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ADAPTIVE LEARNING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

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Abstract

This research analyzes the impact of adaptive learning and assistive technologies on the cognitive, academic, and functional development of students with cerebral palsy in special and inclusive schools across North Macedonia. A mixed-method was implemented over a 12-month period including 30 participants from 6 to 17 years ($M = 10.8 \pm 3.2$). Quantitative data were collected with the Functional independence measure, Gross motor function classification system, and standardized academic tests across reading, writing, mathematics, and attention domains, while qualitative data were collected from teacher and caregiver interviews. Statistically significant improvements were found in engagement ($\Delta = +16.3$; $p < 0.001$; Cohen's $d = 1.66$) and functional independence ($\Delta = +9.7$; $p < 0.001$; Cohen's $d = 1.25$), indicating large effect sizes. Eye-tracking and speech-to-text systems produced the most significant performance improvements. Qualitative analysis found three major themes - improved communication, increased motivation, and the need for teacher training showing the holistic benefits of adaptive learning integration. Correlation analysis ($\rho = 0.73$, $p < 0.001$) showed that viewed independence and satisfaction were strongly associated to cognitive progress. The results support international evidence showing that early and consistent implementation of assistive and adaptive technologies encourages inclusion, autonomy, and academic participation. This research concludes that combining adaptive digital systems with individualized rehabilitation strengthens educational equity and quality of life for students with cerebral palsy, while demonstrating the importance of the need for teacher capacity building and sustainable policy models to secure lasting efficacy and accessibility.

Keywords: Adaptive learning, assistive technology, cerebral palsy, inclusive education, functional independence.

1. Introduction

Cerebral palsy is one of the most common neurodevelopmental conditions that affects motor function, coordination, and posture, accompanied by sensory, cognitive, and communication difficulties (Patel et al., 2020). This condition is non-progressive that results from early brain injury or abnormal brain development that interferes with the ability of the persons to perform functional movements and participate in daily life activities (Sharma et al., 2023). The global prevalence of cerebral palsy is estimated to be approximately 2-3 per 1,000 live births, with variations depending on socioeconomic and healthcare factors (Oskoui et al., 2013). Children and adolescents with cerebral palsy experience challenges in academic participation, including difficulties with fine motor skills, writing, reading comprehension, and digital literacy, all of which can affect their educational outcomes and social integration (Asbell et al., 2010; Fluss & Lidzba, 2020).

In recent decades, the concept of inclusive education has gained strong momentum, focusing on equal access to quality education for all learners, regardless of physical or cognitive impairments (Uyok et al., 2024). In this context, adaptive learning and assistive technologies have developed into essential tools in connecting ability and accessibility for students with cerebral palsy (Garcia Ramirez et al., 2016). Adaptive learning refers to individualized educational systems that adjust the pace, content, and method of instruction according to individual needs of the students, using empirical findings and artificial intelligence algorithms (Joshi, 2024). These systems can identify the strengths and weakness of the students, offering individualized exercises, multimodal feedback, and instant feedback (Fadieieva, 2023). When applied in the context of cerebral palsy, adaptive learning platforms can help overcome cognitive load, improve engagement, and ease progress at an individualized rate, especially in language learning, mathematics, and cognitive domains (Botha et al., 2023).

Assistive technology on the other hand, includes a wide range of devices, software, and equipment designed to support persons with disabilities in performing everyday tasks (Bonanno et al., 2025). For students

with cerebral palsy, assistive technologies may include communication aids (speech-generating devices and eye-tracking systems), mobility supports (adapted keyboards, joysticks, or switch access systems), and software tools for reading and writing assistance (Myrden et al., 2014). The integration of assistive technologies into educational environment improves autonomy, reduces dependency on caregivers, and promotes inclusion within mainstream classrooms (Srinivasan et al., 2025). Moreover, advances in digital technology have expanded the possibilities of adaptive learning, providing multisensory experiences that can simulate real-life interactions, train motor coordination, and encourage social participation (Karadağ et al., 2025).

