Supplementary Table 1: Characteristics and outcomes of included studies

Study and parti	cipant characteristics		Exercise training				Outcomes		
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Fiuza-Luces et al. (2016)(40) Spain RCT 9/11	n = 49 CG : n = 25, 11 ± 1, 28% IG : n = 24, 10 ± 1, 29% Soft tissue sarcomas, bone tumors, neuroblastomas, Wilms tumors, germ cell tumors, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Not reported	Neoadjuvant chemotherapy Approximately 19 weeks Individual Inpatient Supervised by experienced fitness professional	F: x 3/week I: 60-70% heart rate max and x 8-15 repetitions x 2- 3 sets, 1 to 2-minute rests T: 60-70 minutes; 30 minutes strength and 30 minutes aerobic T: cycle ergometers, active games, and resistance training for most major muscle groups	Regular hospital care, including physiotherapy as needed	68% of participants completed >90% of prescribed exercises	Strength (5RM), cardiorespirat ory fitness (GXT), functional mobility (TUG, TUDS), physical activity (wearable), QoL (PedsQL)	↑ strength of leg press, bench press and lateral row* Strength tended to decrease with detraining Trend was found toward a training-induced improvement in ventilatory threshold	
Fiuza-Luces et al. (2017)(47) Spain RCT 6/11	$n = 49$ CG : $n = 25$, 11 ± 1 , 28% IG : $n = 24$, 10 ± 1 , 29% Soft tissue sarcomas, bone tumors, neuroblastomas, Wilms tumors, germ cell tumors, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Not reported	Neoadjuvant chemotherapy Approximately 19 weeks Individual Inpatient Supervised by experienced fitness professional	F: x 3/week I: 60-70% heart rate max and x 8-15 repetitions x 2- 3 sets, 1 to 2-minute rests T: 60-70 minutes; 30 minutes strength and 30 minutes aerobic T: cycle ergometers, active games, and resistance training for most major muscle groups	Regular hospital care, including physiotherapy as needed	68% of participants completed >90% of prescribed exercises	Immune cell counts, physical activity (wearable)	Trend was found toward an interaction effect for natural killer cells expressing the immunoglobulin-like receptor KIR2DS4	

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Sabel et al. (2016)(41) Sweden RCT with crossover 8/11	n = 13 WG: n = 6, 13.2 ± 1.9, 50% IG: n = 7, 11.9 ± 3.6, 57% Anaplastic astrocytoma, choroid plexus carcinoma, germ cell tumor, medulloblastoma, pilocytic astrocytoma, primitive neuroectodermal tumor	12 to 60	 1-5 years post-treatment 10-12 weeks Individual Home Once weekly coaching sessions by a nurse 	F: x 5/week I: not reported T: 30 minutes T: active video gaminggames chosen by investigators	Waitlist group asked to avoid active videogaming. Otherwise, live their life as normal	100% - all participants wore monitors for five days/week as targeted	Physical activity (wearable), motor performance (BOT-2)	↓ of 14% in sedentary time during the first 12 days [^] ↑ body coordination score immediately post-intervention [^] ↑ manual coordination score immediately post-intervention
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Corr et al. (2017)(32)	$n = 49$ $CG: n = 35, 13.1 \pm 3.5,$	Not reported	• Neoadjuvant chemotherapy • 10-12 weeks	F: x 3/week I: 50-70% heart rate max and x10 repetitions x3 sets	No pre- operative intervention.	85% of participants completed	Functional mobility (FMA,	↑ functional mobility score at 20-22 weeks*
United States non-RCT	46% <i>IG</i> : n = 14, 13.5 ± 3.5, 29%		Individual Pre-operative and post-	T: 60 minutes T: mobilising, cycle ergometry, Wii Sports,	Usual post- operative care	>50% of scheduled PT sessions	ROM), strength (MMT)	↑ in 9MWR at 20-22 weeks*
6/11	Osteosarcoma, Ewing's		operative as inpatient + outpatient	resistance training for most major muscle groups		r i sessions	(MIMII)	
0/11	sarcoma, chondroblastoma		• Supervised by physiotherapist	most major muscle groups				
Müller et al. (2014)(45)	$n = 21$ $CG: n = 11, 12.5 \pm 2.6,$	<i>IG</i> : 3.6 ± 0.5	Neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment inpatient stays	F: x 3-4/week I: BORG RPE rating 13- 16 and x 6-12 repetitions x	Usual care consisting of 20–30-minutes	77% total available sessions	Body composition (DXA),	↓ reductions in bone mass were observed in the exercise group in all scanned regions,
Germany	55% <i>IG</i> : n = 10, 15.5 ± 2.0,	<i>CG</i> : 3.6 ± 0.5	• Approximately 40 weeks	1-3 sets T : 15-45 minutes	daily mobilisation	attended	physical activity	except for calcaneus on unaffected side
non-RCT 5/11	Anaplastic ependymoma, medulloblastoma, atypical neurocytoma, glioma, CNS germ cell tumor,		IndividualInpatientSupervised by two sport scientists	T: treadmill, cycle ergometry, sports, balance (single leg stance), strength (cable row machine)	techniques offered on weekdays only		(wearable)	↑ step counts per day and minutes in MVPA at 6- and 12-months*
	retinoblastoma, osteosarcoma and Ewing's sarcoma (all pelvis and lower limb)							

