

Evidence Portfolio – Chronic Conditions Subcommittee, Question 2

In individuals with osteoarthritis, what is the relationship between physical activity and (1) risk of co-morbid conditions, (2) physical function, (3) health-related quality of life, (4) disease progression, and (5) pain?

- a. Is there a dose-response relationship? If yes, what is the shape of the relationship?
- b. Does the relationship vary by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, or weight status?
- c. Does the relationship vary based on: frequency, duration, intensity, type (mode), or how physical activity is measured?

Sources of Evidence: Original Research, Existing Systematic Review, and Existing Meta-Analyses

Conclusion Statements and Grades

RISK OF CO-MORBID CONDITIONS

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether a relationship exists between greater amounts of physical activity and comorbidities in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

PHYSICAL FUNCTION OR PAIN

Strong evidence demonstrates a relationship between greater amounts of physical activity with decreased pain and improved physical function in adults with osteoarthritis of the knee and hip. **PAGAC Grade: Strong.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether a dose-response relationship exists between physical activity with pain or physical function in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the relationship between physical activity with pain or physical function varies by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or body weight status in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Limited evidence suggests that greater intensity or duration of aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity is related to improvement in pain and physical function in individuals with osteoarthritis of the knee and hip. **PAGAC Grade: Limited.**

HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE

Moderate evidence indicates a relationship between greater amounts of physical activity and improved health-related quality of life in individuals with osteoarthritis of the knee and hip. **PAGAC Grade: Moderate.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether a dose-response relationship exists between physical activity and health-related quality of life in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the relationship between physical activity and health-related quality of life varies by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or body weight status in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the frequency, duration, intensity, or type (mode) of physical activity is related to health-related quality of life in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

DISEASE PROGRESSION

Moderate evidence indicates a relationship between physical activity and disease progression in individuals with osteoarthritis. Moderate evidence indicates that up to the range of 10,000 steps per day, ambulatory physical activity does not accelerate osteoarthritis of the knee. **PAGAC Grade: Moderate.**

Moderate evidence indicates a dose-response relationship between physical activity and disease progression in individuals with osteoarthritis. The relationship appears to be U-shaped. **PAGAC Grade: Moderate.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the relationship between physical activity and progression varies by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or body weight status in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the frequency, duration, intensity, or type (mode) of physical activity is related to progression in individuals with osteoarthritis. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.**

Description of the Evidence

An initial search for systematic reviews, meta-analyses, pooled analyses, and reports identified sufficient literature to answer four of the five health outcomes in the research question. The initial search for systematic reviews, meta-analyses, pooled analyses, and reports did not identify sufficient literature to answer the disease progression health outcome in the research question as determined by the Chronic Conditions Subcommittee. A supplementary search for original research was conducted to capture literature related to the disease progression health outcome.

PAIN

Existing Meta-Analyses

Overview

A total of 5 meta-analyses were included.¹⁻⁵ The reviews were published between 2014 and 2016 and included a range of 11 to 54 studies. The meta-analyses covered an extensive timeframe: inception to 2012,⁵ inception to 2013,⁴ inception to 2014,² and 1945 to April 2015.¹ [Chang et al³](#) did not report on the search timeframe.

Exposures

The meta-analyses examined a variety of physical activity interventions, including land-based therapeutic strength and aerobic exercises,^{2,4} aquatic activities,^{1,2} and tai chi.^{3,4} [Juhl et al](#)⁵ examined single exercises or a combination of exercises, including aerobic, resistance, and performance training.

Outcomes

The included reviews¹⁻⁵ addressed pain as an outcome using a variety of scales (e.g., Western Ontario and McMaster's Osteoarthritis Index, Lequesne Osteoarthritis Index).

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Outcomes

The included reviews addressed physical function outcomes in a variety of ways, including perceived self-efficacy and cognitive and emotional impairment³; functional aerobic capacity^{3,6}; and disability and physical function measured using the Activities of Daily Living Scale, Western Ontario and McMaster's Osteoarthritis Index, or Global Disability Scores, among other tools.^{1,4,5}

HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE

Existing Meta-Analyses

Overview

A total of 2 meta-analyses were included.^{1,4} The reviews were published in 2015 and 2016 and included a range of 13–54 studies. The 2 meta-analyses covered an extensive timeframe: from inception to 2013⁴ and from 1945 to April 2015.¹

Exposures

[Fransen et al](#)⁴ examined a variety of land-based therapeutic exercises, including muscle strengthening, balance training, aerobic walking, cycling, and tai chi. [Bartels et al](#)¹ assessed various types of exercises (e.g., range of motion, strength, aerobics) performed in a therapeutic or heated indoor pool.

Outcomes

The included reviews addressed health-related quality of life as an outcome using a variety of scales.^{1,4}

DISEASE PROGRESSION

Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Overview

A total of 2 existing reviews were included: 1 systematic review⁷ and 1 meta-analysis.⁸ The reviews were published in 2015 and 2016. The systematic review⁷ included 49 studies published from inception to 2013. The meta-analysis included 3 studies published from inception to 2015.

Exposures

The meta-analysis⁸ assessed self-reported running or jogging (including running-related sports such as triathlon and orienteering). The studies included in the systematic review⁷ used low-impact therapeutic physical activity combining strengthening, stretching, and aerobic elements.

Outcomes

[Timmins et al](#)⁸ used radiography, imaging, and questionnaires to examine diagnosis of knee osteoarthritis, radiographic markers of knee osteoarthritis, knee joint surgery for osteoarthritis, knee pain, and knee-associated disability. [Quicke et al](#)⁷ assessed structural osteoarthritis imaging progression or progression to total knee replacement as outcomes.

Original Research

Overview

A total of 5 original research studies that examined the relationship between physical activity and disease progression were included as sources of evidence.⁹⁻¹³ All studies were prospective cohorts and were published from 2013 to 2016.

The analytical sample size ranged from 100¹¹ to 2,073.¹⁰ Of the 4 studies that reported location, 3 were conducted in the United States^{10, 12, 13} and 1 was conducted in Tasmania.⁹

Exposure

The included studies examined self-reported¹⁰⁻¹² physical activity using the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (PASE), and measured steps objectively via accelerometer or pedometer.^{9, 13}

Outcomes

All included studies examined osteoarthritis progression (e.g., knee structural change, cartilage loss) as the outcome.

Populations Analyzed

The table below lists the populations analyzed in each article.

Table 1. Populations Analyzed by All Sources of Evidence

	Age	Chronic Conditions	Other
Bartels, 2016	Older adults	Osteoarthritis	
Beumer, 2016	Adults	Osteoarthritis	
Chang, 2016	Adults	Osteoarthritis	
Dore, 2013	Age 50–80	Subjects with and without pre-existing knee abnormalities (56–58% with knee osteoarthritis)	
Escalante, 2011	Adults	Osteoarthritis	
Felson, 2013	Mean 61	With or at high risk of knee osteoarthritis	
Fransen, 2015	Adults	Osteoarthritis	
Juhl, 2014	52.2–73.8	Osteoarthritis	
Kwee, 2016	45–79	Osteoarthritis	
Lin, 2013	45–60		
Oiestad, 2015	50–79	Subjects at high risk or with osteoarthritis diagnosis (Kellgren and Lawrence grades <3)	
Quicke, 2016	Mean age >45	Osteoarthritis	Knee pain
Timmins, 2016	Adults	Osteoarthritis	

Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses

Table 2. Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses Individual Evidence Summary Tables

Pain, Physical Function, and Health-Related Quality of Life	
Meta-Analysis	
Citation: Bartels EM, Juhl CB, Christensen R, et al. Aquatic exercise for the treatment of knee and hip osteoarthritis. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . March 2016:Cd005523. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD005523.pub3.	
Purpose: To evaluate the effects of aquatic exercise for people with knee or hip osteoarthritis, or both, compared to no intervention.	Abstract: BACKGROUND: Osteoarthritis is a chronic disease characterized by joint pain, tenderness, and limitation of movement. At present, no cure is available. Thus only treatment of the person's symptoms and treatment to prevent further development of the disease are possible. Clinical trials indicate that aquatic exercise may have advantages for people with osteoarthritis. This is an update of a published Cochrane review. OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the effects of aquatic exercise for people with knee or hip osteoarthritis, or both, compared to no intervention. SEARCH METHODS: We searched the following databases up to 28 April 2015: the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL; the Cochrane Library Issue 1, 2014), MEDLINE (from 1949), EMBASE (from 1980), CINAHL (from 1982), PEDro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database), and Web of Science (from 1945). There was no language restriction. SELECTION CRITERIA: Randomized controlled clinical trials of aquatic exercise compared to a control group (e.g. usual care, education, social attention, telephone call, waiting list for surgery) of participants with knee or hip osteoarthritis. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: Two review authors independently selected trials for inclusion, extracted data and assessed risk of bias of the included trials. We analysed the pooled results using standardized mean difference (SMD) values. MAIN RESULTS: Nine new trials met the inclusion criteria and we excluded two earlier included trials. Thus the number of participants increased from 800 to 1190 and the number of included trials increased from six to 13. Most participants were female (75%), with an average age of 68 years and a body mass index (BMI) of 29.4. Osteoarthritis duration was 6.7 years, with a great variation of the included participants. The mean aquatic exercise duration was 12 weeks. We found 12 trials at low to unclear risk of bias for all domains except blinding of participants and personnel. They showed that aquatic exercise caused a small short term improvement compared to control in pain (SMD -0.31, 95% CI -0.47 to -0.15; 12 trials, 1076 participants) and disability (SMD -0.32, 95% CI -0.47 to -0.17; 12 trials, 1059 participants). Ten trials showed a small effect on quality of life (QoL) (SMD -0.25, 95% CI -0.49 to -0.01; 10 trials, 971 participants). These effects on pain and disability correspond to a five point lower (95% CI three to eight points lower) score on mean pain and mean disability compared to the control group (scale 0 to 100), and a seven point higher (95% CI 0 to 13 points higher) score on mean QoL compared with control group (scale 0 to 100). No included trials performed a radiographic evaluation. No serious adverse events were reported in the included trials with relation to aquatic exercise. AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: There is moderate quality evidence that aquatic
Timeframe: 1945–April 2015	
Total # of Studies: 13	
Exposure Definition: All types of exercises (e.g., range of motion, strength, aerobics) performed in a therapeutic/heated indoor pool. The mean length of the interventions was 12 weeks (range 6–20 weeks).	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Pain, disability, quality of life: measurement tools, e.g., Activities of Daily Living Scale, visual analog scale, short form health survey (SF 36/12/8), Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index (WOMAC) physical function subscale with a scale of 0–100.	

Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	exercise may have small, short-term, and clinically relevant effects on patient-reported pain, disability, and QoL in people with knee and hip OA. The conclusions of this review update does not change those of the previous published version of this Cochrane review.
Populations Analyzed: Older adults, Osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: The Oak Foundation.

Pain

Meta-Analysis	
Citation: Beumer L, Wong J, Warden SJ, Kemp JL, Foster P, Crossley KM. Effects of exercise and manual therapy on pain associated with hip osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Br J Sports Med.</i> 2016;50(8):458–463. doi:10.1136/bjsports-2015-095255.	
Purpose: To examine the short-term, medium-term, and long-term efficacy of land-based and water-based exercise therapies and manual therapies in the reduction of pain in patients with hip osteoarthritis.	Abstract: AIM: To explore the effects of exercise (water-based or land-based) and/or manual therapies on pain in adults with clinically and/or radiographically diagnosed hip osteoarthritis (OA). METHODS: A systematic review and meta-analysis was performed, with patient reported pain assessed using a visual analogue scale (VAS) or the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index (WOMAC) pain subscale. Data were grouped by follow-up time (0-3 months=short term; 4-12 months=medium term and; >12 months=long term), and standardised mean differences (SMD) with 95% CIs were used to establish intervention effect sizes. Study quality was assessed using modified PEDro scores. RESULTS: 19 trials were included. Four studies showed short-term benefits favouring water-based exercise over minimal control using the WOMAC pain subscale (SMD -0.53, 95% CI -0.96 to -0.10). Six studies supported a short-term benefit of land-based exercise compared to minimal control on VAS assessed pain (SMD -0.49, 95% CI -0.70 to -0.29). There were no medium (SMD -0.23, 95% CI -0.48 to 0.03) or long (SMD -0.22, 95% CI -0.51 to 0.06) term benefits of exercise therapy, or benefit of combining exercise therapy with manual therapy (SMD -0.38, 95% CI -0.88 to 0.13) when compared to minimal control. CONCLUSIONS: Best available evidence indicates that exercise therapy (whether land-based or water-based) is more effective than minimal control in managing pain associated with hip OA in the short term. Larger high-quality RCTs are needed to establish the effectiveness of exercise and manual therapies in the medium and long term.
Timeframe: Inception–July 2014	
Total # of Studies: 19	
Exposure Definition: Exercise or manual therapies. Exercise therapies were either land or water based. Intervention durations were <3 months, 4–12 months, and >12 months. Study and intervention characteristics were included in 2 appendices.	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Pain: patient-reported, assessed using a visual analogue scale (VAS) or the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index (WOMAC) pain subscale. Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults, Osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: No funding source used.

Pain and Physical Function

Meta-Analysis

Citation: Chang WD, Chen S, Lee CL, Lin HY, Lai PT. The effects of tai chi chuan on improving mind-body health for knee osteoarthritis patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Evid Based Complement Alternat Med.* July 2016:1813979. doi:10.1155/2016/1813979.

Purpose: To conduct a meta-analysis and systematic review examining whether tai chi chuan could have mental and physical benefits for patients with knee osteoarthritis.

Timeframe: Not reported

Total # of Studies: 11

Exposure Definition: Tai chi chuan was the primary intervention exercise; 12–31 movements of Sun-style form and 10–24 movements of Yang-style form were adopted, and 40- to 65-minute training sessions of tai chi chuan class were conducted 1–4 times each week for 6–24 weeks.

Measures Steps: No

Measures Bouts: No

Examines HIIT: No

Outcomes Addressed: Perceived self-efficacy, benefits, barriers, and emotional salience: 28-item motivation scale for health behaviors. Cognitive and emotional impairment: 60-point Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Index and 30-point mini-mental state examination. Severity of pain during knee movement: 10-point visual analog scale and 35-point knee pain scale of Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC). Knee muscle strength, endurance, and range of motion: isokinetic dynamometer and a goniometer. Cardiovascular functioning: 6-minute walk test, stair climb test, sit-to-stand test, and Timed Up and Go test.

Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: Yes

Populations Analyzed: Adults, Osteoarthritis

Abstract: Purpose. To conduct a meta-analysis and systematic review examining whether Tai Chi Chuan could have mental and physical benefits for patients with knee osteoarthritis. Methods. MEDLINE, PUBMED, EMBASE, and CINAHL databases were searched for relevant studies. Data of the studies were collected, and outcomes were classified using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health model. Effect sizes of the mental and physical components were determined, along with the recommendation grades of Philadelphia Panel Classification System for Tai Chi Chuan on knee osteoarthritis. Results. Eleven studies were selected and retrieved from the databases. The results of meta-analysis revealed that the effects of Tai Chi Chuan were observed for physical components in the body functions and structures domain. The effects favoring Tai Chi Chuan were observed in the physical component in the activities and participation domain. Insufficient data was included in the meta-analysis of the mental component. Conclusions. The review revealed that Tai Chi Chuan had beneficial outcomes for patients with knee osteoarthritis. The evidence-based results represented that it had small-to-moderate effects on body functions and structures, activities, and participation of physical component. However, there was insufficient evidence to support that Tai Chi Chuan had beneficial mental effect.

Author-Stated Funding Source: China Medical University.

Physical Function

Meta-Analysis	
Citation: Escalante Y, Garcia-Hermoso A, Saavedra JM. Effects of exercise on functional aerobic capacity in lower limb osteoarthritis: a systematic review. <i>J Sci Med Sport</i> . 2011;14(3):190–198. doi:10.1016/j.jsams.2010.10.004.	
Purpose: To summarize evidence for the effectiveness and structure of exercise programs on functional aerobic capacity in patients with hip and knee osteoarthritis.	Abstract: Osteoarthritis (OA) is a degenerative joint disease. The reduced aerobic capacity of patients with lower limb osteoarthritis affects their independence in performing everyday activities. The purpose of this systematic review was to summarize evidence for the effectiveness and structure of exercise programs on functional aerobic capacity (ability to perform activities of daily living that require sustained aerobic metabolism) in patients with hip and knee osteoarthritis. A computerized search was made of seven databases. Effect sizes (ES) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) were calculated, and the heterogeneity of the studies was assessed using Cochran's Q statistic applied to the ES means. The 20 studies that satisfied the inclusion criteria were selected for analysis. These studies were grouped into five categories according to the characteristics of the exercise program: land-based interventions (strength programs, tai chi, aerobic programs, mixed exercise programs) and aquatic intervention (hydrotherapy). The functional aerobic capacity improved in tai chi programs (ES=0.66; 95% CI, 0.23-1.09), aerobic programs (ES=0.90; 95% CI, 0.70-1.10), and mixed programs (ES=0.47; 95% CI, -0.38-0.39). The conclusions were: (i) despite recommendations for the use of exercise programs for aerobic fitness in patients with hip and knee osteoarthritis, few randomized clinical trials have been conducted; (ii) the structure of the exercise programs (program content and duration, and session frequency and duration) is very heterogeneous; (iii) overall, exercise programs based on tai chi, aerobic, and mixed exercise seem to give better results than hydrotherapy programs, but without the differences being altogether clear.
Timeframe: Inception–August 2010	
Total # of Studies: 20	
Exposure Definition: Physical exercise, including land exercise (strength, tai chi, aerobic, mixed programs) and aquatic interventions; minimum program duration of 4 weeks.	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Aerobic capacity: 6-minute walk test. Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults, Osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: Ministry of Education; Social European Funds and the Autonomous Government of Extremadura.

Pain, Physical Function, and Health-Related Quality of Life

Meta-Analysis	
Citation: Fransen M, McConnell S, Harmer AR, Van der Esch M, Simic M, Bennell KL. Exercise for osteoarthritis of the knee: a Cochrane systematic review. <i>Br J Sports Med.</i> 2015;49(24):1554–1557. doi:10.1136/bjsports-2015-095424.	
Purpose: To determine whether land-based therapeutic exercise is beneficial for people with knee osteoarthritis in terms of reduced joint pain or improved physical function and quality of life.	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To determine whether land-based therapeutic exercise is beneficial for people with knee osteoarthritis (OA) in terms of reduced joint pain or improved physical function and quality of life. METHODS: Five electronic databases were searched, up until May 2013. Randomised clinical trials comparing some form of land-based therapeutic exercise with a non-exercise control were selected. Three teams of two review authors independently extracted data and assessed risk of bias for each study. Standardised mean differences immediately after treatment and 2-6 months after cessation of formal treatment were separately pooled using a random effects model. RESULTS: In total, 54 studies were identified. Overall, 19 (35%) studies reported adequate random sequence generation, allocation concealment and adequately accounted for incomplete outcome data. However, research results may be vulnerable to selection, attrition and detection bias. Pooled results from 44 trials indicated that exercise significantly reduced pain (12 points/100; 95% CI 10 to 15) and improved physical function (10 points/100; 95% CI 8 to 13) to a moderate degree immediately after treatment, while evidence from 13 studies revealed that exercise significantly improved quality of life immediately after treatment with small effect (4 points/100; 95% CI 2 to 5). In addition, 12 studies provided 2-month to 6-month post-treatment sustainability data which showed significantly reduced knee pain (6 points/100; 95% CI 3 to 9) and 10 studies which showed improved physical function (3 points/100; 95% CI 1 to 5). CONCLUSIONS: Among people with knee osteoarthritis, land-based therapeutic exercise provides short-term benefit that is sustained for at least 2-6 months after cessation of formal treatment.
Timeframe: Inception–May 2013	
Total # of Studies: 54	
Exposure Definition: Land-based therapeutic exercises, which varied widely in the type, location, frequency, duration, and intensity of exercise. Examples of exercise programs include a multimodal intervention with manual therapy, upper limb and trunk muscle strengthening, and balance training. Aerobic walking, cycling, and tai chi were also used as interventions, which ranged from 1 day per week to 5 days per week. Sessions lasted 20–60 minutes.	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Pain, physical function, quality of life: Scales (e.g., Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index [WOMAC], global disability scores, global pain scores, Short Form 36, sickness impact profile, or Lequesne Osteoarthritis Index). Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults, Osteoarthritis	Author-Statement Funding Source: National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia.

Pain and Physical Function

Meta-Analysis

Citation: Juhl C, Christensen R, Roos EM, Zhang W, Lund H. Impact of exercise type and dose on pain and disability in knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-regression analysis of randomized controlled trials. *Arthritis Rheumatol.* 2014;66(3):622–636. doi:10.1002/art.38290.

