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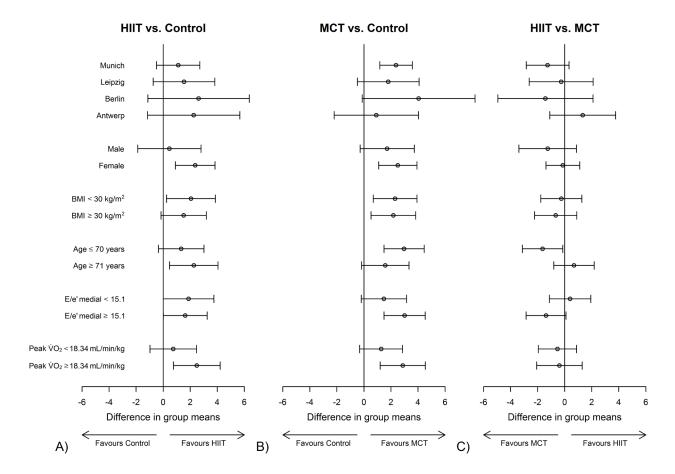
eMethods:

Description of multiple imputation approach:

To account for missing values in the primary efficacy endpoint [change of peak oxygen consumption (peak $\dot{V}O_2$) after three months] a multiple imputation approach was pre-specified in the statistical analysis plan.

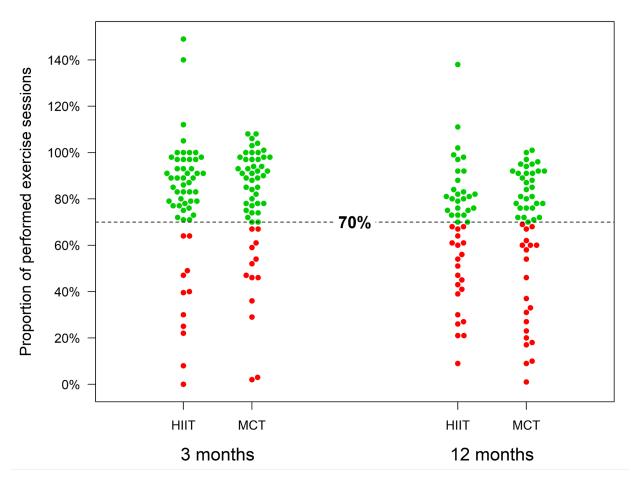
Missing peak $\dot{V}O_2$ values were imputed using predictive mean matching implemented in the R^1 library $mice^2$. Imputation was performed under consideration of the variables age, sex, body mass index, binary indicator for intake of heart failure related medication (angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blocker, beta-blocker and/or diuretics), N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP), baseline peak $\dot{V}O_2$ and baseline left ventricular filling pressure (E/e' medial). By not adding the treatment group to the predictors of the imputation this approach should produce a rather conservative result, because similar values will be imputed for comparable patients from different groups.

Ten datasets with imputed values were generated and pooled using the function mi.anova provided in the R library $miceadds^3$ to test the global null hypothesis of equal group means for all three groups (ANOVA, significance level of $\alpha = 5\%$). All patients were analyzed in the group they were randomized to, irrespective of adherence to group allocation. As the global null hypothesis could be rejected based on the pooled data, pairwise comparisons were performed on a significance level of $\alpha = 5\%$ for each of the ten imputed datasets and results were aggregated using the pool function in R (library mice). Pooled estimates for the pairwise differences in group means for change of peak $\dot{V}O_2$ over three months are presented with corresponding 95% confidence intervals. Results are also presented considering patients with valid assessment of peak $\dot{V}O_2$ after three months only (complete case analysis).



eFigure 1: Subgroup analysis of the primary endpoint (change in peak VO₂ after 3 months).

Cutoff points were pre-specified as 30 kg/m² (BMI) and the median of age, E/e' medial and peak $\dot{V}O_2$. HIIT: High Intensity Interval Training; MCT: Moderate Continuous Training; Control: Guideline Control; BMI: body mass index; E: peak velocity blood flow from ventricular relaxation in early diastole, e': mitral annular early diastolic velocity, peak $\dot{V}O_2$: peak oxygen consumption



eFigure 2: Relative frequency of performed exercise training sessions within 3-months and 12-months intervention period in High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and Moderate Continuous Training (MCT).

The dotted line represents the 70%-cutoff that was defined as the lower limit for an adequate adherence. Green points represent each individual exercising \geq 70% of prescribed exercise sessions, red points represent individuals exercising < 70% of prescribed exercise sessions.

eTable 1: Ineligible participants not meeting HFpEF criteria who were inadvertently randomized and excluded from the analysis

Group assignment	On-site E/e' medial	On-site BNP (pg/mL)	CoreLab E/e' medial	CoreLab NT-proBNP (pg/mL)
MCT	10.8	33	9.6	102
MCT	10.9	30	9.9	92
HIIT	11.9	44	7.8	134
HIIT	9.8	8	9.4	55

Inclusion criteria: On-site measures of E/e' medial ≥ 15 or E/e' medial ≥ 8 and NT-proBNP ≥ 220 pg/mL or E/e' medial ≥ 8 and BNP ≥ 80 pg/mL MCT: Moderate Continuous Training; HIIT: High Intensity Interval Training; E: peak velocity blood flow from ventricular relaxation in early diastole, e': mitral annular early diastolic velocity, BNP: brain natriuretic peptide, NT-proBNP: N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide

eTable 2: Subgroup analysis of the primary endpoint (change in peak VO₂ after 3 months)