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Spreafico et al. (2021)(46) Italy non-RCT 5/11	n = 44 CG: n = 23, 8-21 years, 48% IG: n = 21, 5-26 years, 43% Nasopharyngeal carcinoma, thyroid carcinoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, brain tumor, neuroblastoma, soft tissue, sarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma, abdominal desmoplastic tumor, Wilms tumor	Not reported	 During or after treatment 6 weeks Individual Inpatient Supervised by a sports trainer 	F: x 3/week I: not reported T: 60 minutes T: aerobic (stationary bike or treadmill), strength (body weight and resistance bands), stretching	Not reported	Not reported	QoL (PedsQL), fatigue (PedsQL- MFS)	Non-significant improvements in emotional and social functioning in the intervention group No significant change in overall QoL or fatigue scores
Hooke et al. (2019)(39) United States non-RCT 4/11	n = 57 CG: n = 27, 12.8 ± 3.3, 48% IG: n = 30, 12 ± 3.6, 37% Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, lymphoma, solid tumors	Not reported	During and/or after treatment During routine clinic visits Individual Inpatient Coached by a nurse practitioner	Five-stage coaching program, consisting of: 1) asking about current PA, 2) assessing if the patient has health barriers to PA, 3) determining the stage of change the patient and the parent are in and implementing the action appropriate for the stage, 4) writing the PA prescription (prescription template used with CDC recommendations), 5) providing information on resources	Intervention described in this study is part of standard care. Historical group did not receive this intervention but received physical therapy as usual	Patient adherence not reported 16% of electronic medical records included documentat ion of interventio n delivery	Physical activity (wearable and GLTEQ), fatigue (Childhood Fatigue Scale)	No changes to PA compared to the control group at 4 months ↑ fatigue scores in solid tumor subgroup^

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Cox et al. (2020)(33) Canada non-RCT with cross over 4/11	$n = 25$ WG: $n = 11$, 12.5 ± 2.9 , 50% IG: $n = 14$, 11.1 ± 3.2 , 36% Hemispheric or posterior fossa brain tumors treated with craniospinal radiation	WG: 70.3 ± 41.2 IG: 63.4 ± 28.8	 1-10 years post-treatment 12 weeks Individual and group-based Setting 1: Outpatient+Home. Setting 2: Outpatient Supervised by physical therapist, kinesiologist or experienced fitness trainer 	F: Setting 1- x 2 group sessions + x 2 home sessions/week Setting 2- x 3 group sessions/week I: 80% peak heart rate T: 90-minute group sessions; 30-minute home sessions T: running, relays, obstacle courses, dodgeball, basketball	Continue with normal routine	84% total available sessions attended	Brain function (response accuracy and latency, functional connectivity)	↑ theta, alpha and high gamma frequency band coherence following exercise training, compared to no exercise* Significant carryover effect observed for response accuracy in Go/No-Go trials following exercise training^
Riggs et al. (2017)(34) Canada non-RCT with cross over 5/11	$n = 28$ WG: $n = 12$, 12.0 ± 3.0 , 44% IG: $n = 16$, 11.2 ± 3.0 , 42% Hemispheric or posterior fossa brain tumors	WG: 70.6 ± 40.1 IG: 66.4 ± 28.6	 1-10 years post-treatment 12 weeks Individual and group-based Setting 1: Outpatient + Home. Setting 2: Outpatient Supervised by physical therapist, kinesiologist or fitness trainer 	F: Setting 1- x 2 group sessions + x 2 home sessions/week Setting 2- x 3 group sessions/week I: 80% peak heart rate T: 90-minute group sessions; 30-minute home sessions T: running, relays, obstacle courses, dodgeball, basketball	Continue with normal routine	84% total available sessions attended	Brain structure (MRI), cognitive skills (CANTAB), cardiorespirat ory fitness (6MWT)	↑ fractional anisotropy in cross corpus callosum, cingulum, and superior longitudinal fasciculi bilaterally and right corticospinal tract and inferior frontal occipital fasciculi, maintained at 12 weeks ↑ ↑ hippocampal volume in group training setting only ↑ Maintained at 12 weeks ↓ reaction time in group setting only post-intervention and at 12 weeks ↑ ↑ cardiorespiratory endurance across both training settings post-intervention ↑

