

**Supplement Table 1**  
**A search strategy designed for MEDLINE**

1 Randomized Controlled Trial.mp.

2 Controlled Clinical Trial.mp.

3 random\*.mp.

4 trial.mp.

5 Single-Blind Method/

6 Double-Blind Method/

7 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6

8 fibromyalgia.mp.

9 fibrositis.mp.

10 chronic widespread pain.mp.

11 Chronic Pain/

12 multiple regional pain.mp.

13 widespread pain.mp.

14 psychogenic rheumatism.mp.

15 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14

16 non-pharmacological treatment.mp.

17 patient education.mp.

18 pain education.mp.

19 pain management.mp.

20 self-management.mp.

21 Education/

22 advice.mp.

23 exercise.mp.

24 physical activity.mp.

25 physiotherapy.mp.

26 electrotherapy.mp.

27 tens.mp.  
28 magnetotherapy.mp.  
29 sleep hygiene.mp.  
30 complementary medicine.mp.  
31 alternative medicine.mp.  
32 chinese medicine.mp.  
33 acupuncture.mp.  
34 dry needling.mp.  
35 homeopathy.mp.  
36 food supplement.mp.  
37 nutraceutical.mp.  
38 Dietary Supplements/  
39 balneotherapy.mp.  
40 hydrotherapy.mp.  
41 psychological therapy.mp.  
42 cognitive behavioural therapy.mp.  
43 mindfulness.mp.  
44 hypnotherapy.mp.  
45 meditation.mp.

(Acceptance and Commitment Therapy).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance  
46 word, subject heading word, keyword heading word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare  
disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]

47 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32  
or 33 or 34 or 35 or 36 or 37 or 38 or 39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 45 or 46

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**Supplement Table 2**

## The classification of non-pharmacological interventions

Non-pharmacological intervention types	
❖ Exercise	❖ Homeopathy
➤ Aerobic exercise	❖ Magnetotherapy
➤ Flexibility	❖ Music
➤ Mind-body	❖ Weight loss
➤ Mixed*	❖ Cupping Therapy
➤ Strengthening	❖ Material of cloth***
❖ Education	❖ Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
❖ Psychological interventions	(HOT)
➤ Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)	❖ Topical oil
➤ Mindfulness	❖ Cryotherapy
	❖ Whole body vibration (WBV)
❖ Multidisciplinary treatment (MDT)	
❖ Balneotherapy**	
❖ Acupuncture	
❖ Massage	
❖ Manual therapy	
❖ Electrotherapy	
❖ Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)	
❖ Biofeedback	
❖ Nutritional supplement	

\*If the exercise includes more than two components which are aerobic, strengthening, flexibility or mind-body, it was considered as mixed exercise.

\*\*Aquatic therapy that uses a natural thermal mineral water

\*\*\*Using wool shirts or t-shirt with bio-ceramic solution

**Supplement Table 3**

The hierarchical selection of secondary outcome measures is listed below in descending order of preference.

**Secondary outcomes**

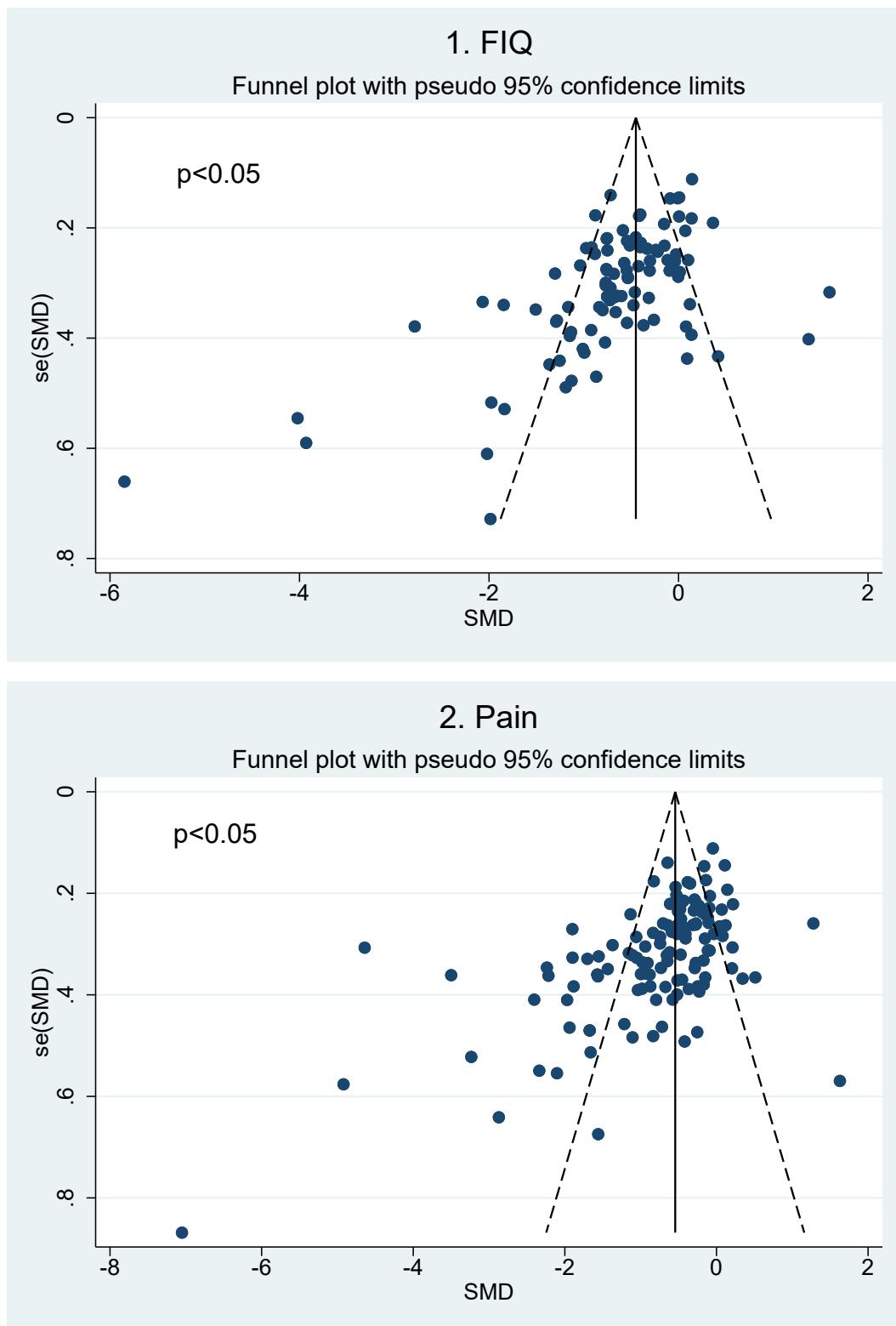
1. Pain
  - Visual analogue scale (VAS) (0-10) or VAS (0-100)
  - Numeric rating scale (NRS)
  - FIQ pain subscale
  - McGill pain scale
  - Brief pain inventory (BPI)
  - Short form (SF) 36 pain
  - Multidimensional pain inventory
  - Self-efficacy pain scale
  - Other measurement scale
2. Fatigue
  - Multidimensional fatigue inventory
  - VAS
  - FIQ fatigue
  - Fatigue severity scale
  - Fatigue symptom inventory
  - Other measurement scale
3. Sleep
  - Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index
  - VAS
  - FIQ sleep
  - Stanford Sleep Questionnaire
  - Other measurement scale
4. Depression
  - Beck depression inventory
  - Hamilton depression scale-Depression
  - Centre for Epidemiological Studies-Depression
  - VAS
  - FIQ depression
  - Other measurement scale

