## **Evidence Portfolio – Exposure Subcommittee, Question 6**<sup>1</sup>

## What is the relationship between high intensity interval training and reduction in cardiometabolic risk?

- 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?

Sources of Evidence: Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses

## **Conclusion Statements and Grades**

Moderate evidence indicates that high intensity interval training can effectively improve insulin sensitivity, blood pressure, and body composition in adults. These high intensity interval training-induced improvements in cardiometabolic disease risk factors are comparable to those resulting from continuous, moderate-intensity aerobic exercise and are more likely to occur in adults at higher risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, compared to healthy adults. **PAGAC Grade: Moderate.** 

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether a dose-response relationship exists between the quantity of high intensity interval training and several risk factors for cardiovascular disease and diabetes. **PAGAC Grade: Not assignable.** 

Insufficient evidence is available to determine whether the effects of high intensity interval training on cardiometabolic risk factors are influenced by age, sex, race/ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. **PAGAC** Grade: Not assignable.

Moderate evidence indicates that weight status influences the effectiveness of high intensity interval training to reduce cardiometabolic disease risk. Adults with overweight or obesity are more responsive than adults with normal weight to high intensity interval training's effects on improving insulin sensitivity, blood pressure, and body composition. **PAGAC Grade: Moderate.** 

## **Description of the Evidence**

An initial search for systematic reviews, meta-analyses, pooled analyses, and reports identified sufficient literature to answer the research question as determined by the Exposure Subcommittee. Additional searches for original research were not needed.

#### **Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses**

#### Overview

A total of 3 existing reviews were included: 1 systematic review<sup>1</sup> and 2 meta-analyses.<sup>2, 3</sup> The reviews were published from 2012 to 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Question 3 in Chapter 1. Physical Activity Behaviors: Steps, Bouts, And High Intensity Training

The systematic review<sup>1</sup> included 24 studies and covered a timeframe from inception to 2011.

The meta-analyses included a large number of studies. <u>Batacan et al<sup>2</sup></u> included 65 studies and <u>Jelleyman</u> <u>et al<sup>3</sup></u> included 50 studies. They also covered extensive timeframes: from 1970 to 2015 and from 1946 to 2015, respectively.

## Exposures

The three existing reviews examined physical activity performed as high-intensity interval training. <u>Batacan et al<sup>2</sup></u> and <u>Jelleyman et al<sup>3</sup></u> defined high-intensity interval training as bouts of vigorous activity or maximal effort interspersed with periods of lower intensity exercise or complete rest. <u>Kessler et al<sup>1</sup></u> examined two distinct types of high-intensity interval training: sprint interval training and aerobic interval training.

## Outcomes

All existing reviews examined cardiometabolic risk factors including maximal oxygen uptake (VO2max) and body composition<sup>1-3</sup>; insulin sensitivity<sup>1,3</sup>; and blood pressure.<sup>1,2</sup>

## **Populations Analyzed**

The table below lists the populations analyzed in each article.

Table 1. Populations Analyzed by All Sources of Evidence

|                    | Age             | Weight Status                             | Chronic Conditions  | Other   |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|---|---------|
| Batacan,<br>2017   | Adults<br>≥18   | Normal weight,<br>overweight and<br>obese |   |         |
| Jelleyman,<br>2015 | Adults<br>21–68 | Overweight and obese                      | Metabolic syndrome/type 2<br>diabetes, other chronic<br>disease | Healthy |
| Kessler,<br>2012   | All<br>ages     |   |   |         |

## **Supporting Evidence**

#### **Existing Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses**

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

## Meta-Analysis

**Citation:** Batacan RB Jr, Duncan MJ, Dalbo VJ, Tucker PS, Fenning AS. Effects of high-intensity interval training on cardiometabolic health: a systematic review and meta-analysis of intervention studies. *Br J Sports Med*. 2017;51(6):494-503. doi:10.1136/bjsports-2015-095841.