Purpose: To analyze the effect of exercise therapy interventions in order to identify the optimal exercise program for reducing pain and disability in knee osteoarthritis among adults.

Timeframe: Inception–May 2012

Total # of Studies: 48

Exposure Definition: Exercise programs classified as a single type of exercise (at least 75% of the exercise session, including warm-up and cooldown, involved one type of exercise) or as consisting of a combination of different types of exercise (several types of exercise with different aims were performed within the same session). Stratified analysis by type (aerobic, resistance, or performance) and amount of exercise (low: up to 12 sessions, intermediate: 13–24, large: >25 sessions).

Measures Steps: No

Measures Bouts: No

Examines HIIT: No

Outcomes Addressed: Pain.
Disability.

Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No

Populations Analyzed: Ages 52.2–73.8, Osteoarthritis

Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To identify the optimal exercise program, characterized by type and intensity of exercise, length of program, duration of individual supervised sessions, and number of sessions per week, for reducing pain and patient-reported disability in knee osteoarthritis (OA). METHODS: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials were performed. Standardized mean differences (SMDs) were combined using a random-effects model. Study-level covariates were applied in meta-regression analyses in order to reduce between-study heterogeneity. RESULTS: Forty-eight trials were included. Similar effects in reducing pain were found for aerobic, resistance, and performance exercise (SMD 0.67, 0.62, and 0.48, respectively; P = 0.733). These single-type exercise programs were more efficacious than programs that included different exercise types (SMD 0.61 versus 0.16; P < 0.001). The effect of aerobic exercise on pain relief increased with an increased number of supervised sessions (slope 0.022 [95% confidence interval 0.002, 0.043]). More pain reduction occurred with quadriceps-specific exercise than with lower limb exercise (SMD 0.85 versus 0.39; P = 0.005) and when supervised exercise was performed at least 3 times a week (SMD 0.68 versus 0.41; P = 0.017). No impact of intensity, duration of individual sessions, or patient characteristics was found. Similar results were found for the effect on patient-reported disability. CONCLUSION: Optimal exercise programs for knee OA should have one aim and focus on improving aerobic capacity, quadriceps muscle strength, or lower extremity performance. For best results, the program should be supervised and carried out 3 times a week. Such programs have a similar effect regardless of patient characteristics, including radiographic severity and baseline pain.

Author-Stated Funding Source: Health Insurance Foundation; Danish Physiotherapy Association; Oak Foundation.

Progression

Systematic Review	
Citation: Quicke JG, Foster NE, Thomas MJ, Holden MA. Is long-term physical activity safe for older adults with knee pain? A systematic review. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2015;23(9):1445–1456. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2015.05.002.	
Purpose: To synthesize existing literature from multiple safety-related outcome domains to determine whether long-term PA is safe for older adults with knee pain.	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To determine whether long-term physical activity is safe for older adults with knee pain. DESIGN: A comprehensive systematic review and narrative synthesis of existing literature was conducted using multiple electronic databases from inception until May 2013. Two reviewers independently screened, checked data extraction and carried out quality assessment. Inclusion criteria for study designs were randomised controlled trials (RCTs), prospective cohort studies or case control studies, which included adults of mean age over 45 years old with knee pain or osteoarthritis (OA), undertaking physical activity over at least 3 months and which measured a safety related outcome (adverse events, pain, physical functioning, structural OA imaging progression or progression to total knee replacement (TKR)). RESULTS: Of the 8614 unique references identified, 49 studies were included in the review, comprising 48 RCTs and one case control study. RCTs varied in quality and included an array of low impact therapeutic exercise interventions of varying cardiovascular intensity. There was no evidence of serious adverse events, increases in pain, decreases in physical function, progression of structural OA on imaging or increased TKR at group level. The case control study concluded that increasing levels of regular physical activity was associated with lower risk of progression to TKR. CONCLUSIONS: Long-term therapeutic exercise lasting 3 to 30 months is safe for most older adults with knee pain. This evidence supports current clinical guideline recommendations. However, most studies investigated selected, consenting older adults carrying out low impact therapeutic exercise which may affect result generalizability. SYSTEMATIC REVIEW REGISTRATION: PROSPERO 2014:CRD42014006913.
Timeframe: Inception–May 2013	
Total # of Studies: 49	
Exposure Definition: PA type, intensity, and duration varied widely. All of the randomized controlled trials investigated therapeutic exercise PA and were considered low impact. “Mixed” exercise interventions combining strengthening, stretching, and aerobic elements were most common. Duration ranged from 3 months to 30 months, and frequency varied from 1 to 3 sessions/week.	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Pain: Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC) pain scale and numerical pain scales. Physical function: WOMAC function and various objective function tests. Measures of osteoarthritis progression from imaging of the tibiofemoral joint: Kellgren and Lawrence score, joint space width, joint space narrowing, osteoarthritis severity, and cartilage volume. Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Mean age >45, Knee pain and/or a diagnosis of osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: National Institute for Health Research, Arthritis Research (UK).

Progression	
Meta-Analysis	
Citation: Timmins KA, Leech RD, Batt ME, Edwards KL. Running and knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Am J Sports Med.</i> 2016;45(6):1447-1457. doi:10.1177/0363546516657531.	
Purpose: To determine, from the published literature, the role of running in the development of knee osteoarthritis.	Abstract: BACKGROUND: Osteoarthritis (OA) is a chronic condition characterized by pain, impaired function, and reduced quality of life. A number of risk factors for knee OA have been identified, such as obesity, occupation, and injury. The association between knee OA and physical activity or particular sports such as running is less clear. Previous reviews, and the evidence that informs them, present contradictory or inconclusive findings. PURPOSE: This systematic review aimed to determine the association between running and the development of knee OA. STUDY DESIGN: Systematic review and meta-analysis. METHODS: Four electronic databases were searched, along with citations in eligible articles and reviews and the contents of recent journal issues. Two reviewers independently screened the titles and abstracts using prespecified eligibility criteria. Full-text articles were also independently assessed for eligibility. Eligible studies were those in which running or running-related sports (eg, triathlon or orienteering) were assessed as a risk factor for the onset or progression of knee OA in adults. Relevant outcomes included (1) diagnosis of knee OA, (2) radiographic markers of knee OA, (3) knee joint surgery for OA, (4) knee pain, and (5) knee-associated disability. Risk of bias was judged by use of the Newcastle-Ottawa scale. A random-effects meta-analysis was performed with case-control studies investigating arthroplasty. RESULTS: After de-duplication, the search returned 1322 records. Of these, 153 full-text articles were assessed; 25 were eligible, describing 15 studies: 11 cohort (6 retrospective) and 4 case-control studies. Findings of studies with a diagnostic OA outcome were mixed. Some radiographic differences were observed in runners, but only at baseline within some subgroups. Meta-analysis suggested a protective effect of running against surgery due to OA: pooled odds ratio 0.46 (95% CI, 0.30-0.71). The I2 was 0% (95% CI, 0%-73%). Evidence relating to symptomatic outcomes was sparse and inconclusive. CONCLUSION: With this evidence, it is not possible to determine the role of running in knee OA. Moderate- to low-quality evidence suggests no association with OA diagnosis, a positive association with OA diagnosis, and a negative association with knee OA surgery. Conflicting results may reflect methodological heterogeneity. More evidence from well-designed, prospective studies is needed to clarify the contradictions.
Timeframe: Inception–November 2015	
Total # of Studies: 15 (3 in meta-analysis)	
Exposure Definition: Any form of running or jogging (including running-related sports such as triathlon and orienteering) assessed by questionnaires.	
Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIIT: No	
Outcomes Addressed: Radiographic and imaging markers of osteoarthritis (e.g., osteophytes, sclerosis, cartilage thickness, volume, or surface area). Knee arthroplasty: attained from registries. Knee pain and knee-associated disability: questionnaires.	
Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults, Osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: Arthritis Research UK.

Table 3. Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses Quality Assessment Chart

AMSTARExBP: SR/MA								
	Bartels, 2016	Beumer, 2016	Chang, 2016	Escalante, 2011	Fransen, 2015	Juhl, 2014	Quicke, 2015	Timmins, 2016
Review questions and inclusion/exclusion criteria delineated prior to executing search strategy.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Population variables defined and considered in methods.	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Comprehensive literature search performed.	Yes	Yes	Partially Yes	Partially Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duplicate study selection and data extraction performed.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Search strategy clearly described.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Relevant grey literature included in review.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
List of studies (included and excluded) provided.	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Characteristics of included studies provided.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FITT defined and examined in relation to outcome effect sizes.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	No
Scientific quality (risk of bias) of included studies assessed and documented.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Results depended on study quality, either overall, or in interaction with moderators.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Scientific quality used appropriately in formulating conclusions.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Data appropriately synthesized and if applicable, heterogeneity assessed.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Effect size index chosen justified, statistically.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Individual-level meta-analysis used.	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
Practical recommendations clearly addressed.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Likelihood of publication bias assessed.	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Conflict of interest disclosed.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Original Research

Table 4. Original Research Individual Evidence Summary Tables

Progression	
<p>Original Research Citation: Dore DA, Winzenberg TM, Ding C, et al. The association between objectively measured physical activity and knee structural change using MRI. <i>Ann Rheum Dis.</i> 2013;72(7):1170–1175. doi:10.1136/annrheumdis-2012-201691.</p>	
<p>Purpose: To examine the longitudinal association between objectively assessed PA and knee structural change using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).</p>	
<p>Study Design: Prospective cohort study</p>	<p>Abstract: OBJECTIVES: This study describes the longitudinal association between objectively assessed physical activity (PA) and knee structural change measured using MRI. METHODS: 405 community-dwelling adults aged 51-81 years were measured at baseline and approximately 2.7 years later. MRI of the right knee at baseline and follow-up was performed to evaluate bone marrow lesions (BMLs), meniscal pathology, cartilage defects, and cartilage volume. PA was assessed at baseline by pedometer (steps/day). RESULTS: Doing $\geq 10\,000$ steps/day was associated with BML increases (RR 1.97, 95% CI 1.19 to 3.27, $p=0.009$). Participants doing $\geq 10\,000$ steps/day had a 1.52 times (95% CI 1.05 to 2.20, $p=0.027$) greater risk of increasing meniscal pathology score, which increased to 2.49 (95% CI 1.05 to 3.93, $p=0.002$) in those with adverse meniscal pathology at baseline. Doing $\geq 10\,000$ steps/day was associated with a greater risk of increasing cartilage defect score in those with prevalent BMLs at baseline (RR 1.36, 95% CI 1.03 to 1.69, $p=0.013$). Steps/day was protective against volume loss in those with more baseline cartilage volume but led to increased cartilage loss in those with less baseline cartilage volume. ($p=0.046$ for interaction). CONCLUSIONS: PA was deleteriously associated with knee structural change, especially in those with pre-existing knee structural abnormalities. This suggests individuals with knee abnormalities should avoid doing $\geq 10\,000$ steps/day. Alternatives to weight-bearing activity may be needed in order to maintain PA levels required for other aspects of health.</p>
<p>Location: Tasmania</p>	
<p>Sample: 405 Attrition Rate: 53.71% Sample Power: Not reported</p>	
<p>Exposure Measurement Device-Measured: Pedometer, steps/day, averaged from two 7-day wear periods, 6 months apart. Measured continuously and dichotomized by $<10,000$ or $\geq 10,000$ steps/day. Measures Steps: Yes Measures Bouts: No</p>	
<p>Refers to Other Materials: Yes Adverse Events Addressed: Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No</p>	
<p>Populations Analyzed: Adults 50–80, Subjects with and without pre-existing knee abnormalities (56–58% with knee osteoarthritis).</p>	<p>Author-Stated Funding Source: National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, Tasmanian Community Fund, Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation, Arthritis Foundation of Australia.</p>

