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1 **Efficacy of a micro-prompting technology in reducing support needed by people with**
2 **severe acquired brain injury in activities of daily living: A randomised control trial**

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27 **severe acquired brain injury in activities of daily living: A randomised control trial**

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29 **Abstract**

30 **Objective:** To evaluate the effectiveness of an automated interactive prompting technology
31 in supporting the morning routine of persons with acquired brain injury (ABI). The morning
32 routine included maintaining personal hygiene and dressing.

33 **Setting:** An inpatient neuro-rehabilitation hospital.

34 **Participants:** Persons with ABI who required prompting when following their morning
35 routine (n=24), but were not limited by physical disability or dysphasia, took part in the
36 study. Participants (67% TBI) had impairment on indices of memory and executive function.

37 **Design:** A randomised control trial evaluated the effect of an automated interactive micro-
38 prompting device on the number of prompts by trained staff required for successful
39 completion of the morning routine.

40 **Main Measures:** Study specific checklists assessed sequence performance, errors and verbal
41 prompts required over baseline, rehabilitation as usual, intervention and return to baseline
42 conditions.

43 **Results:** The intervention significantly reduced the support required to complete the task
44 compared with usual rehabilitation.

45 **Conclusions:** Micro prompting technology is an effective assistive technology for cognition,
46 which reduces support needs in people with significant cognitive impairments.

47

48 **Keywords:**

49 Brain injuries; Activities of Daily Living; Assistive Technology; Cognition; Rehabilitation;
50 Caregiving

51 **INTRODUCTION**

52 **Assistive technology for cognition**

53 Assistive technology for cognition (ATC) enables, enhances or extends cognitive function.¹
54 Technology has long been studied as an extension of human abilities.^{2,3} However, it is only
55 recently that attention has focused on how technologies might enhance and extend cognition.
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58 **Prompting by carers**

59 People who need carer support with activities of daily living and those who are independent
60 can be differentiated by cognitive profiles⁶. Deficits in performance of activities of daily
61 living are related to performance on executive function tasks.⁷ The predominant
62 compensations for difficulties in activities of daily living involve assistance by formal or
63 informal caregivers;⁸ observation of caregiver behaviours reveals that they often provide
64 verbal scaffolding to augment cognitive performance such as prompting, reminding, drawing
65 attention to and structuring plans of action⁹⁻¹¹. Thus, it appears that carers are primarily
66 providing “scaffolding” for executive and memory functions. Given that such support is time-
67 consuming to deliver, recent research has examined whether ATC might be a viable
68 alternative to carers supporting executive and memory function in people with cognitive
69 impairment during activities of daily living.

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71 **Prompting technologies**

72 Prompting technologies are a class of ATC^{1,12} that can increase independent activity in
73 persons usually requiring carer input¹³. Prompting devices store information about actions to
74 be carried out and provide timely cues¹⁴. They are divided into two functional classes:
75 prospective prompting devices and micro-prompting devices.

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77 Prospective prompting devices remind users to engage in an activity (e. g. Take medication,
78 visit the dentist or water the houseplants); they operate via portable or wearable personal
79 digital assistants (PDAs) such as mobile phones ¹⁵, pagers ¹⁶, voice recorders ¹⁷ and
80 smartwatches that give reminders ¹⁸ by way of text alerts or audio cues. Prospective memory
81 aids can be used to give reminders to ambulatory persons ¹⁵⁻¹⁸ or to persons in a set location
82 within the home ¹⁹, care home ²⁰, or vehicle ²¹. These devices support retention and acting on
83 future intentions in the medium and long term.

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85 Micro prompting devices support complex goal-directed task performances that rely on a
86 number of related cognitive abilities such as task organization, attending to the task, set
87 maintenance, set shifting (between activities), retaining the intention and recall of problem
88 solving heuristics. Micro-prompting devices are designed to support these cognitive functions
89 required when multiple steps must be carried out in a specific order. Trials to date have
90 supported sequences such as hand-washing ²², donning of prosthetic limbs ²³, tooth brushing
91 ²⁴ and blood glucose checking ²⁵.

92

93 A review of 91 studies on ATC concluded that more randomized control trials were
94 necessary, but that such testing should focus on ATC functions rather than individual devices,
95 which are rapidly changing²⁶. The present article reports on the first RCT of a micro-
96 prompting device that emulates caregiver scaffolding of executive and memory function
97 using audio prompts and verbal interaction. This study tests whether an audio prompting
98 device can be an effective cognitive orthotic for individuals with acquired brain injury and
99 behavioural dysregulation during performance of the morning routine.