		Difference [95% CI]		Interaction
	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT	p value
Munich (n=72)	1.1 [-0.5 to 2.7]	2.4 [1.2 to 3.6]	-1.3 [-2.8 to 0.3]	
Leipzig (n=44)	1.5 [-0.7 to 3.8]	1.8 [-0.5 to 4.1]	-0.3 [-2.6 to 2.1]	00
Berlin (n=24)	2.6 [-1.1 to 6.4]	4.0 [-0.1 to 8.2]	-1.4 [-4.9 to 2.1]	.62
Antwerp (n=36)	2.3 [-1.2 to 5.7]	0.9 [-2.2 to 4.0]	1.3 [-1.1 to 3.8]	
Male	0.5 [-1.9 to 2.8]	1.7 [-0.3 to 3.7]	-1.3 [-3.4 to 0.9]	.31
Female	2.4 [0.9 to 3.8]	2.5 [1.1 to 3.9]	-0.1 [-1.4 to 1.1]	.31
BMI < 30 kg/m ²	2.1 [0.3 to 3.9]	2.3 [0.7 to 3.9]	-0.2 [-1.8 to 1.3]	.89
BMI ≥30 kg/m²	1.5 [-0.2 to 3.2]	2.2 [0.5 to 3.8]	-0.7 [-2.2 to 0.9]	.09
Age ≤ 70 years	1.3 [-0.3 to 3.0]	3.0 [1.5 to 4.5]	-1.6 [-3.1 to -0.1]	.13
Age ≥ 71 years	2.3 [0.5 to 4.1]	1.6 [-0.2 to 3.3]	0.7 [-0.8 to 2.2]	.13
E/e' medial < 15.1	1.9 [0.0 to 3.7]	1.5 [-0.2 to 3.1]	0.4 [-1.1 to 1.9]	.24
E/e' medial ≥ 15.1	1.6 [0.0 to 3.3]	3.0 [1.5 to 4.5]	-1.4 [-2.8 to 0.1]	.24
Peak VO ₂ < 18.34 mL/min/kg	0.7 [-1.0 to 2.5]	1.3 [-0.3 to 2.9]	-0.5 [-1.9 to 0.9]	.25
Peak VO₂ ≥ 18.34 mL/min/kg	2.5 [0.8 to 4.2]	2.9 [1.2 to 4.5]	-0.4 [-2.1 to 1.3]	.20

Cutoff points were pre-specified as 30 kg/m 2 (BMI) and the median of age, E/e' medial and peak $\dot{V}O_2$. HIIT: High Intensity Interval Training; MCT: Moderate Continuous Training; Control: Guideline Control; BMI: body mass index; E: peak velocity blood flow from ventricular relaxation in early diastole, e': mitral annular early diastolic velocity, peak $\dot{V}O_2$: peak oxygen consumption

eTable 3: Results from cardiopulmonary exercise testing for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Moderate Continuous Training (MCT) and Guideline Control

			Mean (SD) [N]			Difference (95% CI) [N]	
		HIIT	МСТ	Control	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT
Values at re	st						
ΫO ₂ ,	Baseline	3.3 (0.9) [58]	3.3 (0.8) [58]	3.4 (0.7) [60]			
-	3 mo	3.2 (0.8) [53]	3.2 (0.8) [54]	3.5 (0.9) [52]	-0.1 (-0.5 to 0.3) [105]	-0.2 (-0.5 to 0.1) [106]	0.1 (-0.2 to 0.5) [107]
mL/min/kg	12 mo	3.3 (0.8) [42]	3.3 (0.7) [48]	3.7 (1.3) [49]	-0.3 (-0.8 to 0.3) [91]	-0.3 (-0.8 to 0.2) [97]	0.0 (-0.4 to 0.4) [90]
	Baseline	0.84 (0.07) [58]	0.85 (0.08) [58]	0.85 (0.08) [60]			
RER	3 mo	0.86 (0.06) [53]	0.85 (0.07) [54]	0.85 (0.08) [52]	0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04) [105]	-0.01 (-0.04 to 0.03) [106]	0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) [107]
	12 mo	0.84 (0.10) [42]	0.85 (0.08) [48]	0.85 (0.06) [49]	-0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) [91]	-0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03) [97]	0.00 (-0.05 to 0.04) [90]
ovetelie	Baseline	127 (14) [58]	131 (13) [58]	127 (14) [60]			
systolic BP, mmHg	3 mo	127 (17) [53]	133 (18) [54]	131 (14) [52]	-2 (-8 to 5) [105]	0 (-7 to 6) [106]	-1 (-8 to 5) [107]
BP, IIIIIING	12 mo	133 (20) [42]	134 (15) [48]	128 (15) [49]	6 (-1 to 14) [91]	2 (-4 to 8) [97]	4 (-3 to 12) [90]
Heart rate,	Baseline	65 (12) [58]	65 (10) [58]	65 (11) [60]			
_	3 mo	65 (10) [53]	65 (8) [54]	65 (12) [52]	0 (-4 to 4) [105]	-1 (-4 to 3) [106]	1 (-2 to 4) [107]
bpm	12 mo	65 (11) [42]	68 (12) [48]	66 (11) [49]	-2 (-7 to 3) [91]	1 (-4 to 5) [97]	-3 (-7 to 2) [90]
Values at th	e first vent	latory threshold	(VT1)				
ΫO ₂ ,	Baseline	11.1 (2.8) [58]	11.2 (3.3) [57]	11.4 (2.8) [58]			
•	3 mo	11.9 (2.7) [53]	12.1 (3.5) [53]	11.4 (2.6) [50]	0.8 (-0.1 to 1.7) [103]	1.0 (0.2 to 1.9) [102]	-0.3 (-1.0 to 0.5) [105]
mL/min/kg	12 mo	11.3 (2.9) [41]	10.6 (3.1) [47]	10.9 (2.4) [49]	0.6 (-0.5 to 1.6) [90]	-0.1 (-1.0 to 0.9) [95]	0.6 (-0.4 to 1.7) [87]
Workload,	Baseline	45 (18) [58]	46 (21) [57]	45 (15) [58]			
,	3 mo	49 (18) [53]	53 (25) [53]	47 (16) [50]	3 (-2 to 7) [103]	6 (2 to 11) [102]	-4 (-9 to 1) [105]
watts	12 mo	46 (17) [41]	45 (21) [47]	43 (14) [49]	4 (-1 to 9) [90]	3 (-2 to 7) [95]	2 (-4 to 7) [87]
Heart rate,	Baseline	92 (16) [58]	94 (17) [57]	91 (18) [58]			
,	3 mo	92 (14) [53]	96 (16) [53]	91 (17) [50]	-1 (-6 to 4) [103]	1 (-4 to 5) [102]	-2 (-6 to 2) [105]
bpm	12 mo	93 (15) [41]	94 (17) [47]	93 (25) [49]	-4 (-13 to 5) [90]	-3 (-12 to 7) [95]	-1 (-7 to 5) [87]
	Baseline	0.86 (0.05) [58]	0.85 (0.06) [57]	0.84 (0.08) [58]			
RER	3 mo	0.86 (0.05) [53]	0.85 (0.06) [53]	0.87 (0.06) [50]	-0.04 (-0.07 to -0.01) [103]	-0.03 (-0.06 to 0.00) [102]	0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) [105]
	12 mo	0.84 (0.06) [41]	0.83 (0.05) [47]	0.85 (0.06) [49]	-0.04 (-0.08 to -0.01) [90]	-0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) [95]	-0.02 (-0.05 to 0.01) [87]

