ABSTRACT PREVIEW: A CULTURALLY TAILORED MHEALTH SMOKING EDUCATION AND CESSATION INTERVENTION TO ENGAGE CHINESE AMERICAN PATIENTS

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I was the Project Coordinator for this study and oversaw all steps of the intervention and follow-up.

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Abstract Body

Significance: Smoking prevalence remains high among Chinese American immigrants, particularly in men with limited English proficiency. We pilot tested the use of WeChat, a culturally accepted and widely used multipurpose messaging platform among Chinese Americans and Chinese globally, to engage Chinese outpatients in a mHealth smoking education and cessation intervention.

Methods: “WeChat-To-Quit,” a new mHealth Smoking Cessation Intervention utilizes WeChat to deliver weekly educational messages over six weeks. Education contents were guided by 5A’s (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, and Arrange) recommended by the clinical practice guidelines for addressing tobacco dependence. The intervention contents, in Traditional Chinese text, and in Cantonese Chinese audio and video formats, were culturally tailored based on feedback received from Community Advisory Board members. Adult Chinese patients who were current tobacco users identified via electronic health records of a community-based medical center in San Francisco, California were recruited and randomized into intervention (WeChat, n = 30) or Control (assessment-only, n = 30). Using WeChat video group chat, 3 post-RCT focus groups were conducted with 10 participants with high and low levels of intervention engagement.
**Results:** Participants included 95% male, 48% aged 65+, 53% had < high school education, and 86% spoke poor or no English. A majority (72%) smoked 10+ cigarettes daily and 70% had no intention to quit within 6 months. Program engagement was high, 74% interacted with at least 1 message, and 50% completed 3 out of 6 weeks of the program. At 3-month, 80% would recommend the program to others. Few (n = 1) participants achieved 7-day abstinence, but WeChat Intervention participants reported more 24-hour quit attempts than Control participants (0.5 vs 1.8; p = 0.02). Focus group participants unanimously preferred using WeChat to receive health-related messages due to the convenience of this messaging platform. The participants liked the one-on-one messaging feature for personalized and private communications where they did not have to interact with other participants. Although some participants required assistance with using WeChat for navigation and clicking on hyperlinks, logging in to the intervention webpage, they all agreed that WeChat was easy to learn after a few uses.

**Conclusions:** The newly developed messaging-based intervention was able to engage both motivated and unmotivated smokers, including elderly participants. This culturally appropriate social media intervention has high acceptance and is promising for motivating smokers to make quit attempts, which may ultimately promote smoking cessation. Findings provide preliminary evidence for building a culturally appropriate and scalable health systems intervention to address tobacco-related disparities in vulnerable Chinese American immigrants.

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