**Supplement Table 4**

Calculations	Notes
SD from SE and CI	SD = standard deviation SE = standard error CI = Confidence Interval N = sample size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>SD = SE \times \sqrt{N}</math></li><li>• <math>SD = \frac{(UpCI - LwCI) \times \sqrt{N}}{3.92}</math></li></ul>	
SD from median	UpCI = upper confidence interval LwCI = lower confidence interval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>SD \cong \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{(a-2m+b)^2}{4} + (b-a)^2 \right)</math></li></ul>	a = minimum value b = maximum value m = median
SD from interquartile range	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>SD \cong \frac{q_3 - q_1}{1.35}</math></li></ul>	q <sub>3</sub> = third quartile q <sub>1</sub> = first quartile x = mean
SD of the change from baseline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>SD = \sqrt{SD_{baseline}^2 + SD_{final}^2 - (2 \times r \times SD_{baseline} \times SD_{final})}</math></li></ul>	
Mean from median	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>x = \frac{a+2m+b}{4}</math></li></ul>	

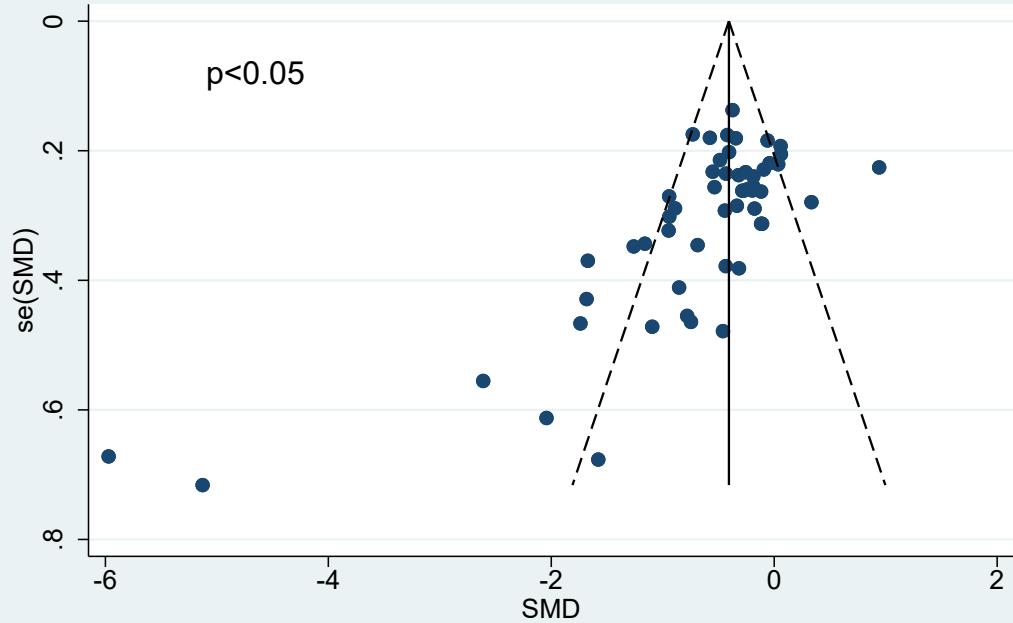
**Supplement Table 5**

Funnel plots - Non-pharmacological intervention versus control arm: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression