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			Mean (SD) [N]			Difference (95% CI) [N]	
		HIIT	МСТ	Control	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT
Values at pe	eak exercise	9					
ΫO ₂ ,	Baseline	18.9 (5.4) [58]	18.2 (5.1) [58]	19.4 (5.6) [60]			
	3 mo	20.2 (6.0) [53]	19.8 (5.8) [54]	18.9 (5.7) [52]	1.8 (0.5 to 3.0) [105]	2.2 (1.1 to 3.4) [106]	-0.5 (-1.6 to 0.6) [107]
mL/min/kg	12 mo	19.9 (6.1) [42]	18.1 (5.9) [48]	19.5 (5.1) [49]	1.4 (0.1 to 2.8) [91]	0.6 (-0.7 to 1.9) [97]	0.8 (-0.5 to 2.1) [90]
ΫO ₂ ,	Baseline	1.54 (0.47) [58]	1.55 (0.43) [58]	1.50 (0.47) [60]			
,	3 mo	1.59 (0.49) [53]	1.66 (0.46) [54]	1.48 (0.49) [52]	0.11 (0.01 to 0.20) [105]	0.16 (0.07 to 0.25) [106]	-0.05 (-0.14 to 0.03) [107]
L/min	12 mo	1.55 (0.49) [42]	1.53 (0.46) [48]	1.54 (0.42) [49]	0.08 (-0.03 to 0.19) [91]	0.03 (-0.08 to 0.14) [97]	0.05 (-0.06 to 0.16) [90]
	Baseline	103 (38) [58]	103 (37) [58]	101 (36) [60]			
Workload,	3 mo	110 (38) [53]	112 (42) [54]	101 (39) [52]	9 (4 to 15) [105]	9 (4 to 14) [106]	0 (-6 to 6) [107]
watts	12 mo	109 (39) [42]	104 (42) [48]	104 (35) [49]	10 (4 to 16) [91]	4 (-1 to 10) [97]	5 (-1 to 12) [90]
	Baseline	1.12 (0.10) [58]	1.10 (0.09) [58]	1.10 (0.12) [60]			
RER	3 mo	1.11 (0.10) [53]	1.09 (0.08) [54]	1.11 (0.12) [52]	-0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03) [105]	-0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) [106]	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04) [107]
	12 mo	1.10 (0.11) [42]	1.08 (0.07) [48]	1.11 (0.10) [49]	-0.04 (-0.08 to 0.01) [91]	-0.02 (-0.05 to 0.02) [97]	-0.02 (-0.06 to 0.02) [90]
O. satalia	Baseline	178 (28) [58]	184 (30) [58]	175 (28) [59]			
Systolic BP, mmHg	3 mo	180 (28) [53]	181 (30) [53]	177 (26) [52]	-2 (-12 to 7) [104]	-4 (-13 to 5) [104]	2 (-7 to 11) [106]
BP, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII	12 mo	180 (30) [42]	176 (31) [45]	168 (27) [49]	10 (-2 to 21) [90]	4 (-6 to 14) [93]	6 (-6 to 18) [87]
11	Baseline	123 (24) [57]	123 (27) [58]	122 (28) [60]			
Heart rate, BPM	3 mo	126 (25) [53]	127 (26) [54]	122 (29) [52]	2 (-4 to 7) [104]	2 (-3 to 8) [106]	-1 (-6 to 4) [106]
DPIVI	12 mo	127 (27) [42]	127 (29) [48]	126 (26) [49]	-2 (-10 to 6) [90]	1 (-8 to 9) [97]	-3 (-12 to 7) [89]
Other value	s						
ŮΕ/ŮCO₂	Baseline	34.5 (7.9) [58]	34.2 (7.2) [58]	33.2 (5.9) [59]			
slope	3 mo	35.0 (9.8) [53]	33.7 (6.8) [54]	32.6 (5.3) [51]	1.7 (-0.2 to 3.6) [104]	0.2 (-1.7 to 2.2) [105]	1.5 (-0.3 to 3.2) [107]
0.0p0	12 mo	36.6 (8.4) [42]	33.9 (7.1) [48]	34.3 (7.4) [49]	0.9 (-1.2 to 3.0) [91]	-1.9 (-3.8 to 0.0) [97]	2.8 (0.7 to 4.8) [90]