Despite these technological advancements, multiple challenges persist in implementing adaptive learning and assistive technologies effectively in children with cerebral palsy and these include high costs of equipment, insufficient teacher training, lack of institutional support, and limited awareness of the available technologies (Abdelwahab et al., 2025). On the other hand, the absence of structured models for evaluating the effects of such interventions introduces complications for researchers and practitioners (Nahar et al., 2024). The literature indicates a need for evidence-based approaches that integrate technology with rehabilitation principles, individualized educational plans, and interdisciplinary collaboration among teachers, therapists, and families (Makri et al., 2025).

Given these considerations, this research explores the current situation of adaptive learning and assistive technologies for students with cerebral palsy. It aims to examine how these technologies contribute to cognitive development, motor function, academic engagement, and social participation. Also, it discusses practical implications, challenges, and future directions for the integration of technology into special and inclusive education systems.

2. Methodology

2.1. Study design and setting

This research used a mixed-method, longitudinal design conducted over a 12-month period, from March 2024 to March 2025, with aim to assess the impact of adaptive learning systems and assistive technologies on cognitive, academic, and functional results among persons with cerebral palsy. This research combined quantitative assessment tools with qualitative interviews to show an integrated understanding of student development, engagement, and teacher perspectives.

Participants were recruited from special education schools and inclusive classrooms across the Pelagonia region of North Macedonia, including the municipalities of Bitola, Prilep, Kičevo, Veles, and Negotino, as well as additional centers in Štip and Probištip, ensuring various regional representation. Data were collected online using standardized digital questionnaires and assessment instruments adapted for children with physical and communication limitations.

2.2. Participants and recruitment

A total of 30 students with cerebral palsy participated (18 males and 12 females), 6 to 17 years ($M = 10.8 \pm 3.2$). Inclusion criteria included a confirmed medical diagnosis of cerebral palsy (any subtype), enrollment in a special or inclusive educational institution within the study regions, cognitive capacity to engage with adaptive digital content with or without assistive devices and availability of caregiver or teacher supervision during testing. Exclusion criteria comprised of uncorrected visual or hearing impairments preventing interaction with digital interfaces, concurrent progressive neurological or psychiatric conditions and absence of informed parental or caregiver consent. Participants were recruited through collaboration with school administrators, speech therapists, and regional rehabilitation centers.

2.3. Ethical considerations

Formal approval from an institutional ethics committee was not required because this research did not involve medical or invasive procedures, focusing instead on educational technology evaluation. Nevertheless, the research was conducted in full accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki (2013 revision). All participants' caregivers or legal guardians provided written informed consent through a secure digital platform before inclusion. The consent process clearly stated the purpose of the research, data protection measures, and the voluntary nature of participation. Students were unable to proceed to any section of the online questionnaire or assessment unless the consent form was completed.

2.4. Instruments and measures

Functional abilities were assessed using the FIM for children, which measures independence in self-care, mobility, communication, and social cognition. The total score ranges from 18 to 126, with higher scores reflecting

greater autonomy. Inter-rater reliability between teacher and caregiver ratings was high ($r = 0.86$, $p < 0.001$). Motor function levels were classified with the GMFCS, ranging from Level I (walks independently) to Level V (limited self-mobility requiring full assistance). This classification allowed stratification of results according to motor severity and association with FIM outcomes.

Cognitive and academic progress was evaluated in four domains: reading, writing, mathematics, and attention. Scores were recorded pre- and post-intervention using a 100-point scale standardized across institutions. Improvements were validated using both teacher assessments and computer-based performance analytics integrated in adaptive learning platforms. Also, a 0-100 visual analog engagement scale measured motivation, concentration, and task involvement during adaptive learning activities. Perceptions of intervention effectiveness were assessed using a 5-point Likert questionnaire, developed from previous rehabilitation and educational research models. Items included statements on motivation, communication, attention span, independence, and satisfaction with the intervention. The internal consistency was excellent (Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.91$). Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 15 teachers and 10 caregivers via online conferencing tools. Interviews explored thematic areas such as motivation, communication changes, and challenges in technology implementation. Responses were transcribed and analyzed thematically using NVivo 14.