| <i>Sports Wea.</i> 2017, <i>S</i> 1(0).494-505. 001.1 |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Purpose: To synthesize the effects of                 | Abstract: The current review clarifies the cardiometabolic        |  |  |
| high intensity interval training (HIIT)               | health effects of high-intensity interval training (HIIT) in      |  |  |
| on cardiometabolic health markers.                    | adults. A systematic search (PubMed) examining HIIT and           |  |  |
| Timeframe: 1970–2015                                  | cardiometabolic health markers was completed on 15                |  |  |
| Total # of Studies: 65                                | October 2015. Sixty-five intervention studies were included       |  |  |
| Exposure Definition: HIIT: Short-                     | for review and the methodological quality of included studies     |  |  |
| term (<12 weeks) or long-term (≥12                    | was assessed using the Downs and Black score. Studies were        |  |  |
| weeks). HIIT defined as intermittent                  | classified by intervention duration and body mass index           |  |  |
| bouts of activity performed at                        | classification. Outcomes with at least 5 effect sizes were        |  |  |
| maximal effort (lasting ≤4 min/set                    | synthesized using a random-effects meta-analysis of the           |  |  |
| (combined with an interval of                         | standardized mean difference (SMD) in cardiometabolic             |  |  |
| recovery. Modalities included                         | health markers (baseline to postintervention) using Review        |  |  |
| treadmill, swimming, and cycling.                     | Manager 5.3. Short-term (ST) HIIT (<12 weeks) significantly       |  |  |
| Intervention duration ranged from 12                  | improved maximal oxygen uptake (VO2 max; SMD 0.74, 95%            |  |  |
| weeks to 52 weeks.                                    | CI 0.36 to 1.12; p<0.001), diastolic blood pressure (DBP; SMD     |  |  |
| Measures Steps: No                                    | -0.52, 95% CI -0.89 to -0.16; p<0.01) and fasting glucose (SMD    |  |  |
| Measures Bouts: No                                    | -0.35, 95% CI -0.62 to -0.09; p<0.01) in overweight/obese         |  |  |
| Examines HIIT: Yes                                    | populations. Long-term (LT) HIIT (>/=12 weeks) significantly      |  |  |
| Outcomes Addressed: Waist                             | improved waist circumference (SMD -0.20, 95% CI -0.38 to -        |  |  |
| circumference, BMI, Body fat (%),                     | 0.01; p<0.05), % body fat (SMD -0.40, 95% CI -0.74 to -0.06;      |  |  |
| VO2 max (ml/kg/min), blood                            | p<0.05), VO2 max (SMD 1.20, 95% Cl 0.57 to 1.83; p<0.001),        |  |  |
| pressure(mmHg), fasting glucose                       | resting heart rate (SMD -0.33, 95% CI -0.56 to -0.09; p<0.01),    |  |  |
| (mmol/L), lipid profile (mmol/L),                     | systolic blood pressure (SMD -0.35, 95% CI -0.60 to -0.09;        |  |  |
| triglycerides, VO2 max                                | p<0.01) and DBP (SMD -0.38, 95% CI -0.65 to -0.10; p<0.01) in     |  |  |
| Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as                  | overweight/obese populations. HIIT demonstrated no effect         |  |  |
| Outcome: Yes  | on insulin, lipid profile, C reactive protein or interleukin 6 in |  |  |
|   | overweight/obese populations. In normal weight populations,       |  |  |
|   | ST-HIIT and LT-HIIT significantly improved VO2 max, but no        |  |  |
|   | other significant effects were observed. Current evidence         |  |  |
|   | suggests that ST-HIIT and LT-HIIT can increase VO2 max and        |  |  |
|   | improve some cardiometabolic risk factors in                      |  |  |
|   | overweight/obese populations.                                     |  |  |
| Populations Analyzed: Adults ≥18;                     | Author-Stated Funding Source: Central Queensland                  |  |  |
| Normal/Healthy Weight, Overweight                     | University; National Heart Foundation of Australia                |  |  |
| and Obese   |   |  |  |
|   | 1   |  |  |

