support from community health workers (CHWs). CHWs delivered the home visits. CHWs were trained to establish relationships with participants, successfully implement home visits, and teach basic asthma facts, skills, and self-management techniques. The social worker was trained to effectively lead self-management group sessions and to supervise the CHWs. Altogether both the CHWs and social worker received 113 h of training. CHWs were evaluated by study investigators using a standardized tool-poly securalio to determine their readiness.	Face to face: individual and group	Primary care clinic (group sessions) and patients' homes	4 group sessions (2 h each) and 4 to 6 CHW home visits over a 12-week period	CHWs and investigators met weekly throughout the study implementation phase to review documentation	CHWs reported covering all the required areas of asthma education, with the most emphasis on controller medications and taking medications correctly	Participants received US\$25 after attending each group session and were mailed US\$10 after each home visit	

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Young <i>et al.</i> , 2012	Self-efficacy theory	Patients receive counselling based off materials from the Indian Health Services' patient-counselling model	Trained pharmacists who were certified in individual and group sessions	Telephone: Educator Certification Board Exam. Pharmacists were trained by a pharmacist–patient communication consultation expert program, which formed the communication guide	Remote— patients received calls in their homes	Three phone calls over a 3-month period	NP	During the intervention, pharmacists were evaluated during the intervention by a health communication scientist to examine their fidelity. Using the standardized counselling framework as a guide, the scientist reviewed and commented on the pharmacists' adherence to the protocol	NP	Participants were reimbursed \$75 for study participation: \$50 at the beginning and \$25 at study completion
Evans-Hudnall <i>et al.</i> , 2014	No	Patients received self-care sessions, with content based on the American Heart Association's guidelines and the 5As framework	A health educator with a bachelor's degree in health education and several years' experience	Face to face and telephone: individual	Intensive care unit and remote in patient's homes	One face-to-face session at the start of the program and two phone calls, one every 2 weeks, for 4 weeks. Each session was 30–45 min	The health educator made sure to recommend free and easily accessible resources to aid in the adoption and maintenance of the specified goals.	NP	NP	No

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Kronish et al., 2014	No	Participants received a peer-led stroke prevention group-based workshop adapted from the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. After each session, participants were required to make an action plan with a goal taught by new peer leaders	Peer leaders who received 5 days of training in the Stanford Program's philosophy and methods. The trainers observed the first course and 20% of subsequent courses taught by new peer leaders	Face to face: group	Community settings	6 weekly workshops, each 90 min in length	Peer leader were from similar socio-economic backgrounds as the participants.	No	NP	No
Tiliakos et al., 2013	No	Patients received an arthritis self-management program (ASMP). The ASMP was supplemented by a printed educational manual	An instructor	Face to face: group	The hospital	Weekly 2 h sessions over 6 weeks	The education manual was at an eighth grade reading level	No	NP	No
Eakin et al., 2007	No	Patients received a lifestyle intervention based off of the 5As framework advocated in multiple behavioural risk factor interventions (Ask, Assess, Advise, Agree, Arrange)	An experienced health educator	Face to face, telephone and newsletters: individual	Clinic or patient's home for face-to-face visits, depending on patient preference	Two face-to-face visits lasting 60–90 min, 3 months apart. Three phone calls, two after the first visit (2 and 6 weeks after) and one after the second visit (2 weeks after). Three newsletters were also sent	Tailoring included the use of visual aids for low literacy, cultural adaptations and materials translated into Spanish. Health educators were also bilingual	Fidelity was assessed by tracking the delivery of the intervention protocol, including the number of intervention sessions delivered, and the percentage of patients who set goals on physical activity and dietary behaviour change	Of the 101 intervention participants, 48 (47.5%) received two visits, 39 (38.6%) received one and 14 (13.9%) could not be contacted for visits or calls. 46 (45.5%) received the three follow-up phone calls, 29 (28.7%) received two calls, 9 (8.9%) received one call and three (3.0%) were never reached for follow-up-calls	No

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Kangovi et al., 2017	Goal setting theory	Participants underwent a collaborative goal-setting session, followed by ongoing support. The follow-up support included tailored coaching, social support, advocacy and navigation to community resources.	Research assistants and primary care providers provided the collaborative goal-setting and were offered a support included a 60-min training session.	Face to face: group and individual, text and telephone: individual	Primary care clinic (weekly support group), participants' homes and community settings	1 collaborative goal-setting session at baseline. Follow-up	Collaborative goal setting made use of visual aids. Each individual plan was developed with the social determinants of health in mind	Research assistants were observed during an initial training period to assess fidelity to the collaborative goal-setting scripts. Managers assessed fidelity of the CHW support component through a recurring series of weekly assessments such as chart review, quarterly day-long observation, calls to patients to hear about their experience and a performance dashboard	Patients and CHWs created an average of 4.6 action plans over the course of their 6-month relationship. These action plans most commonly related to health behaviour changes (58.9%) and psychosocial issues (23.5%)	US\$10 pre-paid gift card upon completion of the baseline survey, US\$20 upon completion of baseline laboratory testing and US\$30 upon completion of the 6-month follow-up assessment

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Kennedy <i>et al.</i> , 2013	Normalization process theory	Patients received a whole systems model of self-management support compared within routine primary care. The patient-centred approach to the routine management of long-term conditions focuses on providing skills, resources and motivation to patients	Primary care providers (doctors, nurses, technicians) received 2 days of training by two facilitators. The training teaches three core skills: (i) assessment of the individual patient's self-management support needs, in terms of their current capabilities and current illness trajectory; (ii) shared decision making using the PRISM (Patient Report Informing Self-Management Engagement) tool; (iii) facilitating patient access to support	Face to face: individual practice	General practice	NP	NP	Yes: fidelity checks took place after training	No	There were varying levels of implementation in routine practice: information guidebooks were readily used (88% of clinicians reporting use, 51% 'regularly') whereas the PRISM tool was least used (42% reporting no use)
McKee <i>et al.</i> , 2011	No	Patients received home-based self-management support focused on goal setting for behaviour change and targeted health/risk communications related to improving the 'ABCs' (A1c, BP and cholesterol). They also received enhanced care navigation via a tele-monitoring system, whereby home readings of blood glucose and blood pressure were sent to their primary care provider	Home health nurse (HHN) took part in workshops to enhance skills in promoting self-management, covering selected health behaviour counselling techniques (motivational interviewing) to control primarily blood pressure, as well as glucose and lipids. The program manager was a nurse certified diabetes educator. Also, clinicians were educated to meet the clinical guidelines for HbA1c and blood pressure	Face to face and telemonitoring equipment—individual	Patient homes	NP	Intervention delivered in English or Spanish	No	Participants received modest incentives for completing the research interviews, but not for home visits or telemonitoring (amount not provided)	25 out of 31 patients received the entire protocol. There were 10.4 home nursing visits over an average of 75.2 days ( $SD = 35.6$ ), or 10.7 weeks

