

Figure S1 Pooled effect of exercise compared with control on attrition number.

CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; SD, standard deviation.

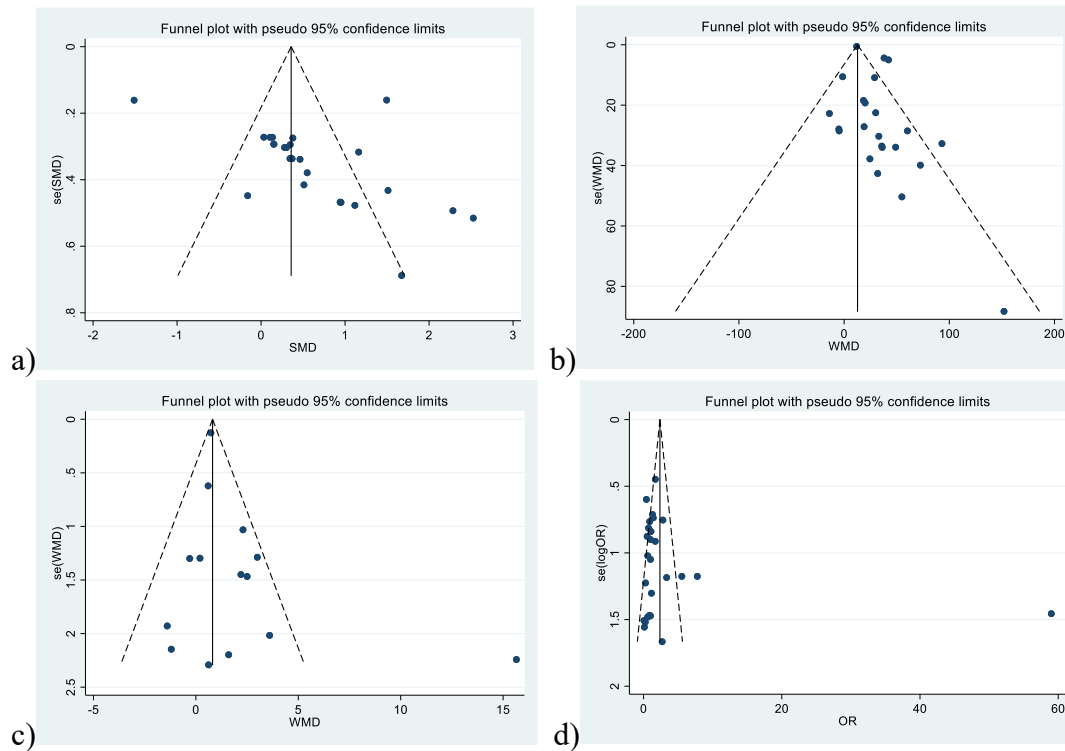


Figure S2 Funnel plot showing SE and effect size in trials of exercise for a) skeletal muscle strength, b) 6MWD, c) VO_2 peak, d) attrition number in COPD patients. 6MWD, 6-min walking distance; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; OR, odds ratio; SMD, standardized mean difference; VO_2 peak, peak oxygen consumption; WMD, weighted mean difference.

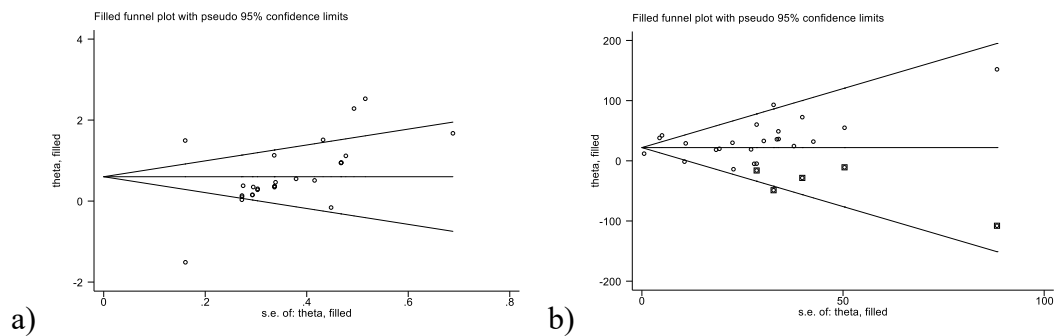


Figure S3 Trim and fill methods showing the filled studies need to diminish the publication bias (the circles enclosed in boxes are filled studies). a) skeletal muscle strength, b) 6MWD. 6MWT, 6-min walking distance.