| Meta-Analysis  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Citation: Jelleyman C, Yates T, O'Donovan G, et al. The effects of high-intensity interval training on |   |  |  |  |
| glucose regulation and insulin resistance  | ce: a meta-analysis. Obes Rev. 2015;16(11):942-961.               |  |  |  |
| doi:10.1111/obr.12317.   |   |  |  |  |
| Purpose: To quantify the impact of   | Abstract: The aim of this meta-analysis was to quantify the       |  |  |  |
| high-intensity interval training (HIIT)  | effects of high-intensity interval training (HIIT) on markers of  |  |  |  |
| on glucose insulin regulation, body  | glucose regulation and insulin resistance compared with           |  |  |  |
| weight, and cardiorespiratory fitness.   | control conditions (CON) or continuous training (CT).             |  |  |  |
| Timeframe: 1946–March 2015   | Databases were searched for HIIT interventions based upon         |  |  |  |
| Total # of Studies: 50   | the inclusion criteria: training >/=2 weeks, adult participants   |  |  |  |
| Exposure Definition: HIIT defined as   | and outcome measurements that included insulin resistance,        |  |  |  |
| at least two bouts of vigorous or  | fasting glucose, HbA1c or fasting insulin. Dual interventions     |  |  |  |
| higher intensity exercise interspersed   | and participants with type 1 diabetes were excluded. Fifty        |  |  |  |
| with periods of lower intensity  | studies were included. There was a reduction in insulin           |  |  |  |
| exercise or complete rest. Included  | resistance following HIIT compared with both CON and CT           |  |  |  |
| studies had HIIT for ≥3 times per  | (HIIT vs. CON: standardized mean difference [SMD] = -0.49,        |  |  |  |
| week for 2 weeks. Duration of HIIT   | confidence intervals [CIs] -0.87 to -0.12, P = 0.009; CT: SMD =   |  |  |  |
| between 4 sec and 5 min and  | -0.35, -0.68 to -0.02, P = 0.036). Compared with CON, HbA1c       |  |  |  |
| intensity between 65% VO2max and   | decreased by 0.19% (-0.36 to -0.03, P = 0.021) and body           |  |  |  |
| Wingate effort. Recovery intervals   | weight decreased by 1.3 kg (-1.9 to -0.7, P < 0.001). There       |  |  |  |
| varied with a duration range of 12   | were no statistically significant differences between groups in   |  |  |  |
| sec–5 min and intensity range of   | other outcomes overall. However, participants at risk of or       |  |  |  |
| complete rest to 70% HR max.   | with type 2 diabetes experienced reductions in fasting            |  |  |  |
| Session duration: 10–60 min and  | glucose (-0.92 mmol L(-1), -1.22 to -0.62, P < 0.001) compared    |  |  |  |
| total length of intervention (range 2–   | with CON. HIIT appears effective at improving metabolic           |  |  |  |
| 16 weeks).   | health, particularly in those at risk of or with type 2 diabetes. |  |  |  |
| Measures Steps: No   | Larger randomized controlled trials of longer duration than       |  |  |  |
| Measures Bouts: No   | those included in this meta-analysis are required to confirm      |  |  |  |
| Examines HIIT: Yes   | these results.  |  |  |  |
| Outcomes Addressed: Glucose  |   |  |  |  |
| regulation (HbA1c or fasting glucose   |   |  |  |  |
| levels); Insulin resistance; BMI;  |   |  |  |  |
| VO2max   |   |  |  |  |
| Examine Cardiorespiratory Fitness as   |   |  |  |  |
| Outcome: Yes   |   |  |  |  |
| Populations Analyzed: 21–68 years;   | Author-Stated Funding Source: National Institute for Health       |  |  |  |
| Healthy, Overweight and obese,   | Research Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health           |  |  |  |
| Metabolic Syndrome/Type 2  | Research and Care   |  |  |  |
| Diabetes, other  |   |  |  |  |
| Chronic Disease.   |   |  |  |  |

## **Systematic Review**

**Citation:** Kessler HS, Sisson SB, Short KR. The potential for high-intensity interval training to reduce cardiometabolic disease risk. *Sports Med*. 2012;42(6):489-509. doi:10.2165/11630910-00000000-000000.