100

101 **Research questions**

102 The study aimed to test the hypothesis that interactive verbal scaffolding by a micro-
103 prompting device would reduce need for carer support during performance of the morning
104 routine.

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106 **METHOD**

107 **Setting**

108 The study was conducted in a specialist acquired brain injury (ABI) rehabilitation centre that
109 provides service to individuals with acquired brain injury and behavioural dysregulation/
110 disturbances.²⁷⁻²⁹

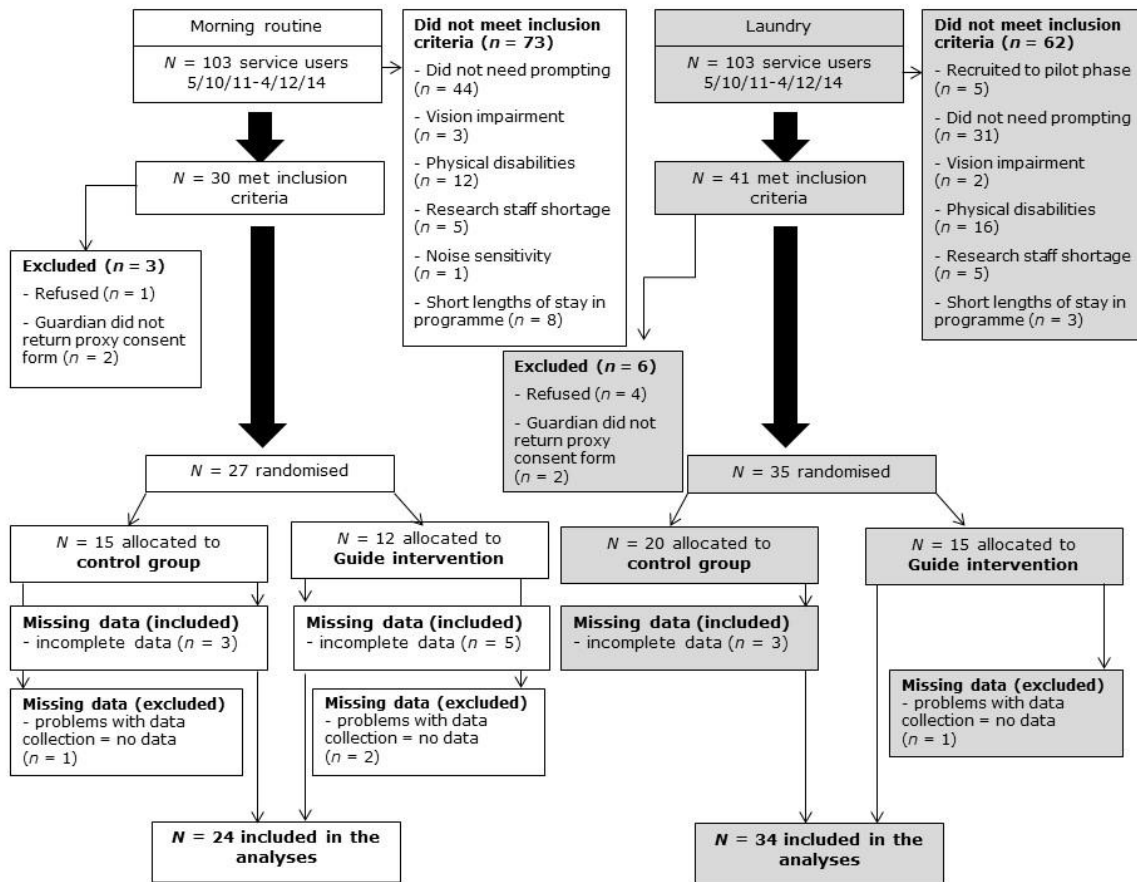
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112 **Participants**

113 One hundred and three adults with ABI aged 18-65 received rehabilitation at the study site
114 during the test phase of the study. Figure 1 shows a recruitment flow-chart enumerating
115 reasons for exclusion and dropout. Comparable research³⁰ investigating errorless learning of
116 a routine in a sample of people with ABI found an effect size of 1.2. With this effect size and
117 significance set at the .05 level, a total of 13 participants would allow a power of .80 for
118 detection of a significant difference in learning. To be conservative we aimed to recruit 20
119 participants. A total of 27 participants were recruited and randomised to either intervention or
120 control group.

