# PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE, EXERCISE TRAINING AND BODY COMPOSITION IN CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

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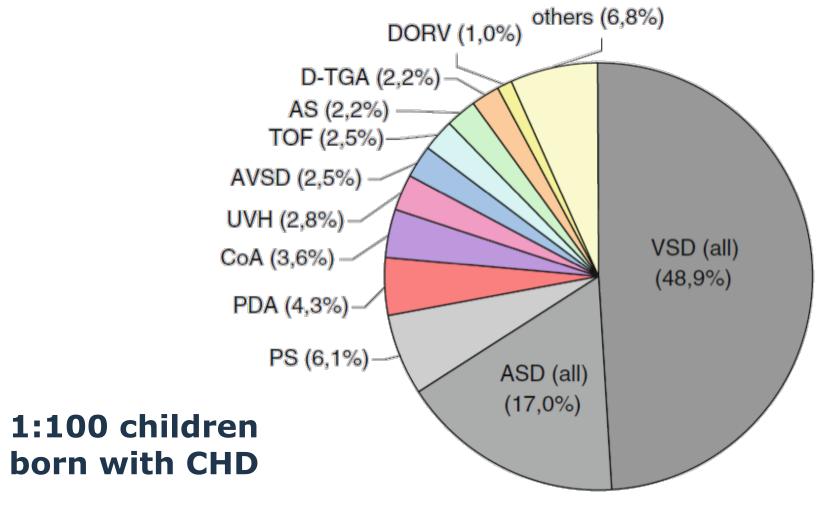
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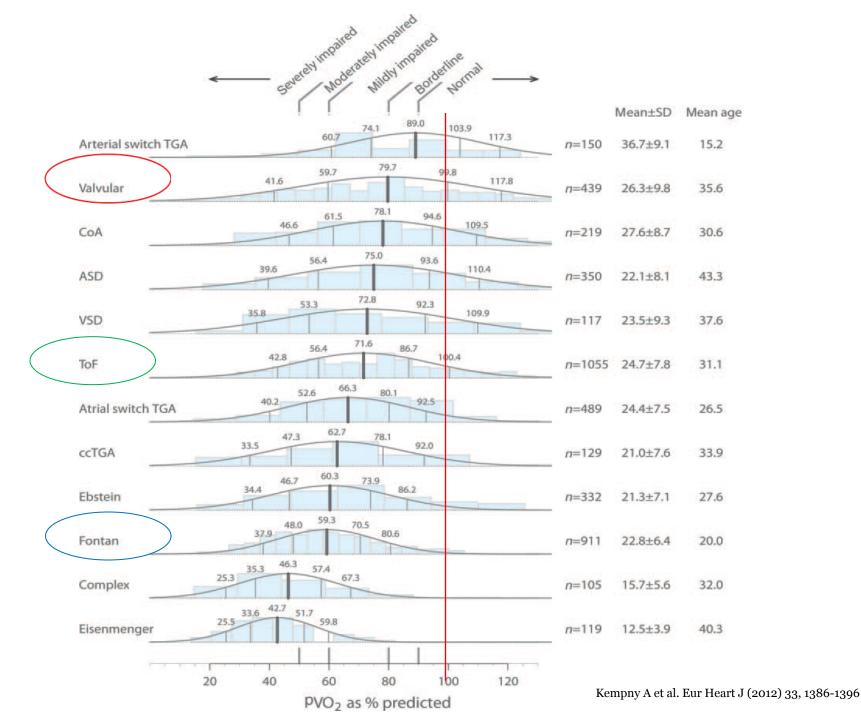


### **CHD - Heterogenous disease**





Diller et al.



