

PSYCHOLOGICAL OUTCOMES OF TELECARE USE FOR WORKING FAMILY CARERS OF OLDER PEOPLE

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Introduction

Results



- Informal carers' needs only partly covered
- Potential benefits of telecare use in addressing some of carer's needs
- Limited understanding of the psychological outcomes of telecare use for informal carers of older people

Aims

- To identify positive and negative psychological outcomes of telecare for working family carers of older people
- To review psychological outcomes of the use of different functionalities of telecare solutions

Methods

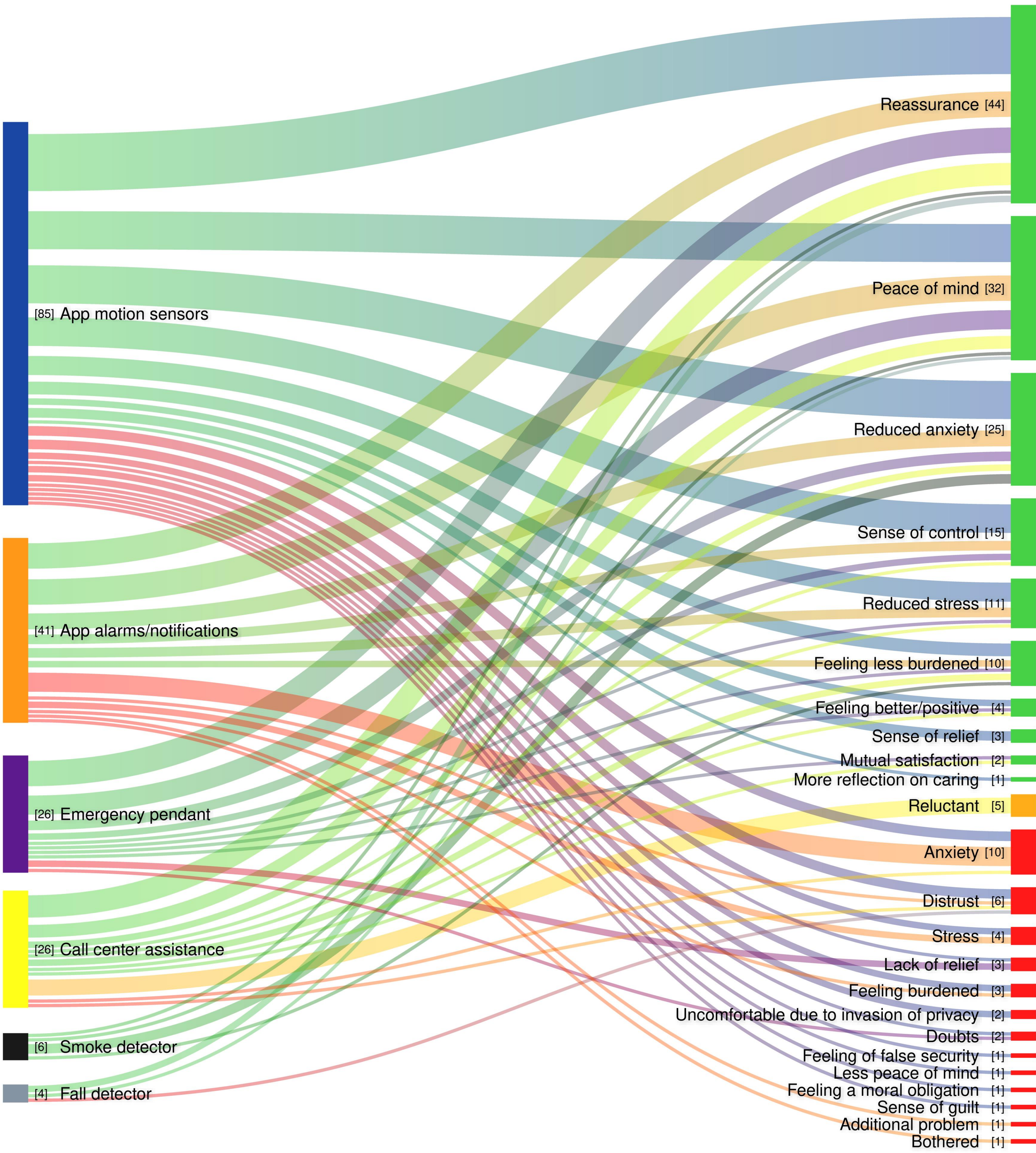
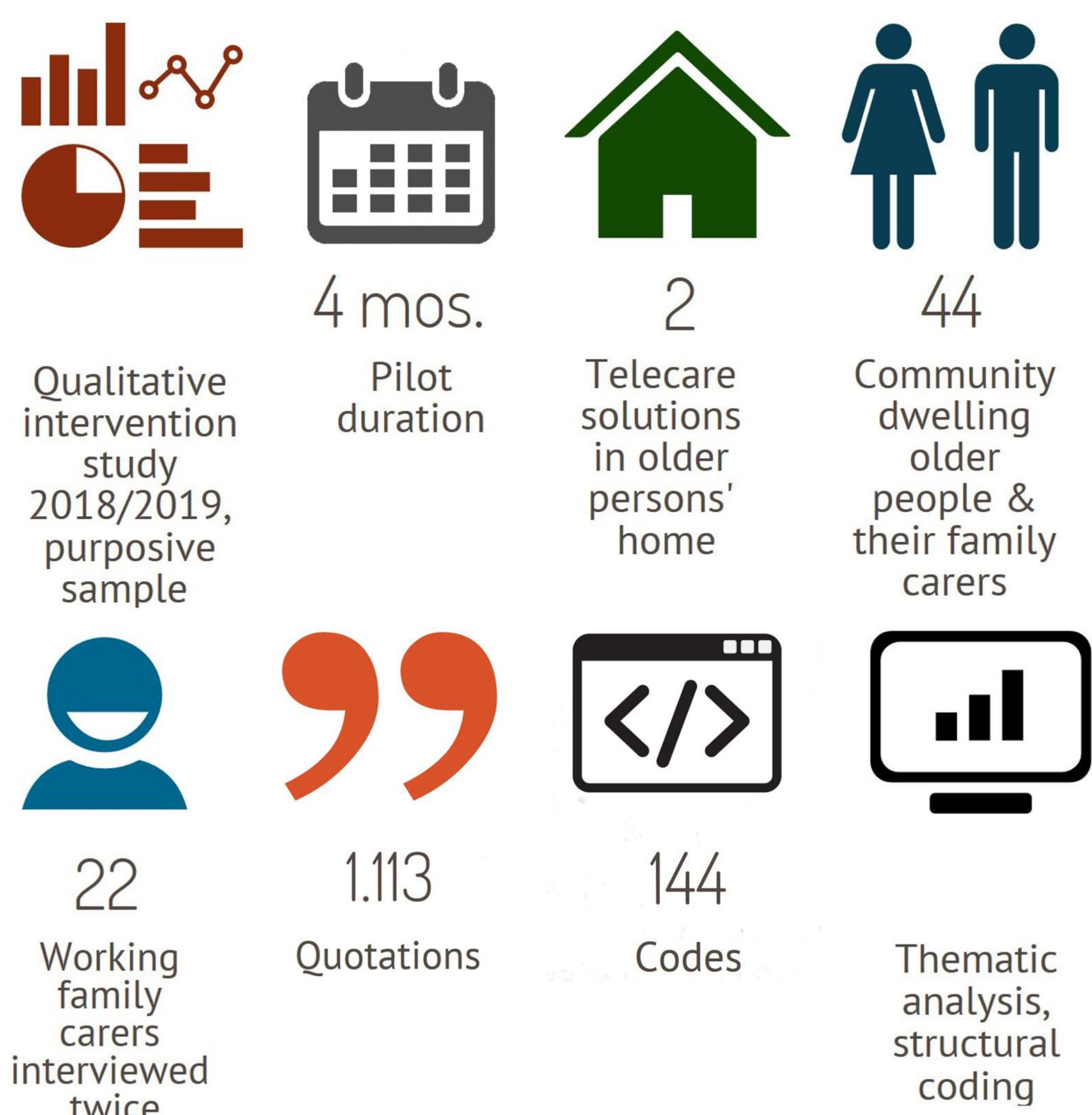


Figure 1. Psychological outcomes of the use of different functionalities of telecare solutions on Slovenian working family carers of older people
(Sankey diagram: The width of the lines is shown proportionally to the flow quantity)

Discussion and Conclusions

- A prevalent pattern of positive outcomes of telecare use for the working family carers
- Negative psychological outcomes closely related to technical malfunctioning of telecare solutions and false alarms
- A complex relationships between the functionalities of telecare services and psychological outcomes for family carers
- Further research needed on: i. the relationship between use of different functionalities, pscychological outcomes and caregiving situations, ii. distance as a factor that influences the psychological outcomes of telecare use for informal carers



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