VO₂: oxygen uptake, RER: respiratory exchange ratio, BP: blood pressure, VE/VCO₂ slope: ventilation to carbon dioxide production slope

eTable 4: Results from echocardiography for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Moderate Continuous Training (MCT) and Guideline Control

			Mean (SD) [N]			Difference (95% CI) [N]	
		HIIT	МСТ	Control	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT
Diastolic Fu	nction						
	Baseline	94.3 (21.2) [58]	93.8 (21.2) [58]	93.4 (25.2) [59]			
E, cm/s	3 mo	91.1 (24.2) [54]	89.5 (26.9) [55]	91.3 (29.8) [53]	-1.2 (-8.0 to 5.5) [106]	-2.0 (-9.2 to 5.2) [107]	0.8 (-6.6 to 8.2) [109]
	12 mo	86.3 (23.7) [48]	89.5 (23.8) [52]	91.3 (26.7) [52]	-4.6 (-11.6 to 2.4) [99]	-0.8 (-8.6 to 7.0) [103]	-3.8 (-11.8 to 4.3) [100]
	Baseline	82.1 (26.9) [47]	88.5 (27.2) [48]	89.1 (23.2) [54]			
A, cm/s	3 mo	82.7 (24.9) [46]	85.1 (27.3) [47]	81.2 (27.9) [49]	4.1 (-1.6 to 9.7) [89]	-1.8 (-7.3 to 3.6) [90]	5.9 (0.4 to 11.4) [89]
1	12 mo	78.7 (26.1) [39]	89.3 (27.4) [45]	87.6 (26.9) [44]	-0.8 (-7.3 to 5.7) [82]	2.4 (-5.1 to 10.0) [86]	-3.2 (-10.6 to 4.2) [80]
	Baseline	1.30 (0.79) [47]	1.13 (0.45) [48]	1.15 (0.59) [54]			
E/A	3 mo	1.21 (0.64) [46]	1.11 (0.61) [47]	1.35 (0.97) [49]	-0.14 (-0.32 to 0.04) [89]	-0.04 (-0.23 to 0.15) [90]	-0.10 (-0.27 to 0.07) [89]
	12 mo	1.25 (0.83) [39]	1.07 (0.57) [45]	1.18 (0.73) [44]	-0.09 (-0.27 to 0.09) [82]	-0.07 (-0.25 to 0.11) [86]	-0.02 (-0.2 to 0.15) [80]
e' medial,	Baseline	6.16 (1.79) [57]	6.11 (1.57) [58]	6.25 (1.76) [57]			
e mediai, cm/s	3 mo	6.23 (1.72) [54]	5.95 (1.65) [54]	5.95 (1.84) [53]	0.33 (-0.30 to 0.95) [103]	0.23 (-0.32 to 0.78) [104]	0.09 (-0.48 to 0.66) [107]
Cillys	12 mo	6.23 (1.73) [47]	5.93 (1.51) [52]	6.10 (1.66) [52]	0.34 (-0.26 to 0.94) [96]	0.01 (-0.51 to 0.52) [102]	0.33 (-0.20 to 0.86) [98]
a' lataral	Baseline	8.11 (2.02) [58]	8.78 (2.68) [56]	8.34 (1.98) [58]			
e' lateral, cm/s	3 mo	8.18 (2.27) [54]	8.67 (2.48) [55]	8.01 (2.10) [52]	0.13 (-0.53 to 0.79) [104]	-0.03 (-0.76 to 0.70) [103]	0.16 (-0.63 to 0.95) [107]
Cili/S	12 mo	8.33 (2.23) [47]	8.55 (2.34) [52]	8.36 (2.26) [51]	0.14 (-0.68 to 0.96) [96]	-0.26 (-1.03 to 0.51) [100]	0.40 (-0.40 to 1.20) [98]
e' average,	Baseline	7.15 (1.72) [57]	7.45 (1.92) [56]	7.31 (1.61) [57]			
cm/s	3 mo	7.20 (1.71) [54]	7.28 (1.86) [54]	6.96 (1.73) [52]	0.23 (-0.32 to 0.79) [102]	0.11 (-0.43 to 0.65) [101]	0.12 (-0.46 to 0.71) [105]
011110	12 mo	7.29 (1.82) [46]	7.24 (1.68) [52]	7.25 (1.77) [51]	0.22 (-0.40 to 0.84) [94]	-0.12 (-0.65 to 0.42) [100]	0.33 (-0.25 to 0.91) [96]
	Baseline	15.8 (3.7) [57]	15.9 (4.1) [58]	15.7 (5.6) [57]			
E/e' medial	3 mo	15.2 (4.8) [54]	15.6 (5.0) [54]	16.5 (7.2) [53]	-1.5 (-3.2 to 0.3) [103]	-1.1 (-2.7 to 0.5) [104]	-0.4 (-1.9 to 1.2) [107]
	12 mo	14.2 (3.9) [47]	15.6 (4.4) [52]	15.7 (5.5) [52]	-1.4 (-2.9 to 0.1) [96]	0.1 (-1.5 to 1.7) [102]	-1.5 (-3.0 to 0.0) [98]
	Baseline	12.1 (3.3) [58]	11.4 (4.0) [56]	11.7 (4.1) [58]			
E/e' lateral	3 mo	11.9 (4.4) [54]	10.9 (3.8) [55]	11.8 (4.2) [52]	0.1 (-1.0 to 1.1) [104]	-0.2 (-1.3 to 0.8) [103]	0.3 (-0.9 to 1.4) [107]
	12 mo	10.9 (3.4) [47]	11.0 (3.6) [52]	11.9 (5.9) [51]	-1.1 (-2.6 to 0.4) [96]	-0.4 (-2.1 to 1.2) [100]	-0.6 (-1.8 to 0.5) [98]
E/e'	Baseline	13.5 (3.2) [57]	13.1 (3.5) [56]	13.2 (4.4) [57]			
average	3 mo	13.1 (4.3) [54]	12.7 (3.8) [54]	13.5 (4.9) [52]	-0.6 (-1.7 to 0.6) [102]	-0.4 (-1.5 to 0.7) [101]	-0.2 (-1.3 to 1.0) [105]
arolugo	12 mo	12.2 (3.3) [46]	12.7 (3.6) [52]	13.2 (5.1) [51]	-1.0 (-2.3 to 0.3) [94]	-0.1 (-1.5 to 1.3) [100]	-0.9 (-2.0 to 0.2) [96]