# FACTORS RELATED TO LIMITED AEROBIC CAPACITY

- Ventricular function Stoke volume
- Heart rate

Cardiac output

- Muscle function
- Pulmonary function
- Pulmonary blood flow
- Cyanosis
- Physical activity



# VENTRICULAR FUNCTION (STROKE VOLUME)

- Valvular stenosis/regurgitation, shunt, hypertension
- Right ventricle as systemic ventricle (TGA)

 Absence of sub pulmonary ventricle (TCPC)



#### **HEART RATE**

- Chronotropic incompetence
- Complex heart lesion
- Increasing age
- Sick-sinus, Beta blockers, injury during surgery



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#### Muscle function

- Impaired muscle endurance
- Impaired muscle strength
- Impaired muscle metabolism



 Connection muscle strength – peak aerobic capacity (peak VO<sub>2</sub>)

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### Pulmonary function

- More common in complex CHD
- Hypoplasia
- Restrictivity



### Pulmonary blood flow

- Right ventricular outflow tract restriction
- Passive pulmonary blood flow
- Increased pulmonary blood pressure



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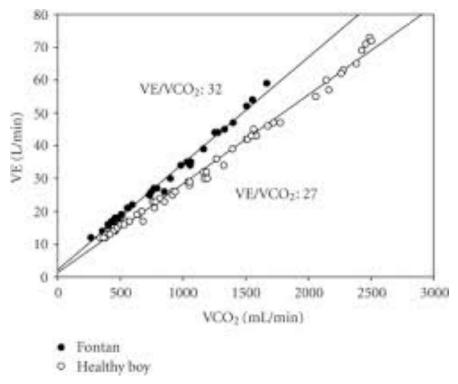
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### **CYANOSIS**

 $\uparrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> in blood  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  ventilation



Ten Harkel et al. International Journal of Pediatrics 2010(18) · September 2010



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#### **Clinical Research**

### Habitual Physical Activity in Adults With Congenital Heart Disease Compared With Age- and Sex-Matched Controls

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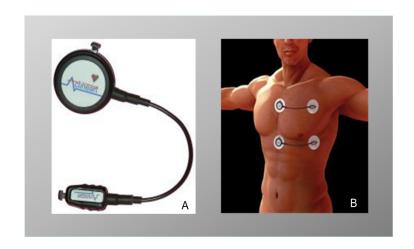
80 adults with CHD
32 women
Mean age 37.0±15.3 years
Complex lesions n=40
Simple lesions n=40

42 controls 16 women 36.9±15.0 years



### MATERIAL AND METHOD

- Actiheart, 4 days
- Time spent ≥ moderate activity (≥3MET)





### **RESULTS**

- Equally active as their healthy peers
- ≈ 50% did not reach current WHO recommendations on physical activity







#### Original Article

### Objectively measured physical activity levels of young children with congenital heart disease

Nicola Stone, <sup>1</sup> Joyce Obeid, <sup>1</sup> Rejane Dillenburg, <sup>2</sup> Jovana Milenkovic, <sup>1</sup> Maureen J. MacDonald, <sup>3</sup> Brian W. Timmons <sup>1,3</sup>

- Children 3-5 years
- CoA n=6
- ToF n=4
- Accelerometer
- Equally active
- >50% did not reach recommendations



### Reduced physical exercise and health-related quality of life after Fontan palliation

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		Patient	Control	р	Valid N patient	Valid N control
	Self-reported exercise					
	Physical exercise, minutes per week	113.5 ± 66.1	227.6 ± 147.2	< 0.001	30	25
	Physical exercise, mean intensity in Borg	13.0 ± 2.1	14.3 ± 1.9	< 0.05	24	25
_	Accelerometer					
	Total vector magnitude 7 days, counts	$19.2 \times 10^6 \pm 4.6 \times 10^6$	$18.9 \times 10^6 \pm 4.7 \times 10^6$	0.79	30	25
	Sedentary %	48.6 ± 4.4	51.8 ± 5.2	< 0.05	30	25
	Light %	41.1 ± 3.3	38.4 ± 3.6	< 0.01	30	25
	Moderate %	10.3 ± 4.2	9.8 ± 3.7	0.67	30	25
	Vigorous %	0	0		30	25

Acta Pediatrica 2016, 105,1322-28





# Physical activity in adolescents and adults with congenital heart defects: individualized exercise prescription<sup>†</sup>

Werner Budts<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Mats Börjesson<sup>3</sup>, Massimo Chessa<sup>4</sup>, Frank van Buuren<sup>5</sup>, Pedro Trigo Trindade<sup>6</sup>, Domenico Corrado<sup>7</sup>, Hein Heidbuchel<sup>1,2</sup>, Gary Webb<sup>8</sup>, Johan Holm<sup>9</sup>, and Michael Papadakis<sup>10</sup>