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Piscione et al. (2017)(35) Canada non-RCT with cross over 4/11	$n = 28$ $WG: n = 12, 12.0 \pm 3.0, 44\%$ $IG: n = 16, 11.2 \pm 3.0, 42\%$ Hemispheric or posterior fossa brain tumors	WG: 70.6 ± 40.1 IG: 66.4 ± 28.6	1-10 years post-treatment 12 weeks Individual and group-based Setting 1: Outpatient+ Home. Setting 2: Outpatient Supervised by physical therapist, kinesiologist or fitness trainer	F: Setting 1- x 2 group sessions + x 2 home sessions/week Setting 2- x 3 group sessions/week I: 80% peak heart rate T: 90-minute group sessions; 30-minute home sessions T: running, relays, obstacle courses, dodgeball, basketball	Continue with normal routine	84% total available sessions attended	Motor performance (BOT-2), cardiorespirat ory fitness (GXT)	↑ bilateral coordination despite training condition, with carryover effect to 12 weeks Clinically meaningful improvement in bilateral coordination between groups ↑ pro-rated work rate in group training setting only, immediately following intervention and at 12 weeks
Szulc-Lerch et al. (2018)(36) Canada non-RCT with cross over 4/11	$n = 28$ $WG: n = 12, 12.0 \pm 3.0, 44\%$ $IG: n = 16, 11.2 \pm 3.0, 42\%$ Hemispheric or posterior fossa brain tumors	WG: 70.6 ± 40.1 IG: 66.4 ± 28.6	1-10 years post-treatment 12 weeks Individual and group-based Setting 1: Outpatient+Home. Setting 2: Outpatient Supervised by physical therapist, kinesiologist or fitness trainer	F: Setting 1- x 2 group sessions + x 2 home sessions/week Setting 2- x 3 group sessions/week I: 80% peak heart rate T: 90-minute group sessions; 30-minute home sessions T: running, relays, obstacle courses, dodgeball, basketball	Continue with normal routine	84% total available sessions attended	Brain structure (MRI)	↑ cortical thickness in right pre and postcentral gyri, left temporal pole, left superior temporal gyrus and left parahippocampal gyrus immediately post-intervention in group setting only ↑ white matter volume underlying the right motor and somatosensory cortices following exercise training

Author (year) Country Study design PEDro score Govardhan et al. (2019)(48) India Single-arm pre-test post-test	Sample size n=, each group n =, age (years, mean ± SD), % female, diagnoses n = 18, 9.8, 50% Anaplastic ependymoma, medulloblastoma, atypical neurocytoma, glioma, CNS germ cell tumor, retinoblastoma	Time since diagnosis (months, mean ± SD) Not reported	Timing of training, Duration, Group or individual program, Setting, Supervision • Adjuvant treatment • 4 weeks • Individual • Inpatient • Supervised by trained instructor	FITT (F: Frequency; I: Intensity; T: Time; T: Type) F: x 3/week I: not reported T: 60 minutes T: yoga (breathing, postures, relaxation and meditation)	Not applicable	Adherence 100%. All participants completed minimum sessions (12 sessions over 4 weeks)	Parent-proxy report child treatment symptoms	Main findings Less pain, relief in headache, increase in appetite, better sleep, increase daily activity and reduced fatigue
Sparrow et al. (2017)(38) United States Single-arm pre-test post-test 4/11	n = 9, 7.3 ± 3.6, 66% Juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma, anaplastic astrocytoma, atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor, high-grade infantile glioneuronal tumor, choroid plexus carcinoma, high-grade glioma. All participants experienced hemiplegia	50.4 ± 36.0	Post-treatment 3 weeks Individual Outpatient + Home Supervised by a clinician trained who was trained through the University of Alabama Constraint Induced Therapy Pediatric Training Program	F: 180min x 5/week Constraint-induced movement therapy (long arm removable cast). Cast remained in situ until 2 days before end of intervention, when bimanual training occurred. Home-based component: individualized home program that included activities and exercises to facilitate maintenance of gained skills. Weekly phone calls to check in	Not applicable	All participants completed all 15 sessions	Upper limb function (PMAL, PAFT, INMAP), QoL (PedsQL)	↑ amount and quality of affect arm use immediately post-intervention and at 3-months¹ (except frequency of use at 3 months) ↑ parent-reported real-world function in amount, number of patterns, daily living skills and quality of affected arm use post-intervention and at 3-months² (except amount)