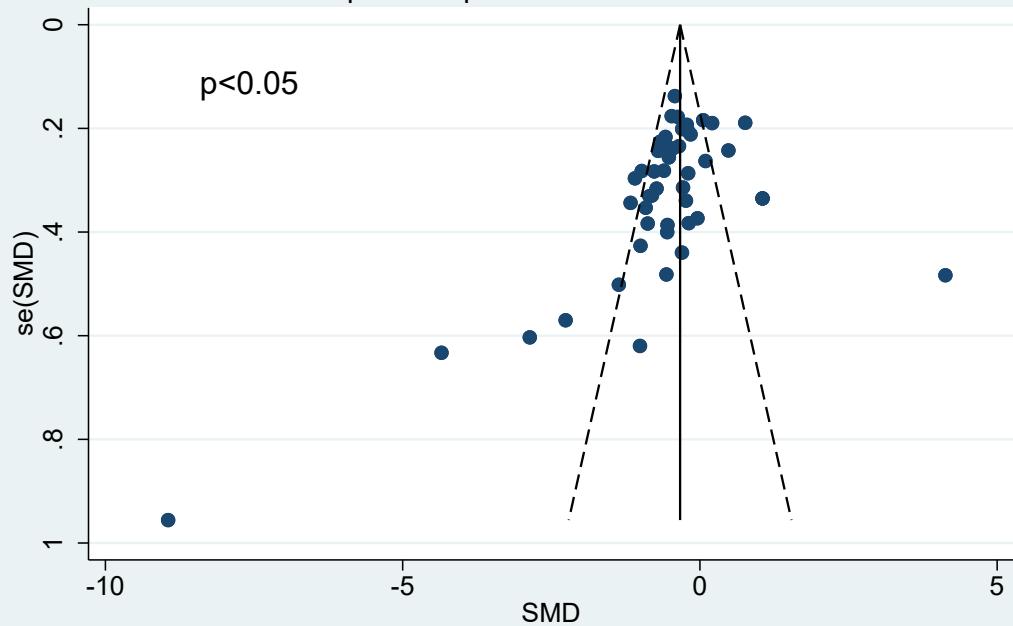
### 3. Fatigue

Funnel plot with pseudo 95% confidence limits



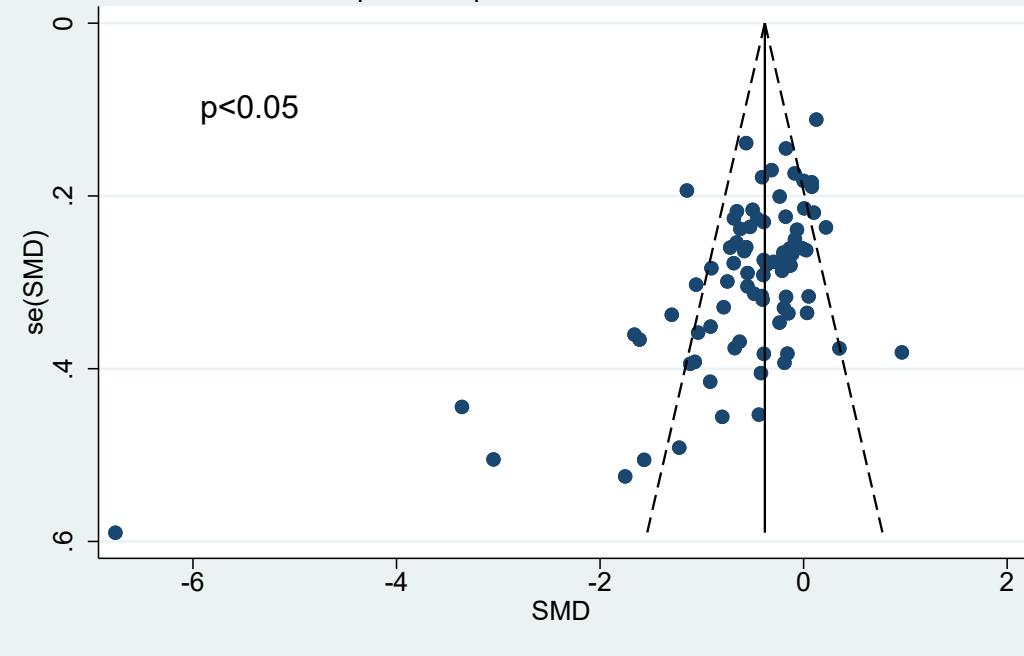
### 4. Sleep

Funnel plot with pseudo 95% confidence limits



## 5. Depression

Funnel plot with pseudo 95% confidence limits



**Supplement Table 6 a, b**

a. Effect size - Exercise versus usual care for different outcomes

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	25	1,301	<b>-0.56 (-0.85, -0.27)</b>	0.025	83.2
Pain	26	1,256	<b>-0.84 (-1.13, -0.55)</b>	0.003	81.9
Fatigue	13	684	<b>-0.89 (-1.33, -0.45)</b>	0.003	84.6
Sleep	15	652	<b>-0.81 (-1.24, -0.38)</b>	0.097	83.4
Depression	19	943	<b>-0.76 (-1.09, -0.42)</b>	0.075	82.9

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b. Effect size - Exercise as an adjunct treatment (A+B vs B designed studies) for different outcomes

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	3	186	<b>-1.56 (-2.77, -0.36)</b>	-	86.2
Pain	2	129	<b>-1.39 (-2.76, -0.02)</b>	-	91.5
Fatigue	1	65	<b>-0.85 (-1.25, -0.45)</b>	-	83.3
Sleep	2	129	-2.01 (-4.97, 0.94)	-	97.5
Depression	2	122	-0.46 (-0.98, 0.05)	-	49.5