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123 **Figure 1.** Flowchart for recruitment to the two tasks (morning routine and laundry).124
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126 The inclusion criteria were: (1) having functional problems in carrying out the morning
 127 routine and (2) being able to perform the task if given appropriate verbal prompts. The
 128 exclusion criteria were: (1) inability to follow a single sentence verbal instruction (e. g. due to
 129 severe dysphasia) or (2) physically unable to perform the given task.

130

131 *Aetiology of Injury*

132 The aetiology of injury for the majority of the 24 participants was traumatic brain injury
 133 (n=16, 66.7%). Of these, eight (50%) had falls, four (25%) were injured in road traffic
 134 accidents (all as pedestrians), three (19%) were assaulted, and one (6%) sustained another
 135 form of TBI.

136 Non-traumatic injuries were incurred by the remaining eight (32.5%). Of these, three
137 sustained subarachnoid haemorrhages (38%), two hypoglycaemia (25%), two had vasculitis
138 (25%) and one had a nutritional deficiency (12.5%). The mean time since brain injury for the
139 total sample was five and a half years.

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141 **MATERIALS**

142 **Measures**

143 A ‘Morning Checklist’ (see Appendix) was produced based on the necessary steps for
144 completion of the morning routine and the list of possible errors. All trials were scored using
145 these checklists by the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust’s (BIRT) Rehabilitation Support
146 Workers who noted: number of support worker interventions (an index of independence in
147 the activity, following the methodology of Mihailidis et al. ²²), number of safety critical and
148 general errors (following the methodology of O’Neill et al. ²³), deviations from and
149 repetitions of the necessary sequence (following the methodology of Semkowska et al. ³¹).
150 Participants rated on an accessible five-point scale how happy they were with the task
151 (referred to as the ‘Satisfaction score’).

152

153 **Neuropsychological functioning**

154 A neuropsychological profile was obtained for each participant using measures of: premorbid
155 intelligence (Test of Premorbid Function UK); current intellectual ability (Wechsler Adult
156 Intelligence Scale-IV – WAIS-IV); memory (Rivermead Behavioural Memory Test-3);
157 visuospatial function (Perceptual Reasoning Index of the WAIS-IV); language (Verbal
158 Comprehension Index of the WAIS-IV); executive function (Behavioural Assessment of
159 Dysexecutive Function) and emotional state (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scales).

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161 **Micro Prompting Device: Guide**

162 Guide is an audio-verbal interactive micro-prompting software designed to emulate the verbal
163 prompts and questions provided by carers or support workers. The intervention automatically
164 emulates the naturalistic question and answer dialogue in which a person with how-to
165 knowledge of a task verbally scaffolds the performance of the task by a person without that
166 knowledge.³² Guide has previously been shown to be effective in supporting individuals to
167 don prosthetic limbs²³ and in supporting the morning routine for an individual with history of
168 intracerebral haemorrhage living at home³³.

169

170 The Guide system used had four components: (1) A Windows-enabled Dell Precision M4500
171 PC, Creative T10 speakers and an Acoustic Magic Voice Tracker II directional microphone;
172 (2) Dragon Naturally Speaking speech recognition software; (3) Guide activity protocols
173 (created during the development and piloting phases); and (4) the Guide activity protocol
174 player, that is, software which received the verbal responses, matched them to the protocol,
175 and triggered the appropriate prompt.

176

177 The Guide systems were located in the participants' bedrooms. There was a software timer
178 which started the audio prompting at a time agreed upon with the participant - most
179 commonly 8 am. At 8 am the introductory prompt would be given: 'Good morning [name]
180 it's 8 o'clock time to get up'. After a pause, the prompting device would issues further checks
181 (e. g. 'Are you out of bed?'). The user could respond 'yes', 'no' or they could say 'what?' to
182 have the question repeated. In this way the Guide system checked progress through the
183 morning routine and issued the next appropriate prompt, given the feedback from the
184 participant.

185

186 **Procedure**

187 We chose to target the familiar task of getting ready in the morning. The first phase of the
188 study entailed developing a suitable prompting protocol that, in the second phase, was tested
189 for efficacy against treatment as usual.