Review

Recommendations for physical activity, recreation sport, and exercise training in paediatric patients with congenital heart disease: a report from the Exercise, Basic & Translational Research Section of the European Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, the European Congenital Heart and Lung Exercise Group, and the Association for European Paediatric Cardiology

T Takken<sup>1</sup>, A Giardini<sup>2</sup>, T Reybrouck<sup>3</sup>, M Gewillig<sup>4</sup>, HH Hövels-Gürich<sup>5</sup>, PE Longmuir<sup>6</sup>, BW McCrindle<sup>7</sup>, SM Paridon<sup>8</sup> and A Hager<sup>9</sup>

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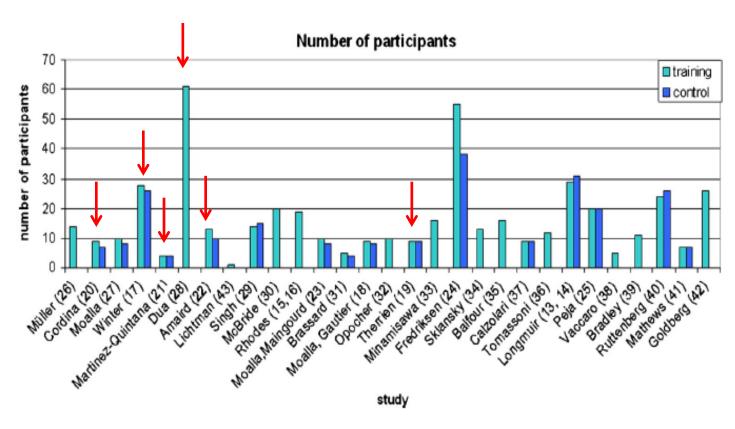


Fig. 1. Number of participants per study, if applicable; summarised per group. Ordered by year of publication, the oldest publication is placed last.

Duppen N, et al, systematic review of the effects of physical exercise training programmes in children and young adults with congenital heart disease, int J cardiol (2013)



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND EXERCISE

- General recommendations on physical activity to promote health - moderate activity:

  - ≈60 min/day for children
- Most persons with CHD can perform exercise training without restrictions
- Individually adjusted prescription is recommended



### Home-Based Interval Training Increases Endurance Capacity in Adults with Complex Congenital Heart Disease

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#### MATERIAL AND METHOD

Complex Congenital heart disease eg. ToF, TGA, ccTGA Fontan/TCPC

23 adults (11 women)  $33.9\pm13.6$  years





### **MATERIAL OCH METOD**

- Incremental CPET
  - ∘ Peak VO<sub>2</sub>, peak work load, peak HR
- Constant work rate CPET
  - 75% of peak work load
  - Test duration (min)

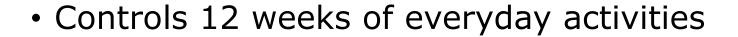




#### MATERIAL AND METHOD

• 13 exercise training, 10 control

- Home based interval training
  - Ergometer cycle
  - 40 min 3 t/w 12 weeks
  - 70-80% of peak VO<sub>2</sub>