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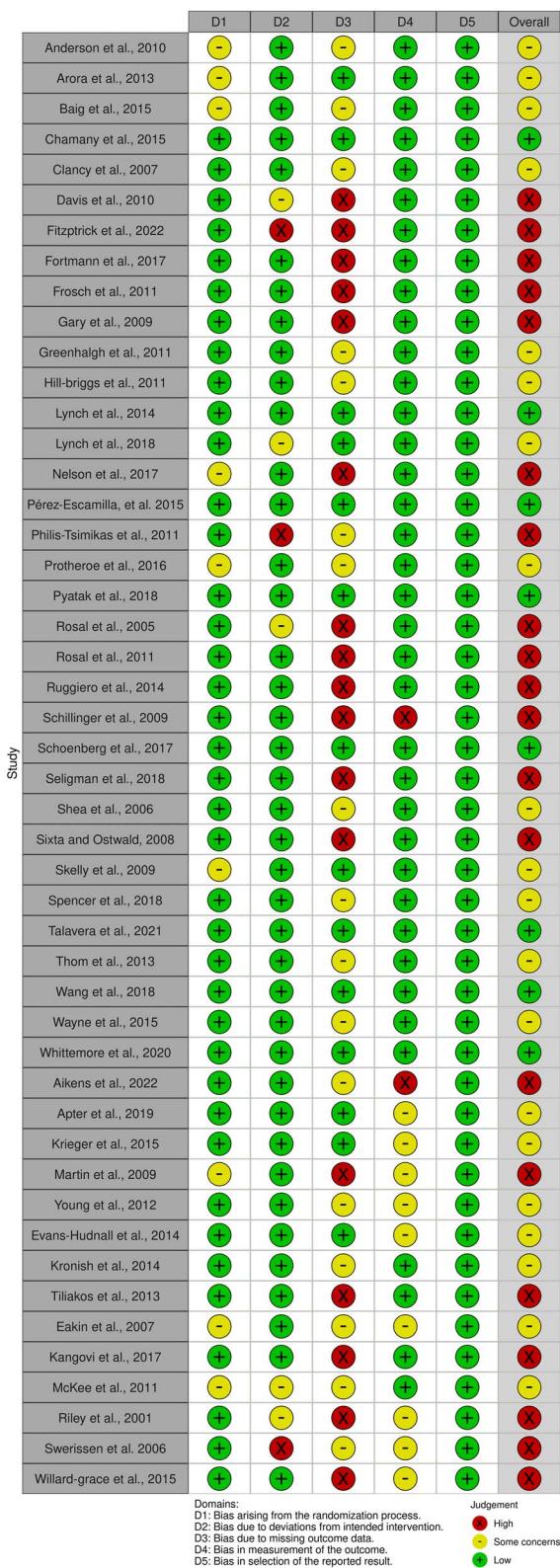
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Mercer et al., 2016	No	Patients received a whole-systems care intervention which included longer consultations and additional patient self-management support packs containing materials such as a cognitive behavioural therapy-derived self-help booklet	General practitioners who received training over 3 half days on how to use the longer CARE Plus structured consultations to carry out a holistic assessment. This included identification of patient concerns and priorities, a focus on self-management and agreeing on a care plan. They also had 20–30 min of mindfulness-based stress reduction	Face to face: General practitioner	12-month period	NP	Yes: intervention fidelity was estimated from the details recorded on the CARE Plus care plan by practitioners and the patient reported questionnaire data	Intervention patients received longer initial consultations, with a mean length of 36.9 min (SD 9.8), according to the care plan, and a mean of 34.1 min (12.7) according to the patient report.	£5 gift voucher on completion of each questionnaire
Riley et al., 2001	Social cognitive theory, social-ecological theory and self-efficacy theory	Participants met with a health educator to set self-management goals, identify barriers, and supports to self-management and problem-solve. Health educators provided feedback on the CIRS score and helped to identify social-environmental resources relevant to that goal. After setting up the self-management plan, participants received follow-up support	Health educator	Face to face, telephone and remote newsletters: individual	One visit at the start of the intervention, followed by the first newsletter immediately after. One, follow-up, 5 min, phone call took place 1 week after the visit. The second tailored newsletter was sent 5 weeks after the visit	NP	Yes: using RE-AIM Framework	All intervention components were implemented 100% as intended, with the exception that one participant did not receive the follow-up phone call	

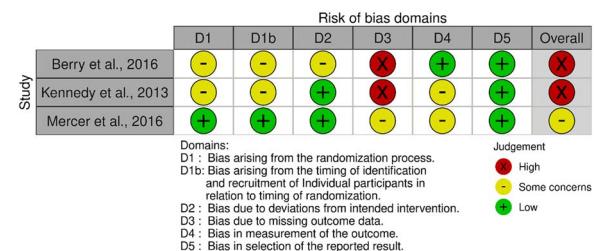
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Swerissen et al. 2006	Social learning theory	Participants received the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program developed at Stanford University	Peer leaders who received 20 h of training from two master trainers prior to leading the program	Face to face: group	Community settings such as senior citizens clubs, churches and community health centres	6 weekly	The peer leaders were bilingual.	No	NP	No
Willard-grace-2015	No	Patients receive health coaching during a three-stage medical visit which consisted of a pre-visit, a collaborative medical check-up with a clinician and a post-visit session	Medical assistants retrained as health coaches. They received 40 h of training in collaborative communication, disease-specific knowledge, medication adherence, developing actions plans and knowledge of community and clinic resources	Face to face and telephone: individual	Community clinic for face-to-face visits and remotely from patients' homes	The clinic visits were at least once every 3 months and telephone follow-ups were at least monthly over a 12-month period	The health coaches were bilingual in English and Spanish, self-identified as Latina and had not received a 4-year college education	Number of health coach interactions per patient	Mean = 12.4, (SD = 7.4)	Participants received \$10 for taking part in a 45-min pre-randomization interview



**Fig. 2** Risk of bias in randomized trials (RoB2).



**Fig. 3** Risk of bias for cluster-RCTs (RoB2 CRT).

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After randomization, some studies had significant differences in key outcome variables and prognostic factors between the intervention and control, which was concerning. In the Cluster-RCTs, one study randomized clusters before individual participant recruitment, which was also a cause for concern. Due to the nature of self-management interventions, blinding to intervention status for participants was not possible for any of the studies.

For the diabetes studies, the outcome assessors were usually blinded, reducing risk of bias. For the study outcomes that were self-reported, these were deemed to be at risk of social desirability bias.