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191 *Development of activity protocols*

192 We administered semi-structured interviews about the morning routine task to five
193 participants with ABI, five therapists, and five Rehabilitation Support Workers, covering:
194 typical sequence, problems encountered, solutions and strategies for aiding performance. We
195 then recorded 30 sessions where Rehabilitation Support Workers provided prompts to six
196 people with brain injury during the task. These data were analysed using NVivo 8 using
197 procedures of Hierarchical Task Analysis to derive a map of the problem space.³⁴ The
198 morning routine problem space ranged from the point the user was in bed to when they were
199 up, showered, dressed and ready to have breakfast in time to begin their rehabilitation
200 program at 10 am. The dimensions of the problem space covered all combinations of prompts
201 and activities that could result in a successful start to the day. It also identified the most
202 common barriers to successful completion of the morning routine (e. g. the person is
203 unmotivated to get up; the person cannot remember where to find their clothes; or the person
204 goes into bathroom but forgets to take a towel and then comes back out, sees the clothes and
205 skips the shower step, getting dressed without showering). This analysis was then used to
206 produce the activity protocol, that is, a series of essential prompts, checks and branching
207 problem-solving routines that covered the most common paths through the problem space.
208 The morning routine protocol consisted of seven steps subsuming 40 checks and 40 prompts.

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210 The prompting protocol was programmed into the micro-prompting device and piloted with
211 10 service users with ABI, allowing assessment of system operation, usability and use
212 preferences. This gave rise to a refined protocol for the activity of interest. Morning routine
213 preference varied widely. Thus, when individuals were recruited to the study, we ascertained
214 their morning routine preferences carefully and tailored the comprehensive protocol to that
215 set of preferences (e. g. shaving, lipstick wearing, smoking).

216

217 *The testing phase*

218 The testing phase comprised a randomised control design experiment. In weeks one and two,
219 participants were recruited to the study if they met the eligibility criteria, informed consent
220 was then sought, and the participant was randomly assigned to the intervention or the control
221 groups using the closed envelope method. Baseline assessment (five trials) occurred in week
222 three followed by three weeks (or 15 trials) of test phase (weeks four to six), and two weeks
223 (or 10 trials) of return to baseline (follow-up – weeks seven to eight).

224

225 Naturally participants varied in the amount of support they required under ‘rehabilitation as
226 usual’. Some participants always had a Rehabilitation Support Worker with them during the
227 morning routine. In these cases, in the test phase, the support worker was present while Guide
228 was prompting the user through their morning routine, and the support worker only
229 intervened if there was a problem. Users who usually completed the morning routine without
230 a support worker in the room under ‘rehabilitation as usual’ would be prompted if they came
231 for breakfast in their night clothes or if other aspects of the morning routine had been
232 forgotten (e. g. shaving). In these cases, during the test phase, the Guide system prompted the
233 user in their room without a support worker present. Staff could assess whether there were
234 any errors or omissions in their morning routine when the service user came out of their room

235 into the communal areas. For example, if the person was still wearing night clothes, they
236 would be reminded to change by a member of staff, and this would be recorded as a prompt.
237 If they had poor personal hygiene, they would be prompted to shower. It was quite common
238 for participants who did not have someone with them while they performed their morning
239 routine to require 2 or 3 prompts after they came out of their room to attend to matters they
240 had omitted. The study was designed to assess reduction in number of staff prompts required
241 between baseline and intervention phases. If someone commonly received a number of
242 prompts every day after arriving for breakfast, we wished to determine whether Guide would
243 reduce the probability of needing these prompts. For service users who had a staff member in
244 the room with them, we assessed whether Guide would mean a reduction in staff prompts in
245 the room and after they arrived for breakfast. There were no restrictions put on the type or
246 frequency of prompts provided by support workers during the study.

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248 The study-specific checklists recording the number of prompts and errors were completed by
249 the Rehabilitation Support Worker supporting the user or, for users not receiving one-to-one
250 support during the morning routine, any Rehabilitation Support Worker on duty. The
251 interactions between the Guide system and the user were also audio-recorded, and these could
252 be reviewed for additional information.

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255 **Research Ethics**

256 The study protocol, information sheets, consent forms and recruitment strategy were
257 approved by the Scotland A, Research Ethics Committee (Ref: 10/MRE00/43) on 27
258 September 2010.

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260 The study was pre-registered, with the Chief Scientist Office of the Scottish Government; the
261 Scotland A, Research Ethics Committee; and with the Foundation for Assistive Technology.