Progression	
Original Research	
Citation: Felson DT, Niu J, Yang T, et al. Physical activity, alignment and knee osteoarthritis: data from MOST and the OAI. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2013;21(6):789–795. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2013.03.001.	
Purpose: To determine the effect of PA on knee osteoarthritis development in persons without knee injury and according to knee alignment.	
Study Design: Prospective cohort study	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To determine the effect of physical activity on knee osteoarthritis (OA) development in persons without knee injury and according to knee alignment. DESIGN: We combined data from Multicenter Osteoarthritis (MOST) and Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI), studies of persons with or at high risk of OA. Subjects had long limb and repeated posteroanterior knee radiographs and completed the physical activity survey for the elderly (PASE). We studied persons without radiographic OA and excluded knees with major injury and without long limb films. We followed subjects 30 months (in MOST) and 48 months (in OAI) for one of two incident outcomes: (1) symptomatic tibiofemoral OA (radiographic OA and knee pain), or (2) tibiofemoral narrowing. 'Active' persons were those with PASE score in the highest quartile by gender. We examined risk of OA in active group using logistic regression adjusting for age, gender, body mass index (BMI), Western Ontario and McMaster Arthritis Index (WOMAC) pain score, Kellgren and Lawrence (KL) grade (0 or 1), and study of origin. We also analyzed knees from malaligned and neutrally aligned limbs. RESULTS: The combined sample comprised 2,073 subjects (3,542 knees) with mean age 61 years. The cumulative incidence of symptomatic tibiofemoral OA was 1.12% in the active group vs 1.82% in the others (odds ratio (OR) among active group 0.6, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.3, 1.3). Joint space narrowing occurred in 3.41% of knees in the active group vs 4.04% in the others (OR among active group 0.9 (95% CI 0.5, 1.5)). Results did not differ by alignment status. CONCLUSIONS: Physical activity in the highest quartile did not affect the risk of developing OA.
Location: United States	
Sample: 2,073	
Attrition Rate: 0.00%	
Sample Power: Not reported	
Exposure Measurement	
Self-Reported: Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly, created quartiles of activity.	
Measures Steps: No	
Measures Bouts: No	
Refers to Other Materials: Yes	Outcomes Examined: Disease progression: the new combination of frequent knee pain and radiographic osteoarthritis.
Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults mean age 61, With or at high risk of knee osteoarthritis.	Author-Statement Funding Source: National Institutes of Health, Merck Research Laboratories, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer.

Progression	
Original Research	
Citation: Kwee RM, Wirth W, Hafezi-Nejad N, Zikria BA, Guermazi A, Demehri S. Role of physical activity in cartilage damage progression of subjects with baseline full-thickness cartilage defects in medial tibiofemoral compartment: data from the Osteoarthritis Initiative. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2016;24(11):1898–1904. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2016.06.009.	
Purpose: To assess the association between PA and cartilage damage progression in the medial tibiofemoral compartment, using 2-year follow-up magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in subjects with subchondral bones at the central weight-bearing medial femur detected at baseline MRI examination.	
Study Design: Prospective cohort study	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To assess the association between physical activity and cartilage damage progression in medial tibiofemoral compartment (MTFC) using 2-year follow-up magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in subjects with denuded areas of subchondral bone (dABs) at the central weight-bearing medial femur (cMF) at baseline MRI examination. METHODS: One hundred subjects from the Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI) progression cohort with dABs at the cMF at 3T MRI at baseline (51% men; mean age 62.2 years, range 45-79) were included. Sagittal 3D dual-echo steady-state with water excitation images were used to assess 2-year MTFC cartilage change. Associations between 2-year average Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (PASE) and 2-year MTFC cartilage change were assessed by linear regression analysis. Subgroup analyses were performed. RESULTS: No associations between PASE and 2-year MTFC cartilage change were observed in the entire cohort. Similarly, in the subgroup with cartilage loss during the 2 years, the non-refuted confidence intervals for the regression coefficients were tightly clustered around the null value (regression coefficients for: mean cMF.ThCtAB = -0.00059; 98.75% CI: -0.00130 to 0.00012), cMF.dAB% = 0.02176; 98.75% CI: -0.02514 to 0.06865, Mean MT.ThCtAB = -0.00013; 98.75% CI: -0.00064 to 0.00038, MT.dAB% = 0.02543; 98.75% CI: -0.01485 to 0.06571. CONCLUSION: In the entire group of subjects with dABs at the cMF at baseline, no association between physical activity and 2-year MTFC cartilage change was detected. Due to the limited sample size of our study, small-sized effects may not have been detected in our study.
Location: Not reported	
Sample: 100 Attrition Rate: 0.79% Sample Power: Yes	
Exposure Measurement Self-Reported: 7-day recall using the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly. Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No	
Refers to Other Materials: No Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	Outcomes Examined: Disease progression: Percentage of denuded areas of subchondral bone at the medial tibia, mean cartilage thickness over total subchondral bone area at the medial tibia, and mean cartilage thickness over total subchondral bone area at the central medial femur.
Populations Analyzed: Adults 45–79, Osteoarthritis	Author-Stated Funding Source: No funding source used.

Progression	
Original Research	
Citation: Lin W, Alizai H, Joseph GB, et al. Physical activity in relation to knee cartilage T2 progression measured with 3 T MRI over a period of 4 years: data from the Osteoarthritis Initiative. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2013;21(10):1558–1566. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2013.06.022.	
Purpose: To analyze the longitudinal association between PA levels and early degenerative cartilage changes in the knee, measured using T2 relaxation times over a period of 4 years in individuals without clinical or radiographic evidence of osteoarthritis.	
Study Design: Prospective cohort study	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to analyze the longitudinal association between physical activity levels and early degenerative cartilage changes in the knee, measured using T2 relaxation times over a period of 4 years in individuals without clinical or radiographic evidence of OA. DESIGN: Cartilage T2 was measured at baseline and after 2 and 4 years in 205 subjects aged 45-60 years from the Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI) incidence and normal cohorts with no knee pain (Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC) score of zero), and a Kellgren Lawrence (KL) score of <2 at baseline. Physical activity was scored using the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (PASE) questionnaire, which was obtained yearly over 4 years. The relationship between physical activity and T2 was studied using a mixed model linear regression, including random effects, and adjusted for age, sex, and body mass index (BMI). RESULTS: T2 values for all PASE tertiles progressed over the 4-year period. T2 progression was increased in the highest tertile of physical activity compared to the mid-tertile at the medial tibia (MT) (P = 0.041), patella (Pat) (P = 0.019), and average T2 of all knee compartments combined (P = 0.033). Subjects with the lowest 15% PASE scores showed significantly higher T2 progression compared to the mid-level physical activity group at the lateral femur (LF) (P = 0.025), lateral tibia (LT) (P = 0.043), medial femur (MF) (P = 0.044), tibiofemoral compartment (P = 0.017), patellofemoral compartment (P = 0.016), lateral compartments (P = 0.003), and average of all compartments (P = 0.043). CONCLUSION: High and very low PASE scores were associated with greater progression of cartilage T2 measurements in asymptomatic, middle-aged individuals, suggesting accelerated cartilage matrix biochemical degeneration over time.
Location: United States	
Sample: 205 Attrition Rate: 0.16% Sample Power: Yes	
Exposure Measurement Self-Reported: Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly questionnaire, assessed over last 7 days; included household, occupational, and leisure time PA. Created tertiles for assessment. Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No	
Refers to Other Materials: No Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	
Populations Analyzed: Adults 45–60	Author-Stated Funding Source: National Institutes of Health, Osteoarthritis Initiative.

Progression	
Original Research	
Citation: Oiestad BE, Quinn E, White, et al. No association between daily walking and knee structural changes in people at risk of or with mild knee osteoarthritis. Prospective data from the Multicenter Osteoarthritis Study. <i>J Rheumatol.</i> 2015;42(9):1685–1693. doi:10.3899/jrheum.150071.	
Purpose: To examine the association of objectively measured daily walking with structural change 2 years later in people at risk of or with mild knee osteoarthritis.	
Study Design: Prospective cohort study	Abstract: OBJECTIVE: We investigated the association between objectively measured daily walking and knee structural change, defined either as radiographic worsening or as cartilage loss, in people at risk of or with knee osteoarthritis (OA). METHODS: Participants from the Multicenter Osteoarthritis Study (MOST) with Kellgren-Lawrence grades 0-2 and daily walking (measured with the StepWatch) at the 60-month visit were included. Participants had fixed-flexion, weight-bearing radiographs and knee magnetic resonance images (MRI) at 60 and 84 months. Radiographic worsening was read in both knees using the Osteoarthritis Research Society International grading, and MRI were read for 1 knee using the Whole-Organ MRI Score semiquantitative scoring. OR and 95% CI were calculated comparing those in the middle tertile against the lowest and highest tertiles of daily walking using logistic regression models and generalized estimating equations. Data on walking with moderate to vigorous intensity (min with > 100 steps/min/day) were associated to structural change using multivariate and logistic regression models. RESULTS: The 1179 study participants (59% women) were 67.0 years old (+/- 7.6), with a mean (+/- SD) body mass index of 29.8 kg/m(2) (+/- 5.3) who walked 6981 (+/- 2630) steps/day. After adjusting for confounders, we found no significant associations between daily walking and radiographic worsening or cartilage loss. More time spent walking at a moderate to vigorous intensity was not associated with either radiographic worsening or cartilage loss. CONCLUSION: Results from the MOST study indicated no association between daily walking and structural changes over 2 years in the knees of people at risk of or with mild knee OA.
Location: United States	
Sample: 779	
Attrition Rate: 0.74%	
Sample Power: Not reported	
Exposure Measurement Self-Reported: Device-Measured: Accelerometer, average steps/day. Steps were also divided into tertiles of low, moderate, and high levels of daily walking. Minutes per day of walking, with moderate-to-vigorous PA characterized as walking at a frequency of >100 steps/minute. Measures Steps: Yes Measures Bouts: No	
Refers to Other Materials: No Adverse Events Addressed: Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as Outcome: No	Outcomes Examined: Cartilage loss: Whole-Organ MRI Score (WORMS) measured by knee magnetic resonance images (MRIs). Radiographic worsening: standing posterior-anterior and lateral radiographs were taken using SynaFlexer graded according to the KL classification system (grade 0–4) (posteroanterior view), and the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) atlas (posteroanterior and lateral view).
Populations Analyzed: Adults 50–79, Subjects at high risk of or with osteoarthritis diagnosis (Kellgren and Lawrence grades <3)	Author-Stated Funding Source: National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging.