## Synthesis

### All studies

Overall, 22 intervention arms had a positive effect on their primary outcome compared to the control arms, while 27 did not. Three studies did not provide this information. Interventions delivered remotely and exclusively to individuals had a higher proportion of positive outcome results. There was no strong trend in the proportion of positive outcomes when comparing interventions according to specific SES tailoring, use of CHWs in intervention delivery, the number of self-management components used, use of a named theory, risk of bias or disease focus. [Supplementary Material 2](#) enumerates the primary outcome results according to key study characteristics, as a means of exploring what the active intervention components for socio-economically deprived populations might look like.

## Diabetes

The main outcome for diabetes studies was mean change in haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c). HbA1c is a biomarker which measures the level of glycated haemoglobin in the bloodstream. Achieving a lower level of HbA1c is associated with reductions in diabetes-related complications, reflecting improved self-management.<sup>27</sup> For the 13 studies included

**Table 3** Self-management components

Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow <i>et al.</i> , 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of Lifestyle changes psychological consequences			
Anderson <i>et al.</i> , 2010	Yes: during the brief clinical assessment	Yes: problem-solving discussions around medication adherence	Yes: glucose monitoring and reviewing home results	Yes: stress management	Yes: diet, exercise, smoking cessation and developing specific goals	No	No
Arora <i>et al.</i> , 2013	Yes: educational texts and trivia	Yes: medication reminder texts	Yes: texts containing glucose monitoring, blood pressure monitoring, foot care information	No	Yes: texts containing healthy living challenges, which were specific daily challenges related to diet and food choices such as not drinking juice	No	No
Baig <i>et al.</i> , 2015	Yes: questions on diabetes myths	Yes: No	No	No	Yes: participants were taught healthy Mexican recipes and at-home exercises not requiring special equipment. They were informed of church sponsored exercise programs. Also taught a cognitive approach to behavioural problem solving including goal setting, anticipating obstacles, stimulus control and behavioural alternatives	Yes: social support gained from the group setting	No

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Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Social support	Communication		
Berry et al., 2016	Yes: teaching patients to understand the complications of diabetes	No	Yes: teaching patients to understand blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose-monitoring goals before meals, after meals and long-term (A1C). Also, understanding the importance of proper foot self-examination and foot care	No	Yes: teaching patients to understand the importance of nutrition and exercise goals	No	Patients could also have their medications reviewed and an individual medical examination during the group sessions	Individual appointment with a nurse or physician once every 3 months for 15 months
Chamany et al., 2015	No	Yes: calls addressed problem solving and self-efficacy regarding medication adherence and patients were sent supportive retention aids such as a 7-day pill box, which they were encouraged to use over the phone	No	Yes: calls could address stress management as an optional topic, depending on the participants' preferences	Yes: calls addressed self-efficacy and problem solving regarding physical activity and exercise. Patients were also sent items such as pedometers and were encouraged to use them over the phone	No	No	Control patients were given the same print materials and retention items
Clancy et al., 2007	Yes: visits discussed the complications of diabetes	Noon to	Yes: visits discussed foot care	Yes: visits discussed the emotional aspect of diabetes	Yes: visits discussed healthy eating strategies, nutrition, and exercise	No	Vaccinations, foot examinations, medication adjustments, Laboratory orders and referral for retinal exams also took place during the group visits	Usual care in the tradition patient–physician dyad

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Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of Lifestyle changes psychological consequences	Social support Communication				
Davis <i>et al.</i> , 2010	No	Yes: the video conferencing included a session titled 'Know Your Medicines'	Yes: Session titled 'Foot Care Basics' included a session titled 'Positive & Know Your Numbers'. Also, participants were given logs to self-monitor their blood glucose	Yes: sessions titled 'Stick With It: Positive Thinking' and 'Stress Management'	Yes: the program includes goal setting and sessions titled 'Welcome and Health Eating', 'Keeping well and healthy', 'Be a Food Detective', 'Healthy Eating Out' and 'Shop Smart'. The last session was in-person at a local grocery shop	Yes: session titled 'Community Resources, Social Support'	No	Optional retinal examinations were given one 20-min diabetes education session, using ADA materials, conducted individually. They were also given access to usual care and community resources, including care managers for goal setting and education	Control patients were given one 20-min diabetes education session, using ADA materials, conducted individually. They were also given access to usual care and community resources, including care managers for goal setting and education
Fitzpatrick <i>et al.</i> , 2022	Yes: modules outlined information on diabetes	Yes: modules covered medication adherence	Yes: modules outlined clinical targets for blood glucose, HDLs, LDLs and blood pressure	Yes: modules covered lifestyle changes such as healthy eating and physical activity	No	Yes: modules covered lifestyle changes such as healthy eating and physical activity	No	No	Control patients were emailed diabetes materials monthly and received navigation support for medical and social resources. The received 2 follow-ups over a 6-month period

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Social support communication	Community- medical treatment	Other details including additional material	Control description	References for additional material
	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of Lifestyle changes psychological consequences					
Fortmann et al., 2017	NP	Yes: example text, 'Tick, took. Take your medication at the same time every day!'	Yes: participants received a blood glucose meter, test strips and instructions on use. Example texts for monitoring prompts include: 'Time to check your blood sugar. Please text back your results; 1 value >250 or <70 mg/dL or 3 values between 181 and 250 mg/dL prompted a study coordinator to call the participant to assess possible reasons for hyperglycaemia/hypoglycaemia	NP	Yes: example text, 'Use small plates! Portions will look larger, and you may feel more satisfied after eating'	Yes: example text, 'Get the need family, friends and support groups can help you to succeed'	NP	No	Control patients also received the 15-min diabetes educational video developed by Scripps, a blood glucose meter and testing strips, with instructions. Afterwards they continued with usual care which included visits with a primary care physician, certified diabetes educator and group DSME, although the use of the services was dependent on physician and patient initiative
Frosch et al., 2011	NP*	NP	NP	Yes: during the coaching intervention the nurse educator collaborated with participants to identify desired and attainable behavioural goals that could have a positive impact on their diabetes management. Together a behavioural plan was developed and monitored	NP	NP	NP	NP	OTHER PROJECT DULCE INTERVENTIONS INCLUDED IN THIS STUDY

