



# STRENGTHENING THE EVIDENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCES

## The SEES Initiative

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### Journal Reports 2019

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**Randomized Clinical Trials**

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## About SEES Initiative

We are a group of academics, including faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate, and undergraduate students, highly compelled to do meta-research in publications featuring interventions of exercise and physical activity applied to several health conditions.

Our primary goal is to promote surveillance of published evidence in exercise sciences, fostering a culture of respectful and critical appraisal for the published evidence in our field. We attempt to do so as transparently and collaboratively as possible.

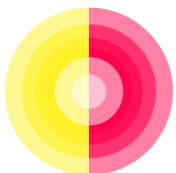
Further, we ultimately aim to increase the awareness regarding the need for transparent and informative scientific reports that should be valued by a complete reporting, carefully designed methods, and well-reasoned claims on the pursued research question.

## About this collection

The present journal collection displays assessment reports generated by us as a result of continuous and systematic surveillance of published articles by the featured journal. Such publications reported either randomized clinical trials or systematic reviews with meta-analysis. All of our assessment reports were sent by email to the corresponding authors. Whenever requested by authors, we were prone to proceed required revisions and self-correction (whenever applicable), disseminating the corrected assessment reported.

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# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Measuring change in trials of physical activity interventions: a comparison of self-report questionnaire and accelerometry within the PACE-UP trial.

### PMID

30670036

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 1

Component	Item	SEES assessment
Transparency	Registration: Is the study registered in a clinical trial database?	Yes
Transparency	Protocol: Is there referral of a publicly available methodological protocol?	Yes
Completeness	Title: Is the study identified as a randomized?	No
Intervention	Abstract: Does the abstract list the study interventions?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	Yes
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	No
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	No
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	No
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID3: Is there a description of physical and information materials used as part of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the intervention with materials for participants or intervention providers)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID4: Is there a description of activities or procedures used to carry out the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary steps to run the intervention)	Yes
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Intervention	Methods-TID6: Is there a description of modes of delivery of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the delivery to run the intervention, such as face-to-face, telephone, individually or in a group)	Yes
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Intervention	Methods/Results-TID8: Is there a description regarding the period, amount, intensity and schedule of delivery? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate 'when' and 'how much')	Yes
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID9: If any form of individual tailoring for the intervention was used (such as, variable exercise intensity), is there a description for the rationale and guide for tailoring?	Yes
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID11: Is there a description of materials/strategies used in regard to intervention adherence?	Yes

Intervention	Methods/Results-TID12: Is there a description of results of intervention adherence? (i.e., attrition rates)?	No
Critical appraisal	Methods: Is there a description of statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes?	Yes
Participants	Results: Is there a participant flow (in text or diagram) reporting the numbers of participants who were assigned, received intervention, and were analyzed for the primary outcome?	Yes
Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	No
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	No
Intervention	Results: Is there a description for harm outcomes or adverse events? (Note: whether related or unrelated to interventions)	No
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a discussion of potential bias, imprecision, multiplicity of analyses or other limitations?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a potential spin bias based on a specific reporting strategy to highlight that the experimental treatment is beneficial?	No
Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	Yes
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, but NONE of the authors disclosed potential COIs



# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Preconception lifestyle intervention reduces long term energy intake in women with obesity and infertility: a randomised controlled trial

### PMID

30621789

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 1

Component	Item	SEES assessment
Transparency	Registration: Is the study registered in a clinical trial database?	Yes
Transparency	Protocol: Is there referral of a publicly available methodological protocol?	Yes
Completeness	Title: Is the study identified as a randomized?	Yes
Intervention	Abstract: Does the abstract list the study interventions?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	No
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	Yes
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	Yes
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	No
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID3: Is there a description of physical and information materials used as part of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the intervention with materials for participants or intervention providers)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID4: Is there a description of activities or procedures used to carry out the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary steps to run the intervention)	Yes
Participants	Methods-TID5: Is there a description of individuals involved in providing the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary workforce to run the intervention)	No
Intervention	Methods-TID6: Is there a description of modes of delivery of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the delivery to run the intervention, such as face-to-face, telephone, individually or in a group)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID7: Is there a description of location(s) where the intervention occurred? (Note: infrastructure and relevant features should be considered)	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID8: Is there a description regarding the period, amount, intensity and schedule of delivery? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate 'when' and 'how much')	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID9: If any form of individual tailoring for the intervention was used (such as, variable exercise intensity), is there a description for the rationale and guide for tailoring?	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID11: Is there a description of materials/strategies used in regard to intervention adherence?	Yes