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**Supplement Table 7 a, b**

a. Effect size - Exercise type versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Intervention types	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>FIQ</b>					
Aerobic	6	445	<b>-0.89 (-1.50, -0.27)</b>	-	87.8
Flexibility	1	28	-0.24 (-0.98, 0.51)	-	96.3
Mind-body	9	427	-0.23 (-0.87, 0.41)	-	88.7
Mixed	7	311	<b>-0.70 (-0.95, -0.45)</b>	-	15.1
Strengthening	2	90	<b>-0.55 (-1.15, -0.05)</b>	-	53.2
<b>Pain</b>					
Aerobic	8	512	<b>-0.72 (-1.37, -0.07)</b>	-	90.6
Flexibility	1	28	-0.56 (-1.32, 0.19)	-	-
Mind-body	8	405	<b>-0.92 (-1.41, -0.43)</b>	-	79.6
Mixed	6	200	<b>-0.96 (-1.49, -0.44)</b>	-	66.9
Strengthening	3	111	<b>-0.84 (-1.75, -0.08)</b>	-	77.9
<b>Fatigue</b>					
Aerobic	3	262	-1.46 (-3.05, 0.14)	-	96.0
Flexibility	1	28	-0.49 (-1.24, 0.27)	-	-
Mind-body	6	302	<b>-1.00 (-1.47, -0.53)</b>	-	66.7
Mixed	1	41	-0.12 (-0.73, 0.50)	-	-
Strengthening	2	51	<b>-0.77 (-1.34, -0.20)</b>	-	0.0
<b>Sleep</b>					
Aerobic	4	259	<b>-1.33 (-2.55, -0.11)</b>	-	93.0
Flexibility	1	28	<b>-0.88 (-1.66, -0.10)</b>	-	95.4
Mind-body	6	215	-0.61 (-1.41, 0.19)	-	86.3
Mixed	2	99	-0.64 (-1.33, 0.04)	-	63.1
Strengthening	2	51	<b>-0.74 (-1.56, -0.07)</b>	-	50.0
<b>Depression</b>					
Aerobic	6	337	<b>-1.22 (-2.22, 0.21)</b>	-	93.9
Flexibility	1	28	-0.29 (-1.03, 0.46)	-	-
Mind-body	6	354	<b>-0.67 (-1.07, -0.26)</b>	-	67.9
Mixed	4	173	<b>-0.35 (-0.65, -0.04)</b>	-	0.0
Strengthening	2	51	<b>-1.06 (-1.65, -0.47)</b>	-	0.0

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b. Effect size - Exercise types as an adjunct treatment (A+B vs B designed studies): FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Intervention types	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>FIQ</b>					
Flexibility	1	64	-1.60 (-4.27, 1.07)	-	96.3
Mind-body	1	57	-0.28 (-0.87, 0.30)	-	88.7
Strengthening	1	65	<b>-0.73 (-1.23, -0.24)</b>	-	53.2
<b>Pain</b>					
Flexibility	1	64	<b>-2.10 (-2.71, -1.48)</b>	-	-
Strengthening	1	65	<b>-0.70 (-1.21, -0.20)</b>	-	-
<b>Fatigue</b>					
Strengthening	1	65	<b>-0.54 (-1.04, -0.03)</b>	-	-
<b>Sleep</b>					
Flexibility	1	64	<b>-3.54 (-4.33, -2.74)</b>	-	-
Strengthening	1	65	<b>-0.52 (-1.02, -0.02)</b>	-	-
<b>Depression</b>					
Mind-body	1	57	-0.20 (-0.72, 0.32)	-	-
Strengthening	1	65	<b>-0.72 (-1.23, -0.21)</b>	-	-

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**Supplement Table 8**

Effect size - Education versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcome Types	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	8	780	-0.15 (-0.36, 0.05)	-	40.5
Pain	9	831	-0.17 (-0.37, 0.04)	-	42.6
Fatigue	3	251	<b>-0.31 (-0.55, -0.06)</b>	-	0.0
Sleep	3	226	-0.25 (-0.61, 0.11)	-	38.8
Depression	4	573	-0.08 (-0.35, 0.20)	-	53.1

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**Supplement Table 9**

Effect size - Psychological treatments versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Intervention types	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>FIQ</b>					
Psychological T.	17	1,480	<b>-0.43 (-0.70, -0.15)</b>	0.915	84.3
CBT	3	182	<b>-0.35 (-0.68, -0.01)</b>	-	20.0
Mindfulness	6	477	<b>-0.66 (-1.15, -0.17)</b>	-	84.1
<b>Pain</b>					
Psychological T.	20	1,470	<b>-0.45 (-0.59, -0.30)</b>	0.974	41.6
CBT	7	440	<b>-0.45 (-0.80, -0.10)</b>	-	63.7
Mindfulness	1	91	-0.29 (-0.71, 0.13)	-	-
<b>Fatigue</b>					
Psychological T.	8	870	-0.20 (-0.53, 0.12)	-	81.9
CBT	2	209	0.43 (-0.55, 1.41)	-	91.5
Mindfulness	1	91	<b>-0.49 (-0.91, -0.07)</b>	-	-
<b>Sleep</b>					
Psychological T.	8	730	<b>-0.55 (-0.94, -0.15)</b>	-	83.5
CBT	2	142	-1.35 (-4.20, 1.51)	-	95.3
Mindfulness	3	242	-0.37 (-1.11, 0.37)	-	86.4
<b>Depression</b>					
Psychological T.	20	1548	<b>-0.37 (-0.52, -0.22)</b>	0.483	46.8
CBT	6	419	-0.12 (-0.33, 0.10)	-	12.4
Mindfulness	6	476	<b>-0.46 (-0.75, -0.17)</b>	-	54.9

