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**Table S1. Overview on the headings and search terms used for this systematic review.** Search terms were combined by the Boolean search operator 'AND'.

Headings	Search Terms (Key words)		
Exercise training	aerobic exercise training, aerobic training, exercise, exercise training, physical activity, training, exercise training, rehabilitation		
	Related terms and synonyms anaerobic training, circuit training, strength training, endurance training, chronic training, gymnastics, strengthening, fitness training, calisthenics, sport therapy, cardiovascular training, exercising, physical exercise, physical training, physical motion, motion activity, sporting activity, sport/s activity, workout, movement, weight training, weight bearing exercise		
Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)	pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), pulmonary hypertension (PH), monocrotaline (MCT)  Related terms and synonyms cardiovascular disease, group 1 pulmonary hypertension (PH), precapillary pulmonary hypertension		

Table S2. Detailed search strategy including date, searched databases, and keywords. Electronic databases were searched until July 2019, using medical subject heading terms and related terms. The article type was filtered for randomised and non-randomised controlled trials (RCT & non-RCT), observational studies and clinical trials and only studies in English and German were included.

No.	Title	Author	Year		
Date: 03.06.2019; Database: Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; Key words: pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), exercise training, pulmonary hypertension					
1	Benefits of skeletal-muscle exercise training in pulmonary arterial hypertension: The WHOLEi + 12 trial	González-Saiz, L. et	2017		
		al.			
2	Exercise training improves peak oxygen consumption and haemodynamics in patients with severe pulmonary arterial	Ehlken, N. et al.	2016		
	hypertension and inoperable chronic thrombo-embolic pulmonary hypertension: a prospective, randomized, controlled trial.				
Date:	<b>04.06.2019</b> ; <i>Database</i> : Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; <i>Key words</i> : aerobic exercise training, pulmonary arterial hypertension	n (PAH)			
3	Cardioprotective effects of early and late aerobic exercise training in experimental pulmonary arterial hypertension	Moreira-Goncalves,	2015		
		D. et al			
4	Effects of aerobic exercise training on metabolism of nitric oxide and endothelin-1 in lung parenchyma of rats with pulmonary	Zimmer, A. et al.	2017		
	arterial hypertension				
5	Effect of aerobic exercise training on fatigue and physical activity in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension	Weinstein, Ali A. et	2013		
		al.			
Date:	<b>05.06.2019</b> ; <i>Database</i> : Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; <i>Key words</i> : exercise training, pulmonary hypertension (PH), pulmona	ry arterial hypertension	(PAH),		
exerc	se				
6	The Combination of Exercise and Respiratory Training Improves Respiratory Muscle Function in Pulmonary Hypertension	Kabitz, HJ. et al.	2013		
7	Oscillatory whole-body vibration improves exercise capacity and physical performance in pulmonary arterial hypertension: a	Gerhardt, F. et al.	2017		
	randomised clinical study				
Date:	<b>07.06.2019</b> ; <i>Database</i> : Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; <i>Key words</i> : exercise training, pulmonary hypertension (PH), pulmona	ry arterial hypertension	(PAH),		
rehab	ilitation				
8	Exercise and Respiratory Training Improve Exercise Capacity and Quality of Life in Patients With Severe Chronic Pulmonary	Mereles, D. et al.	2006		
	Hypertension				
9	Exercise training in pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with connective tissue diseases.	Grünig, E. et al.	2012		
10	Magnetic resonance imaging to assess the effect of exercise training on pulmonary perfusion and blood flow in patients with	Ley, S. et al.	2013		
	pulmonary hypertension				
11	Benefits of Intensive Treadmill Exercise Training on Cardiorespiratory Function and Quality of Life in Patients With Pulmonary	Chan, L. et al.	2013		

No.	Title	Author	Year
	Hypertension		
12	Effects of an Outpatient Service Rehabilitation Programme in Patients Affected by Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: An	Bussotti, M. et al.	2017
	Observational Study		
Date	: 08.06.2019; Database: Pubmed -> Medline, Web of Science; Key words: exercise training, pulmonary hypertension (PH), pulmona	ry arterial hypertension	(PAH),
rehal	pilitation		
13	Safety and efficacy of exercise training in various forms of pulmonary hypertension	Grünig, E. et al.	2012
14	Effect of Exercise and Respiratory Training on Clinical Progression and Survival in Patients with Severe Chronic Pulmonary	Grünig, E. et al.	2011
	Hypertension		
15	Efficacy of exercise training in pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with congenital heart disease	Becker-Grünig, T. et	2013
		al.	
16	Effects of exercise training in patients with idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension	de Man, F. S. et al.	2009
17	Ambulatory rehabilitation improves exercise capacity in patients with pulmonary hypertension	Fox, B. et al	2011
Date	: 10.06.2019; Database: Pubmed -> Medline, Web of Science, Key words: exercise training, pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH),	pulmonary hypertension	n (PH),
traini	ing		
18	Exercise Training in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: A Case Report	Shoemaker, M. J. et	2009
		al.	
19	A prescribed walking regimen plus arginine supplementation improves function and quality of life for patients with pulmonary	Brown, M. B. et al.	2018
	arterial hypertension: a pilot study		
20	High-intensity interval training, but not continuous training, reverses right ventricular hypertrophy and dysfunction in a rat	Brown, M. B. et al.	2017
	model of pulmonary hypertension		
Date	: 12.06.2019; Database: Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; Key words: pulmonary hypertension (PH), pulmonary arterial hyperte	ension (PAH), aerobic tra	ining,
mond	ocrotaline (MCT), rehabilitation, exercise		
21	Rehabilitation Program in Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients with Pulmonary Hypertension	Martínez-Quintana,	2010
		E. et al.	
22	Voluntary exercise delays heart failure onset in rats with pulmonary arterial hypertension	Natali, A. et al.	2015
23	Exercise preconditioning prevents MCT-induced right ventricle remodeling through the regulation of TNF superfamily cytokines	Nogueira-Ferreira, R.	2016
		et al.	
24	Preventive aerobic training exerts a cardioprotective effect on rats treated with monocrotaline	Pacagnelli, F. L. et al.	2016
Date	: 13.06.2019; Database: Pubmed $\rightarrow$ Medline, Web of Science; Key words: exercise training, monocrotaline (MCT), aerobic exercise,	pulmonary hypertension	n,
exerc	ise and the second seco		
25	Effects of a chronic exercise training protocol on oxidative stress and right ventricular hypertrophy in monocrotaline-treated	Souza-Rabbo, M. P.	2008