Intervention	Methods/Results-TID12: Is there a description of results of intervention adherence? (i.e., attrition rates)?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Methods: Is there a description of statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes?	Yes
Participants	Results: Is there a participant flow (in text or diagram) reporting the numbers of participants who were assigned, received intervention, and were analyzed for the primary outcome?	Yes
Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	No
Intervention	Results: Is there a description for harm outcomes or adverse events? (Note: whether related or unrelated to interventions)	No
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a discussion of potential bias, imprecision, multiplicity of analyses or other limitations?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a potential spin bias based on a specific reporting strategy to highlight that the experimental treatment is beneficial?	No
Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	Yes
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, authors declare financial COIs





# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Efficacy of a compulsory homework programme for increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in children: a cluster randomised controlled trial.

### PMID

31488140

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 9

Note: The COVID-19 pandemics we are going through is very challenging and totally unprecedented. However, through it we can see that science conducted in an open, transparent and reproducible way is more than an ideal, it is a necessity. In this sense, we decided to keep our activities. However, we emphasize this evaluation was possibly not reviewed/questioned by the article authors due to the moment we are all going through. Thank you for your time and consideration.  
SEES Initiative team.

Component	Item	SEES assessment
Transparency	Registration: Is the study registered in a clinical trial database?	Yes
Transparency	Protocol: Is there referral of a publicly available methodological protocol?	No
Completeness	Title: Is the study identified as a randomized?	Yes
Intervention	Abstract: Does the abstract list the study interventions?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	No
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	No
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	Yes
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID3: Is there a description of physical and information materials used as part of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the intervention with materials for participants or intervention providers)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID4: Is there a description of activities or procedures used to carry out the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary steps to run the intervention)	No
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Intervention	Methods-TID6: Is there a description of modes of delivery of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the delivery to run the intervention, such as face-to-face, telephone, individually or in a group)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID7: Is there a description of location(s) where the intervention occurred? (Note: infrastructure and relevant features should be considered)	Yes

Intervention	Methods/Results-TID8: Is there a description regarding the period, amount, intensity and schedule of delivery? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate 'when' and 'how much')	Does not apply
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID9: If any form of individual tailoring for the intervention was used (such as, variable exercise intensity), is there a description for the rationale and guide for tailoring?	Does not apply
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID11: Is there a description of materials/strategies used in regard to intervention adherence?	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID12: Is there a description of results of intervention adherence? (i.e., attrition rates)?	No
Critical appraisal	Methods: Is there a description of statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes?	Yes
Participants	Results: Is there a participant flow (in text or diagram) reporting the numbers of participants who were assigned, received intervention, and were analyzed for the primary outcome?	Yes
Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	No
Intervention	Results: Is there a description for harm outcomes or adverse events? (Note: whether related or unrelated to interventions)	No
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a discussion of potential bias, imprecision, multiplicity of analyses or other limitations?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a potential spin bias based on a specific reporting strategy to highlight that the experimental treatment is beneficial?	No
Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	No
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, but NONE of the authors disclosed potential COIs



# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Changes in diet and physical activity resulting from the Strong Hearts, Healthy Communities randomized cardiovascular disease risk reduction multilevel intervention trial

### PMID

31653260

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 10

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Transparency	Registration: Is the study registered in a clinical trial database?	Yes
Transparency	Protocol: Is there referral of a publicly available methodological protocol?	Yes
Completeness	Title: Is the study identified as a randomized?	Yes
Intervention	Abstract: Does the abstract list the study interventions?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	No
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	Yes
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	No
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	Yes
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID3: Is there a description of physical and information materials used as part of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the intervention with materials for participants or intervention providers)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID4: Is there a description of activities or procedures used to carry out the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary steps to run the intervention)	No
Participants	Methods-TID5: Is there a description of individuals involved in providing the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary workforce to run the intervention)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID6: Is there a description of modes of delivery of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the delivery to run the intervention, such as face-to-face, telephone, individually or in a group)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID7: Is there a description of location(s) where the intervention occurred? (Note: infrastructure and relevant features should be considered)	Yes