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**Supplement Table 10**

Effect size - MDT versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	6	620	<b>-0.41 (-0.79, -0.03)</b>	-	78.1
Pain	10	978	<b>-1.33 (-2.16, -0.49)</b>	0.043	96.7
Fatigue	4	242	-0.58 (-1.22, 0.06)	-	79.1
Sleep	3	190	<b>-1.15 (-2.11, -0.18)</b>	-	84.2
Depression	7	678	<b>-1.26 (-2.06, -0.45)</b>	-	95.2

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**Supplement Table 11 a, b**

a. Effect size - Balneotherapy versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	9	438	<b>-1.15 (-1.81, -0.49)</b>	-	89.6
Pain	8	382	<b>-1.11 (-1.66, -0.56)</b>	-	83.3
Fatigue	3	147	-0.23 (-0.56, 0.09)	-	0.0
Sleep	2	99	0.30 (-0.19, 0.78)	-	26.7
Depression	8	287	<b>-0.69 (-1.29, -0.09)</b>	-	80.1

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b. Effect size - Balneotherapy as an adjunct treatment (A+B vs B designed studies) for different outcomes

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	2	133	<b>-1.07 (-1.48, -0.66)</b>	-	20.3
Pain	4	213	-1.82 (-3.90, 0.26)	-	97.3
Fatigue	1	61	<b>-0.94 (-1.47, -0.41)</b>	-	-
Sleep	1	72	-0.46 (-0.93, 0.01)	-	-
Depression	2	80	-0.68 (-2.47, 1.12)	-	94.3

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**Supplement Table 12**

Effect size - Acupuncture versus usual care or placebo: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	3	171	<b>-0.88 (-1.75, -0.02)*</b>	-	85.4
	1	100	<b>-0.59 (-0.99, -0.19)</b>	-	-
Pain	6	321	<b>-0.98 (-1.56, -0.40)*</b>	-	83.1
	2	158	<b>-0.64 (-0.96, -0.31)</b>	-	0.0
Fatigue	3	158	<b>-0.50 (-0.90, -0.10)*</b>	-	36.3
	1	100	<b>-0.41 (-0.80, -0.01)</b>	-	-
Sleep	3	176	1.12 (-1.11, 3.35)*	-	97.3
	1	100	-0.30 (-0.69, 0.10)	-	-
Depression	3	171	<b>-0.57 (-1.03, -0.1)*</b>	-	53.4
	1	100	-0.23 (-0.63, 0.16)	-	-

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### Supplement Tables 13 a to q

- a. Effect size - Massage versus usual care or massage as an adjunct treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	43	-1.51 (-2.19, -0.83)	-	-
	1	40	<b>-0.67 (-1.31, -0.03)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	-
Pain	1	43	<b>-1.05 (-1.69, -0.41)</b>	-	-
	1	40	-0.47 (-1.10, 0.16) <sup>\$</sup>	-	-
Fatigue	1	43	<b>-0.95 (-1.58, -0.31)</b>	-	-
	1	40	<b>-1.26 (-1.94, -0.58)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	-
Sleep	1	43	<b>-0.73 (-1.35, -0.11)</b>	-	-
	1	40	<b>-0.85 (-1.50, -0.20)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	-
Depression	2	83	-0.73 (-1.83, 0.37)	-	83.0

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- b. Effect size - Manual therapy versus usual care or manual therapy as an adjunct treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	3	258	-0.40 (-1.03, 0.23)	-	82.3
	1	21	0.09 (-0.77, 0.95) <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.0
Pain	4	205	<b>-0.86 (-1.32, -0.41)</b>	-	53.1
Fatigue	1	48	-0.44 (-1.02, 0.13)	-	-
Sleep	2	209	0.10 (-1.22, 1.41)	-	95.4
Depression	2	209	-0.32 (-0.96, 0.32)	-	81.2

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c. Effect size - Electrotherapy versus usual care or placebo: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	5	307	<b>-0.65 (-1.27, -0.03)*</b>	-	76.7
	2	120	-0.97 (-3.10, 1.15) <sup>\$</sup>	-	96.2
Pain	8	474	-0.28 (-0.69, 0.14)*	-	74.4
	2	120	-0.73 (-1.97, 0.51) <sup>\$</sup>	-	90.2
Fatigue	5	361	<b>-0.79 (-1.45, -0.13)*</b>	-	84.4
Sleep	2	60	<b>-0.97 (-1.51, -0.43)*</b>	-	0.0
	1	60	<b>-0.77 (-1.32, -0.21)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	-
Depression	4	297	-0.32 (-0.83, 0.20)*	-	67.1

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d. Effect size - Laser therapy versus sham treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	3	88	<b>-0.58 (-1.04, -0.12)*</b>	-	10.0
Pain	4	128	<b>-0.69 (-1.09, -0.29)*</b>	-	18.9
Fatigue	2	60	<b>-1.25 (-2.15, -0.35)*</b>	-	58.8
Sleep	2	60	<b>-0.97 (-1.51, -0.43)*</b>	-	0.0
Depression	2	50	<b>-0.88 (-1.46, -0.29)*</b>	-	0.0

