Personal activity intelligence and coronary heart disease in a healthy European population: the HUNT study

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Coronary Heart Disease Burden

- Leading cause of death worldwide
- 315 million prevalent case globally in 2022
- Age-standardized prevalence in 2022: 3605/100,000
- Regional variation in the prevalence





Benjamin Stark et al. JACC 2024; 83:2320-2320.





Exercise Health Benefits



Burden of physical inactivity

Prevalence of adults aged 18+ years not meeting WHO physical activity guidelines, by WHO region, 2010–2016



WHO Global status report on physical activity 2022





Trends in Physical Activity

WHO targets to reduce physical inactivity by 15% in 2030

Two scenarios for future global physical activity trends – business as usual or accelerated action to achieve the global target for adults by 2030



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Personal Activity Intelligence



What is PAI?

'Activity Metric' - quantifies the amount of physical activity needed for a healthier longer life.

PAI inherently credits vigorous over moderate intensity activity, and translates heart rate during physical activity into a simple **weekly score**.







Scientific gaps



Although, higher PAI levels are associated with reduced risk of CVD, dementia, all-cause mortality, health outcomes

- Association between PAI and CHD in an European population is not known
- CHD assessment tools do not include indices of physical activity or exercise





Aims



- To investigate the association between PAI and fatal and non-fatal coronary heart disease in healthy participants from Norway
- To investigate whether the addition of PAI to a conventional coronary risk assessment could enhance its prognostic accuracy relative to identifying subsequent CHD







Population-based, Cohort study

2006-2008

Trøndelag Health Survey (HUNT), Norway. 22,869 women and 18,092 men

PAI estimation based on a validated algorithm using responses to physical activity questions

Relative exercise intensity, with ~ 44%, 73% and 83% of heart rate reserve signifying low-, moderate, and vigorous intensity activities



Trøndelag Hospital Trust Myocardial Infarction Registry and the Norwegian Cause of Death Registry.

Diagnosis of, or death from CHD (ICD10: I20-I25), MI (I21-I23), chronic CHD (I25), CVD mortality (I00-I99)

PAI groups: 0 (inactive), \leq 50, 51–99, or \geq 100 weekly PAI

Multivariable adjusted Cox proportional hazard models





Results

- Median follow-up period of 13.1 years
- 3303 endpoint events of either diagnosis (n=3109) or death (n=194) from CHD











Results

Endpoints	Events			HR (95% CI) ^a
Myocardial i	nfarction			
Inactive	455			Ref.
≤50	599	-	~	1.06 (0.94-1.20)
51-99	154	—		0.75 (0.62-0.90)
≥100	387			0.75 (0.65-0.86)
Chronic CHI	D			
Inactive	185			Ref.
≤50	262			1.02 (0.84-1.24)
51-99	50			0.59 (0.43-0.80)
≥100	151	—		0.65 (0.52-0.82)
CVD mortali	ty			
Inactive	370			Ref.
≤50	594	-+	-	0.91 (0.80-1.04)
51-99	73	—		0.51 (0.40-0.66)
≥ 100	223	—		0.54 (0.45-0.64)
		0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8	1.2 1.4	
		Decreased Risk	Increased Risk	-







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NORRISK2 + PAI

			<5%	5-7.5%	>7.5%	Total	Net correctly
Adding PAI to traditional risk							reclassified
factors of NORRISK2 prediction	NORRISK2	CHD					
algorithm: age, sex, resting		<5%	7	7	17	31	0.33%
systolic BP and use of BP		5-7.5%	142	157	601	900	
medications, total and HDL		>7.5%	169	303	1900	2372	
family history CHD		Total	318	467	2518	3303	
Estimation of Net reclassification		No CHD					
improvement (NRI) and		<5%	683	83	171	937	46.86%
integrated discrimination		5-7.5%	7497	1957	3470	12,924	
improvement (IDI)		>7.5%	10,390	3485	9922	23,797	
		Total	18,570	5525	13,563	37,658	
							NRI: 0.472 (P<0.001)
							IDI: 0.065 (P<0.001)



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Conclusion

- Inverse association between PAI and risk of CHD
- Addition of PAI to traditional risk factors improved the CHD risk prediction
- PAI can be used as an adjunct or complement to conventional coronary risk assessment







Thank you for listening!