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263 **Data analyses**

264 The randomised control trial data were analysed using Stata version 14. Nonparametric tests
265 (Mann-Whitney U) were used to make simple unadjusted comparisons across conditions. The
266 main analysis was conducted using generalized linear mixed models. The effect of the
267 intervention was assessed through the fixed effects of the Phase (baseline, test, and return to
268 baseline) by Group (rehabilitation as usual, intervention) interaction term. The primary
269 outcome for this study was a count (number of support worker prompts); therefore, a Poisson
270 distribution was initially assumed. Over dispersion was investigated by fitting negative
271 binomial models and comparing fit relative to the Poisson. A random effect of ‘Participant’
272 was included in the model to account for the repeated measures within participant, and the
273 effects of time were allowed to vary for each individual (accounting for different learning and
274 recovery trajectories for individuals) by including a random effect of ‘Time’ (number of days
275 in the study). Likelihood ratio testing was used to confirm whether the random coefficient
276 was superior to the random intercept only models. Neuropsychological variables were
277 individually tested in the models as fixed effects and significant predictors retained.

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280 **RESULTS**

281 **Cognitive status of participants**

282 The participants' demographics are summarised in table 1. All participants with traumatic
283 brain injury (n=16, 66.7%), had severe brain injury as indicated by a Glasgow Coma Scale
284 score of 3-8 and post-traumatic amnesia greater than 24 hours. All those with non-traumatic
285 brain injuries (n=8, 33.3%) had severe levels of disability on the Glasgow Outcome Scale
286 when referred to the rehabilitation service. The premorbid IQ indicated that participants were
287 in the average range prior to their injury. The current Full Scale IQ indicated that participants
288 were significantly impaired (relative to the index of premorbid ability) and were now in the
289 extremely low range. The memory function standard score was in the extremely low range.
290 The index of language function (Verbal Comprehension) was in the borderline range as was
291 the index of visuospatial function. Of importance, the executive function score was in the
292 extremely low range. Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale scores were within the low
293 borderline range, with 12 participants meeting the caseness criterion for anxiety and seven
294 meeting caseness for depression.

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296 **Table 1.** Demographics and cognitive status of participants

	Morning routine		
	Intervention	Control	Total
<i>N</i>	10	14	24
Male : Female	9:1	13:1	22:2
	<i>M (SD)</i>	<i>M (SD)</i>	<i>M (SD)</i>
Age in years	44.18 (11.42)	45.82 (10.34)	45.14 (10.59)
Years since injury	6.38 (10.57)	4.93 (6.59)	5.53 (8.30)
Premorbid function	91.67 (9.03)	96.65 (8.51)	95.08 (8.75)
Intellectual function	68.40 (3.54)	69.92 (8.16)	69.26 (9.40)
Memory function	59.22 (4.63)	66.13 (5.89)	63.61 (6.33)**
Language function	75.67 (11.02)	76.69 (8.76)	76.27 (9.51)
Visuospatial function	79.89 (13.20)	78.39 (9.34)	78.98 (10.74)
Executive function	53.89 (21.63)	59.63 (21.02)	57.28 (20.95)
Anxiety	9.33 (5.32)	9.90 (5.13)	9.67 (5.09)
Depression	8.00 (6.61)	7.49 (3.97)	7.70 (5.07)

297 *Note.* * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$

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299

300 **Effect of Intervention**

301 The mean scores on the outcome measures by Group (rehabilitation-as-usual or intervention)
 302 and Phase (baseline, test, and return to baseline) are shown in Table 2.

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304 **Table 2.** Mean (SD) number of support worker prompts; errors; sequence errors and user
 305 satisfaction by Group at Baseline (A), during Intervention (B) and Return to Baseline (A)

	Intervention	Control	Total
Prompts			
A	2.87 (2.37)	1.95 (2.32)	2.33 (2.33)
B	1.43 (1.72)	2.58 (2.73)	2.15 (2.42)
A	1.63 (1.32)	2.90 (2.96)	2.42 (2.50)
Errors			
A	0.41 (0.48)	0.47 (0.45)	0.45 (0.45)
B	0.24 (0.26)	0.40 (0.47)	0.34 (0.40)
A	0.15 (0.29)	0.46 (0.41)	0.35 (0.39)
Sequence Errors			
A	0.00 (0.00)	1.79 (5.40)	1.09 (4.24)
B	0.05 (0.08)	2.39 (5.75)	1.61 (4.75)
A	0.25 (0.50)	0.30 (0.74)	0.28 (0.65)
Satisfaction			
A	4.58 (0.52)	4.17 (0.24)	4.32 (0.39)
B	3.79 (1.58)	3.48 (0.56)	3.61 (1.02)
A	3.00 (0.00)	4.25 (0.61)	4.07 (0.73)