Table 5. Original Research Bias Assessment Chart

	Dore, 2013	Felson, 2013	Kwee, 2016	Lin, 2013	Oiestad, 2015
(???) = Can't Determine					
Inclusion/exclusion criteria similar across study groups.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Strategy for recruiting or allocating participants similar across study groups.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Allocation sequence randomly generated.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Group allocation concealed (i.e., assignments could not be predicted).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distribution of critical confounding factors similar across study groups at baseline, or analysis controlled for differences between groups.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accounted for variations in execution of study from proposed protocol or research plan.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adherence to study protocols similar across study groups.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Investigators accounted for unintended concurrent exposures that were differentially experienced by study groups and might bias results.	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
Participants blinded to their intervention or exposure status.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investigators blinded to participants' intervention or exposure status.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outcome assessors blinded to participants' intervention or exposure status.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Valid and reliable measures used consistently across study groups to assess inclusion/exclusion criteria, exposures, outcomes, and confounders.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Length of follow-up similar across study groups.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
In cases of high or differential loss to follow-up, impact assessed through sensitivity analysis or other adjustment.	No	N/A	No	???	Yes
Other sources of bias taken into account in design and/or analysis of study through matching or other statistical adjustment.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adequate statistical methods used to assess primary outcomes.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appendices

Appendix A: Analytical Framework

Topic Area
Chronic Conditions

Systematic Review Question

In individuals with osteoarthritis, what is the relationship between physical activity and (1) risk of co-morbid conditions, (2) physical function, (3) health-related quality of life, (4) disease progression, and (5) pain?

- a. Is there a dose-response relationship? If yes, what is the shape of the relationship?
- b. Does the relationship vary by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, or weight status?
- c. Does the relationship vary based on: frequency, duration, intensity, type (mode), or how physical activity is measured?

Population

Individuals of all ages
with osteoarthritis

Intervention/Exposure

All types and intensities
of physical activity

Comparison

Individuals with
osteoarthritis who
participate in varying
levels of physical activity

Endpoint Health

Outcomes

- Risk of co-morbid conditions
- Physical function
- Health-related quality of life
- Disease progression
- Pain

Key Definitions

- Risk of co-morbid conditions: The chance of having one or more additional conditions.
- Physical function: “Physical function” and “physical functioning” are regarded as synonyms that refer to: “the ability of a person to move around and to perform types of physical activity.”
 - For example, measures of physical function include measures of ability to walk (e.g., usually gait speed), run, climb stairs, carry groceries, sweep the floor, stand up, and bathe oneself.
 - As measures of behavioral abilities, physical function measures do not include:
 - Physiologic measures, including measures of physiologic capacity (e.g., maximal lung capacities, maximal aerobic capacity, maximal muscle strength, bone density).
 - Measures of the environment or of the host-environmental interaction (e.g., disability accommodation).
 - Measures of what a person usually does (e.g., physical activity level) (as opposed to what a person is capable of doing).
- Health-related quality of life: “Health-related quality of life (HRQOL) is a multi-dimensional concept that includes domains related to physical, mental, emotional, and social functioning.” Source: HealthyPeople.gov <https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/health-related-quality-of-life-well-being>
- Disease progression: A change or worsening of a disease over time.

Appendix B: Final Search Strategy

Search Strategy: PubMed (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

Database: PubMed; Date of Search: 2/7/17; 271 results

Set	Search Terms
Limit: Language	(English[lang])
Limit: Exclude animal only	NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] AND "Humans"[Mesh]))
Limit: Publication Date (Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses)	AND ("2011/01/01"[PDAT] : "3000/12/31"[PDAT])
Limit: Publication Type Include (Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses)	AND (systematic[sb] OR meta-analysis[pt] OR "systematic review"[tiab] OR "systematic literature review"[tiab] OR metaanalysis[tiab] OR "meta analysis"[tiab] OR metanalyses[tiab] OR "meta analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled analysis"[tiab] OR "pooled analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled data"[tiab])
Limit: Publication Type Exclude (Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses)	NOT ("comment"[Publication Type] OR "editorial"[Publication Type])
Osteoarthritis	AND (("Osteoarthritis"[mh] OR "Osteoarthritis"[tiab] OR "Degenerative joint disease"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthritic"[tiab] OR "Osteophytosis"[tiab]) OR (("Degenerative Arthritides"[tiab] OR "Degenerative Arthritis"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthritides"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthroses"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthrosis"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthrosis Deformans"[tiab] OR "Wear and tear arthritis"[tiab]) NOT medline[sb]))
Physical Activity	AND ("Aerobic activities"[tiab] OR "Aerobic activity"[tiab] OR "Cardiovascular activities"[tiab] OR "Cardiovascular activity"[tiab] OR "Endurance activities"[tiab] OR "Endurance activity"[tiab] OR "Exercise"[mh] OR "Exercise"[tiab] OR "Functional training"[tiab] OR "leisure-time physical activity"[tiab] OR "Lifestyle activities"[tiab] OR "Lifestyle activity"[tiab] OR "muscle stretching exercises"[mh] OR "Physical activity"[tiab] OR "Physical conditioning"[tiab] OR "Qi gong"[tiab] OR "Recreational activities"[tiab] OR "Recreational activity"[tiab] OR "Resistance training"[tiab] OR "strength training"[tiab] OR "Tai chi"[tiab] OR "Tai ji"[mh] OR "Tai ji"[tiab] OR "Walk"[tiab] OR "Walking"[tiab] OR "Yoga"[mh] OR "Yoga"[tiab] OR "Free living activities"[tiab] OR "Free living activity"[tiab] OR "Sedentary"[tiab] OR "Sedentary lifestyle"[mh])

Search Strategy: CINAHL (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

Database: CINAHL; Date of Search: 2/7/17; 13 results

Terms searched in title or abstract

Set	Search Terms
Limits	2011-present English language Peer reviewed Exclude Medline records Human
Limit: Publication Type Include (Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses)	("systematic review" OR "systematic literature review" OR "metaanalysis" OR "meta analysis" OR metanalyses OR "meta analyses" OR "pooled analysis" OR "pooled analyses" OR "pooled data")
Physical Activity	("Aerobic activities" OR "Aerobic activity" OR "Cardiovascular activities" OR "Cardiovascular activity" OR "Endurance activities" OR "Endurance activity" OR "Exercise" OR "Functional training" OR "leisure-time physical activity" OR "Lifestyle activities" OR "Lifestyle activity" OR "muscle stretching exercises" OR "Physical activity" OR "Physical conditioning" OR "Qi gong" OR "Recreational activities" OR "Recreational activity" OR "Resistance training" OR "strength training" OR "Tai chi" OR "Tai ji" OR "Walk" OR "Walking" OR "Yoga" OR "Free living activities" OR "Free living activity" OR "Sedentary")
Osteoarthritis	AND ("Osteoarthritis" OR "Osteoarthritis" OR "Degenerative joint disease" OR "Degenerative Arthritides" OR "Degenerative Arthritis" OR "Osteoarthritic" OR "Osteoarthritides" OR "Osteoarthroses" OR "Osteoarthrosis" OR "Osteoarthrosis Deformans" OR "Osteophytosis" OR "Wear and tear arthritis")

Search Strategy: Cochrane (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

Database: Cochrane; Date of Search: 2/7/17; 50 results

Terms searched in title, abstract, or keywords

Set	Search Terms
Limits	2011-present Word variations not searched Cochrane Reviews (Reviews) and Other Reviews
Physical Activity	AND ("Aerobic activities" OR "Aerobic activity" OR "Cardiovascular activities" OR "Cardiovascular activity" OR "Endurance activities" OR "Endurance activity" OR "Exercise" OR "Functional training" OR "leisure-time physical activity" OR "Lifestyle activities" OR "Lifestyle activity" OR "muscle stretching exercises" OR "Physical activity" OR "Physical conditioning" OR "Qi gong" OR "Recreational activities" OR "Recreational activity" OR "Resistance training" OR "strength training" OR "Tai chi" OR "Tai ji" OR "Walk" OR "Walking" OR "Yoga" OR "Free living activities" OR "Free living activity" OR "Sedentary")
Osteoarthritis	AND ("Osteoarthritis" OR "Osteoarthritis" OR "Degenerative joint disease" OR "Degenerative Arthritides" OR "Degenerative Arthritis" OR "Osteoarthritic" OR "Osteoarthritides" OR "Osteoarthroses" OR "Osteoarthrosis" OR "Osteoarthrosis Deformans" OR "Osteophytosis" OR "Wear and tear arthritis")

Search Strategy: PubMed (Original Research)