2.5. Statistical analysis

All data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics version 29.0. Descriptive statistics were calculated for demographic and clinical characteristics (means, standard deviations, and percentages). Normality was verified using the Shapiro-Wilk test. Between-group comparisons were assessed via one-way analysis of variance, followed by Bonferroni post-hoc tests. Pre- and post-intervention differences in engagement, FIM, and academic outcomes were examined using paired samples t-tests. Effect sizes were calculated using Cohen's d and η^2 , with thresholds of 0.2 (small), 0.5 (medium), and 0.8 (large). Correlations between teacher-rated outcomes and measured cognitive improvement were computed using Spearman's ρ , given the ordinal nature of survey data. Significance was set at $p < 0.01$ for all analyses. Qualitative data were analyzed through inductive thematic analysis, identifying important patterns that complemented quantitative findings.

2.6. Summary of data integrity

Data completeness exceeded 96%, with only two missing cases handled by mean substitution. Cross-validation between teacher and caregiver responses was performed to ensure reliability. All anonymized data were stored securely on servers in compliance with GDPR standards.

3. Results

Gender	n	%	Years \pm standard deviation	Range of years
Male	18	60.0	11.1 \pm 3.4	6-17
Female	12	40.0	10.3 \pm 3.0	6-16
Total	30	100	10.8 \pm 3.2	6-17

Table 1. Distribution of gender of the participants.

Table 1 shows the gender distribution of the participants included in this research. The sample included 18 males (60%) and 12 females (40%). The mean age of male participants was slightly higher ($M = 11.1 \pm 3.4$ years) compared to females ($M = 10.3 \pm 3.0$ years). The general mean age of the cohort was 10.8 ± 3.2 years, from 6 to 17 years. These results connect with epidemiological data showing higher prevalence of cerebral palsy among males.

Cerebral palsy type	n	%	Mean years \pm standard deviation	Mean FIM score \pm standard deviation
Spastic diplegia	12	40.0	10.5 \pm 3.0	85.4 \pm 11.2
Spastic hemiplegia	8	26.7	11.2 \pm 3.5	88.1 \pm 9.5
Dyskinetic	5	16.7	10.9 \pm 3.6	79.8 \pm 10.4
Ataxic	3	10.0	9.7 \pm 2.8	82.6 \pm 8.7
Mixed	2	6.6	11.0 \pm 2.5	76.3 \pm 7.9
Total	30	100	10.8 \pm 3.2	83.2 \pm 12.5

Table 2. Distribution of participants by the type of cerebral palsy.

Table 2 shows the distribution of participants according to the clinical subtype of cerebral palsy. The majority of students were with spastic diplegia, followed by spastic hemiplegia (26.7%), while mixed forms were least represented (6.6%). The mean age across subgroups ranged between 9.7 and 11.2 years, with no statistically significant difference among types ($p = 0.41$, analysis of variance). Functional Independence Measure (FIM)

scores were highest among students with spastic hemiplegia ($M = 88.1 \pm 9.5$), indicating better self-care and mobility capacities, whereas the lowest mean FIM was observed in the mixed-type group ($M = 76.3 \pm 7.9$). These results show heterogeneous functional profiles among the subtypes of cerebral palsy.

GMFCS Level	Description	n	%	Mean age \pm standard deviation	Mean FIM result \pm standard deviation
Level I-II	Walks independently, minor limitations in advanced motor skills	10	33.3	11.2 \pm 3.1	91.6 \pm 8.9
Level III	Walks with assistive mobility devices or support	12	40.0	10.6 \pm 3.4	83.7 \pm 9.8
Level IV-V	Limited self-mobility, uses powered mobility or full assistance	8	26.7	10.2 \pm 3.3	71.8 \pm 7.5
Total	/	30	100	10.8 \pm 3.2	83.2 \pm 12.5

Table 3.. Distribution of the participants according to Gross motor function classification system - GMFCS.