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Müller et al. (2016)(43) Germany Single-arm pre-test post-test	diagnoses n = 64 BT: n = 38, 10.1 ± 3.5, 55% SC: n = 26, 13.4 ± 3.5, 65% Brain tumors and sarcomas	mean ± SD) BT: 31.8 ± 25.3 SC: 26.3 ± 30.4	Setting, Supervision • Post-treatment • 4 weeks • Individual and group-based • Inpatient • One-hour initial consult with physiotherapist. Activity programs led by instructors or physiotherapists	Type) F: approximately x 11/week I: not reported T: exercise therapy groups (30-60 minute), aquatic and hippotherapy (20 minutes) and land-based physiotherapy (30 minutes) T: camp. Individual (land-based physiotherapy, aquatic exercises, hippotherapy) and group (exercise training and sports games)	Not applicable	Not reported	Physical activity (wearable), HRQoL (KINDL)	↑ gait cycles per day, gait cycles per hour and minutes in MVPA at 12 months post-intervention ↑ ↑ peak 10-minute cadence immediately following intervention and at 12 months post-intervention ↑ ↑ HRQoL for BT immediately post-intervention and at 6 months ↓ HRQoL well-being score for
Müller et al. (2017)(44) Germany Single-arm pre-test post-test 3/11	$n = 88$ BT: $n = 59$, 10.1 ± 3.8 , 54% SC: $n = 29$, 13.4 ± 3.6 , 52% Brain tumors and sarcomas	BT: 31.8 ± 25.3 SC: 26.3 ± 30.4	Post-treatment 4 weeks Individual and group-based Inpatient One-hour initial consult with physiotherapist. Activity programs led by instructors or physiotherapists	F: approximately x 11/week I: not reported T: exercise therapy groups (30-60 minute), aquatic and hippotherapy (20 minutes) and land-based physiotherapy (30 minutes) T: Individual (land-based physiotherapy, aquatic exercises, hippotherapy) and group (exercise training and sports games)	Not applicable	Not reported	Static balance (balance plate), gait quality (TEMPLO)	SC at 12 months [^] ↑ mean and median single leg stance time following the intervention [^] ↓ mean vCoP following the intervention [^] Moderate effect on walk ratio in impaired balance group [^] ↑ mean maximum knee flexion angle in gait following the intervention [^]

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Country	group n =, age (years,	diagnosis	Duration, Group or	(F: Frequency; I:				-
Study design	mean \pm SD), % female,	(months,	individual program,	Intensity; T: Time; T:				
PEDro score	diagnoses	mean \pm SD)	Setting, Supervision	Type)				
Ovans et al.	$n = 15, 11.5 \pm 3.3, 33\%$	11.25 ± 8.1	• <2 years post-	F : not reported	Not applicable	All	Physical	↑ 6MWT distance from
(2018)(37)			treatment	I: individualized to each		participants	activity	baseline to 12 and 24 weeks [^]
	Astrocytoma,		• 12 weeks	child's current level of		received 5	(wearable	
United States	medulloblastoma,		Individual	function, motivation to		coaching	and GLTEQ),	↑ PedsQL physical health
	primitive neurodectermal		Home	move and opportunities to		sessions.	cardiorespirat	subscale score at 24 weeks [^]
Single-arm	tumor,		Five physiotherapy	increase steps		Met or	ory fitness	
pre-test	craniopharyngioma, germ		coaching sessions (every	T: not reported		exceeded	(6MWT),	↑ total fatigue scores from
post-test	cell tumor		2-3 weeks)	T: aerobic (daily step		goal on	QoL	baseline to 12 and 24 weeks [^]
				count goals + coaching on		68.9% of	(PedsQL)	
2/11				activities will help reach		weeks		
				these goals)				

^{*}statistically significant between-group comparison, 'statistically significant within-group comparison, #clinically meaningful difference

Definitions: ADLs: activities of daily living; AMPS: Assessment of Motor and Process Skills; BOT-2: Bruininks-Osterestsky Test of Motor Performance; BT: brain tumor; CANTB: Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated; CG: Control group; CNS: central nervous system; DXA: Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; FMA: Functional Mobility Assessment; GLTEQ: Godin Leisure-Time Exercise Questionnaire; GXT: graded exercise test; HRQoL: health-related quality of life; IG: Intervention group; INMAP: Inventory of New Motor Activities and Programs; KINDL: Kinder Lebensqualität Questionnaire; MFS: multidimensional fatigue scale; MMT: manual muscle test; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; PAFT: Pediatric Arm Function Test; PMAL: Pediatric Motor Activity Log; QoL: quality of life; RCT: randomized controlled trial; ROM: range of motion; SC: sarcoma; SD: standard deviation; TUG: timed up and go; TUDS: timed up and down stairs; vCoP: velocity of the centre of pressure; WG: waitlist group; 5RM: five-repetition maximum; 6MWT: six-minute walk test; 9MWR: 9-minute walk-run test.