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e. Effect size – Transcranial direct current stimulation versus usual care or placebo: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	8	298	<b>-0.74 (-0.99, -0.48)*</b>	-	0.0
	1	52	<b>-0.65 (-1.21, -0.09)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	-
Pain	9	368	<b>-0.84 (-1.21, -0.47)*</b>	-	63.5
	2	82	-0.45 (-1.18, 0.27) <sup>\$</sup>	-	-
Fatigue	4	188	<b>-0.73 (-1.28, -0.19)*</b>	-	65.7
Sleep	3	139	<b>-0.58 (-0.92, -0.24)*</b>	-	0.0
Depression	11	444	<b>-0.32 (-0.52, 0.13)*</b>	0.269	0.0
	2	82	<b>-0.77 (-1.22, -0.32)<sup>\$</sup></b>	-	0.0

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f. Effect size - Biofeedback versus usual care: FIQ, pain and fatigue

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	30	<b>-0.92 (-1.68, -0.17)</b>	-	-
Pain	2	115	-0.42 (-1.18, 0.33)	-	67.0
Fatigue	1	85	-0.09 (-0.54, 0.36)	-	-

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g. Effect size - Nutritional supplement versus placebo: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	6	280	-0.31 (-1.13, 0.50)	-	87.6
Pain	6	204	-0.29 (-0.69, 0.11)	-	46.6
Fatigue	5	193	-0.38 (-0.77, 0.02)	-	40.2
Sleep	4	164	-0.23 (-0.72, 0.26)	-	45.6
Depression	4	184	-0.24 (-0.94, 0.46)	-	80.6

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h. Effect size – Homeopathy versus placebo or homeopathy as an adjunct treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	36	<b>-0.80 (-1.49, -0.12)</b> \$	-	-
Pain	1	36	<b>-0.73 (-1.41, -0.05)</b> \$	-	-
Fatigue	1	62	-0.19 (-0.69, 0.31)*	-	-
	1	36	<b>-0.69 (-1.36, -0.01)</b> \$	-	-
Sleep	1	36	<b>-0.91 (-1.60, -0.22)</b> \$	-	-
Depression	1	62	<b>-0.56 (-1.07, -0.06)</b> *	-	-
	1	36	-0.15 (-0.81, 0.51)\$	-	-

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\$: shows data from A+B vs B design trials

i. Effect size - Magnetotherapy versus sham treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	3	163	<b>-0.69 (-1.28, -0.10)*</b>	-	64.5
Pain	2	99	<b>-0.89 (-1.74, -0.04)*</b>	-	82.1
Fatigue	1	25	<b>-2.61 (-3.70, -1.52)*</b>	-	-
Sleep	1	25	<b>-1.00 (-1.83, -0.16)*</b>	-	-
Depression	1	56	<b>-0.11 (-0.64, 0.41)*</b>	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

\*: shows data from sham-controlled trials

j. Effect size - Music versus usual care: FIQ, pain, fatigue and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	2	116	-0.32 (-0.74, 0.10)	-	23.2
Pain	5	215	-0.58 (-1.24, 0.07)	-	77
Fatigue	1	41	-0.11 (-0.72, 0.50)	-	-
Depression	2	111	<b>-0.54 (-0.92, -0.15)</b>	-	0.0

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

k. Effect size - Weight loss versus usual care: FIQ, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	83	<b>-0.54 (-0.98, -0.11)</b>	-	-
Sleep	1	83	<b>-0.66 (-1.11, -0.22)</b>	-	-
Depression	1	83	<b>-0.68 (-1.13, -0.24)</b>	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

l. Effect size - Cupping therapy versus sham cupping: FIQ, pain, fatigue and sleep

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	95	0.07 (-0.33, 0.47)	-	-
Pain	1	95	-0.09 (-0.49, 0.32)	-	-
Fatigue	1	95	0.06 (-0.34, 0.46)	-	-
Sleep	1	95	-0.20 (-0.60, 0.21)	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

m. Effect size - Material of cloth versus sham treatment: FIQ, pain, fatigue, sleep and depression

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	2	89	-3.25 (-8.27, 1.77)	-	97.9
Pain	2	89	-2.89 (-6.82, 1.04)	-	97.2
Fatigue	1	50	<b>-5.97 (-7.29, -4.65)</b>	-	-
Sleep	1	50	<b>-8.94 (-10.8, -7.07)</b>	-	-
Depression	1	50	<b>-3.36 (-4.23, -2.49)</b>	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

n. Effect size – Hyperbaric oxygen therapy versus sham treatment: Pain

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
Pain	1	50	<b>-2.22 (-2.93, -1.51)</b>	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

o. Effect size - Topical oil versus sham oil: Pain

Outcomes	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
Pain	1	43	0.21 (-0.39, 0.81)	-	-

Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

p. Effect size – Whole body vibration versus usual care: FIQ

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	2	67	-0.21 (-0.79, 0.37)	-	28.5

WBV = Whole body vibration. Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

q. Effect size – Cryotherapy versus usual care: FIQ

Outcomes	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	Egger's test	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
FIQ	1	60	<b>-1.85 (-2.46, -1.24)</b>	-	-
Pain	1	60	<b>-1.42 (-1.99, -0.84)</b>	-	-

WBV = Whole body vibration. Text in bold shows significant values. Negative SMD favours treatment group.