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	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication	
Gary et al., 2009	Yes: CHWs gave patients feedback on their blood pressure and blood glucose results during home visits and provided health education that would be followed up in the IAPs	Yes: IAPs could address medication adherence such as problems understanding the prescribed regime or obtaining the drugs. Follow-up actions by the CHW involved home visits to organize and monitor pill-taking behaviour	Yes: there were IAPs on foot care and home visits involved blood glucose monitoring	No	Yes: there were nutrition and physical activity IAPs. Also, during home visits CHWs could review patients' fridges/cabinets members and and take them on grocery field trips to educate them on health food choices. CHWs could also facilitate group walking exercises	Yes: during home visits IAPs. Also, during home visits CHWs could involve family members and teach supportive behaviours such as how to perform glucose monitoring for a patient with poor eyesight	No	NCMs oversaw telephone calls requiring nursing expertise such as participating in the upward titration of insulin dose and prompting the physician regarding sub-optimal care patterns
Greenhalgh et al., 2011	Yes: exchanging diabetes knowledge during sessions	Yes: themes such as 'medication'	Yes: stories around foot care and symptom management	Yes: discussions around the emotional impact of diagnosis and the affect it has on identity	Yes: discussions around diet and exercise such as 'feeding the family and discussions around 'mobilising a care network'.	Yes: themes such as 'dealing with doctors'	Yes: themes such as 'dealing with doctors'	Participants received a nurse-led group diabetes education sessions held in the hospital or community settings

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Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication	
Hill-Briggs et al., 2011	No	Yes: the education session covered the self-management of blood sugar, behaviours of taking medications and self-monitoring	Yes: the education session covered control of blood pressure, and cholesterol through adaptive thinking techniques	Yes: one of the sessions covers how to take control of stress and emotion through adaptive thinking techniques	Yes: the education session covered eating healthy and getting physical activity	No	No	Control patients received a condensed version of the intervention. 1 education session and 1 problem solving session
Lynch et al., 2014	No	No	Yes: LIFE classes covered blood glucose self-monitoring	No	Yes: LIFE classes focused on helping participants adapt a low-sodium, moderate-carbohydrate DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet. Participants received a nutrition education workbook and a daily food log. They also received a pedometer and were told to set a step goal. LIFE classes included a peer supporter led moderate aerobic activity along with music	No	No	Two 3 h self-management training classes taught by an African American community health worker. One class focused on diabetes self-management and the other on nutrition

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	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences				
lynch et al., 2018	No	Yes: materials covered medication adherence	Yes: participants were given glucometers and glucose test strips and a daily log to monitor results.	Yes: materials covered healthy coping	Yes: the core of the sessions DSME curriculum was focused on healthy eating such as carbohydrate counting, reading food labels, a grocery shop tour and eating more vegetables and wholegrains etc. They used a modified version of the plate method. They were also given food logs. Participants were given resistance bands and a 10-min resistance band workout	Yes: peer supporters provided social support. The group sessions had a dedicated 'listening session' where participants could share their struggles as well as their communal wisdom and expertise	No	2 DSME sessions, delivered in the clinic, by a registered dietitian in the first 6 months of the study period. Control participants also received glucometers

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	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences			
Nelson <i>et al.</i> , 2017	Yes: two of the mandatory education topics was 'diabetes' topics were medications' 'what is diabetes?' and 'treating diabetes'	Yes: one of the mandatory education topics were 'signs and symptoms of low and high blood sugar' and 'blood glucose monitoring'	NP	Yes: two of the mandatory topics were 'food and diabetes' and 'diabetes and physical activity'. Optional topics/activities included attending a community kitchen or a CHW-led grocery shopping tour to other demonstrate how to make economical yet healthy food choices	Yes: CHWs mobilized social support for participants by attending a community kitchen or a CHW-led grocery shopping tour to other demonstrate how to make economical yet healthy food choices	CHWs facilitated coordination with primary care and case managers and encouraged participants to visit their provider for regular check-ups	Usual care, including medical care, community resources and one CHW visit after 12 months

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Pérez-Escamilla et al. 2015	Yes: visit 2 was an 'intro' to diabetes'. 3 subsequent visits addressed complications of diabetes	Yes: visits discussed diabetes complications especially visit 7 'medications'	Yes: visits focused on mental health and home glucose monitoring. They were also given a glucometer and glucose test strips	Yes: visit 11 focused on physical activity. Visits 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 15 focused on nutrition and related topics such as portion size and food labels. Visit 9 involved an onsite grocery shopping activity	Yes: visit 10 focused on physical activity. Visits 3, members, if present, were allowed to sit in during the home visits	No	CHWs had weekly meetings with the health management coordination team at the clinic, to update yearly foot, them on self-management barriers faced by the participants.	Usual care—physicians were expected to check HbA1c levels every 3 months and to conduct urine and eye examinations.	

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	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences			
Philis-Tsimikas et al., 2011	Yes: the curriculum covered diabetes and its complications	Yes: the curriculum medication adherence and cultural myths/beliefs interfering with management such as, fear of using insulin and nopalas, such as Mexican prickly pear cactus, as cures	Yes: participants were given glucometers and test strips. The curriculum covered blood glucose monitoring and cultural myths/beliefs interfering with monitoring such as relying on urine	Yes: the curriculum covered diet and exercise emotional experiences	Yes: during classes, participants could share their experience and receive advice and social support from each other	No	PE's had access to laboratory results and if they noticed that a participant was not meeting treatment guidelines, they encouraged them to seek further help from their primary care provider but did not offer medical advice themselves
Protheroe et al., 2016	Yes: discussed perceptions of risk from diabetes	NP	NP	Yes: discussed advantages and disadvantages of behaviour change	NP	LHTs advised participants about essential health care tests and checks they should receive regularly as advised by Diabetes UK	Usual medical care, including a review by their family doctor at least once every 12 months

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002						Other details including medical treatment	Control description References for additional material
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Pyatak et al., 2018	Yes: modules 2 and 7 deal with what diabetes is, based on its treatment participants' needs)	Yes: module 4 'Activity and health' (flexible based on participants' needs)	Yes: module 4 'Activity and health' (flexible based on participants' needs)	Yes: module 6, 'Emotions and Wellbeing' deals based on participants' needs) deals with such anxiety, depression, anger, guilt, denial, fear; coping with diabetes skills	Yes: module 4 'Activity and health' (flexible deals with managing diabetes with accessing in social situations, health care and self-advocacy and dealing with 'diabetes police', communication in health care and community settings	Yes: module 5 'Social Support' deals with managing diabetes with dealing with family-household life, peer relationships and intimate relationships. In some sessions, OTs engaged with family members to resolve social support problems identified by the participant	Attention control—included an initial home visit and 11 follow-up phone calls, delivered biweekly. Phone calls followed a script and a staff member delivered a standardized set of educational materials published by the National Diabetes Education Program and MyPlate.gov
Rosal et al., 2005	Yes: session topics included the role of enhancing understanding of basic facts about the disease	Yes: session topics included the role of medications and adherence to self-monitoring and understanding of the disease	Yes: session topics included adherence to daily blood glucose self-monitoring and understanding of values	Yes: session topics included stress management	Yes: session topics included dietary guideline education, menu planning and a supermarket tour. Topics attend sessions as also included physical activity with an emphasis on walking	Yes: session topics included family support. Family members could attend sessions as a way to elicit home-based support/approval for the participant	Control participants were given a simple booklet describing the importance of lifestyle factors in diabetes management and providing recommendations for diet, PA and blood glucose monitoring

