Characteristics of studies

Characteristics of included studies

Abrazado 2014

| Methods | Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group |
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| Participants | Baseline Characteristics Intervention 1 COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): 63.6 (7.6) FEV1% of predicted Male (%): 33 % Age (range): 66.8 (8.1) age (year) |
| | Intervention 2 • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): • Male (%): • Age (range): |
| | Control • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): 60.8 (10.9) FEV1% of predicted • Male (%): 60 % • Age (range): 72.0 (10.1) age (year) |
| | Overall • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): • Male (%): • Age (range): |
| | Included criteria: Patients with moderate COPD as defined by the GOLD [17] criteria (FEV1/FVC, % 70%;FEV1 70% and >50% predicted), a 10 pack-year smoking history and self-reported functional impairment. Excluded criteria: Exclusion criteria included current smokers, pulmonary diseases other than COPD, use of supplemental oxygen, musculo-skeletal disease that impaired exercise performance and unstable coronary artery disease or congestive heart failure. Pretreatment: There is no difference between subjects at baseline. |
| Interventions | Intervention Characteristics Intervention 1 ● Description: Exercise. Those subjects assigned to theexercise program were assigned to a personal trainer op-erating out of one of three local health clubs. They metat mutually convenient times, twice per week for12 weeks. Each of the clubs provided facilities for aer-obic exercise and resistance training. ● Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): After end of treatment ● Duration (week): 12 weeks |
| | Intervention 2 Description: Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): Duration (week): |
| | Control • Description: Subjects assigned to the control group were told tocontinue their activities of daily living. They were con-tacted by telephone every month to see assess their progress • Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): After end of treatment • Duration (week): 12 weeks |
| Outcomes | Quality of life, SE Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Quality of life, CI ■ Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Quality of life, SD ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Mortality, n ● Outcome type: DichotomousOutcome |
| | Bike test/cardio-pulmonary test, SE Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Walk test (6-min or SWT), CI ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Walk test (6-min or SWT), SD ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Walk test (6-min or SWT), SE ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |

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| | Dropout, n ● Outcome type: DichotomousOutcome |
| | Quality of life, SD (longest follow-up) • Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Mortality, SD (longest follow-up) ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Bike test/cardio-pulmonary test, SD (longest follow-up) Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| | Walk test (6min or SWT), SD (longest follow-up) ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| Notes | Sponsorship source: This study was supported by a research grant awarded by Breathe LA(formerly the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County). Thecommunity-based exercise training sessions were provided at the EquinoxFitness Club, Century City, CA; at Phase VI Scientific Health and PerformanceCenter, Santa Monica, CA; and at Mitchell Fitness Systems, Torrance, CA Country: USA Setting: |
| | Comments: ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier NCT01985529. Authors name: Shefalee Amin |
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| | Notes: Outcomes Quality of life: SGRQ, end of treatment SEMBike test: Endurance-time for constant work rate test (s), end treatment, mean(SEM)Dropout: no. of patients end of treatment |

Risk of bias table

| Sias Authors' judgement Support for judgement | | Support for judgement |
|--|--------------|--|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) Low risk The n of each group is not clearly s | | The n of each group is not clearly stated. |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) Low risk Matches protocol | | Matches protocol |
| Other bias | Low risk | No other apparent bias |

deRoos 2017

| Methods | Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group | |
|--------------|--|--|
| Participants | Baseline Characteristics Intervention 1 • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): 68 (7.7) FEV1 % of predicted • Male (%): 69% female • Age (range): 69.4 (9.7) age (years) | |
| | Intervention 2 • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): • Male (%): • Age (range): | |
| | Control • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): 65 (10.3) FEV1% of predicted • Male (%): 62% female • Age (range): 71.40 (9.4) age (years) | |
| | Overall • COPD severity (GOLD/MRC score): • Male (%): • Age (range): | |
| | Included criteria: Clinically stable patients withknown COPD, diagnosed as GOLD Stage II [50%≤ forcedexpiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1) 80%] according to the GOLD criteria[1], were eligible if they also had ascore of two or more on the Medical Research CouncilDyspnoea Scale, including dyspnoea on this level as a important prognostic predictor of decreased PA | |
| | Excluded criteria: Patients with exercise-restricting, non-COPD-related complaints (e.g.severe cardiac or musculoskeleta diseases) were excluded from this study | |