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			Mean (SD) [N]			Difference (95% CI) [N]	
		HIIT	МСТ	Control	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT
Dimensions	•						
LVEDD	Baseline	46.9 (5.5) [27]	48.3 (5.2) [26]	45.7 (5.0) [34]			
LVEDD, mm	3 mo	45.8 (5.6) [24]	47.3 (3.7) [24]	44.6 (3.8) [23]	0.4 (-1.0 to 1.8) [35]	-0.6 (-2.5 to 1.3) [36]	1.0 (-0.5 to 2.6) [33]
111111	12 mo	46.4 (6.1) [23]	46.5 (3.6) [25]	44.9 (4.1) [23]	-0.6 (-2.9 to 1.6) [33]	0.3 (-1.7 to 2.3) [35]	-0.9 (-3.3 to 1.5) [36]
	Baseline	11.0 (1.9) [27]	10.9 (1.6) [27]	11.1 (2.4) [34]			
IVSD, mm	3 mo	10.8 (1.5) [24]	10.7 (1.8) [24]	11.2 (2.8) [23]	0.5 (-0.1 to 1.0) [35]	0.5 (0.0 to 1.1) [36]	-0.1 (-0.7 to 0.5) [33]
	12 mo	10.8 (1.5) [23]	10.9 (1.6) [25]	11.4 (2.8) [23]	0.2 (-0.4 to 0.7) [33]	0.2 (-0.2 to 0.6) [35]	0.0 (-0.6 to 0.5) [36]
LVPWD,	Baseline	10.1 (1.0) [27]	10.2 (1.6) [26]	10.1 (1.5) [34]			
mm	3 mo	10.3 (0.8) [24]	10.3 (1.5) [24]	10.4 (1.5) [23]	0.2 (-0.4 to 0.7) [35]	0.1 (-0.7 to 0.8) [35]	0.1 (-0.6 to 0.8) [32]
111111	12 mo	10.0 (0.9) [23]	10.0 (1.5) [25]	10.4 (1.6) [22]	0.0 (-0.8 to 0.7) [33]	0.4 (-0.4 to 1.1) [34]	-0.4 (-1.2 to 0.4) [35]
Other value	s						
LVEF - BP,	Baseline	62.1 (6.4) [37]	61.6 (5.7) [38]	62.1 (4.7) [48]			
LVEF - BP,	3 mo	64.9 (7.3) [35]	61.8 (6.2) [29]	61.6 (4.9) [37]	1.6 (-1.1 to 4.3) [63]	0.4 (-2.2 to 3.0) [60]	1.2 (-1.9 to 4.3) [53]
70	12 mo	63.9 (6.4) [33]	63.8 (5.9) [36]	63.2 (5.6) [40]	0.4 (-2.0 to 2.9) [65]	2.0 (-0.4 to 4.4) [68]	-1.6 (-4.3 to 1.1) [57]
TR Vmax,	Baseline	2.54 (0.37) [44]	2.51 (0.39) [44]	2.47 (0.41) [48]			
m/s	3 mo	2.52 (0.39) [42]	2.59 (0.33) [39]	2.63 (0.63) [40]	-0.16 (-0.34 to 0.03) [69]	-0.12 (-0.30 to 0.05) [70]	-0.03 (-0.19 to 0.13) [69]
111/3	12 mo	2.55 (0.41) [36]	2.55 (0.36) [34]	2.53 (0.44) [41]	-0.08 (-0.25 to 0.09) [63]	-0.10 (-0.26 to 0.07) [63]	0.02 (-0.15 to 0.18) [58]
TAPSE,	Baseline	21.8 (3.6) [50]	21.0 (3.8) [53]	21.6 (3.6) [53]			
mm	3 mo	22.0 (4.1) [47]	20.8 (3.6) [45]	21.8 (4.5) [49]	0.0 (-1.5 to 1.6) [87]	0.0 (-1.4 to 1.3) [88]	0.0 (-1.5 to 1.6) [85]
	12 mo	21.0 (4.1) [41]	20.9 (3.3) [46]	21.8 (3.7) [49]	-1.1 (-2.9 to 0.7) [80]	0.1 (-1.5 to 1.8) [89]	-1.2 (-3.2 to 0.8) [79]
	Baseline	43.1 (6.1) [21]	50.7 (10.5) [16]	46.0 (6.8) [20]			
FAC, %	3 mo	45.4 (9.7) [14]	48.4 (8.3) [13]	40.0 (10.8) [13]	7.0 (0.2 to 13.8) [13]	-0.3 (-9.5 to 8.9) [13]	7.3 (-0.9 to 15.5) [14]
	12 mo	50.4 (8.5) [7]	43.2 (11.5) [5]	47.8 (9.8) [9]			
LAVI,	Baseline	35.4 (9.0) [39]	37.9 (13.0) [42]	39.8 (13.5) [48]			
mL/m ²	3 mo	35.2 (10.2) [34]	36.8 (10.5) [28]	38.4 (14.7) [40]	0.3 (-1.7 to 2.4) [61]	1.2 (-0.9 to 3.4) [60]	-0.9 (-3.2 to 1.4) [51]
	12 mo	37.4 (10.9) [26]	36.6 (9.2) [23]	39.2 (13.8) [38]	0.4 (-2.7 to 3.5) [54]	0.9 (-1.6 to 3.3) [53]	-0.5 (-3.5 to 2.6) [41]
LV mass,	Baseline	178 (45) [27]	189 (52) [26]	174 (51) [34]			
g g	3 mo	165 (44) [24]	180 (44) [24]	172 (55) [23]	10 (-3 to 23) [35]	3 (-15 to 20) [35]	7 (-8 to 23) [32]
9	12 mo	172 (41) [23]	175 (48) [25]	177 (59) [22]	-2 (-21 to 17) [33]	9 (-5 to 23) [34]	-11 (-30 to 8) [35]