Table 3 shows the distribution of the participants with cerebral palsy according to the GMFCS system. The largest proportion of participants were classified at Level III, indicating the use of assistive devices for ambulation, while 33.3% showed higher functional independence. Students within Levels IV-V, representing those with severe motor limitations requiring substantial assistance, consisted of 26.7% of the sample. A progressive decline in FIM scores was observed with increasing GMFCS level severity, with statistically significant differences between high-functioning (Levels I-II) and low-functioning (Levels IV-V) groups ($p < 0.01$, analysis of variance; $\eta^2 = 0.36$ indicating a large effect size).

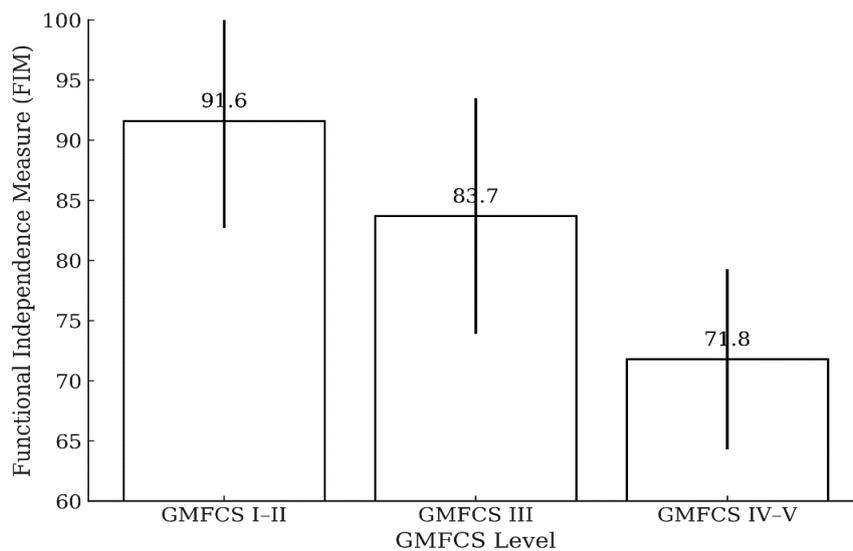


Figure 1. Functional Independence by GMFCS.

Figure 1 shows the mean of FIM scores across different GMFCS levels. A gradual decline in functional independence is evident with increasing GMFCS severity. Participants classified as Level I-II showed the highest independence ($M = 91.6 \pm 8.9$), followed by Level III ($M = 83.7 \pm 9.8$), while those in Levels IV-V showed the lowest scores ($M = 71.8 \pm 7.5$). The differences between high-functioning (Levels I-II) and low-functioning (Levels IV-V) groups were statistically significant ($p < 0.01$, analysis of variance; $\eta^2 = 0.36$).

Assistive technology type	n	%	Mean duration of usage in months \pm standard deviation	Mean performance improvement in percent \pm standard deviation
Speech-to-text software	9	30.0	10.2 \pm 3.9	18.7 \pm 6.4
Alternative input devices	8	26.7	8.5 \pm 4.3	15.2 \pm 5.7
Eye-tracking communication systems	6	20.0	11.6 \pm 4.1	21.5 \pm 7.2
Individualized digital learning platforms	7	23.3	7.9 \pm 3.5	16.9 \pm 6.0
Total / Mean	30	100	9.4 \pm 4.7	18.1 \pm 6.6

Table 4. The usage of assistive technology among the participants.

Table 4 shows the types and usage patterns of assistive technologies used by the students participating in this research. The most frequently used tools were speech-to-text software (30%) and alternative input devices (26.7%), indicating for necessity for improvement and accessibility in academic tasks such as writing and communication. The mean duration of technology use was 9.4 ± 4.7 months, indicating sustained engagement with assistive systems over nearly one academic year. The average improvement in performance, assessed through teacher-based evaluations and task completion metrics, reached $18.1 \pm 6.6\%$ across technologies. Eye-tracking systems showed the highest performance improvement (21.5%), followed by speech-to-text applications (18.7%), showing their impact on both cognitive and communicative functioning.