Purpose: To examine the impact of high-intensity interval training (HIT) on clinical cardiometabolic risk factors including glucose metabolism, serum lipids, blood pressure, and anthropometric outcomes. Timeframe: Inception-2011 Total # of Studies: 24 Exposure Definition: Two distinct types of HIT were included: Sprint interval training (SIT): 4–6 cycles of 30 second 'all out sprints' followed by 4–4.5 minutes of recovery. Aerobic interval training (AIT): 4 minutes of high-intensity work at 80–95%. VO2max followed by 3-4 minutes of recovery time, for 4-6 cycles performed on a treadmill or bicycle ergometer. Duration of exposure ranged from 2 weeks to 6 months. Measures Steps: No Measures Bouts: No Examines HIT: Yes Outcomes Addressed: Insulin resistance; asting glucose; lipid profile; Hypertension; Body composition – body weight, BMI, body-fat percentage (BF%), lean body mass percentage, waist-to-hip ratio, waist circumference; VO2 max **Examine Cardiorespiratory** Fitness as Outcome: Yes

**Abstract:** In the US, 34% of adults currently meet the criteria for the metabolic syndrome defined by elevated waist circumference, plasma triglycerides (TG), fasting glucose and/or blood pressure, and decreased high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C). While these cardiometabolic risk factors can be treated with medication, lifestyle modification is strongly recommended as a first-line approach. The purpose of this review is to focus on the effect of physical activity interventions and, specifically, on the potential benefits of incorporating higher intensity exercise. Several recent studies have suggested that compared with continuous moderate exercise (CME), high-intensity interval training (HIT) may result in a superior or equal improvement in fitness and cardiovascular health. HIT is comprised of brief periods of high-intensity exercise interposed with recovery periods at a lower intensity. The premise of using HIT in both healthy and clinical populations is that the vigorous activity segments promote greater adaptations via increased cellular stress, yet their short length, and the ensuing recovery intervals, allow even untrained individuals to work harder than would otherwise be possible at steady-state intensity. In this review, we examine the impact of HIT on cardiometabolic risk factors, anthropometric measures of obesity and cardiovascular fitness in both healthy and clinical populations with cardiovascular and metabolic disease. The effects of HIT versus CME on health outcomes were compared in 14 of the 24 studies featuring HIT. Exercise programmes ranged from 2 weeks to 6 months. All 17 studies that measured aerobic fitness and all seven studies that measured insulin sensitivity showed significant improvement in response to HIT, although these changes did not always exceed responses to CME comparison groups. A minimum duration of 12 weeks was necessary to demonstrate improvement in fasting glucose in four of seven studies (57%). A minimum duration of 8 weeks of HIT was necessary to demonstrate improvement in HDL-C in three of ten studies (30%). No studies reported that HIT resulted in improvement of total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), or TG. At least 12 weeks of HIT was required for reduction in blood pressure to emerge in five studies of participants not already being treated for hypertension. A minimum duration of 12 weeks was necessary to see consistent improvement in the six studies that examined anthropometric measures of obesity in overweight/obese individuals. In the 13 studies with a matchedexercise-volume CME group, improvement in aerobic fitness in response to HIT was equal to (5 studies), or greater than (8 studies) in response to CME. Additionally, HIT has been shown to be safe and effective in patients with a range of cardiac and metabolic

|                                | dysfunction. In conclusion, HIT appears to promote superior          |
|--------------------------------|--|
|                                | improvements in aerobic fitness and similar improvements in some     |
|                                | cardiometabolic risk factors in comparison to CME, when performed    |
|                                | by healthy subjects or clinical patients for at least 8-12 weeks.    |
|                                | Future studies need to address compliance and efficacy of HIT in the |
|                                | real world with a variety of populations.                            |
| Populations Analyzed: All Ages | Author-Stated Funding Source: National Institutes of Health          |

| Table 3. Existing Systematic Review and Meta-An | alvses Quality Assessment Chart |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Tuble 5. Existing Systematic Neview and Meta An | aryses quanty Assessment chart  |