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| Interventions | Intervention Characteristics Intervention 1 • Description: Group-based circuit exercise training programme, • Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): After end of treatment • Duration (week): 10 weeks Intervention 2 • Description: • Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): • Duration (week): Control • Description: Standard medical care • Longest follow-up (after end of treatment): After end of treatment • Duration (week): 10 weeks |
| Outcomes | Ouality of life, SE |
| Notes | Sponsorship source: Funding: Eight activity monitors were provided withoutcharge by PAM. PAM had no involvement in the study. Country: The Netherlands Setting: Comments: Clinical trial registration number NL24766.018.08. Authors name: P. de Roos Institution: Physiotherapy Centre De Oppers, De Oppers 3, 9203 GD Drachten, The Netherlands Email: pieterderoos@chello.nl, p.deroos@hotmail.com Address: Physiotherapy Centre De Oppers, De Oppers 3, 9203 GD Drachten, The Netherlands |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | All possible sequences in permuted blocks of four with two intervention and two control tickets were created and placed at random in sequentially numbered order by an individual not affiliated to the study. At intake and under the supervision of the physiotherapist in the primary care centre, participants were instructed to open the first enve- lope. Block randomisation was necessary as no specific data on PA of patients with moderate COPD were available at the outset of the trial. |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Allocation was randomised and concealed using opaque- sealed envelopes. |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Low risk | No other apparent bias |

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| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | Matches the study protocol | |
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| Other bias | Low risk | No other apparent bias | |

Gottlieb 2011

| Methods | RCT |
|---------------|--|
| Participants | Patients with moderate COPD, FEV1 of predicted=64-67%, MRC=1.91-2.0 Participants comprised 61 of 133 referred subjects with moderate COPD. Of the 61 participants, 35 were randomized to receive rehabilitation and 26 subjects to receive standard COPD care from their GP. After randomization 19 subjects dropped out |
| Interventions | 7-week pulmonary rehabilitation programme and an 18-month follow-up survey or usual care (no rehab) (1) A preliminary motivational personal interview, V1. (2) An intensive 7-week physical training and educational phase led by a multidisciplinary team starting within 1 month of V1. (3) A final interview following completion of the intensive program, V2 (6 months after V1 for subjects in the control group). (4) Follow-up, V3 at 12months afterV1 andV4 at 18months after V1. |
| Outcomes | HRQoL(SGRQ), walking test(6MWT), Lung function |
| Notes | |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Unclear risk | not stated |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | sealed envelopes |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | not blinded |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | not blinded |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | High risk | high drop out rate |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | not detected |
| Other bias | Low risk | not detected |

Liu 2012

| Methods | RCT |
|---------------|--|
| Participants | Patients wih mild to moderate COPD FEV1 of predicted= 74-75%. GOLD stage 1-2. A total of 132 patients with confirmed diagnosis of COPD but no serious comorbidities were randomly allocated to the HQG group (n=51), PR group (n=32), or medical treatment group (n=35). |
| Interventions | The HQG group received 1 week of HQG training under the supervision of professional coaches, and were then encouraged to participate in a peer-led weekly practice group thrice a week, lasting 1 hour each time, for 6 months. The conventional PR group received the same amount of professional coaching on breathing and aerobic exercises, and peer-led walking or ball game groups. The medical treatment group only received health education on self-exercise. |
| Outcomes | HRQoL(Zhongshen questionnaire), walking test(6MWT), Lung function, immune cell factors, COPD related admissions |
| Notes | |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | block randomisation |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Unclear risk | not stated |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | not blinded |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Low risk | blinded |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Low risk | 1 drop out |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | not detected |
| Other bias | Low risk | none detected |

Roman 2013

| Methods | RCT |
|---------------|--|
| Participants | 97 patients with moderate COPD. MRC=2 or less. FEV1 of predicted= 60%. 3-month Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) program with a further 9 months of maintenance (RHBM group n=32) compared with both PR for 3 months without further maintenance (RHB group N=33) and usual care N=32. Follow-up at 4 (after PR) and 12 months |
| Interventions | a) Education program. During weeks 1, 6, and 12, patients received a 45-minute education session on the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system, the correct use of inhalers and brief counseling on smoking cessation. b) Respiratory Physiotherapy. Each session included a series of exercises, lasting a total of 15 minutes and including self-conscious breathing control, diaphragmatic breathing control, and exercises for the chest wall and abdominal muscle walls. c) Low intensity peripheral muscle training. Each session included abdominal and upper and lower limb exercises, shoulder and full arm circling, weight-lifting and other exercises. This training has been described previously [21] and used in other clinical trials [22,23]. Each exercise was repeated 8–10 times over 45 minutes. Control group These patients did not participate in either of the intervention programs; rather, they remained under the routine care of their general practitioner and nurse throughout |
| Outcomes | HRQoL(CRQ), walking test(6MWT), COPD related admissions |
| Notes | |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Authors' judgement Support for judgement | |
|---|--------------------|--|--|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | computer randomisation | |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | computer randomisation | |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | not blinded | |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Low risk | blinded | |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | High risk | More than 50% drop out rate | |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | not detected | |
| Other bias | Low risk | non detected | |