Database: PubMed; Date of Search: 6/26/17; 301 results

Set	Search Terms
Limit: Language	(English[lang])
Limit: Exclude animal only	NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] AND "Humans"[Mesh]))
Limit: Publication Date (Original)	AND ("2006/01/01"[PDAT] : "3000/12/31"[PDAT])
Limit: Publication Type Exclude (Original)	NOT ("comment"[Publication Type] OR "editorial"[Publication Type] OR "review"[Publication Type] OR systematic[sb] OR "meta-analysis"[publication type] OR "systematic review"[tiab] OR "systematic literature review"[tiab] OR metaanalysis[tiab] OR "meta analysis"[tiab] OR metanalyses[tiab] OR "meta analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled analysis"[tiab] OR "pooled analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled data"[tiab])
Osteoarthritis	AND (("Osteoarthritis"[mh] OR "Osteoarthritis"[tiab] OR "Degenerative joint disease"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthritic"[tiab] OR "Osteophytosis"[tiab]) OR ("Degenerative Arthritides"[tiab] OR "Degenerative Arthritis"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthritides"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthroses"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthrosis"[tiab] OR "Osteoarthrosis Deformans"[tiab] OR "Wear and tear arthritis"[tiab]) NOT medline[sb]))
Physical Activity	AND ("Aerobic activities"[tiab] OR "Aerobic activity"[tiab] OR "Cardiovascular activities"[tiab] OR "Cardiovascular activity"[tiab] OR "Endurance activities"[tiab] OR "Endurance activity"[tiab] OR "Exercise"[mh] OR "Exercise"[tiab] OR "Functional training"[tiab] OR "leisure-time physical activity"[tiab] OR "Lifestyle activities"[tiab] OR "Lifestyle activity"[tiab] OR "muscle stretching exercises"[mh] OR "Physical activity"[tiab] OR "Physical conditioning"[tiab] OR "Qi gong"[tiab] OR "Recreational activities"[tiab] OR "Recreational activity"[tiab] OR "Resistance training"[tiab] OR "strength training"[tiab] OR "Tai chi"[tiab] OR "Tai ji"[mh] OR "Tai ji"[tiab] OR "Walk"[tiab] OR "Walking"[tiab] OR "Yoga"[mh] OR "Yoga"[tiab] OR "Free living activities"[tiab] OR "Free living activity"[tiab] OR "Sedentary"[tiab] OR "Sedentary lifestyle"[mh])
Progression	AND ("Disease Progression"[mh] OR "Progression"[tiab] OR "Progressive OA"[tiab] OR "Progressive Osteoarthritis"[tiab] OR "Acceleration"[tiab] OR "Progresses"[tiab] OR "Progressive disease"[tiab])

Search Strategy: CINAHL (Original)

Database: CINAHL; Date of Search: 6/26/17; 15 results

Terms searched in title or abstract

Set	Search Terms
Limits	2006-present English language Peer reviewed Exclude Medline records Human
Limit: Publication Type Exclude (Original)	("systematic review" OR "systematic literature review" OR "metaanalysis" OR "meta analysis" OR metanalyses OR "meta analyses" OR "pooled analysis" OR "pooled analyses" OR "pooled data")
Physical Activity	("Aerobic activities" OR "Aerobic activity" OR "Cardiovascular activities" OR "Cardiovascular activity" OR "Endurance activities" OR "Endurance activity" OR "Exercise" OR "Functional training" OR "leisure-time physical activity" OR "Lifestyle activities" OR "Lifestyle activity" OR "muscle stretching exercises" OR "Physical activity" OR "Physical conditioning" OR "Qi gong" OR "Recreational activities" OR "Recreational activity" OR "Resistance training" OR "strength training" OR "Tai chi" OR "Tai ji" OR "Walk" OR "Walking" OR "Yoga" OR "Free living activities" OR "Free living activity" OR "Sedentary")
Osteoarthritis	AND ("Osteoarthritis" OR "Osteoarthritis" OR "Degenerative joint disease" OR "Degenerative Arthritides" OR "Degenerative Arthritis" OR "Osteoarthritic" OR "Osteoarthritides" OR "Osteoarthroses" OR "Osteoarthrosis" OR "Osteoarthrosis Deformans" OR "Osteophytosis" OR "Wear and tear arthritis")
Progression	AND ("Progression" OR "Progressive OA" OR "Progressive Osteoarthritis" OR "Acceleration" OR "Progresses" OR "Progressive disease" OR "Accelerated development of" OR "Acceleration of knee" OR "Acceleration of hip" OR "Acceleration of spine")

Search Strategy: Cochrane (Original Research)

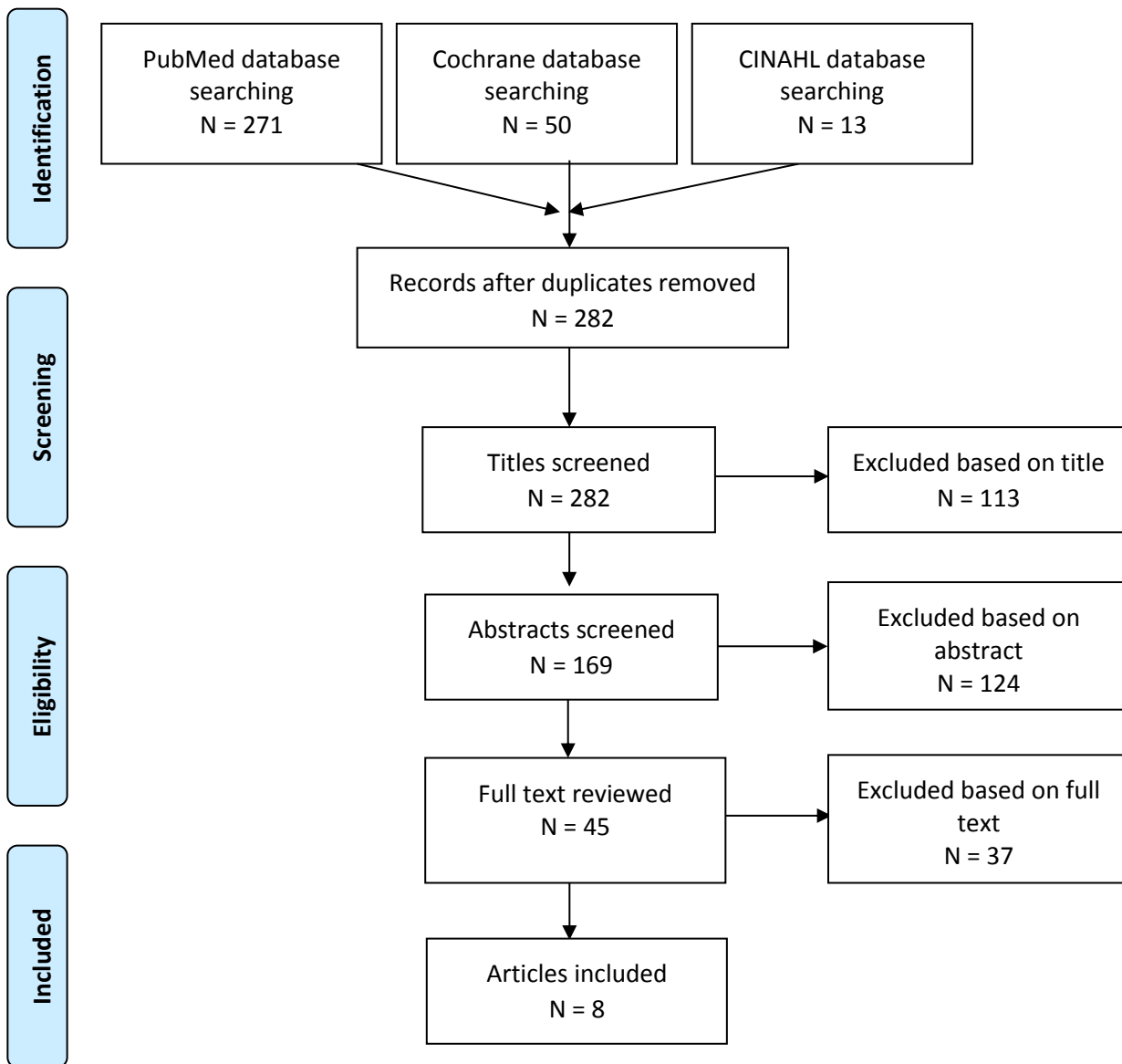
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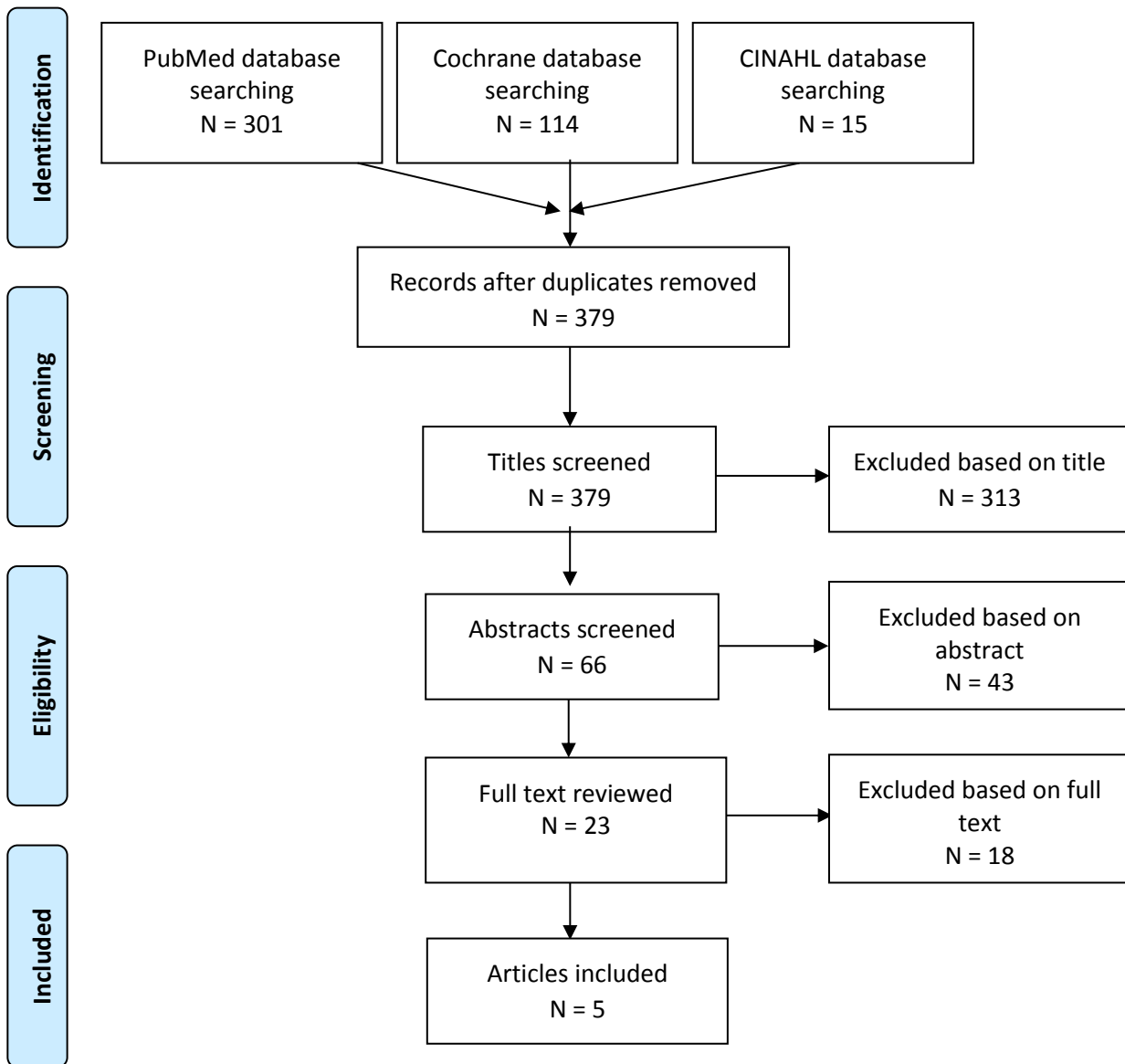
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Appendix C: Literature Tree