E: peak velocity blood flow from ventricular relaxation in early diastole, A: peak velocity flow in late diastole caused by atrial contraction, e': mitral annular early diastolic velocity, LVEDD: left ventricular end diastolic diameter, IVSD: interventricular septum thickness in diastole, LVPWD: left ventricular posterior wall in diastole, LVEF: left ventricular ejection fraction, BP: biplane, TR Vmax: maximum tricuspid regurgitation velocity, TAPSE: tricuspid annular plan systolic excursion, FAC: fractional area change, LAVI: left atrial volume index, LV mass: left ventricular mass

eTable 5: Results from Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Moderate Continuous Training (MCT) and Guideline Control

			Mean (SD) [N]			Difference (95% CI) [N]	
		HIIT	МСТ	Control	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT
Dharainal	Baseline	68 (24) [57]	62 (25) [55]	64 (26) [57]			
Physical limitation	3 mo	70 (23) [52]	67 (24) [54]	69 (23) [55]	-6 (-12 to 0) [105]	-4 (-11 to 2) [105]	-2 (-8 to 4) [104]
iiiiiitation	12 mo	75 (25) [47]	71 (23) [46]	71 (27) [51]	-2 (-9 to 5) [96]	2 (-5 to 9) [93]	-4 (-12 to 4) [91]
Comment and	Baseline	50 (13) [58]	49 (17) [56]	52 (16) [58]			
Symptom stability	3 mo	59 (19) [54]	60 (22) [55]	51 (18) [55]	9 (2 to 17) [106]	12 (3 to 20) [106]	-2 (-8 to 4) [108]
Stability	12 mo	55 (14) [47]	55 (20) [46]	48 (16) [51]	10 (2 to 18) [96]	10 (0 to 20) [94]	0 (-9 to 10) [92]
Comment and	Baseline	76 (24) [58]	69 (22) [56]	67 (23) [58]			
Symptom	3 mo	77 (21) [54]	75 (22) [54]	74 (21) [55]	-4 (-11 to 2) [108]	-3 (-9 to 4) [107]	-2 (-7 to 4) [107]
frequency	12 mo	80 (19) [47]	75 (22) [46]	73 (23) [51]	0 (-7 to 7) [97]	1 (-6 to 9) [95]	-1 (-9 to 6) [92]
0	Baseline	75 (24) [58]	68 (22) [56]	67 (22) [58]			
Symptom burden	3 mo	74 (21) [54]	75 (20) [55]	70 (20) [55]	-3 (-10 to 4) [108]	3 (-3 to 10) [108]	-7 (-12 to -1) [108]
Durden	12 mo	79 (19) [47]	77 (19) [46]	71 (25) [51]	1 (-7 to 8) [97]	7 (0 to 14) [95]	-6 (-13 to 1) [92]
Total	Baseline	75 (23) [58]	68 (21) [56]	67 (22) [58]			
Total	3 mo	75 (20) [54]	74 (20) [55]	72 (20) [55]	-4 (-10 to 3) [108]	0 (-6 to 6) [108]	-4 (-9 to 1) [108]
symptoms	12 mo	80 (19) [47]	76 (20) [46]	72 (23) [51]	0 (-6 to 7) [97]	4 (-2 to 11) [95]	-4 (-10 to 3) [92]
Self-	Baseline	67 (27) [57]	63 (23) [56]	66 (29) [58]			
efficacy	3 mo	71 (25) [54]	70 (22) [55]	70 (23) [55]	-2 (-12 to 7) [107]	0 (-8 to 9) [108]	-2 (-10 to 6) [107]
enicacy	12 mo	82 (19) [47]	76 (20) [46]	68 (23) [51]	8 (-2 to 19) [96]	8 (-2 to 17) [95]	1 (-8 to 9) [91]
Quality of	Baseline	68 (24) [58]	62 (26) [56]	66 (20) [58]			
life	3 mo	73 (26) [54]	74 (20) [55]	72 (21) [55]	1 (-7 to 9) [108]	5 (-3 to 12) [108]	-4 (-11 to 4) [108]
1110	12 mo	80 (21) [47]	77 (19) [45]	72 (24) [51]	4 (-3 to 12) [97]	11 (2 to 19) [94]	-6 (-15 to 2) [91]
Social	Baseline	72 (25) [56]	66 (29) [53]	67 (25) [57]			
limitation	3 mo	76 (26) [51]	75 (28) [54]	73 (23) [54]	-2 (-10 to 6) [101]	0 (-8 to 7) [102]	-2 (-9 to 6) [99]
iiiiiitatioii	12 mo	85 (22) [47]	80 (25) [45]	78 (27) [51]	0 (-9 to 9) [94]	2 (-8 to 11) [92]	-2 (-11 to 8) [88]
Overall	Baseline	70 (22) [55]	64 (23) [53]	66 (20) [56]			
summary	3 mo	74 (21) [50]	72 (20) [53]	72 (18) [54]	-3 (-9 to 3) [99]	0 (-6 to 5) [100]	-3 (-8 to 2) [97]
Sullillary	12 mo	80 (19) [47]	76 (19) [45]	73 (21) [51]	0 (-5 to 6) [93]	4 (-2 to 11) [91]	-4 (-10 to 3) [88]
Clinical	Baseline	72 (22) [57]	65 (22) [55]	66 (22) [57]			
summary	3 mo	73 (20) [52]	70 (20) [54]	71 (19) [55]	-5 (-11 to 0) [105]	-2 (-7 to 3) [105]	-3 (-8 to 2) [104]
Summary	12 mo	77 (21) [47]	74 (20) [46]	71 (23) [51]	-1 (-7 to 5) [96]	3 (-3 to 9) [93]	-4 (-10 to 2) [91]