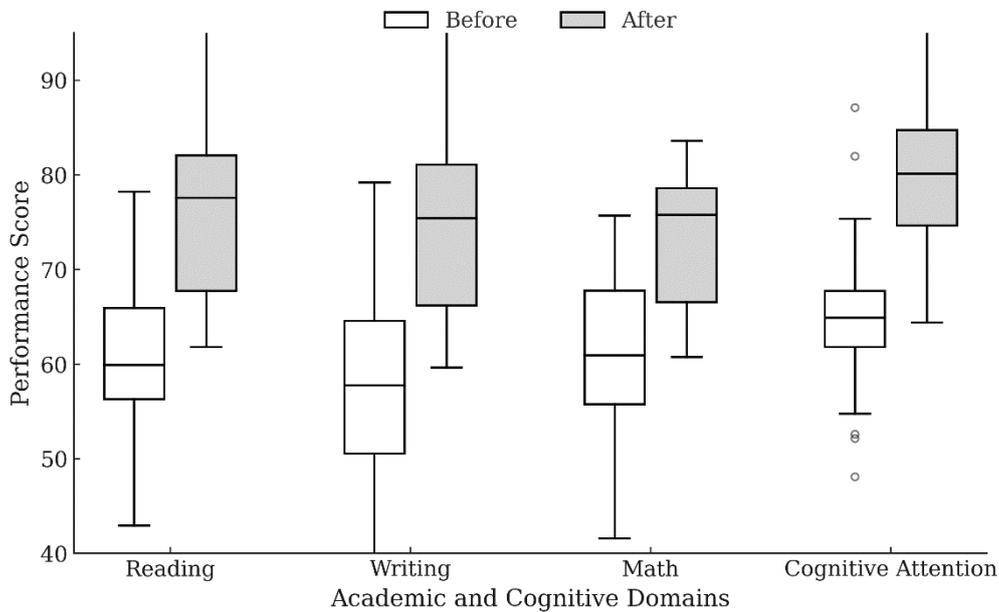


Figure 2. Academic and cognitive results before and after adaptive learning intervention.

Figure 2 shows the distribution of academic and cognitive performance scores across four areas - reading, writing, math, and cognitive attention before and after the adaptive learning and assistive technology intervention. Each box represents the interquartile range with the horizontal line indicating the median value and whiskers showing variability within $1.5 \times$ IQR. A consistent upward shift in medians and general distribution is observed in all areas following the intervention. Statistical analysis with paired t-tests revealed improvements among all categories ($p < 0.001$), with large effect sizes (Cohen's $d = 1.25$ - 1.64). The most significant improvement was noted in cognitive attention, suggesting improved concentration and task engagement after the application of adaptive learning strategies and assistive tools.

Variable	Time point	Mean \pm standard deviation	Mean Difference	$t(29)$	p -value	Cohen's d
Engagement scale from 0 to 100	Before	61.7 ± 9.8	$\uparrow 16.3$	9.12	< 0.001	1.66
	After	78.0 ± 8.4				
Functional independence measure - FIM	Before	83.2 ± 12.5	$\uparrow 9.7$	6.84	< 0.001	1.25
	After	92.9 ± 10.8				

Table 5. Engagement and functional independence before and after adaptive learning intervention.

Table 5 shows the paired t-test results assessing pre- and post-intervention changes in engagement and functional independence among the participants following the adaptive learning and assistive technology program. Both measures demonstrated statistically significant improvements after the intervention ($p < 0.001$). The engagement scale increased by an average of 16.3 points (Cohen's $d = 1.66$), indicating a large effect size and strong motivational impact of the adaptive learning environment. Similarly, FIM improved by 9.7 points (Cohen's $d = 1.25$), suggesting gain in self-care and task autonomy. Correlation analysis further revealed a moderate positive association ($r = 0.58, p < 0.01$) between engagement gains and improvements in functional independence, supporting the hypothesis that higher student engagement improves adaptive performance and self-reliance.