Existing Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and Reports Literature Tree



Original Research Literature Tree



Appendix D: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Chronic Conditions Subcommittee

Q2. In individuals with osteoarthritis, what is the relationship between physical activity and (1) risk of co-morbid conditions, (2) physical function, (3) health-related quality of life, (4) disease progression, and (5) pain?

- a. Is there a dose-response relationship? If yes, what is the shape of the relationship?
- b. Does the relationship vary by age, sex, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, or weight status?
- c. Is the relationship based on: frequency, duration, intensity, type (mode), or how physical activity is measured?

Category	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Notes/Rationale
Publication Language	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies published with full text in English 	
Publication Status	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies published in peer-reviewed journals • Reports determined to have appropriate suitability and quality by PAGAC Exclude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey literature, including unpublished data, manuscripts, abstracts, conference proceedings 	
Research Type	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original research • Meta-analyses • Systematic reviews • Reports determined to have appropriate suitability and quality by PAGAC 	
Study Subjects	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human subjects 	
Age of Study Subjects	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of all ages 	
Health Status of Study Subjects	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies of people with osteoarthritis Exclude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies that include osteoarthritis as part of the study sample, but do not analyze results separately for osteoarthritis only 	
Date of Publication	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, pooled analyses, and reports published from 2011 to 2017 • Original research published from 2006 to 2017 	
Study Design	Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic reviews • Meta-analyses 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooled analyses • PAGAC-approved reports <p>Exclude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randomized controlled trials • Prospective cohort studies • Narrative reviews • Commentaries • Editorials • Non-randomized controlled trials • Retrospective cohort studies • Case-control studies • Cross-sectional studies • Before-and-after studies 	
Intervention/ Exposure	<p>Include studies in which the exposure or intervention is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All types and intensities of physical activity <p>Exclude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies that do not include physical activity • Studies of multimodal interventions that do not present data on physical activity alone • Studies of a single, acute session of exercise • Studies of a disease-specific therapeutic exercise delivered by a medical professional (e.g., physical therapist) • Studies with measures of physical fitness as the exposure 	
Outcome	<p>Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis, Pooled Analysis, and Report Criteria:</p> <p>Include studies in which the outcome is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of co-morbid conditions • Physical function • Health-related quality of life • Disease progression • Pain <p>Original Research Criteria:</p> <p>Include studies in which the outcome is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disease progression 	

Appendix E: Rationale for Exclusion at Abstract or Full-Text Triage for Existing Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and Reports

The table below lists the excluded articles with at least one reason for exclusion, but may not reflect all possible reasons.

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Abdulla A, Adams N, Bone M, et al. Guidance on the management of pain in older people. <i>Age Ageing</i> . 2013;42(suppl 1):i1-57. doi:10.1093/ageing/afs200.			X		X	
Anwer S, Alghadir A, Brismee JM. Effect of home exercise program in patients with knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>J Geriatr Phys Ther</i> . 2016;39(1):38–48. doi:10.1519/JPT.0000000000000045.				X		
Anwer S, Alghadir A, Zafar H, Al-Eisa E. Effect of whole body vibration training on quadriceps muscle strength in individuals with knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Physiotherapy</i> . 2016;102(2):145-151. doi:10.1016/j.physio.2015.10.004.				X		
Arbesman M, Mosley LJ. Systematic review of occupation- and activity-based health management and maintenance interventions for community-dwelling older adults. <i>Am J Occup Ther</i> . 2012;66(3):277-283. doi:10.5014/ajot.2012.003327.				X		
Arnold JB, Walters JL, Ferrar KE. Does physical activity increase after total hip or knee arthroplasty for osteoarthritis? A systematic review. <i>J Orthop Sports Phys Ther</i> . 2016;46(6):431-442. doi:10.2519/jospt.2016.6449.	X				X	
Barker AL, Talevski J, Morello RT, Brand CA, Rahmann AE, Urquhart DM. Effectiveness of aquatic exercise for musculoskeletal conditions: a meta-analysis. <i>Arch Phys Med Rehabil</i> . 2014;95(9):1776-1786. doi:10.1016/j.apmr.2014.04.005.						X
Bartels EM, Juhl CB, Christensen R, et al. Aquatic exercise for the treatment of knee and hip osteoarthritis. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2016;(3):CD005523. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD005523.pub3						X

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Batterham SI, Heywood S, Keating JL. Systematic review and meta-analysis comparing land and aquatic exercise for people with hip or knee arthritis on function, mobility and other health outcomes. <i>BMC Musculoskelet Disord</i> . June 2011;12:123. doi:10.1186/1471-2474-12-123.		X				
Beaudreuil J, Coudreuse JM, Guyen N, et al. An algorithm to improve knee orthosis prescription for osteoarthritis patients. <i>Ann Phys Rehabil Med</i> . Sept 2016;59s:e156.	X					
Beckwée D, Vaes P, Cnudde M, Swinnen E, Bautmans I. Osteoarthritis of the knee: why does exercise work? A qualitative study of the literature. <i>Ageing Res Rev</i> . 2013;12(1):226-236. doi:10.1016/j.arr.2012.09.005.			X			
Bennell KL, Buchbinder R, Hinman RS. Physical therapies in the management of osteoarthritis: current state of the evidence. <i>Curr Opin Rheumatol</i> . 2015;27(3):304-311. doi:10.1097/BOR.0000000000000160.				X		
Bennell KL, Hall M, Hinman RS. Osteoarthritis year in review 2015: rehabilitation and outcomes. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2016;24(1):58-70. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2015.07.028.				X		
Bennell KL, Hinman RS. A review of the clinical evidence for exercise in osteoarthritis of the hip and knee. <i>J Sci Med Sport</i> . 2011;14(1):4-9. doi:10.1016/j.jsams.2010.08.002.				X		
Bertozzi L, Valdes K, Vanti C, Negrini S, Pillastrini P, Villafañe JH. Investigation of the effect of conservative interventions in thumb carpometacarpal osteoarthritis: systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Disabil Rehabil</i> . 2015;37(22):2025-2043. doi:10.3109/09638288.2014.996299.				X		
Brand E, Nyland J, Henzman C, McGinnis M. Arthritis self-efficacy scale scores in knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis comparing arthritis self-management education with or without exercise. <i>J Orthop Sports Phys Ther</i> . 2013;43(12):895-910. doi:10.2519/jospt.2013.4471.				X		

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
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Brosseau L, Wells GA, Pugh AG, et al. Ottawa Panel evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for therapeutic exercise in the management of hip osteoarthritis. <i>Clin Rehabil.</i> 2016;30(10):935-946. doi:10.1177/0269215515606198.			X			
Brosseau L, Wells GA, Tugwell P, et al. Ottawa Panel evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the management of osteoarthritis in adults who are obese or overweight. <i>Phys Ther.</i> 2011;91(6):843-861. doi:10.2522/ptj.20100104.			X			
Bruyere O, Cooper C, Pelletier JP, et al. An algorithm recommendation for the management of knee osteoarthritis in Europe and internationally: a report from a task force of the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis (ESCEO). <i>Semin Arthritis Rheum.</i> 2014;44(3):253-263. doi:10.1016/j.semarthrit.2014.05.014.			X			
Bruyn GA, Naredo E, Damjanov N, et al. An OMERACT reliability exercise of inflammatory and structural abnormalities in patients with knee osteoarthritis using ultrasound assessment. <i>Ann Rheum Dis.</i> 2016;75(5):842-846. doi:10.1136/annrheumdis-2014-206774.				X		
Button K, Roos PE, Spasić I, Adamson P, van Deursen RW. The clinical effectiveness of self-care interventions with an exercise component to manage knee conditions: a systematic review. <i>Knee.</i> 2015;22(5):360-371. doi:10.1016/j.knee.2015.05.003.				X		

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Cattano NM, Driban JB, Cameron KL, Sittler MR. Impact of physical activity and mechanical loading on biomarkers typically used in osteoarthritis assessment: current concepts and knowledge gaps. <i>Ther Adv Musculoskelet Dis.</i> 2017;9(1):11-21. doi:10.1177/1759720X16670613.	X					
Chang WJ, Bennell KL, Hodges PW, Hinman RS, Liston MB, Schabrun SM. Combined exercise and transcranial direct current stimulation intervention for knee osteoarthritis: protocol for a pilot randomised controlled trial. <i>BMJ Open.</i> 2015;5(8):e008482. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2015-008482.			X			
Chang WD, Chen S, Lee CL, Lin HY, Lai PT. The effects of tai chi chuan on improving mind-body health for knee osteoarthritis patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Evid Based Complement Alternat Med.</i> 2016:1813979. doi:10.1155/2016/1813979.	X					
Chapple CM, Nicholson H, Baxter GD, Abbott JH. Patient characteristics that predict progression of knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review of prognostic studies. <i>Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken).</i> 2011;63(8):1115-1125. doi:10.1002/acr.20492.				X		
Chen YW, Hunt MA, Campbell KL, Peill K, Reid WD. The effect of tai chi on four chronic conditions—cancer, osteoarthritis, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a systematic review and meta-analyses. <i>Br J Sports Med.</i> 2016;50(7):397-407. doi:10.1136/bjsports-2014-094388.		X				
Chen WH, Liu XX, Tong PJ, et al. Diagnosis and management of knee osteoarthritis: Chinese medicine expert consensus (2015). <i>Chin J Integr Med.</i> 2016;22(2):150-153. doi:10.1007/s11655-015-2432-7.			X			
Corbett MS, Rice SJ, Madurasinghe V, et al. Acupuncture and other physical treatments for the relief of pain due to osteoarthritis of the knee: network meta-analysis. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage.</i> 2013;21(9):1290-1298. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2013.05.007.				X		