Higher scores indicate better health (score range 1-100, minimal clinically important differences: 5 points).

eTable 6: Exercise training data and adherence to the prescribed exercise intervention for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and Moderate Continuous Training (MCT)

		No	o. (%)	Median [1 st – 3 rd quartile]				
Study phase	group	Patients completing each phase	Patients performing ≥ 70% of scheduled exercise sessions	Adherence (%) to scheduled exercise sessions	Performed exercise sessions (no.) per week	Amount (min) of exercise per week		
Supervised (month 0-3)	HIIT	56 (96.6)	45 (80.4)	84 [73-94]	2.5 [2.1-2.8]	96 [82-105]		
	MCT	55 (94.8)	42 (76.4)	85 [70-97]	4.4 [3.4-4.7]	176 [137-188]		
Home-based	HIIT	48 (82.8)	23 (47.9)	69 [41-82]	2.0 [1.2-2.4]	77 [46-92]		
(month 4-12)	MCT	53 (91.4)	31 (58.5)	72 [54-86]	3.6 [2.7-4.3]	144 [108-171]		
entire phase	HIIT	48 (82.8)	27 (56.3)	73 [53-82]	2.1 [1.6-2.4]	82 [59-92]		
(month 0-12)	MCT	53 (91.4)	32 (60.4)	76 [58-89]	3.8 [2.9-4.4]	150 [115-176]		

eTable 7: Group differences in primary and secondary endpoints after 3 and 12 months including only the per-protocol population of patients who performed at least 70% of the scheduled training sessions

		Difference [95% CI]		p-value
	HIIT vs. Control	MCT vs. Control	HIIT vs. MCT	p-value
Change baseline to 3 mo	onths			
Peak VO ₂ , mL/min/kg	2.1 [0.9 to 3.3]	2.6 [1.4 to 3.8]	-0.5 [-1.6 to 0.7]	<.001
VE/VCO₂ slope	1.6 [-0.4 to 3.7]	0.3 [-1.8 to 2.3]	1.4 [-0.6 to 3.3]	.22
Workload at VT1, watts	3 [-1 to 7]	8 [3 to 13]	-5 [-10 to 1]	.008
E/e' medial	-1.6 [-3.5 to 0.3]			.18
e' medial, cm/s	0.4 [-0.3 to 1.1]	0.3 [-0.2 to 0.7]	0.1 [-0.6 to 0.7]	.43
LAVI, mL/m²	0.2 [-2.1 to 2.5] 1.2 [-1.2 to 3.6] -1.0 [-3.7 to 1.7]		.56	
NT-proBNP, pg/mL	T-proBNP, pg/mL -193 [-510 to 124] -182 [-535 to 171		-11 [-282 to 261]	.41
KCCQ QoL domain	0.1 [-8.5 to 8.8]	5.6 [-2.2 to 13.4]	-5.5 [-13.8 to 2.8]	.34
Change baseline to 12 m	nonths	1	l	
Peak VO ₂ , mL/min/kg	1.7 [0.3 to 3.0]	1.1 [-0.4 to 2.6]	0.6 [-0.9 to 2.1]	.07
VE/VCO₂ slope	0.6 [-1.6 to 2.8]	-2.1 [-4.2 to -0.1]	2.7 [0.4 to 5.0]	.05
Workload at VT1, watts	8 [3 to 14]	4 [-1 to 10]	4 [-2 to 10]	.01
E/e' medial	-1.8 [-3.5 to -0.2]	-0.4 [-2.2 to 1.5]	to 10] 4 [-2 to 10] 2 to 1.5] -1.5 [-3.4 to 0.5]	
e' medial, cm/s	0.6 [0.0 to 1.2]			.16
LAVI, mL/m ²	0.9 [-3.2 to 5.1]	1.1 [-1.7 to 3.9]	-0.2 [-4.4 to 4.1]	.73
NT-proBNP, pg/mL	-256 [-611 to 99]	-197 [-567 to 173]	-59 [-286 to 168]	.40
KCCQ – QoL ^a	3.8 [-5.2 to 12.9]	13.8 [3.7 to 23.8]	-9.9 [-21.3 to 1.4]	.01