van Wetering 2009

| Methods | RCT |
|---------------|---|
| Participants | 199 patients with COPD, baseline FEV1 of predicted 58-60%, MRC score 1.5-1.7. Randomised into INTERCOM rehab=102 or usual care 97 |
| Interventions | The intervention: 4-month standardised supervised rehabilitation phase and a 20-month active maintenance phase. The programme was designed to improve and subsequently maintain exercise capacity, to promote selfmanagement skills and improve knowledge of COPD. Nutritional intervention and smoking cessation support were provided when indicated. During the first 4 months the patients visited the physiotherapists twice a week (30 min per visit) for intensive exercise training consisting of endurance training (cycling and walking) and four specific exercises for upper and lower extremities to improve both strength and endurance without the use of special equipment. Patients were instructed to perform the same exercises twice a day during 30 min in their home environment in addition to walking and cycling outside. Furthermore, all patients participated in an individualised education programme that was structured using a patient education book. All smokers were assigned to the respiratory nurse for standardised smoking cessetion.12 Nutritionally depleted patients received scheduled counselling (four visits) by a dietician and nutritional supplements (Respifor, Nutricia, The Netherlands). |

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| | Primary outcomes were change from baseline in disease-specific quality of life as assessed by the St George's Respiratory Questionnaire (SGRQ) total score and the total number of exacerbations (moderate plus severe) Secondary outcomes were change from baseline in subscores of the SGRQ (symptom, activity and impact scores), dyspnoea (modified MRC dyspnoea scale),16 exercise performance (Wmax), cycle endurance test (CET) at 50% Wmax for maximal 10 min and thereafter at 70% Wmax until exhaustion,13 6-minute walking test (6MWD), muscle strength (handgrip force (HGF), isometric quadriceps peak torque (QPT), maximal inspiratory mouth pressure (Pimax)),17 body composition (fatfree mass (FFM))18 and lung function. |
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| Notes | SGRQ, C-P exercise test, 6MWT, muscle strength |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement Support for judgement | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | computer randomisation | |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Unclear risk | computer randomisation | |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | not blinded | |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Low risk | blinded | |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | High risk | difference between groups in drop outs | |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | not detected | |
| Other bias | Low risk | none detected | |

Footnotes

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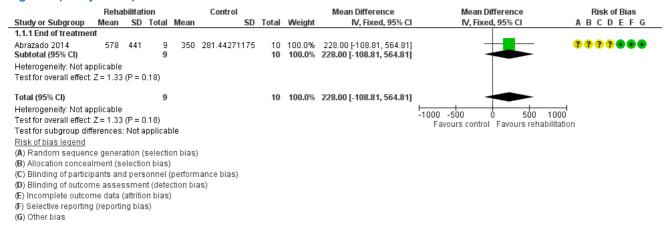
Data and analyses

1 Rehabilitation versus no rehabilitation

| Outcome or Subgroup | Studies | Participants | Statistical Method | Effect Estimate |
|---|---------|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1.1 CP exercise test. End of treatment | 1 | 19 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 228.00 [-108.81, 564.81] |
| 1.1.1 End of treatment | 1 | 19 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 228.00 [-108.81, 564.81] |
| 1.2 CP exercise test. Longest follow-up. Change | 1 | 175 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 205.00 [-11.19, 421.19] |
| 1.2.2 Longest follow-up. Change | 1 | 175 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 205.00 [-11.19, 421.19] |
| 1.3 Walking test. End of treatment | 1 | 45 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 43.00 [-8.18, 94.18] |
| 1.3.1 End of treatment | 1 | 45 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 43.00 [-8.18, 94.18] |
| 1.4 Walking test. Longest follow-up | 4 | 313 | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | 13.66 [-5.57, 32.89] |
| 1.4.2 Longest follow-up | 4 | 313 | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | 13.66 [-5.57, 32.89] |
| 1.6 Quality of life. End of treatment | 3 | 99 | Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | 0.06 [-0.34, 0.46] |
| 1.6.1 End of treatment | 3 | 99 | Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | 0.06 [-0.34, 0.46] |
| 1.7 Quality of life. Longest follow-up. Change | 1 | 175 | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | -4.20 [-4.51, -3.89] |
| 1.7.2 Longest follow-up. Change | 1 | 175 | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | -4.20 [-4.51, -3.89] |
| 1.8 Mortality. Longest follow-up | 4 | 328 | Odds Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI) | 1.33 [0.51, 3.43] |
| 1.8.1 Longest follow-up | 4 | 328 | Odds Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI) | 1.33 [0.51, 3.43] |
| 1.9 Dropout. End of treatment | 2 | 71 | Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI) | 3.67 [0.93, 14.44] |
| 1.9.1 End of treatment | 2 | 71 | Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI) | 3.67 [0.93, 14.44] |