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Coudeyre E, Jegu AG, Giustanini M, Marrel JP, Edouard P, Pereira B. Isokinetic muscle strengthening for knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review of randomized controlled trials with meta-analysis. <i>Ann Phys Rehabil Med</i> . 2016;59(3):207-215. doi:10.1016/j.rehab.2016.01.013.				X		
Cramer H, Lauche R, Langhorst J, Dobos G. Yoga for rheumatic diseases: a systematic review. <i>Rheumatology (Oxford)</i> . 2013;52(11):2025-2030. doi:10.1093/rheumatology/ket264.		X				
Davis AM. Osteoarthritis year in review: rehabilitation and outcomes. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2012;20(3):201-206. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2012.01.006.				X		
Davis AM, MacKay C. Osteoarthritis year in review: outcome of rehabilitation. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2013;21(10):1414-1424. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2013.08.013.				X		
de Rooij M, van der Leeden M, Heymans MW, et al. Course and predictors of pain and physical functioning in patients with hip osteoarthritis: systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>J Rehabil Med</i> . 2016;48(3):245-252. doi:10.2340/16501977-2057.	X					
de Rooij M, van der Leeden M, Heymans MW, et al. Prognosis of pain and physical functioning in patients with knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)</i> . 2016;68(4):481-492. doi:10.1002/acr.22693.				X		
Desveaux L, Beauchamp M, Goldstein R, Brooks D. Community-based exercise programs as a strategy to optimize function in chronic disease: a systematic review. <i>Med Care</i> . 2014;52(3):216-226. doi:10.1097/MLR.0000000000000065.		X				
Di Monaco M, Castiglioni C. Which type of exercise therapy is effective after hip arthroplasty? A systematic review of randomized controlled trials. <i>Eur J Phys Rehabil Med</i> . 2013;49(6):893-907, quiz 921-923.				X		

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Dobson F, Bennell KL, French SD, et al. Barriers and facilitators to exercise participation in people with hip and/or knee osteoarthritis: synthesis of the literature using behavior change theory. <i>Am J Phys Med Rehabil</i> . 2016;95(5):372-389. doi:10.1097/PHM.0000000000000448.				X		
Duan-Porter W, Goldstein K, McDuffie J, et al. <i>Mapping the evidence: sex effects in high-impact conditions for women veterans – Depression, Diabetes, and Chronic Pain</i> . VA Evidence-Based Synthesis Program Reports. Washington, DC: Department of Veterans Affairs; 2015.						X
Duan-Porter W, Goldstein KM, McDuffie JR, et al. Reporting of sex effects by systematic reviews on interventions for depression, diabetes, and chronic pain. <i>Ann Intern Med</i> . 2016;165(3):184-193. doi:10.7326/M15-2877.				X		
Duncan KJ, Chopp-Hurley JN, Maly MR. A systematic review to evaluate exercise for anterior cruciate ligament injuries: does this approach reduce the incidence of knee osteoarthritis? <i>Open Access Rheumatol</i> . 2016;8:1-16. doi:10.2147/OARRR.S81673.		X				
Fernandes L, Hagen KB, Bijlsma JW, et al. EULAR recommendations for the non-pharmacological core management of hip and knee osteoarthritis. <i>Ann Rheum Dis</i> . 2013;72(7):1125-1135. doi:10.1136/annrheumdis-2012-202745.			X			
Ferreira GE, Robinson CC, Wiebusch M, Viero CC, da Rosa LH, Silva MF. The effect of exercise therapy on knee adduction moment in individuals with knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review. <i>Clin Biomech (Bristol, Avon)</i> . 2015;30(6):521-527. doi:10.1016/j.clinbiomech.2015.03.028.	X					
Field T. Knee osteoarthritis pain in the elderly can be reduced by massage therapy, yoga and tai chi: a review. <i>Complement Ther Clin Pract</i> . Feb 2016;22:87-92. doi:10.1016/j.ctcp.2016.01.001.				X		

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Finney A, Healey E, Jordan JL, Ryan S, Dziedzic KS. Multidisciplinary approaches to managing osteoarthritis in multiple joint sites: a systematic review. <i>BMC Musculoskelet Disord</i> . July 2016;17:266. doi:10.1186/s12891-016-1125-5.				X		
Florez-García M, García-Pérez F, Curbelo R, et al. Efficacy and safety of home-based exercises versus individualized supervised outpatient physical therapy programs after total knee arthroplasty: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc</i> . July 2016. doi:10.1007/s00167-016-4231-x.				X	X	
Fransen M, McConnell S, Harmer AR, Van der Esch M, Simic M, Bennell KL. Exercise for osteoarthritis of the knee. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2015;(1)CD004376. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD004376.pub3						X
Fransen M, McConnell S, Hernandez-Molina G, Reichenbach S. Exercise for osteoarthritis of the hip. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2014;(4):Cd007912. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD007912.pub2						X
Gaught AM, Carneiro KA. Evidence for determining the exercise prescription in patients with osteoarthritis. <i>Phys Sportsmed</i> . 2013;41(1):58-65. doi:10.3810/psm.2013.02.2000.			X			
Geneen LJ, Moore RA, Clarke C, Martin D, Colvin LA, Smith BH. Physical activity and exercise for chronic pain in adults: an overview of Cochrane Reviews. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . April 2017;1:CD011279. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD011279.pub3		X				
Golightly YM, Allen KD, Caine DJ. A comprehensive review of the effectiveness of different exercise programs for patients with osteoarthritis. <i>Phys Sportsmed</i> . 2012;40(4):52-65. doi:10.3810/psm.2012.11.1988.			X			

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
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Hagen KB, Dagfinrud H, Moe RH. Exercise therapy for bone and muscle health: an overview of systematic reviews. <i>BMC Med</i> . Dec 2012;10:167. doi:10.1186/1741-7015-10-167.		X				
Hagen KB, Smedslund G, Østerås N, Jamtvedt G. Quality of community-based osteoarthritis care: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)</i> . 2016;68(10):1443-1452. doi:10.1002/acr.22891.				X		
Hall A, Copsey B, Richmond H, et al. Effectiveness of tai chi for chronic musculoskeletal pain conditions: updated systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Phys Ther</i> . 2016;97(2):227-238. doi:10.2522/ptj.20160246.		X				
Hawker GA, Mian S, Bednis K, Stanaitis I. Osteoarthritis year 2010 in review: non-pharmacologic therapy. <i>Osteoarthritis Cartilage</i> . 2011;19(4):366-374. doi:10.1016/j.joca.2011.01.021.			X			
Henriksen M, Creaby MW, Lund H, Juhl C, Christensen R. Is there a causal link between knee loading and knee osteoarthritis progression? A systematic review and meta-analysis of cohort studies and randomised trials. <i>BMJ Open</i> . 2014;4(7):e005368. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2014-005368.				X		
Henriksen M, Hansen JB, Klokke L, Bliddal H, Christensen R. Comparable effects of exercise and analgesics for pain secondary to knee osteoarthritis: a meta-analysis of trials included in Cochrane systematic reviews. <i>J Comp Eff Res</i> . 2016;5(4):417-431. doi:10.2217/cer-2016-0007.						X
Hochberg MC, Altman RD, April KT, et al. American College of Rheumatology 2012 recommendations for the use of nonpharmacologic and pharmacologic therapies in osteoarthritis of the hand, hip, and knee. <i>Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)</i> . 2012;64(4):465-474.			X		X	

Citation	Outcome	Population	Study Design	Exposure	Not ideal fit for replacement of de novo search	Other
Hung CY, Hsiao MY, Chang KV, Han DS, Wang TG. Comparative effectiveness of dextrose prolotherapy versus control injections and exercise in the management of osteoarthritis pain: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>J Pain Res.</i> 2016;9:847-857. doi:10.2147/JPR.S118669.				X		
Iwamoto J, Sato Y, Takeda T, Matsumoto H. Effectiveness of exercise for osteoarthritis of the knee: a review of the literature. <i>World J Orthop.</i> 2011;2(5):37-42. doi:10.5312/wjo.v2.i5.37.			X			
Jackson KA, Glyn-Jones S, Batt ME, et al. Assessing risk factors for early hip osteoarthritis in activity-related hip pain: a Delphi study. <i>BMJ Open.</i> 2015;5(9):e007609. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2015-007609.			X			
Jansen MJ, Viechtbauer W, Lenssen AF, Hendriks EJ, de Bie RA. Strength training alone, exercise therapy alone, and exercise therapy with passive manual mobilisation each reduce pain and disability in people with knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review. <i>J Physiother.</i> 2011;57(1):11-20. doi:10.1016/S1836-9553(11)70002-9.						X
Jansons PS, Haines TP, O'Brien L. Interventions to achieve ongoing exercise adherence for adults with chronic health conditions who have completed a supervised exercise program: Systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Clin Rehabil.</i> 2017;31(4):465-477. doi:10.1177/0269215516653995.	X				X	
Jaramillo A, Welch VA, Ueffing E, et al. Prevention and self-management interventions are top priorities for osteoarthritis systematic reviews. <i>J Clin Epidemiol.</i> 2013;66(5):503-510.e4. doi:10.1016/j.jclinepi.2012.06.017.	X				X	
Jigami H, Sato D, Tsubaki A, et al. Effects of weekly and fortnightly therapeutic exercise on physical function and health-related quality of life in individuals with hip osteoarthritis. <i>J Orthop Sci.</i> 2012;17(6):737-744. doi:10.1007/s00776-012-0292-y.			X			

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Jones BQ, Covey CJ, Sineath MH Jr. Nonsurgical management of knee pain in adults. <i>Am Fam Physician</i> . 2015;92(10):875-883.			X			
Juhl C, Lund H, Roos EM, Zhang W, Christensen R. A hierarchy of patient-reported outcomes for meta-analysis of knee osteoarthritis trials: empirical evidence from a survey of high impact journals. <i>Arthritis</i> . 2012:136245. doi:10.1155/2012/136245.	X			X		
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