| AMSTARExBP: SR/MA  | Data             | Leller             | Key I            |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|  | Batacan,<br>2017 | Jelleyman,<br>2015 | Kessler,<br>2012 |
| Review questions and inclusion/exclusion criteria delineated prior to executing search strategy. | Yes              | Yes                | Yes              |
| Population variables defined and considered in methods.  | No               | Yes                | No               |
| Comprehensive literature search performed.   | Partially<br>Yes | Yes                | Yes              |
| Duplicate study selection and data extraction performed.   | No               | No                 | No               |
| Search strategy clearly described.   | Yes              | Yes                | Yes              |
| Relevant grey literature included in review.   | No               | No                 | No               |
| List of studies (included and excluded) provided.  | No               | No                 | No               |
| Characteristics of included studies provided.  | Yes              | Yes                | Yes              |
| FITT defined and examined in relation to outcome effect sizes.                                   | Yes              | Yes                | N/A              |
| Scientific quality (risk of bias) of included studies assessed and documented.                   | Yes              | Yes                | No               |
| Results depended on study quality, either overall, or in in in interaction with moderators.      | No               | No                 | N/A              |
| Scientific quality used appropriately in formulating conclusions.                                | Yes              | Yes                | N/A              |
| Data appropriately synthesized and if applicable, heterogeneity assessed.                        | Yes              | Yes                | N/A              |
| Effect size index chosen justified, statistically.   | Yes              | Yes                | N/A              |
| Individual-level meta-analysis used.   | No               | No                 | N/A              |
| Practical recommendations clearly addressed.   | Yes              | Yes                | Yes              |
| Likelihood of publication bias assessed.   | No               | Yes                | No               |
| Conflict of interest disclosed.  | Yes              | Yes                | Yes              |

## Appendices

## **Appendix A: Analytical Framework**



## **Systematic Review Questions**

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## **Population**

Adults, 18 years and older

## **Exposure**

- PA performed as high-intensity interval training
- PA exposure of at least 12 weeks

## **Comparison**

• Different PA intensities

## **Endpoint Health Outcomes**

- All-cause and CVD mortality
- CVD incidence
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Cardiorespiratory fitness
- Cardiometabolic risk factors:
  - o Blood Pressure
  - Blood lipids (total cholesterol, HDLcholesterol, LDL- cholesterol, triglycerides)
  - Body mass, BMI
  - o Waist circumference

#### **Key Definitions**

 High-intensity interval training (HIIT), also called high-intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE), sprint interval training (SIT), supramaximal interval training (SIT): a form of interval training (IT), an exercise strategy alternating short periods of intense anaerobic exercise with less-intense recovery periods.

## **Appendix B: Final Search Strategy**

## Search Strategy: PubMed Q4-Q6 (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

Database: PubMed; Date of Search: 5/4/2017; 233 results

| Set  | Search Strategy   |
|--|---|
| Physical Activity  | <pre>(("Activity bouts"[tiab] OR "Daily steps"[tiab] OR "High intensity activity"[tiab] OR<br/>"Interval training"[tiab] OR "Pedometer"[tiab] OR "Step count"[tiab] OR<br/>"Steps/day"[tiab] OR 'high intensity interval training'[tiab]) OR (( ("High<br/>intensity"[tiab] AND "training")[tiab] OR 'Interval training'[tiab] OR<br/>'Pedometer'[tiab]) NOT medline[sb])</pre> |
| Limit:<br>Publication Type<br>Include<br>Systematic<br>Reviews/Meta-<br>Analyses | AND<br>(systematic[sb] OR meta-analysis[pt] OR review [tiab] OR "systematic<br>review"[tiab] OR "systematic literature review"[tiab] OR metaanalysis[tiab] OR<br>"meta analysis"[tiab] OR metanalyses[tiab] OR "meta analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled<br>analysis"[tiab] OR "pooled analyses"[tiab] OR "pooled data"[tiab])   |
| Limit:<br>Publication Type<br>Exclude<br>Commentaries/<br>Editorials             | NOT ("comment"[Publication Type] OR "editorial"[Publication Type])  |
| Limit: Language  | AND (English[lang])   |
| Limit: Exclude<br>animal only  | NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] AND "Humans"[Mesh]))  |
| Limit: Exclude<br>child only   | NOT (("infant"[Mesh] OR "child"[mesh] OR "adolescent"[mh]) NOT<br>(("infant"[Mesh] OR "child"[mesh] OR "adolescent"[mh]) AND "adult"[Mesh]))  |