Item	Mean \pm standard deviation	ρ with cognitive progress	<i>p</i> -value
The student shows increased motivation during learning activities	4.47 \pm 0.63	0.68	< 0.001
The use of assistive technology improved the communication	4.60 \pm 0.58	0.71	< 0.001
Adaptive learning improved the attention span of the student	4.33 \pm 0.66	0.64	0.002
The student shows more independence in completing tasks	4.53 \pm 0.59	0.73	< 0.001
General satisfaction with the intervention program	4.77 \pm 0.42	0.76	< 0.001

Table 6. Teacher and caregiver perceptions and correlations with cognitive progress.

Table 6 shows the average ratings from teachers and caregivers about the behavioral, cognitive and functional changes after the adaptive learning intervention of the participants. All items received high mean ratings (>4.3), indicating strong viewed benefits of the program. The strongest correlations with objective cognitive improvement were found for task independence ($\rho = 0.73$) and general satisfaction ($\rho = 0.76$), confirming that higher viewed self-reliance and program satisfaction were associated with greater cognitive gains.

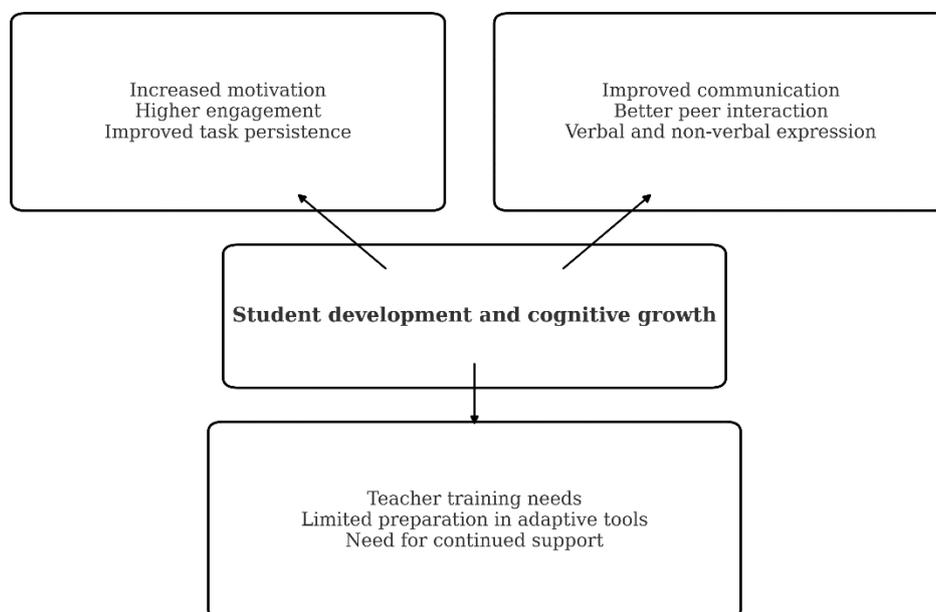


Figure 3. Thematic map of qualitative observations from teacher and caregiver interviews.

Figure 3 shows the core qualitative themes extracted from semi-structured interviews with teachers and caregivers of persons with cerebral palsy participating in adaptive learning programs. Three major thematic domains showed up: increased motivation characterized by higher engagement and improved task persistence; improved communication showing better peer interaction and both verbal and non-verbal expression; and teacher training needs highlighting insufficient preparation in adaptive technology and the ongoing demand for professional development. All themes collectively show student development and cognitive growth as the central result of interdisciplinary collaboration and assistive technology integration in schools.

4. Discussion and conclusion

The results of this research show strong empirical evidence supporting the effects of adaptive learning and assistive technologies on the academic, cognitive, and functional development of persons with cerebral palsy in special and inclusive educational environments across North Macedonia. The integration of individualized digital platforms and assistive devices led to improvements in engagement, independence, and task performance. Quantitative results showed large effect sizes in both the FIM and engagement scales, while qualitative analyses showed that increased motivation, improved communication, and better teacher preparedness were primary factors of educational success.