No.	Title	Author	Year		
	rats	et al.			
26	Effects of exercise on monocrotaline-induced changes in right heart function and pulmonary artery remodeling in rats	Colombo, R. et al.	2013		
27	Aerobic Exercise Promotes a Decrease in Right Ventricle Apoptotic Proteins in Experimental Cor Pulmonale	Colombo, R. et al.	2015		
28	Exercise training contributes to H2O2/VEGF signaling in the lung of rats with monocrotaline-induced pulmonary hypertension	Colombo, R. et al.	2016		
Date:	Date: 15.06.2019; Database: Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science; Key words: pulmonary hypertension, exercise training, pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), training				
29	Opposite Effects of Training in Rats With Stable and Progressive Pulmonary Hypertension	Handoko, M. L. et al.	2009		
30	Downhill exercise training in monocrotaline-injected rats: Effects on echocardiographic and haemodynamic variables and survival	Enachea, I. et al.	2017		
31	Short term effects of exercise training on exercise capacity and quality of life in individuals with pulmonary arterial hypertension	Ganderton et al.	2012		
Date:	Date: 10.07.2019; Database: Pubmed → Medline, Web of Science, UB; Key words: pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), rehabilitation				
32	Effects of a Rehabilitation Program on Skeletal Muscle Function in Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Mainguy, V. et al.	2010		

**Table S3. Functional classification of patients in human studies.** WHO: World Health Organisation; NYHA: New York Heart Association.

Author (year)	Patients	w	/HO & NYHA Functi	onal classificat	ion
	(n)	ı	II	III	IV
[11] Mereles et al. (2006)	30	0	6	22	2
[88] Man et al. (2009)	19	0	3	16	0
[76] Shoemaker et al. (2009)	2	0	2	0	0
[89] Mainguy et al. (2010)	5	0	3	2	0
[90] Martínez-Quintana et al. (2010)	8	0	3	5	0
[91] Fox et al. (2011)	22	0	13	9	0
[37] Grünig et al. (2011)	58	0	10	44	4
[92] Ganderton (2012)	10	0	6	4	0
[12] Grünig et al. (2012a)	183	2	26	137	18
[93] Grünig et al. (2012b)	21	0	9	7	5
[36] Becker-Grünig et al. (2013)	20	0	6	14	0
[69] Chan et al. (2013)	23	1	12	9	1
[94] Ley et al. (2013)	20	0	4	16	0
[87] Weinstein et al. (2013)	24	1	12	10	1
[95] Kabitz et al. (2014)	7	0	0	6	1
[96] Ehlken et al. (2016)	87*	0	14	66	4
[97] Bussotti et al. (2017)	15	0	9	6	0
[73] Gerhardt et al. (2017)	22	0	13	9	0
[98] González-Saiz et al. (2017)	40	9 (+4 in I-II)	21 (+4 in II-III)	2	0
[77] Brown et al. (2018)	12	0	6	6	0

<sup>\*</sup>missing values for three patients

**Table S4. Detailed list of reporting of adverse events.** All 20 human studies mentioned in this review article were screened for addressing of study-related side effects.

Author (year)	Reported adverse events
[11] Mereles et al. (2006)	None
[37] Grünig et al. (2011)	None
[69] Chan et al. (2013)	None
[76] Shoemaker et al. (2009)	None
[77] Brown et al. (2018)	None
[88] Man et al. (2009)	None
[90] Martínez-Quintana et al. (2010)	None
[91] Fox et al. (2011)	None
[92] Ganderton et al. (2012)	None
[97] Bussotti et al. (2017)	None
[87] Weinstein et al. (2013)	No information provided
[89] Mainguy et al. (2010)	No information provided
[94] Ley et al. (2013)	No information provided
[95] Kabitz et al. (2014)	No information provided
[96] Ehlken et al. (2016)	No information provided
[98] González-Saiz et al. (2017)	No information provided
[36] Becker-Grünig et al. (2013)	Respiratory infections
[12] Grünig et al. (2012a)	Respiratory infections, (pre-)syncope
[73] Gerhardt et al. (2017)	Back pain, sore muscles
[93] Grünig et al. (2012b)	Gastrointestinal infections with diarrhea, respiratory infections