# Search Strategy: CINAHL Q4-Q6 (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

Database: CINAHL; Date of Search: 5/4/2017; 16 unique results

Terms searched in title or abstract

| Set               | Search Strategy  |
|-------------------|--|
| Physical Activity | ("Activity bouts" OR "Daily steps" OR "High intensity activity" OR "Interval training"<br>OR Pedometer OR "Step count" OR "Steps/day" OR 'high intensity interval training"<br>OR ("High intensity" AND "training")) |
| Systematic        | AND  |
| Reviews and       | ("systematic review" OR "systematic literature review" OR review OR metaanalysis   |
| Meta-Analyses     | OR "meta analysis" OR metanalyses OR "meta analyses"" OR "pooled analysis" OR "pooled analysis" OR "pooled data")  |
| Limits            | English language   |
|                   | Peer reviewed  |
|                   | Exclude Medline records  |
|                   | Human  |
|                   | All years searched   |

## Search Strategy: Cochrane Q4-Q6 (Systematic Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Pooled Analyses, and High-Quality Reports)

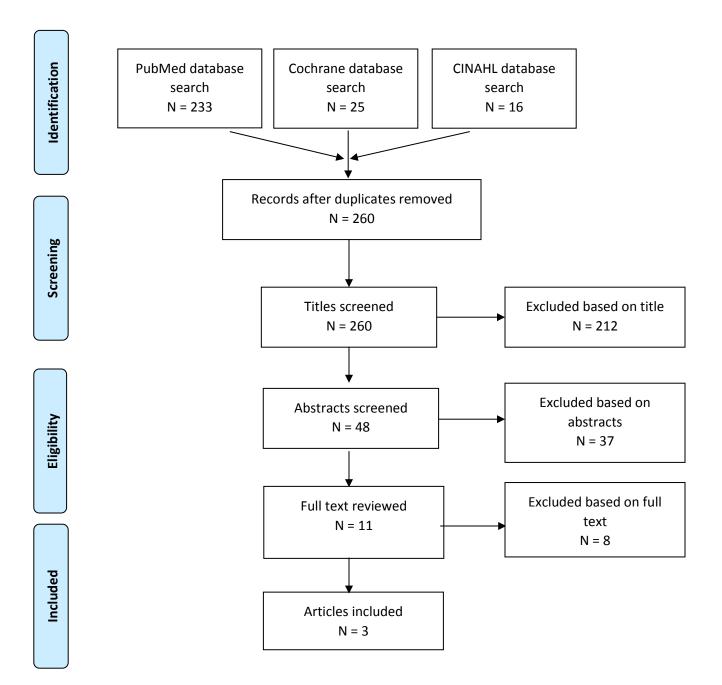
Database: Cochrane; Date of Search: 5/4/17; 25 Results

Terms searched in title, abstract, or keywords

| Set                  | Search Terms   |
|----------------------|--|
| Physical<br>Activity | ("Activity bouts" OR "Daily steps" OR "High intensity activity" OR "Interval training" OR<br>Pedometer OR "Step count" OR "Steps/day" OR "high intensity interval training" OR ("High<br>intensity" AND training)) |
| Limits               | Word variations not searched<br>Cochrane Reviews and Other Reviews<br>All years searched   |

## **Appendix C: Literature Tree**

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



## **Appendix D: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria**

## **Exposure Subcommittee**

Q6: What is the relationship between high intensity interval training and reduction in cardiometabolic risk?