These results define the role of adaptive technology in integrating functional limitations and learning opportunities for persons with cerebral palsy. The observed improvement in cognitive attention and academic achievement suggests that individualized digital interventions can address neurocognitive and motor challenges, supporting long-term participation and inclusion within the classroom. Also, the alignment between teacher and caregiver views and quantitative progress affirms the role of collaborative support systems and context-sensitive implementation of adaptive technologies in special education.

Stasolla et al. (2019) concluded that assistive technology interventions improve adaptive skills, independence, and positive participation in children with cerebral palsy. Even simple electronic based systems were shown to improve engagement and quality of life, with strong social validation from parents, teachers, and therapists, supporting their broader application in educational and rehabilitation environments. Moen and Østensjø (2024) concluded that early provision and consistent integration of assistive devices substantially improve daily functioning and caregiving in young children with cerebral palsy. Their population-based findings showed that the use and viewed benefits of assistive technologies increase with the severity of motor limitations, showing that effective implementation depends not only on the motor abilities of the child but also on environmental and contextual factors such as home accessibility, type of equipment, and family support.

Zupan and Jenko (2012) showed that assistive technology is important for improving mobility, communication, and environmental interaction for persons with cerebral palsy. Their review showed that appropriate selection and customization of devices, ranging from mobility aids and powered wheelchairs to augmentative and alternative communication systems can improve autonomy and general quality of life. Colomo-Palacios et al. (2010) introduced the MAS platform as an early model of e-learning designed to support persons with severe intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy. Their results showed that adaptive digital environments integrating learning games, data monitoring, and individualized feedback can facilitate engagement and cognitive development in special education. The study showed the potential of such platforms to enable educators and optimize individualized learning processes.

Khoeriah et al. (2019) showed that assistive technology serves as important educational and rehabilitative tool for developing vocational and life skills in persons with cerebral palsy. Their qualitative findings showed that adaptive, environmentally friendly tools and multimedia vocational training improves independence, confidence, and community participation. The research defined that customized assistive technologies not only improve functional mobility but also prepare students with cerebral palsy for integration into every day and professional life. Also, Lohmann et al. (2020) showed that assistive technology is important for enabling inclusive learning and play among preschool children with disabilities. Their work showed that individualized tools supporting communication, mobility, and independence allow young children with cerebral palsy and other developmental conditions to engage in social interactions, develop empathy, and improve early learning results. This research showed that early integration of assistive devices within play-based learning environments promotes inclusion and holistic child development.

Zdravkova et al. (2022) provided a comprehensive overview of the role of artificial intelligence in advancing modern assistive and learning technologies for children with disabilities. Their review showed how artificial intelligence systems improves communication, personalization, and educational accessibility, offering new opportunities for adaptive learning and interaction. The authors also addressed some raising ethical considerations related to data use and child autonomy, showing the need for responsible integration of artificial intelligence assistive solutions in schools.

The results of this research confirm that adaptive learning and assistive technologies shows an approach in improving the educational and functional results for persons with cerebral palsy. The integration of individualized digital learning environments and assistive devices showed gains in cognitive attention, academic achievement, motivation, and independence. Quantitative analysis showed statistically significant progress in both engagement and functional independence, supported by large effect sizes, while qualitative feedback demonstrated increased communication abilities, motivation, and teacher preparedness. This research defines the strong empirical support for the use of adaptive systems that adjust to each learner's needs, integrating physical limitations and educational participation. The alignment of teacher and caregiver perspectives with measurable results strengthens the importance of a collaborative and interdisciplinary framework that includes educators, rehabilitation specialists, and families.

On the other hand, these results support global evidence that early and consistent integration of assistive technologies can promote autonomy and participation, reduce environmental barriers, and support inclusive education. The synergy between adaptive learning tools and individualized rehabilitation strategies can improve the quality of life and learning equity for children with cerebral palsy. Future research should focus on longitudinal researches of technology-assisted learning outcomes, cost-effectiveness analyses, and the incorporation of

artificial intelligence personalization. Continuous teacher training and policy support are still important to secure sustainable implementation and equitable access across educational systems.

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