306 *Note.* * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$

307

308 The mixed effects Poisson regression on number of support worker prompts showed a
 309 significant interaction between test Phase (baseline, test, and return to baseline) and Group
 310 (rehabilitation-as-usual vs. intervention). That is, being in the test phase significantly reduced
 311 the number of prompts received to a greater extent in participants in the intervention group
 312 than in the rehabilitation-as-usual group. The same was true of the return to baseline phase.
 313 This confirms that, with the individual trajectories of change over time controlled and the
 314 correlation structure of the repeated measures within individuals included in the model, being
 315 in the intervention group significantly reduced the number of prompts received during test
 316 and at return to baseline. The incident rate ratios for the fixed elements of the model and the
 317 variance components of the random effects are shown in table 3. There were no differences
 318 between groups across the three phases in terms of number of errors, sequence errors or in
 319 satisfaction scores.

320

321 Table 3. Mixed effects Poisson regression on Number Prompts to complete morning routine

Independent variable	Incident rate ratio	95% confidence interval	<i>p</i>
Phase: Baseline	1.00		
Phase: Test	1.43	1.15 - 1.79	<0.01
Phase: Return to Baseline	1.32	0.98 - 1.78	0.07
Intervention group	1.84	0.68 - 4.98	0.23
Phase by Group interaction (Baseline)	1.00		
Phase by Group interaction (Test)	0.39	0.27 - 0.57	<0.01
Phase by Group interaction	0.30	0.15 - 0.62	<0.01

 (Return to Baseline)

Emotional function	1.22	1.10 - 1.34	<0.01
Random effects parameters	Estimate		
Participant	0.01	0.00 - 0.02	
Time in trial	1.07	0.72 - 1.60	

322 *n* = 22 Two cases missing due to missing data for emotional function (anxiety). The results are the same (i. e. intervention group by phase

323 interaction significant) if anxiety is omitted from the model and full sample is tested.

324

325 **DISCUSSION**

326 We have reported on the first randomized control trial for an audio-verbal interactive micro-
 327 prompting device. The device was tested for its efficacy in assisting people with severe brain
 328 injury and multiple cognitive impairments in carrying out the morning routine. Use of the
 329 technological system was evaluated as an adjunctive therapy within neurobehavioural
 330 rehabilitation, an approach evidenced to reduce impairment and increase functional abilities
 331 after brain injury.^{27,28,32} Against this efficacious rehabilitation-as-usual, the micro-prompting
 332 device significantly reduced number of support worker prompts required in executing a
 333 familiar task (morning routine). This adds to the evidence of the effectiveness of micro
 334 prompting devices established in previous studies.^{13,23} The study also demonstrates
 335 improvement in individuals with chronic neurobehavioural disability resulting from injuries
 336 sustained a number of years prior to the intervention, at which point biological recovery has
 337 traditionally been thought to have stabilised. This further extends the evidence that enhancing
 338 independence is possible and rehabilitation is effective in the long-term after ABI^{27,35,36}.

339

340 In the test phase, there was a statistically significant effect on number of prompts by carers,
341 showing that these decreased more sharply in the intervention group. Thus, the interactive
342 verbal guidance was an effective support.

343

344 Prospective prompting and micro-prompting technologies to date have begun to address the
345 difficulties associated with deficient 'higher level cognitive functions'.²⁶ These are the
346 cognitive capabilities which underpin organization and planning, time management, cognitive
347 flexibility, maintaining task set, problem-solving, abstraction, insight and judgment. As these
348 difficulties are common across a variety of conditions, micro-prompting devices, such as
349 Guide, add to the tools available to address sequence performance difficulties.

350

351 **Limitations**

352 The sample size (n=24) was relatively small in this study. Data from three participants were
353 not available for analysis due to problems with data collection. While this further limited the
354 available sample, , these cases were spread across the intervention and control conditions.