**Supplement Table 14 a, b**

a. Subgroup analysis - Non-pharmacological intervention versus control arm (usual care, waiting list, no treatment, placebo or sham treatment): FIQ

	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	p-value (univariate)
<b>Overall</b>	116	7,381	-0.63 (-0.75, -0.50)	83.8	
<b><u>Subgroup analysis</u></b>					
<b>Age*</b>					
<50 years old	67	3,973	-0.63 (-0.79, -0.47)	82.0	0.845
≥50 years old	41	2,795	-0.65 (-0.87, -0.42)	87.1	
<b>Mean BMI*</b>					
<30	37	2,166	-0.49 (-0.71, -0.27)	83.3	0.91
≥30	5	251	-0.47 (-0.72, -0.22)	0.0	
<b>Recruitment centre*</b>					
Hospital based	55	3,612	-0.53 (-0.69, -0.37)	80.5	0.74
Community based	29	2,159	-0.60 (-0.86, -0.33)	87.8	
Mixed	18	1,004	-0.57 (-0.81, -0.33)	68.6	
<b>Source of funding*</b>					
Non-commercial	53	3,828	-0.40 (-0.53, -0.26)	74.1	0.36
Commercial	8	495	-0.62 (-1.00, -0.24)	71.5	
No funding	5	250	-1.22 (-2.02, -0.42)	86.9	
Both	2	245	-0.70 (-2.22, -0.83)	94.2	
<b>Sample size &gt;50/ total</b>					
Yes	64	5,681	-0.51 (-0.66, -0.35)	87.4	0.087
No	52	1,700	-0.79 (-0.99, -0.60)	71.1	

No: number, CI: Confidence Interval, FIQ: Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire, BMI: Body Mass Index, SD: Standard Deviation, \*: Data were missing in some studies

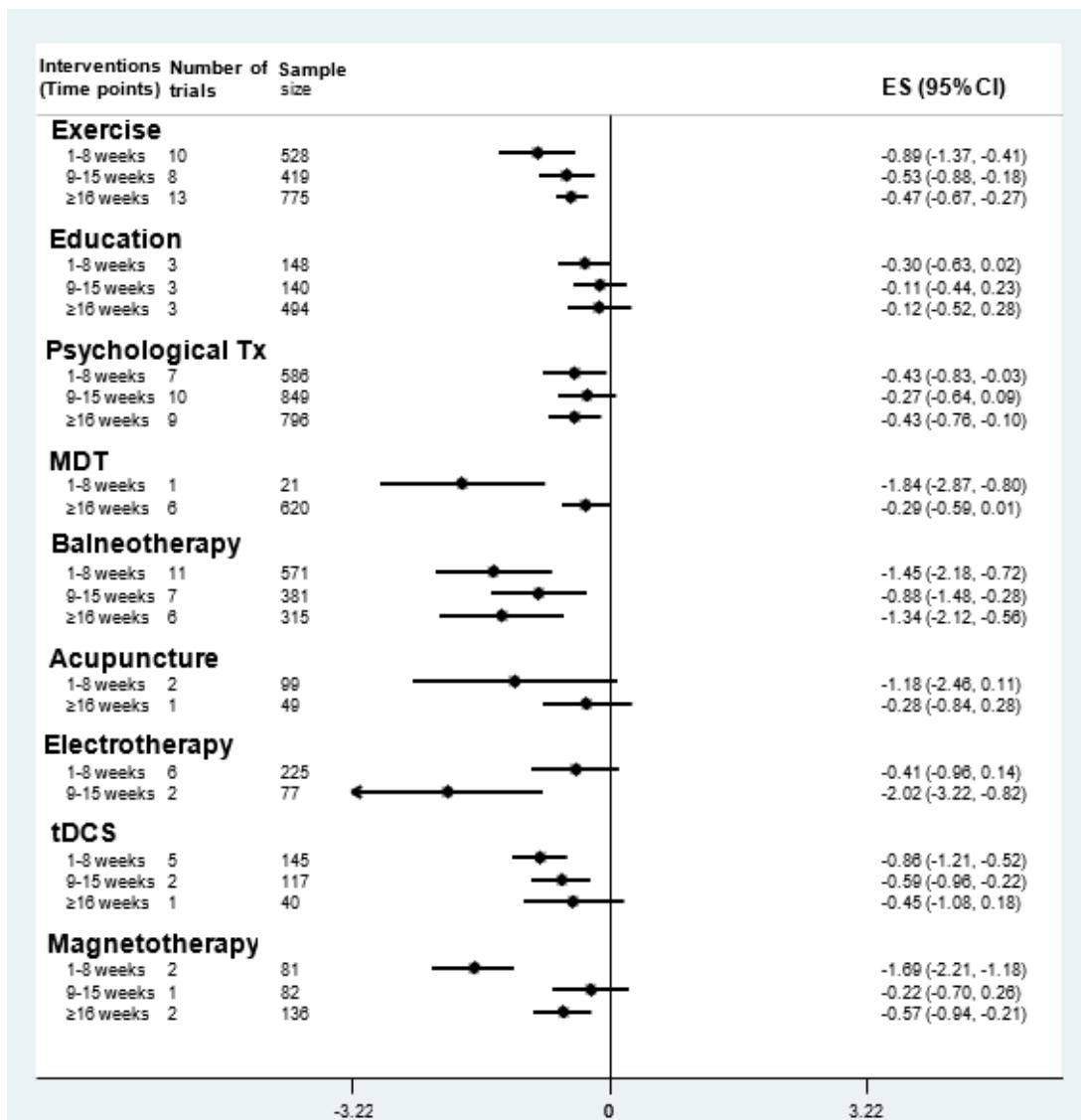
b. Subgroup analysis - Exercise versus control arm (usual care, waiting list or no treatment): FIQ