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences			
Rosal et al., 2011	Yes: session 2 covers 'what is diabetes', other session also touched on diabetes complications	Yes: sessions cover medication adherence	Yes: participants were given glucometers and a tracking log.	Yes: sessions covered stress management Sessions cover self-monitoring of blood glucose and management of hypoglycaemia	Yes: participants were given a step counter and were encouraged to increase their daily steps. Sessions covered physical activity and various aspects of diet such as reading food labels and portion control.	Yes: family and friends could attend the group sessions	No
Ruggiero et al., 2014	Yes: through the education materials provided	Yes: coaching content included medication adherence	Yes: coaching content included blood glucose self-monitoring and foot care	Yes: coaching content included healthy coping	Yes: coaching content included healthy eating, smoking cessation and physical activity	No	The MAC also supported the patient in arranging appointments and made referrals

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002							Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication		
Schillinger et al., 2009	Yes: health education messages in the form of narratives	Yes: medication adherence	Yes: self-monitoring of blood glucose and symptom queries	Yes: queries about psychosocial issues (e.g. coping, depressive symptoms, etc.)	Yes: queries on diet and physical activity	No	No	Care manager	Usual care 94, 95
	NP	NP	NP	NP	Yes: group visits included social breaks	NP	Yes: program	During visits patients with unmet medical needs also received brief, individualized care	
Schoenberg et al., 2017	Yes: class one gives an over of diabetes and its effect on the body	Yes: class covers two medications taking, to avoid diabetes and complications	Yes: class two cover blood-glucose self-monitoring.	Yes: class four covers stress management	Yes: class three covers healthy eating and class four covers physical activity	Yes: program covers working with family (class number not specified)	Yes: program covers working with health care providers (class number not specified)	Regarding medical appointments, CHW assisted in rescheduling, arranging transportation, finding dependent care options and motivating on follow-through	Usual care

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002					Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support Communication	
Seligman et al., 2018	Yes: education materials were given with the food packages. Class topics included a disease overview	Yes: class topics included a diabetes medications overview, with medical professionals such as a registered nurse or physician as guest speakers	Yes: class topics included blood sugar monitoring	Yes: class topics included stress management and depression and healthy coping. Social workers and therapists were guest speakers for these topics	Yes: many classes covered aspects of healthy eating such as carbohydrate counting and reading food labels. Food packages contained diabetes-appropriate food and were accompanied with written healthy recipes.	Yes: the class curriculum involved prompts to ask about family members had	Participants also received onsite HbA1c testing at months 3 and 6 and referrals to a primary care provider if they did not already have one
Shea et al., 2006	Yes: via the HTU patients had access to web-based diabetes educational materials	No—not explicitly	Yes: patients could upload their blood pressure and blood glucose measurements onto the HTU, where it could then be reviewed by their case manager.	No	Yes: patients and nurse managers supervised patients in setting behavioural goals such as smaller food portions.	Yes: patients and nurse managers discussed strategies to overcome social barriers such as asking their partner to also cut out unhealthy foods such as 'ice cream'	Usual care by their primary care provider

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002						Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication		
Sixta and Ostwald, 2008	Yes: patients were taught about the disease and related complications	No	Yes: patients were taught about blood glucose management	Yes: Patients were taught about healthy 'related emotions'	Yes: patients were taught about healthy behaviours such as the effect of exercise and nutrition. Promotors assisted patients in setting/revising behaviour goals and assisted in follow-up and problem solving	No	Possibly—patients were taught about 'multidisciplinary team management'	No Wait list and usual care
Skelly et al., 2009	Yes: patients were taught about disease symptoms and how they relate to diabetes	Yes: patients were taught about insulin/oral symptom medication	Yes: patients were taught several psychological management strategies and were given materials on the prevention of symptoms.	Yes: physical activity and diet were addressed for example nurses went with patients to their kitchen to teach them how to read nutrition labels. Patients were given 'homework' and set goals at the end of each session	Yes: family members, if present, were invited to sit in during the home visits	Yes: patients were taught to sit with their healthcare provider, for example, to contact their healthcare provider if their readings were frequently >140 before meals	A weight and diet program consisting of four modules that addressed Weight Maintenance (two modules), Modifying Fat, and Modifying Sodium in the diet. The modules did not address symptoms directly	98

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control/description	References for additional material
	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Lifestyle changes psychological consequences			
Spencer et al., 2018	Yes: participants were taught information about diabetes	No	No	Yes: when patients set goals and identified problems, they were able to discuss the emotional impact of that problem with the CHWs. The curriculum also taught stress-lowering activities	Yes: the curriculum involved culturally appropriate diet and physical activity advice, including exercise videos. CHWs also help participants set goals using the 5-step goal-setting process and developing and executing an action plan role-playing for that goal	Yes: the curriculum emphasises that participants healthy eating is beneficial for communication skills with their family. A group providers and facilitated session provided social support and support services. CHWs exercises to improve social support, and communication with family members about diabetes self-management	Yes: CHWs helped participants take inventory of support sources to navigate the health care system
				Yes: PLs addressed questions about diabetes and its care	Yes: PLs discussed psychosocial concerns with participants	After the initial 6 months of the main intervention, participants randomized to CHW worker only group received monthly telephone calls from a CHW who had led their DSME group to check in and assess their progress	No

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002					Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication	
Talavera et al., 2021	Yes: during medical visits, the medical provider reviewed patients to medication laboratory results with them and their medical history. During the DSME classes, groups discussed diabetes pathophysiology in relation to cultural beliefs	Yes: medical providers and patients collaboratively discussed barriers to medication adherence during self-monitoring during the medical visit.	Yes: medical providers and patients collaboratively assessed glucose self-monitoring during the medical visit.	Yes: during the behaviour visit, patients were assessed for self-management of the traditional Latin medical visit.	Yes: during the behaviour visit, patients created SMART goals and personal action plans. During DSME classes, groups discussed emotional factors affecting diabetes nutrition in the context of self-management.	Yes: during the behaviour visit, patients were referred to social work/family services when providers also provided psychoeducation.	Yes: indirectly through a treatment plan. Care-coordination involved referrals to health education and behavioural departments and community needed resources when needed	Control patients received development of primary care provider led usual care, with referrals to health education and behavioural departments and community health as well as other health resources when needed
Thom et al., 2013	Yes: peer coaches facilitated medication understanding and adherence to target clinical values for HbA1c	Yes: peer coaches facilitated medication understanding and adherence to target clinical values for HbA1c	Yes: peer coaches assisted with lifestyle changes such as healthy eating and physical activity	Yes: peer coaches assisted with lifestyle changes such as healthy eating and physical activity	Yes: peer coaches provided social support and helped patients with stress management strategies for hypoglycaemia	Yes: peer coaches provided social support and helped patient to navigate the information on community clinic and resources about their own lives and accompany the patient during a clinic visit	Yes: peer coaches provided social support and helped patient to navigate the information on community clinic and resources about their own lives and accompany the patient during a clinic visit	100 Usual care, including referrals to a nutritionist and diabetes educator if needed