355 The micro-prompting technique was was applied to a single activity in this study thus
356 limiting generalisation.

357

358 **Future research**

359 In this study, an activity of daily living was chosen in an attempt to demonstrate the
360 possibility that prompting technologies may increase independence. Many other sequence-
361 critical-behaviours underpin patient self-management and may benefit from micro-prompting
362 support. For example, persons with respiratory illnesses may benefit from step-by-step
363 prompting for procedures such as using an inhaler and spacer or nebuliser to deliver
364 medication. Trials of micro-prompting technologies for other behaviours and populations

365 would be of interest. Micro-prompting may also be beneficial to support complex real-world
366 tasks such as performance at work, management of a daily schedule, and following a recipe
367 in both clinical and non-clinical populations.

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369 The current findings help establish the efficacy of micro-prompting for persons with
370 impairment of memory and executive function. Future research might focus specifically on
371 persons for whom amnesic difficulties primarily explain their difficulty in performing
372 sequences. Effectiveness of micro-prompting in persons with mild cognitive impairment and
373 dementias could have far-reaching ramifications for care in an ageing society.³⁷

374
375 Future research should also focus on triggering of prompting technologies. In this study, the
376 device was activated by a timer in the morning routine. Other triggers might include a
377 physical button placed where the activity is performed (i.e., bedroom or kitchen), so that the
378 user can self-initiate the support. Sensors in the environment detecting location, movement or
379 door opening might be used to trigger the system to ask whether help is required. Finally, the
380 incorporation of input from affect-aware technology, monitoring physiological state via
381 wearables³⁸ may trigger help when signs of distress are detected.

382
383 The considerable economic and social costs of supporting activities of daily living in people
384 with cognitive impairments suggest that a finding in support of micro-prompting devices is
385 significant. Independent replications in larger samples are encouraged and, to this end, the
386 software is available at www.guide-research.com. Of equal importance is to further
387 understand the wider benefits of replacing some aspects of the carer's work with technology,
388 for example, reducing care-giver strain and increasing self-efficacy.

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Errors			
A	0.41 (0.48)	0.47 (0.45)	0.45 (0.45)
B	0.24 (0.26)	0.40 (0.47)	0.34 (0.40)
A	0.15 (0.29)	0.46 (0.41)	0.35 (0.39)
Sequence Errors			
A	0.00 (0.00)	1.79 (5.40)	1.09 (4.24)
B	0.05 (0.08)	2.39 (5.75)	1.61 (4.75)
A	0.25 (0.50)	0.30 (0.74)	0.28 (0.65)
Satisfaction			
A	4.58 (0.52)	4.17 (0.24)	4.32 (0.39)
B	3.79 (1.58)	3.48 (0.56)	3.61 (1.02)
A	3.00 (0.00)	4.25 (0.61)	4.07 (0.73)

392 *Note.* * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$

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497 **Appendix**

498 **MORNING CHECKLIST**

499 **Level of prompting**

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Wake up							
Get out of bed							
Use toilet							
Wash hands							
Go into shower							
Shower: Wash upper half							
Wash lower half							
Wash hair							
Brush teeth							
Dry self							
Shave: Wet / Dry							
Use deodorant							
Select appropriate clothes							
Find clothes							
Dress							
Brush hair							
Make bed							
Medication prompt by staff Y/N							
Picks up phone/keys/cigarettes							
Rating of personal appearance (out of 10)							
Time up							
Completed by:							

- 500 5 = Completes step independently;
 501 4 = Completes step after 1 verbal prompt;
 502 3 = Completes step after 2 verbal prompts;
 503 2 = Completes step after 3 verbal prompts;
 504 1 = Requires physical intervention / assistance to start, continue or complete step;
 505 R = Refuses to complete step;
 506 N/E = No evidence;
 507 N/A = Not appropriate (e. g. woman who does not shave)
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509 **Errors (circle Y / N)**

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Stays in bed until after 10am	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Gets up but goes straight back to bed	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Does not take towel to shower	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Does not take soap /shower gel to shower	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Does not get all the clothes necessary to be fully dressed	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Does not take shampoo	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Cannot find an item of clothing that is in the room	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Dresses when still wet	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Once out of bed hesitates for 3+ seconds	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Inappropriate clothes chosen for weather	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Dirty /mismatched clothes worn	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Poor personal hygiene	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Unshaven	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Forgets phone/keys/cigarettes	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N

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511 **Sequence errors**

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
No of times repeats a step							
No of steps missed							
No of times stuck on a step							
Time taken							

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513 **Other comments**

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518 **Service user satisfaction**

519 How well do you feel that went?

				
5 Very well	4 Quite well	3 Ok	2 Quite poorly	1 Very poorly

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	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Rating							

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