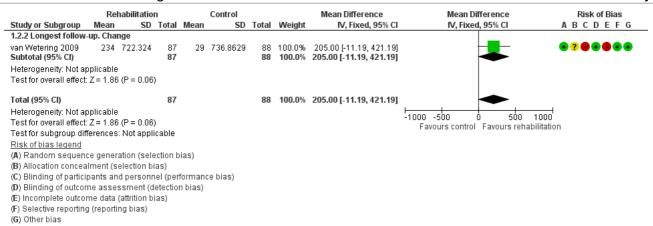
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Figure 1 (Analysis 1.1)



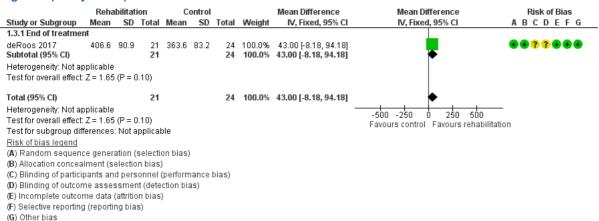
Forest plot of comparison: 1 Rehabilitation versus no rehabilitation, outcome: 1.1 CP exercise test. End of treatment.

Figure 2 (Analysis 1.2)



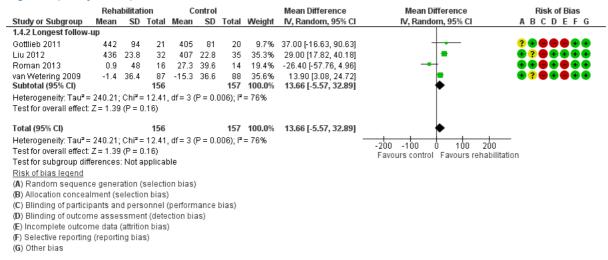
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Figure 3 (Analysis 1.3)



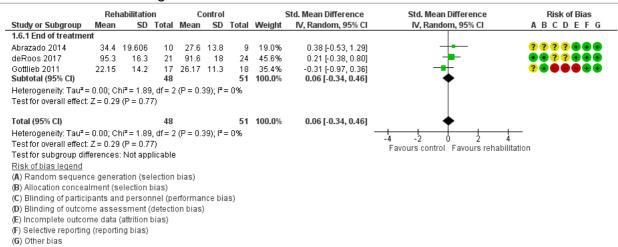
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Figure 4 (Analysis 1.4)



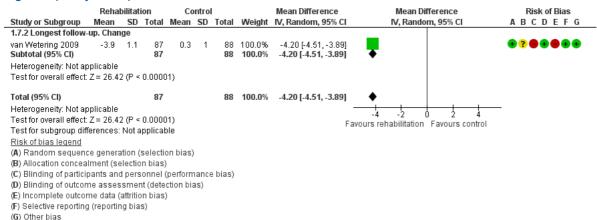
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Figure 6 (Analysis 1.6)



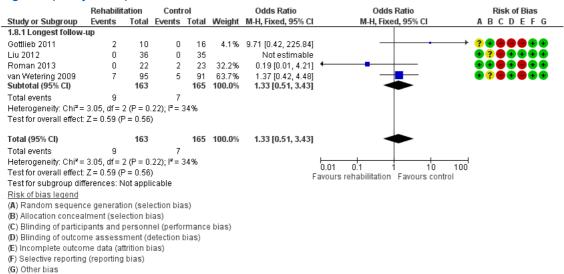
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Figure 7 (Analysis 1.7)



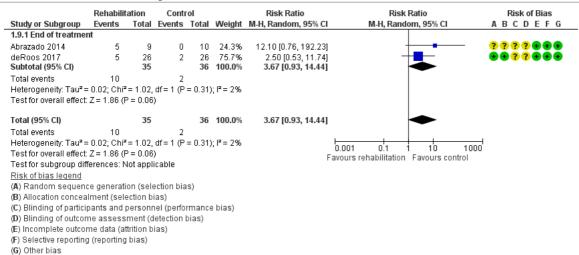
Forest plot of comparison: 1 Rehabilitation versus no rehabilitation, outcome: 1.7 Quality of life. Longest follow-up. Change.

Figure 8 (Analysis 1.8)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Rehabilitation versus no rehabilitation, outcome: 1.8 Mortality. Longest follow-up.

Figure 9 (Analysis 1.9)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Rehabilitation versus no rehabilitation, outcome: 1.9 Dropout. End of treatment.