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow <i>et al.</i> , 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences			
Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2018	No	Yes; covered in the usual care diabetes education	Yes; the usual care diabetes education covered risk and management of hyperglycaemic and hypoglycaemic situation and blood glucose	Yes; the lifestyle intervention sessions cover stress management and balancing thoughts	Yes; the lifestyle intervention sessions cover various aspects of exercise and healthy eating and includes a grocery shopping tour. Participants were provided with the Loselt!	No	Control group received usual care and diabetes education from their primary care physicians and diabetes educators
	No	Yes; covered in the usual care diabetes education	Yes; the usual care diabetes education covered risk and management of hyperglycaemic and hypoglycaemic situation and blood glucose	Yes; the lifestyle intervention sessions cover stress management and balancing thoughts	Yes; the lifestyle intervention sessions cover various aspects of exercise and healthy eating and includes a grocery shopping tour. Participants were provided with the CalorieKing paper diary, a pedometer, a food scale and a weight scale to track calories, physical activity and weight	No	CalorieKing paper diary, a pedometer, a food scale and a weight scale to track calories, physical activity and weight

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002							Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social/support Communication			
Wayne et al., 2015	No—not explicitly	Yes: medication adherence was a goal emphasized by the health coaches	Yes: participants monitored their blood glucose levels via the app	Yes: coaches emphasized stress management as levels via the app goal for participants.	Yes: coaches guided participants in setting goals and making plans regarding diet (reducing carbohydrate intake) and increasing exercise frequency.	No	Yes: a goal emphasized by health coaches was participant communication with primary care physicians and, generally, within the health system	No	Control participants received in-person health coaching only, with no additional mobile support
Whittemore-2020	Yes: session 1 focused on understanding diabetes	Yes: session 1 need to take medication and session 5 focused on going diabetes medications	Yes: participants were given glucometers, test strips and lancets management	Yes: 4 of the sessions included stress management and were taught activities the need to self-monitor blood glucose and how this relates to carbohydrate intake	Yes: throughout the sessions and texts/pictures participants were taught strategies to improve their diet such as how to read nutrition labels, menu planning with limited resources, food portion measurement and the 'plate method'. Also, the benefits and precautions of physical activity were highlighted, and goals were encouraged through texts	100	Yes: family could be invited to sessions	Yes: session 5 covered how to talk to health care professionals	

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences			
Aikens et al., 2022	Yes: pre-recorded messages highlighted the importance of adhering to their anti-depressant depression symptoms	Yes: pre-recorded messages at the beginning of each pre-recorded call, patients answered PHQ-9 items to track advice on how to do so and get refills	Yes: at the beginning of each pre-recorded call, patients answered PHQ-9 items to track advice on how to do so and get refills which then tailored the advice they were given	Yes: pre-recorded messages covered lifestyle advice such as physical activity and sleep	Yes: patients had an 'in-home' supporter and CP who lived outside the home. They provided social support. At the end of each IVR call, CPs were sent a structured report along with advice on how to support the patient with their depression	Yes: pre-recorded messages included advice on when and how to reach out to their physician outside the home. They provided social support. At the end of each IVR call, CPs were sent a structured report along with advice on how to support the patient with their depression	Control patients reported suicidal feelings, the how to reach out system alerted both they and their nominated CP received printed materials on depression self-management, they did not receive additional self-management support via the IVR
Apter et al., 2019	Yes: CHWs taught patients how difference to search for health information online and access educational materials on the portal	Yes: CHWs explained the difference between controller and rescue medications, and proper inhaler use	Yes: CHWs drafted individualized asthma management plans with each patient and taught patients how to mitigate asthma triggers	No	Yes: signposting to relevant community resources such as smoking cessation and housing programs	Yes: CHWs also established relationships with patients' families	CHWs were involved in care only + usual navigation and referrals doctors via the portal, especially regarding exposure to key allergens and booking appointments

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of Lifestyle changes psychological consequences			
Krieger et al., 2015	Yes: visits covered asthma basics including providing physiology, when to seek emergency care and important vaccines	Yes: visits covered medication management including peak flow monitoring—participants with a medication box; problem solving concerns about side effects, cost, access and getting help to pharmacy; and during an asthma attack- CHWs assessing participants' understanding of when to use controller relaxation medications	Yes: visits covered symptom management including peak flow monitoring—participants were given a peak flow monitor and diary and taught the correct technique; correct technique; getting help to CHWs assessing participants' understanding of when to use controller relaxation techniques	Yes: visits covered stress management checklist. Participants were given a vacuum, vacuum bag and cleaning kit	Yes: visits covered environmental control of the home and a cleaning family checklist. Participants support during visits	Yes: CHWs working with the referrals to healthcare system including communication strategies, pointers and roleplay. If needed, CHWs could accompany participants to a medical appointment to act as a 'cultural translator'	Usual care, information on community resources for childcare, food, asthma self-management and citizenship and educational pamphlets. At the end of the study, participants in the control group received a home visit by a CHW and the intervention group resources
Martin et al., 2009	Yes: group session 1 covered controller medications, spacers, inhalers	Yes: home visit 1 covered controller medications, inhalers	Yes: group session 2 covered recognition and management	Yes: groups session 3 and 4 and home visit 5 covered benefits of sociocultural physical activity and definitions of stress; effects of stress on asthma	Yes: group session 4 covered discussions on physical activity. Home visit 4 management cessation and tobacco and an action plan to improvement ability to manage stress	Yes: home visit 2 No covered communicating with providers. CHWs current positive social support. All home visits also covered between patients social support and their health care providers	2 mailings covering the asthma education information presented at the group sessions for the intervention and a US\$30 cheque

