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Pilates in noncommunicable diseases: a systematic review of its effects

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Highlights of the systematic review:

Due to the strong evidence presented, Pilates should be considered for improving

exercise tolerance in people with NCDs;

Practice of Pilates as a complementary therapy for people with NCDs might produce

additional benefits on symptoms, muscle strength and health-related quality of life.

Additional studies with robust methodologies are needed to enhance our knowledge

on Pilates effectiveness in several health domains.

**Abstract** 

**Objectives:** Chronic cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes

are the four major groups of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and the main cause of

mortality worldwide. Pilates has been described as an effective intervention to promote

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