## Additional file 2 – Topic list used during the semi-structured interviews.

**Table.** Topic list of the interviews.

Topic	Question
Start	Discuss (without recording) the informed consent form:
	- Purpose of research & interview
	- Anonymous processing of data
	- Monitoring recording & processing
	- If you do not want to give an answer then you are free to do so (also
	stop research)
	- If you have questions, you can ask them at any time
	- Do you have any questions so far?
	Start recording
Stress definition	<ol> <li>Could you describe what stress entails according to you?</li> <li>Symptoms / characteristics</li> </ol>
Customer jobs	From the situation of Miriam/Peter: in which way has stress an influence on:
	a. Working life
	b. Private life
	<ol><li>2. What would Miriam / Peter need when it comes to reducing stress?</li></ol>
	3. Which problems would the reduction of stress solve for
	Miriam/Peter?
	a. Why is it a problem?
	b. In what situations?
Gains	<ol> <li>To what extent do you expect that such an application could help reduce stress?</li> </ol>
	2. What could be the benefit of using such an application for
	Miriam / Peter?
	a. Functional: Could it make a positive contribution to the
	work? In what way / in which situations?
	b. Social: Could it make a positive social contribution? In
	what way / in which situations?
	c. c. Emotional: Could it make a positive emotional
	contribution? In what way / in which situations?
	3. What are essential elements that the application should contain
	for Miriam / Peter to start using the app?
	4. How do you think the application should be designed so that it is
	appealing for Miriam / Peter to use the app?
	a. General

	b. Portable sensor technology
	<ul> <li>Validity of measurements</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Manually entering data</li> </ul>
	- Combine data of, for example, agenda, location, email
	behaviour, causes of stress
	c. Coaching messages:
	- Frequency
	- Time of the day
	<ul> <li>Appearance of the message</li> </ul>
	- Rewards
	<ul> <li>Social support. With whom? Colleagues share</li> </ul>
	experiences, etc.?
	- Goal setting
	d. Coaching techniques:
	- Relax exercises
	- Time management
	- Cognitive therapy
	5. What preconditions must the app meet so that Miriam / Peter
	would be satisfied with the app?
	<ul> <li>How should employees be guided before and during the use</li> </ul>
	of the application?
	<ul> <li>How would you like to use the app during the day?</li> </ul>
	- Privacy: Problems with data collection? Who may have
	access to the data?
Pains	1. What would be barriers for Miriam / Peter to start working on
	stress management via the app?
	a. Functional: Do you expect Miriam / Peter to start using
	the app? What infringement / influence does usages of
	the app have on their daily activities?
	b. Social: What if colleagues know that Miriam / Peter are
	using the app to reduce work stress?
	c. Emotional: Do you believe Miriam / Peter would enjoy
	working on stress management via the app?
	2. What could frustrate Miriam / Peter or experience as a nuisance
	when using such an application?
	a. General
	b. Portable sensor technology
	- Validity of measurements
	- Manually entering data
	- Combine data of, for example, agenda, location, email
	behaviour, causes of stress
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	c. Coaching messages:
	- Frequency
	- Time of the day
	<ul> <li>Appearance of the message</li> </ul>
	- Rewards
	<ul> <li>Social support. With whom? Colleagues share</li> </ul>
	experiences, etc.?
	- Goal setting
	d. Coaching techniques:
	- Relax exercises
	- Time management
	- Cognitive therapy
	3. Could Miriam / Peter also experience disadvantages from using
	the application for the purpose of reducing stress in the
	workplace setting? What are the disadvantages?
	a. Functional: Are there negative consequences for Miriam
	/ Peter by using the application during the work / job?
	b. Social: Could it contribute negatively in the social field?
	In what way / in which situations?
	c. Emotional: Could it contribute negatively on an
	emotional level? In what way / in which situations?
	d. Privacy: What is your view on the collection of personal
	data via portable sensor technology?
End	Would you use such an application for stress management
	yourself?
	Yes/No/Doubt