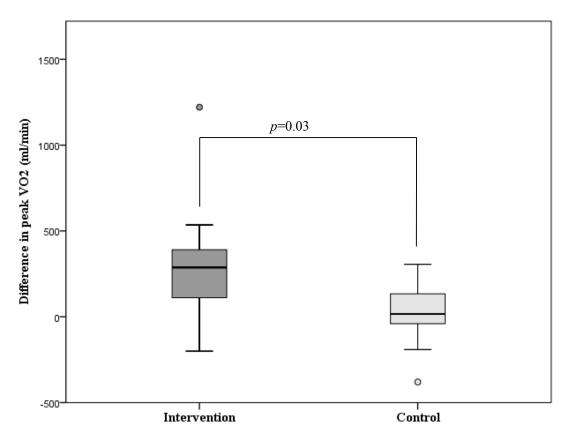






### **RESULTS PEAK VO<sub>2</sub>**

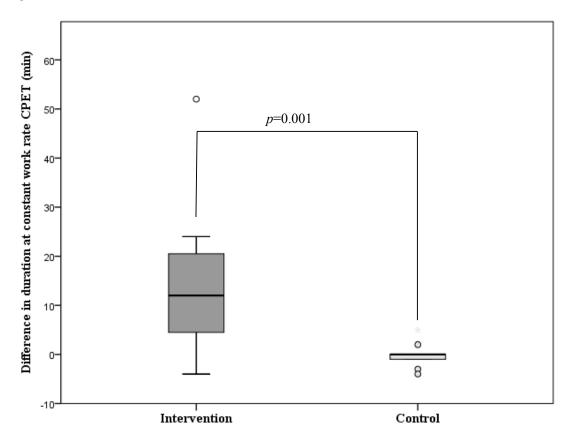
Figure 2





### **RESULTS AEROBIC ENDURANCE**

Figure 1





### DOES AEROBIC EXERCISE HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE HEART?

No adverse effect on ventricular function in short term

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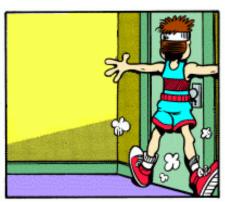
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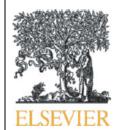




### **MUSCLE TRAINING?**

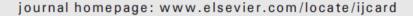


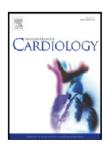




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Resistance training improves cardiac output, exercise capacity and tolerance to positive airway pressure in Fontan physiology

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- Fontan/TCPC
- 6 training, 5 controls, 32±2 years
- Muscle training 60 min 3t/w 20 weeks
- Increased strength
- Increased muscle mass
- Increased peak VO<sub>2</sub> (increased stroke volume)

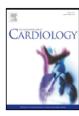
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Height, weight and body mass index in adults with congenital heart disease



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#### 2424 patients (SWEDCON)

- 538 complex lesions (18-40 years)
- 1886 simple lesions (18-50 years)

#### 4605 controls (SCB)

- 1845 (18-40 years)
- 2760 (18-50 years)



### **RESULT**

Tabell 1. Height, weight and BMI in adult men and women with congenital heart disease.

	Complex lesions 18-40 years		Simple lesions 18-50 years	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Height	$\downarrow$	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>
Weight	<b>\</b>	=	<b>\</b>	=
BMI	<b>\</b>	=	<b>↓</b>	=

BMI; body mass index.



### **RESULT**

Table 3. Prevalence of underweight (BMI <18.5) and obesity (BMI>30) in adult men and women with congenital heart disease.

	Complex lesions 18-40 years		Simple lesions 18-50 years	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Underweight (BMI<18.5)	$\uparrow$	=	<b>↑</b>	=
Obesity (BMI >30)	=	=	=	$\uparrow$

BMI; body mass index.



# Lean mass deficits, vitamin D status and exercise capacity in children and young adults after Fontan palliation

- Body composition dual energy X-ray absorptiometry
- 50 patients Fontan circulation
- Median age 11.5 (range 5.1–33.5) years



- Results:
- Poor growth and marked lean mass deficits
- Avitabile et al. Heart. 2014 November; 100(21): 1702-1707



#### ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Body mass index in adult congenital heart disease

Margarita Brida,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Konstantinos Dimopoulos,<sup>1,4</sup> Alexander Kempny,<sup>1,4</sup> Emmanouil Liodakis,<sup>1</sup> Rafael Alonso-Gonzalez,<sup>1</sup> Lorna Swan,<sup>1,4</sup> Anselm Uebing,<sup>1,4</sup> Helmut Baumgartner,<sup>2</sup> Michael A Gatzoulis,<sup>1,4</sup> Gerhard-Paul Diller<sup>1,2,4</sup>

- 3069 ACHD patients (median age 32.6 years)
- Higher BMI was associated with lower mortality
- Symptomatic patients with complex cardiac defects
- Weight loss even higher risk of mortality.

Brida M, et al. Heart 2017; **0**:1-8. doi:10.1136/heartjnl-2016-310571



### TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Impaired aerobic capacity
- Multiple underlying factors
- Exercise training is safe and have positive effects
- Exercise training prescribed individually
- Higher prevalence of lower BMI
- Low BMI associated with worse prognosis





