Comparisons of Intrinsic Motivation for Novel Stroke Rehabilitation Interventions for UE

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Purpose
To compare how intrinsically motivating stroke patients found upper extremity (UE) rehabilitation carried out in the HPL to how intrinsically motivating stroke patients who participated in other studies found their UE rehabilitation.

Background
Stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in US: 795,000/year[1].
- 80% experience UE dysfunction[2]; impediment to ADLs
Motor rehabilitation can improve motor function in chronic stroke.
- Little chance of success if a patient is nonadherent to regime
- Approximately 65% of patients demonstrate nonadherence[3]
Motivation is linked to better adherence and therapeutic outcomes[4-5].
- Most patients are provided with extrinsic motivation; it is crucial to provide them with intrinsic motivation (IM)
- IM can be quantitatively measured by the I/E subscale of the IMI
Motor intervention in the HPL utilizes virtual reality (VR) gaming.
- Interventions have produced significant improvement in motor impairments and achieved a greater number of repetitions than and are more interesting and enjoyable than traditional therapy[6]

Results
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Overall M±SD</th>
<th>Participants</th>
<th>IM Rating</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gaming</td>
<td>5.67±0.45</td>
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<td>Gaming with assistance</td>
<td>5.69±0.67</td>
<td>83</td>
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<td>Conventional Therapy</td>
<td>5.11±0.31</td>
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<td>Mixed Reality</td>
<td>6.18±0.50</td>
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<td>Robot Training</td>
<td>6.17±1.25</td>
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<td>HPL</td>
<td>5.59±0.86</td>
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All of the categories except conventional therapy produced a higher mean score for reported I/E than the HPL.

Discussion
Some approaches to therapy can produce higher levels of intrinsic motivation than others. Work being done in the HPL is more intrinsically motivating than traditional therapy and as intrinsically motivating as other novel therapy approach to UE rehabilitation for persons with stroke.

Comparisons
Mixed Reality, the manipulation of tangible objects to produce on screen consequences, scored highest.
- Use of daily tasks and objects can increase patient motivation
Robot training scored second highest, but only 1 study was included.
Gaming interventions barely outperformed HPL, but they lack the affordability, accessibility, and variety of the HPL.

Future Work could investigate studies that used interviews and other measures of IM or administer each of these interventions types to a group post-stroke and measure their levels of IM for each approach.

References