Intervention	Methods/Results-TID8: Is there a description regarding the period, amount, intensity and schedule of delivery? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate 'when' and 'how much')	Yes
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID9: If any form of individual tailoring for the intervention was used (such as, variable exercise intensity), is there a description for the rationale and guide for tailoring?	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID11: Is there a description of materials/strategies used in regard to intervention adherence?	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID12: Is there a description of results of intervention adherence? (i.e., attrition rates)?	No
Critical appraisal	Methods: Is there a description of statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes?	Yes
Participants	Results: Is there a participant flow (in text or diagram) reporting the numbers of participants who were assigned, received intervention, and were analyzed for the primary outcome?	Yes
Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	No
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	No
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	No
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Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	Yes
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, but NONE of the authors disclosed potential COIs



# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Eating behaviors and weight loss outcomes in a 12-month randomized trial of diet and/or exercise intervention in postmenopausal women

### PMID

31775800

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 11

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Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	No
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	No
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	Yes
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	No
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
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Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	No
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	No
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
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Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	No
Intervention	Results: Is there a description for harm outcomes or adverse events? (Note: whether related or unrelated to interventions)	No
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a discussion of potential bias, imprecision, multiplicity of analyses or other limitations?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a potential spin bias based on a specific reporting strategy to highlight that the experimental treatment is beneficial?	No
Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	Yes
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, but NONE of the authors disclosed potential COIs



# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

The community-based prevention of diabetes (ComPoD) study: a randomised, waiting list controlled trial of a voluntary sector-led diabetes prevention programme

### PMID

31771589

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 11

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Transparency	Protocol: Is there referral of a publicly available methodological protocol?	No
Completeness	Title: Is the study identified as a randomized?	Yes
Intervention	Abstract: Does the abstract list the study interventions?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	Yes
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	Yes
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	Yes
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is the type of randomization sufficiently described? (Note: (i) type, such as computer; (ii) allocation ratio; and (iii) methods of restriction (if any) such as stratification or blocking should be considered)	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a mention regarding the mechanism for allocation concealment?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of blinding/masking for measurements or analysis of outcomes?	Yes
Methodological rigor	Methods: Is there a description of sample size calculation?	Yes
Completeness	Methods/Intro-TID1: Is there a brief name or a phrase that describes the intervention?	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID3: Is there a description of physical and information materials used as part of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the intervention with materials for participants or intervention providers)	No
Intervention	Methods-TID4: Is there a description of activities or procedures used to carry out the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary steps to run the intervention)	No
Participants	Methods-TID5: Is there a description of individuals involved in providing the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the necessary workforce to run the intervention)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID6: Is there a description of modes of delivery of the intervention? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the delivery to run the intervention, such as face-to-face, telephone, individually or in a group)	Yes
Intervention	Methods-TID7: Is there a description of location(s) where the intervention occurred? (Note: infrastructure and relevant features should be considered)	Yes