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002							Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Lifestyle changes	Social support	Communication		
Young et al., 2012	No	Yes: pharmacists followed the communication guide to identify and address patient barriers to medication adherence.	No	No	No	No	No	Pharmacists review their electronic health receipt of a records. If they identified severe asthma related problems, they referred patients medication use to their primary healthcare provider	Usual care, including mail
Evans-Hudnall et al., 2014	Yes: Patients were given a detailed workbook on the signs and symptoms of stroke and risk factors for primary and secondary stroke	No	Yes: patients were given a detailed workbook on the techniques to minimize negative lifestyle habits that thoughts concerning their ability to change lifestyle habits. Also, they were taught deep breathing and guided imagery	Yes: patients were given a dietary and exercise tracking form. Patients were asked to identify increased their risk for secondary stroke and source of how to assess change in support to these habits, including potential barriers and problem solving.	Yes: patients were given a cognitive reframing stimulus	Yes: patients were given a dietary and exercise tracking form. Patients were encouraged to engage friends and family members as a source of support to achieve their goals. They were also encouraged to set goals that focused on changing family lifestyle behaviours	No	The health educator facilitated phone calls to aid the patient in getting access to community resources	Usual care

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Social support	Communication	Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of Lifestyle changes psychological consequences					
Kronish et al., 2014	Yes: the workshop stressed the importance of biology of stroke and preventive treatments	Yes: the workshop covered key symptom management medications to reduce related to blood stroke recurrence and pressure and provided suggestions cholesterol for optimizing medication adherence	Yes: the workshop covered key symptom management medications to reduce related to blood stroke recurrence and pressure and provided suggestions cholesterol for optimizing medication adherence	No	No	Yes: the participants could bring a family member, with your health friend or home care team, attendant to the workshops communication without health insurance	Yes: the workshop covered working a list of local health providers, including those a 1-year waiting period patients without health insurance	Participants were also given wait list. Control participants received the workshop after attending those a 1-year waiting period	103
Tiliakos et al., 2013	Yes: class content included an overview of arthritis overview of medications pathophysiology	Yes: class content included an overview of arthritis overview of medications pathophysiology	Yes: class content covered appropriate use of medications	Yes: class content covered appropriate use of medications	content involved individualized of injured joints relaxation programs	Yes: class content No	Yes: class content No covered aspects of patient–physician communication	Usual care	104
Eakin et al., 2007	No	No	No	No	Yes: patients set a self-management goal related to physical activity included as or healthy eating, and identified one or two types of social environmental resources they could use to help them reach their goal.	Yes: family and friends were included as potential social environmental resources	Control patients were mailed a local area community resources guide and three newsletters on basic financial management	NA	

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Author, year	Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002				Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
	Information management	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of lifestyle changes psychological consequences			
Kangovi et al., 2017	Yes: if participants wanted further disease education, CHWs navigated them to the appropriate clinician	Yes: the tailored action plans could include strategies for symptom management such as blood glucose and blood pressure monitoring	Yes: the tailored action plans could include strategies for symptom psychosocial stressors	Yes: the support groups discussed plans could include strategies for lifestyle changes such as increased physical activity, healthy eating and quitting smoking. CHW provided support such as food pantry visits with participants	Yes: the tailored action plans could involve discussion participants strategies for pointers to bring up with the participant's family in the participants' goal. Also, provider sent progress reports to the participants primary care team	Yes: the action plans could involve discussion participants towards appropriate community resources and sent progress reports to the participants primary care team	One time collaborate goal setting, followed by usual care
Kennedy et al., 2013	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	No	Wait list control
McKee et al., 2011	NP	NP	Yes: Patients were leased NP Cardiocom	Yes: Patients were leased NP Cardiocom telemonitoring equipment to send their daily self-monitored blood pressure and glucose readings. Results were transmitted to the program manager and formatted as weekly reports. The reports were sent to the primary care provider via secure clinical email for review and treatment modification if necessary	NP	Primary care providers used weekly report to modify treatment plans	Usual care

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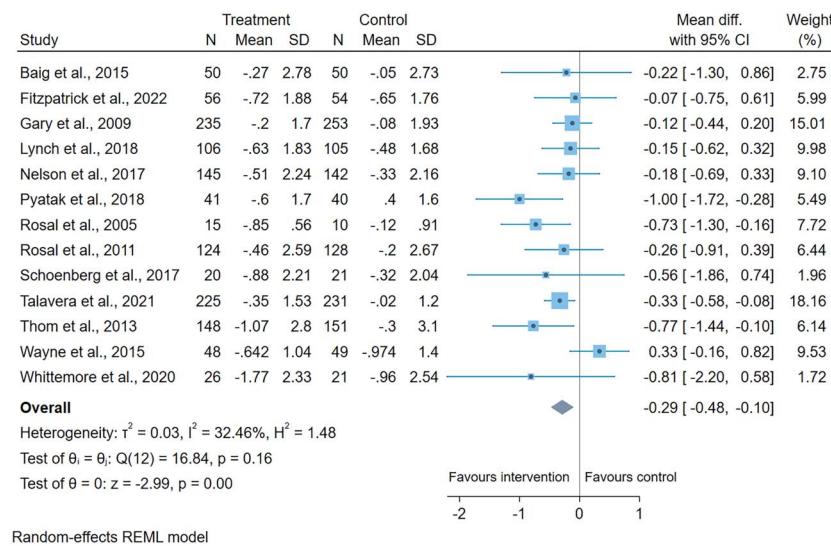
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Mercer et al., NP 2016	NP	NP	Yes: mindfulness-based stress management CDs	NP	NP	Practitioners were encouraged to link patients with relevant local resources and community services when appropriate	Usual care Wait list control:	108
Riley et al., 2001	Yes: CIRS covers medication whether or not the participant has access to information about the condition	Yes: CIRS cover taking as a behaviour	No—not explicitly No	Yes: CIRS covers behavioural targets such as eating more fruits and vegetables, getting more physical activity and quitting smoking	Yes: CIRS questions around and friends' support, e.g. 'Have your family or friends provider listened exercised with care to what you had to say about your illness?'	Yes: CIRS covers communication skills with health care providers. The program emphasizes the critical role of the patient managing their own health in partnership with health professionals	No	
Swerissen et al., 2006	No—not explicitly	Yes: the program manual covers symptom management	Yes: the program manual exercise and healthy eating. There was weekly action planning and feedback on progress. Also, there (e.g. anger and depression) and self-management relaxation techniques	Yes: program covers communication skills with friends and family	Yes: program covers communication skills with health care providers. The program emphasizes the critical role of the patient managing their own health in partnership with health professionals	No	Wait list control—participants received the intervention 6 months later	