- 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?

| Category                  | Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria  | Notes/Rationale |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Publication               | Include:  |                 |
| Language                  | <ul> <li>Studies published with full text in English</li> </ul>             |                 |
| <b>Publication Status</b> | Include:  |                 |
|                           | <ul> <li>Studies published in peer-reviewed journals</li> </ul>             |                 |
|                           | • Reports determined to have appropriate suitability                        |                 |
|                           | and quality by PAGAC  |                 |
|                           | Exclude:  |                 |
|                           | Grey literature, including unpublished data,                                |                 |
|                           | manuscripts, abstracts, conference proceedings                              |                 |
| Research Type             | Include:  |                 |
|                           | Original research   |                 |
|                           | Meta-analyses   |                 |
|                           | Systematic reviews  |                 |
|                           | Reports determined to have appropriate suitability     and guality by DACAC |                 |
| Study Subjects            | and quality by PAGAC Include:   |                 |
| Study Subjects            |   |                 |
| Age of Study              | Human subjects Include:   |                 |
| Subjects                  | <ul> <li>18 years of age and above</li> </ul>                               |                 |
| Health Status of          | Include:  |                 |
| Study Subjects            | <ul> <li>Only studies conducted in general population</li> </ul>            |                 |
|                           | Exclude:  |                 |
|                           | <ul> <li>Studies on patients with existing CVD</li> </ul>                   |                 |
|                           | <ul> <li>Studies on high performance athletes</li> </ul>                    |                 |
| Comparison                | Include studies in which the comparison is:                                 |                 |
|                           | • Adults exposed to different intensities of physical                       |                 |
|                           | activity  |                 |
| Date of                   | Include:  |                 |
| Publication               | No date limit   |                 |
| Study                     | Include:  |                 |
| Design/Type of            | <ul> <li>Systematic reviews</li> </ul>                                      |                 |
| Research                  | <ul> <li>Meta-analyses</li> </ul>   |                 |
|                           | • Report  |                 |
|                           | Pooled analysis   |                 |
|                           | Exclude:  |                 |
|                           | Original Research articles  |                 |
|                           | Literature reviews  |                 |

|                 | Commentaries  |
|-----------------|---|
| Size of Study   | Include:  |
| Groups          | • All   |
| Intervention/   | Include:  |
| Exposure        | <ul> <li>Studies where PA is performed as high-intensity interval training</li> <li>Studies where the duration of the PA exposure is at least 12 weeks</li> </ul>   |
|                 | <ul> <li>Exclude:</li> <li>Studies examining the metabolic response (e.g., insulin sensitivity, lipid values) to a single dose of PA or acute bouts</li> <li>Exposure measured by a single measure of physical fitness (cardiovascular fitness, strength, flexibility, walking speed in older adults): Where the measure of physical activity is based only on physical fitness measures (single or combined variables)</li> <li>Studies that do not include physical activity (or the lack thereof) as the primary exposure variable or used solely as a confounding variable</li> <li>Studies of a specific therapeutic exercise (range of metabolic response)</li> </ul> |
| Outcome         | of motion exercise, inspiratory muscle training) Include studies in which the outcome is:   |
| Outcome         | <ul> <li>All-cause and CVD mortality</li> <li>Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)</li> <li>Type 2 Diabetes</li> <li>Cardiometabolic risk factors: <ul> <li>Blood Pressure</li> <li>Blood lipids (total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, LDL- cholesterol, LDL- cholesterol, triglycerides)</li> <li>Body mass, BMI</li> <li>Waist circumference</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cardiorespiratory fitness <ul> <li>Exclude:</li> <li>Congenital heart disease</li> <li>Studies on progression of CVD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| Multiple        | Include: More than one article per data set. **Note   |
| Publications of | if re-analysis of dataset evaluated for 2008  |
| Same Data       | Exclude: No restriction   |

## 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<br>Design | Exposure | Not ideal fit for<br>replacement of<br>de novo search |
|---|---------|------------|-----------------|----------|---|
| Albright C, Thompson DL. The effectiveness of<br>walking in preventing cardiovascular disease in<br>women: a review of the current literature. J<br>Womens Health (Larchmt). 2006;15(3):271-280.<br>doi:10.1089/jwh.2006.15.271.  |         |            |                 | х        |   |
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