Intervention	Methods/Results-TID8: Is there a description regarding the period, amount, intensity and schedule of delivery? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate 'when' and 'how much')	Yes
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID9: If any form of individual tailoring for the intervention was used (such as, variable exercise intensity), is there a description for the rationale and guide for tailoring?	No
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID11: Is there a description of materials/strategies used in regard to intervention adherence?	Yes
Intervention	Methods/Results-TID12: Is there a description of results of intervention adherence? (i.e., attrition rates)?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Methods: Is there a description of statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes?	Yes
Participants	Results: Is there a participant flow (in text or diagram) reporting the numbers of participants who were assigned, received intervention, and were analyzed for the primary outcome?	Yes
Completeness	Results: Is there a description regarding the dates/periods of recruitment? (Note: if the follow-up has a variable length, the min-median-max durations should be considered)	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are baseline data for each group presented?	Yes
Outcome	Results: Is there a description on the actual number of participants analyzed? (Note: if numbers are reported only for the primary outcome, we choose "Yes")	Yes
Outcome	Results: Are the effect sizes described along with their precision measures? (e.g., continuous outcomes with standard deviation and binary outcomes with risk measures and absolute numbers)	Yes
Intervention	Results-TID10: Is there a description for non-planned modifications to the intervention during the course of the study? (Note: regards to the study level, and what-why-when for changes should be considered).	Yes
Intervention	Results: Is there a description for harm outcomes or adverse events? (Note: whether related or unrelated to interventions)	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a discussion of potential bias, imprecision, multiplicity of analyses or other limitations?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Discussion: Is there a potential spin bias based on a specific reporting strategy to highlight that the experimental treatment is beneficial?	No
Transparency	Is there a statement regarding the data availability (data sharing plan)?	Yes
Completeness	Is there a statement regarding the sources of funding?	Yes
Completeness	Did the trial authors declare whether they had any conflicts of interest (COI)?	Yes, but NONE of the authors disclosed potential COIs





# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Temporal features of sitting, standing and stepping changes in a cluster-randomised controlled trial of a workplace sitting-reduction intervention

### PMID

31752916

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 11

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Outcome	Abstract: Does the abstract inform the primary outcome (variable of interest)?	No
Outcome	Abstract: If any quantitative result is reported, is it accompanied by the respective precision estimate (e.g., standard deviation, confidence intervals, etc)?	Yes
Completeness	Intro/Methods-TID2: Is there a rationale, theory, or goals described to present the essential elements of the intervention?	Yes
Critical appraisal	Introduction: Is there a hypothesis stated for the outcomes of interest? (Note: if there is not a directional hypothesis, but there is explanation for an exploratory approach, answer "Yes")	No
Completeness	Methods: Is there a description for the trial design (e.g., parallel, factorial, cluster)?	Yes
Participants	Methods: Is there a detailed description of eligibility criteria for participants? (i.e., information that would allow to replicate the inclusion and exclusion decisions)	Yes
Outcome	Methods: Are primary and secondary outcomes listed as well as their measurements specified?	Yes
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# Strengthening the Evidence in Exercise Sciences Initiative (SEES Initiative)

## Assessment Report for Individual Study

### Study title

Individualized home-based exercise and nutrition interventions improve frailty in older adults: a randomized controlled trial

### PMID

31791364

### Journal

Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act

### Type of Publication and Period of assessment

Randomized Clinical Trials, SEES Pack 12

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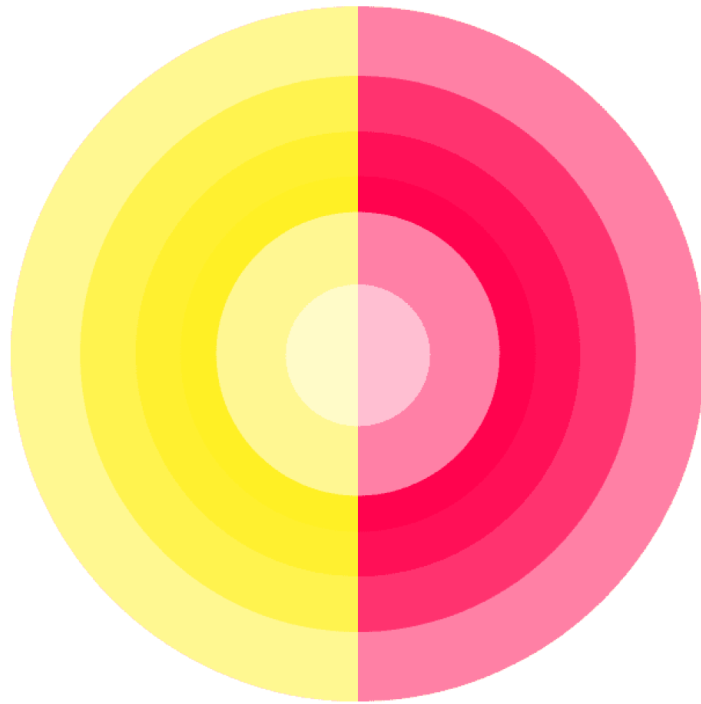
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