	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	p-value (univariate)
<b>Overall</b>	28	1,490	-0.68 (-0.98, -0.38)	86.2	
<b><u>Subgroup analysis</u></b>					
<b>Age*</b>					
<50 years old	15	886	-0.57 (-0.86, -0.27)	75.6	0.56
≥50 years old	11	502	-0.88 (-1.59, -0.16)	92.2	
<b>Mean BMI*</b>					
<30	15	723	-0.67 (-1.16, -0.19)	89.3	0.84
≥30	1	84	-0.47 (-0.90, -0.03)	/	
<b>Recruitment centre*</b>					
Hospital based	9	554	-0.32 (-0.90, 0.26)	89.9	0.51
Community based	9	467	-0.91 (-1.46, -0.37)	86.4	
Mixed	7	392	-0.59 (-0.90, -0.27)	53.5	
<b>Sample size &gt;50/total</b>					
Yes	15	1,098	-0.45 (-0.85, -0.05)	89.7	0.14
No	13	392	-0.99 (-1.41, -0.57)	72.9	

No: number, CI: Confidence Interval, FIQ: Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire, BMI: Body Mass Index, SD: Standard Deviation, \*: Data were missing in some studies

**Supplement Table 15**

Relationship between outcome assessment time-point and effect size of the intervention on FIQ, for interventions with at-least 3 trials



Tx: treatment, MDT: Multidisciplinary treatment, tDCS: Transcranial direct current stimulation

Negative ES favours the treatment group.

**Supplement Table 16**

Subgroup analysis for trials assessing any non-pharmacological intervention based on the number of weeks between end-of intervention and outcome assessment

Time difference	No. of comparisons	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
0-0.5 week	88	5,473	-0.65 (-0.80, -0.51)	84.6
2-6 weeks	11	616	-0.62 (-1.16, -0.09)	89.4
10-14 weeks	11	610	-0.64 (-0.89, -0.39)	55.6
18-44 weeks	6	682	-0.30 (-0.59, -0.02)	67.9

**Supplement Table 17 a, b**

- a. Sensitivity analysis - Non-pharmacological intervention versus control arm (usual care, waiting list, no treatment, placebo or sham treatment): FIQ

	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>Overall</b>	116	7,381	-0.63 (-0.75, -0.50)	83.8
<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>				
Intention to treat use	54	3,909	-0.75 (-0.95, -0.55)	88.1
Allocation concealment	32	2,421	-0.62 (-0.86, -0.39)	86.7
Endpoint score	104	6,558	-0.61 (-0.74, -0.48)	81.4
Imputed SD	25	1,728	-0.60 (-0.90, -0.31)	87.5

No: number, CI: Confidence Interval, Imputed SD: studies where missing SD were imputed

- b. Sensitivity analysis - Exercise versus usual care: FIQ

	No. of comparison	No. of patients	Effect Size (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>Overall</b>	28	1,490	-0.67 (-0.89, -0.45)	71.4
<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>				
Intention to treat use	12	857	-0.47 (-0.97, 0.03)	91.4
Allocation concealment	13	780	-0.85 (-1.44, -0.26)	92.6
Endpoint score	24	1,323	-0.70 (-0.96, -0.43)	78.3
Imputed SD	8	374	-0.67 (-1.61, 0.27)	93.8

No: number, CI: Confidence Interval, Imputed SD: studies where missing SD were imputed

**Supplement Table 18**

Comparison of the effect size of non-pharmacological intervention to the Minimal clinically important difference for FIQ: negative score indicates improvement

Interventions	ES (95% CI)	ES to points
Exercise	-0.68 (-0.98, -0.38)	<b>10.00 (5.59, 14.41)</b>
Aerobic	-0.89 (-1.50, -0.27)	<b>13.08 (3.97, 22.05)</b>
Mixed	-0.70 (-0.95, -0.45)	<b>10.29 (6.62, 13.97)</b>
Strengthening	-0.73 (-1.23, -0.24)	<b>10.73 (3.53, 18.08)</b>
Psychological Tx	-0.43 (-0.70, -0.15)	6.32 (2.21, 10.29)
CBT	-0.35 (-0.68, -0.01)	5.15 (0.15, 10.00)
Mindfulness	-0.66 (-1.15, -0.17)	<b>9.70 (2.50, 16.91)</b>
MDT	-0.41 (-0.79, -0.03)	6.03 (0.44, 11.61)
Balneotherapy	-1.13 (-1.64, -0.61)	<b>16.61 (8.97, 24.11)</b>
Acupuncture*	-0.88 (-1.75, -0.02)	<b>12.94 (0.29, 25.73)</b>
Massage	-1.08 (-1.90, -0.26)	<b>15.88 (3.82, 27.93)</b>
Electrotherapy*	-0.65 (-1.27, -0.03)	<b>9.56 (0.44, 18.67)</b>
Laser*	-0.58 (-1.04, 0.12)	<b>8.53 (1.76, 15.29)</b>
tDCS*	-0.74 (-0.99, -0.48)	<b>10.88 (7.06, 14.55)</b>
Biofeedback	-0.92 (-1.68, -0.17)	<b>13.52 (2.50, 24.70)</b>
Homeopathy	-0.80 (-1.49, -0.12)	<b>11.76 (1.76, 21.90)</b>
Magnetotherapy*	-0.69 (-1.28, -0.10)	<b>10.14 (1.47, 18.82)</b>
Weight loss	-0.54 (-0.98, -0.11)	7.94 (1.62, 14.41)
Cryotherapy	-1.85 (-2.46, -1.24)	<b>27.20 (18.23, 36.16)</b>

Text in bold shows clinically significant values.

\*: shows data from sham-controlled trials