^a higher scores indicate better quality of life (score range 1-100, minimial clinically important differences: 5 points); HIIT: High Intensity Interval Training, MCT: Moderate Continuous Training, Control: Guideline Control, CI: Confidence Interval, VO₂: oxygen consumption, VE/ VCO₂ slope: minute ventilation to carbon dioxide output slope, VT1: ventilatory threshold, E: peak velocity blood flow from ventricular relaxation in early diastole, e': mitral annular early diastolic velocity, LAVI: Left atrial volume index, NT-proBNP: N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide, KCCQ: Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire, QoL: Quality of life

eTable 8: List of cardiovascular and the most common non-cardiovascular Adverse Events for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Moderate Continuous Training (MCT) and Guideline Control

		HIIT		МСТ	Guideline Control	
	No. of Events	No. (%) of Participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of Participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of Participants
Adverse Events	80	36 (62%)	79	39 (67%)	50	27 (45%)
Cardiovascular	32	14 (24%)	29	17 (29%)	19	12 (20%)
Heart Failure related	15	7 (12%)	13	6 (10%)	10	6 (10%)
Worsening heart failure	4	3 (5%)	5	3 (5%)	6	3 (5%)
Atrial fibrillation	9	4 (7%)	7	3 (5%)	3	2 (3%)
Pleural effusion	1	1 (2%)	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Ventricular arrhythmias	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Cardiac arrest / death	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Other cardiovascular	17	10 (8%)	16	12 (21%)	9	9 (15%)
Acute coronary syndrome	4	4 (7%)	4	3 (5%)	5	5 (8%)
Supraventricular arrhythmias	2	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)
Hypertension	-	-	6	4 (7%)	-	-
Hypotension	2	1 (2%)	2	2 (3%)	-	-
Peripheral artery disease / Occlusion of peripheral bypass	2	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Thromboembolic occlusion of a femoral artery	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Sinus bradycardia	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Cardiac syncope	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Pulmonary embolism	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Deep vein thrombosis	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Ventilation-perfusion mismatch	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Endocarditis	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Dilated aorta with suspected dissection	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Transient ischemic attack	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
3 rd degree AV block	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Pulmonary hypertension	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Non-cardiovascular	48	29 (50%)	50	31 (53%)	31	19 (32%)
Respiratory tract infections	7	7 (12 %)	11	10 (17 %)	3	3 (5 %)
Knee / Hip pain (unrelated to falls)	8	7 (12 %)	2	2 (3 %)	1	1 (2 %)
Events related to falls	2	2 (3 %)	5	5 (9 %)	2	2 (3 %)
Back pain	3	3 (5 %)	2	2 (3 %)	2	2 (3 %)
Other non-cardiovascular ^a	28	20 (34 %)	30	22 (38 %)	23	16 (27 %)

^a including events that occurred less than 5 times

eTable 9: List of Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) for High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Moderate Continuous Training (MCT) and Guideline Control

				MOT	Guideline Control		
		HIIT		MCT			
	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants	
Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)	33	18 (31%)	28	18 (31%)	27	16 (27%)	
Cardiovascular SAEs	21	10 (17%)	18	12 (21%)	14	10 (17%)	
Heart Failure related	7	5 (9%)	8	4 (7%)	5	3 (5%)	
Worsening heart failure	2	2 (3%)	3	2 (3%)	4	2 (3%)	
Atrial fibrillation	3	2 (3%)	4	2 (3%)	-	-	
Pleural effusion	1	1 (2%)	-	-	1	1 (2%)	
Ventricular arrhythmias	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Cardiac arrest / death	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Other cardiovascular	14	8 (14%)	10	8 (14%)	9	9 (15%)	
Acute coronary syndrome	3	3 (5%)	4	3 (5%)	5	5 (8%)	
Supraventricular arrhythmias	2	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	
Hypertension	-	-	2	2 (3%)	-	-	
Peripheral artery disease occlusion of peripheral bypass	2	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Thromboembolic occlusion of a femoral artery	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)	
Sinus bradycardia	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Cardiac Syncope	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Pulmonary embolism	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Deep vein thrombosis	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Ventilation-perfusion mismatch	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Endocarditis	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Dilated aorta	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Transient ischemic attack	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
3 rd degree AV block	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)	
Pulmonary hypertension	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)	
Non-cardiovascular SAEs	12	10 (17%)	10	9 (16%)	13	9 (15%)	
Orthopedic	1	1 (2%)	4	4 (7%)	1	1 (2%)	
Femur fracture	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Biceps tendon rupture	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Subacromial syndrome	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Inflammatory arthritis	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-	
Gonarthrosis	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-	
Bacterial osteomyelitis	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)	

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		HIIT		мст	Guideline Control	
	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants	No. of Events	No. (%) of participants
Pulmonological	3	2 (3%)	1	1 (2%)	1	1(2%)
COPD exacerbation	2	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Pleural effusion	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Mantel cell lymphoma	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Gastroenterological	3	3 (5%)	3	3 (5%)	4	4 (7%)
Viral gastro-enteritis	2	2 (3%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Gastritis	-	-	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)
Gastric ulcer	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Symptomatic Choledocholithiasis	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Diabetic gastroparesis	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Diverticulitis	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Abdominal wall hernia	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Gynecological	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Ovary cysts	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Urological/ Nephrological	2	1 (2%)	-	-	2	2 (3%)
Stricture of the urethra	2	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Acute renal failure	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Nephrolithiasis	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Endocrinological/ Metabolic	2	2 (3%)	-	-	3	3 (5%)
Conn's syndrome	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Hypokalemia	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Hypothyroidism	1	1 (2%)	-	-	-	-
Metabolic disturbance in diabetes	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Hypoglycemia	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Neurological	1	1 (2%)	2	2 (3%)	1	1 (2%)
Concussion	1	1 (2%)	1	1 (2%)	-	-
Subdural hematoma	-	-	-	-	1	1 (2%)
Epileptical attack	-	-	1	1 (2%)	-	-

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