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Self-management components based on Barlow et al., 2002						Other details including medical treatment	Control description	References for additional material
Author, year	Information	Drug management	Symptom management	Management of psychological consequences	Social support	Communication		
Willard-grace-2015	Yes; the health coach assesses pre-visit, health knowledge about HbA1c, systolic blood pressure (SBP) or low-density lipoprotein (LDL). They discuss the patient's most recent results for these measures, their goal for these numbers and how to reach the goal	Yes; during the pre-visit, health coaches go through 'medication reconciliation' with the patient, which includes reviewing the medications under prescription, assessing patients' knowledge of the purpose of the medications and identifying barriers to adherence	No—not mentioned explicitly	Yes; during the 'post visit', health coaches negotiate an 'action plan' with the patient, follow-ups address barriers and problems which includes strategies to reduce stress	Yes; the 'action plan' also addresses diet, exercise and other relevant lifestyle factors. The telephone with the patient, follow-ups address barriers and problems which includes strategies to reduce stress	No	Yes; during the medical visit the health coach acts as an advocate for the patient, helping them to remember with meetings these goals	Health coaches were also responsible for further referrals to specialists and resource navigation such as visits with a clinician, diabetes educator, nutritionist, chronic care nurse and educational classes

**Fig. 4** Forest plot for diabetes self-management RCTs.

in the random-effects meta-analysis using this outcome, we imputed the SD values for five. Figure 4 shows the forest plot. Improvements in diabetes control (i.e. reductions in HbA1c) favoured the intervention groups. The pooled mean difference shows that participants in the intervention groups had a 0.29% greater reduction in HbA1c than the control group participants. (95% CIs:  $-0.48$  to  $-0.10$ ). The Cochrane  $Q$  statistic ( $Q(12) = 16.84$ ) indicated that the studies were homogenous ( $P = 0.16$ ). This was reinforced by the  $I^2$  value of 32.46%, which suggests only moderate heterogeneity (25%  $> I^2 > 50\%$ ).

### Publication bias

For the diabetes meta-analysis, there was not strong evidence of publication bias. Details on publication bias can be found in the Supplementary Material 3.

### GRADE

Our certainty in the body of evidence for diabetes is moderate (Supplementary Material 4). The level of certainty was downgraded mainly due to risk of methodological bias, specifically, insufficient outcome data.

### Discussion

#### Main finding of this study

For the diabetes meta-analysis ( $n = 13$ ), the intervention groups had a 0.29% greater reduction in HbA1c than the control groups. This is similar to the results of another meta-analysis of diabetes self-management education programs in American ethnic minority groups.<sup>78</sup> Some suggest

that a HbA1c reduction of at least 0.50% is needed for clinical significance.<sup>79</sup> Therefore, while the meta-analysis indicates that diabetes self-management interventions were more successful than the control treatment, the clinical improvements were modest at best. Overall, the quality of the body of evidence for diabetes self-management programs, as qualified by GRADE, was moderate.

Narratively, findings were mixed for multi-morbidity and other individual conditions. Across all studies, we tabulated and compared the proportion of positive results according to key intervention characteristics. There was a slightly higher proportion of interventions with positive results that were delivered remotely and exclusively to individuals compared to other delivery modes. While this may be a chance finding, it is in line with the results of a previous review of self-management support interventions.<sup>12</sup> Interventions with a reported theoretical basis had a similar proportion of positive results compared to interventions with no reported or explicit theoretical basis. Few studies indicated why their chosen theory was the most appropriate for the intervention or provided evidence of mapping out the theoretical constructs onto the intervention components.

There was no apparent trend in the proportion of positive results when stratified by the number of self-management components. This is in line with the results of another review.<sup>12</sup> Less than half the interventions in this review had fidelity checks and often the intervention descriptions were brief. A review of fidelity and engagement in self-management interventions concluded the need for proper fidelity assessments to determine which components are contributing towards the intervention effect or lack of effect.<sup>80</sup>

## What is already known on this topic

Self-management interventions can improve clinical outcomes and reduce health service utilization in the general population. However, previous reviews and studies have shown that individuals from socioeconomically deprived backgrounds are less likely to reap the benefits of these interventions due to a number of factors such as lower intervention engagement.<sup>5,6,8–12</sup>

## What this study adds

This systematic review is the first to synthesize evidence on the effectiveness of self-management interventions for long-term conditions in people experiencing socio-economic deprivation and the specific tailoring and components of these interventions. The main strength of this review is the comprehensiveness of the search strategy, both in the number of databases searched and the breadth of the keyword search. We expanded on terms for socio-economic status and social determinants to include synonyms for proxy measurements unlike previous reviews on this topic.<sup>8</sup> We included disease-specific searches rather than solely using general terms for 'long term conditions'. We also described the interventions in accordance with TiDier guidelines to aid future intervention replication and testing.

In light of the results of this review, we recommend that future intervention development should clearly state their theoretical basis. It is increasingly being recognized that public health interventions based on behaviour change theory are more likely to be effective than those lacking a theoretical basis.<sup>81</sup> In addition, future interventions could incorporate the common socioeconomic tailoring methods identified in this review. However, adaptations beyond addressing language and literacy barriers are needed. Evaluations should explore which self-management components are most effective (not just most common) in interventions targeted at people experiencing socio-economic deprivation, potentially using factorial design methods. More trials based outside the USA and addressing long-term conditions other than diabetes are needed. Whilst it is important to address diabetes, this population has a range of LTCs, and research should focus on managing these as well as the complex interplay of having two or more LTCs (multimorbidity). Socio-economic deprivation is associated with a higher incidence of multimorbidity over a 15-year period.<sup>82</sup> In addition, deprivation is associated with a higher prevalence of common LTCs, including diabetes, but also anxiety, depression, dyspepsia and coronary heart disease.<sup>83</sup>

## Limitations of this study

The overall methodological quality of the studies included was poor. Although the Egger test for the meta-analysis

indicated no publication bias, we limited our selection criteria to only include peer-reviewed articles available in English. There may have been relevant non-English or grey literature evidence not included in this review. Finally, meta-analysis was not possible for all the studies due to the large variation in outcomes. Therefore, we tabulated the results. However, this method does not account for the magnitude of the effect sizes or differences in sample size.

## Conclusion

Self-management interventions of diabetes tailored for people experiencing socio-economic deprivation produces clinically modest but statistically significant reductions in HbA1c, which is promising. Narratively, other studies on multi-morbidity and other individual LTCs had mixed findings, and more evidence is needed. Self-management interventions in the general population with LTCs have previously been found less effective for people experiencing socio-economic deprivation, and this review highlights the importance of tailored, inclusive interventions in this population. Tailoring included adaptions for low literacy (e.g. visual aids), the involvement of community health workers or peer leaders, providing helpful materials if needed (e.g. mobile phone) and financial incentives, but more strategies could be developed. In terms of the self-management components of the interventions, our evidence suggests the number included may not be important, and other factors may matter more, such as the quality of each component. Self-management strategies and interventions are becoming an increasingly popular approach to LTC management; to avoid exacerbating health inequalities, these interventions should include adaptions for people experiencing socio-economic deprivation.

## Supplementary data

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