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Supplementary materials for manuscript:

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Supplementary Figure 1: Specially developed questions about the perceived value and benefits of participating in the initial RCT

Overall evaluation of the initial RCT intervention (PEXT/SLH)	
<i>Question</i>	<i>Response categories</i>
Looking back, how satisfied have you overall been with participating in the initial programme with either singing or physical exercise training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not at all • To a small to moderate degree • To a high degree
Did you feel that the intervention (singing or physical exercise training) met your needs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not at all • To a small to moderate degree • To a high degree
Looking back, how relevant do you think the initial programme with either singing or physical exercise training was to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not at all • To a small to moderate degree • To a high degree
Experienced integration of tools and benefits from the initial RCT	
<i>Question</i>	<i>Response categories</i>
Compared to before the initial programme with either singing or physical exercise training, have you experienced...	
Improvements in your breathing control?	Yes/No
Improvements in the way you are able to manage your dyspnoea?	Yes/No
Improvements in your overall physical strength?	Yes/No
Improvements in your overall physical fitness?	Yes/No
Improvements in your overall speaking/singing voice?	Yes/No
Experienced no improvements?	Yes/No

Supplementary Figure 2: Overview of time since post-assessment in the initial RCT

Month of post-assessment in initial RCT for all 29 clusters	Months to Feb 2023
Dec/17	62
Dec/17	62
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Dec/17	62
Dec/17	62
Jan/18	61
Jan/18	61
Jan/18	61
Feb/18	60
Feb/18	60
May/18	57
May/18	57
Jun/18	56
Jun/18	56
Jun/18	56
Jul/18	55
Jul/18	55
Jul/18	55
Aug/18	54
Aug/18	54
Dec/18	50
Dec/18	50
Jan/19	49
Jan/19	49
Mar/19	47
Apr/19	46
May/19	45
May/19	45
Sum months from RCT to Feb 2023	1611
Mean months from RCT to Feb 2023	56
Median months from RCT to Feb 2023	56

Supplementary Table 1: Characteristics and performance in initial RCT (non-completers vs completers)

Factor	Level	N=160		p-value
		RCT completers	Non-RCT Completers	
N		30	130	
Characteristics and performance in initial RCT (at baseline)				
Randomisation group				
	Physical Exercise Training (PEXT)	17 (56.7%)	56 (43.1%)	0.18
	Singing for Lung Health (SLH)	13 (43.3%)	74 (56.9%)	
Age		64.9 (9.4)	68.5 (7.9)	0.03
BMI		28.2 (6.1)	29.4 (5.9)	0.33
Sex, Female		16 (53.3%)	46 (35.4%)	0.07
FEV1 % predicted				
GOLD class				
	1	2 (6.7%)	5 (3.9%)	0.08
	2	12 (40.0%)	76 (58.5%)	
	3	11 (36.7%)	43 (33.1%)	
	4	5 (16.7%)	6 (4.6%)	
Smoking Status, n (%)		39.2 (14.9)	42.3 (24.7)	0.53
	Never smoker	2 (6.7%)	8 (6.2%)	0.02
	Previous smoker	15 (50.0%)	96 (73.8%)	
	Current smoker	13 (43.3%)	26 (20.0%)	
If previous or current smoker; pack years		39.2 (14.9)	41.7 (23.9)	0.61
Marital status, number, n (%)				
	Married/co-habiting	21 (70.0%)	88 (67.7%)	0.81
Income				
	Low income	29 (96.7%)	123 (94.6%)	0.60
	Medium income	0 (0.0%)	4 (3.1%)	
	High income	1 (3.3%)	3 (2.3%)	
Highest education				
	Low education	20 (66.7%)	74 (56.9%)	0.45
	Medium education	10 (33.3%)	52 (40.0%)	
	High education	0 (0.0%)	4 (3.1%)	
Living place				
	Rural	20 (66.7%)	83 (63.8%)	0.70
	Medium	8 (26.7%)	42 (32.3%)	
	City	2 (6.7%)	5 (3.8%)	
Occupational status				
	Full- or part time job	4 (13.3%)	18 (13.8%)	0.89
	Unemployed/retired	26 (86.7%)	112 (86.2%)	
Adherence to the intervention (calculated at RCT short-term follow-up)				
	0-49%	27 (90.0%)	23 (17.7%)	<0.001
	50-74%	3 (10.0%)	107 (82.3%)	
Performance and scoring at short-term follow-up in initial RCT (at baseline)				
	6MWT distance	388.7 (100.1)	410.8 (93.2)	0.26
	SGRQ Total score	50.1 (18.3)	42.7 (17.2)	0.04
	HADS Anxiety score	4.7 (3.5)	5.0 (3.9)	0.68
	HADS Depression score	4.1 (3.4)	3.0 (3.1)	0.08
	mMRC Dyspnoea score	2.3 (1.2)	1.8 (1.1)	0.052

Supplementary Table 1 text: Data are presented as mean \pm SD or number (%). BMI: Body Mass Index. FEV1%predicted: forced expiratory volume in 1 second expressed as % of predicted; GOLD: Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease. SGRQ Total Score: St George's Respiratory Questionnaire. HADS: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale; Sub-scores: symptoms of anxiety (HADS-A) and depression (HADS-D). mMRC: modified Medical Research Council dyspnoea score. Differences between-groups were tested using Student's t-test (two-tailed), paired-samples t-test, Chi², or Fischer's exact test. Statistical analyses were performed using statistical software STATA 18 (StataCorp LLC, Texas, USA). Statistical significance was reached at p<0.05.

Supplementary Table 2: Characteristics, attendance in exercise training or lung choir, quality of life, symptoms of anxiety and depression, dyspnoea, and perceived benefits derived from the initial RCT intervention related to adherence level in the initial RCT

Factor	Level	N=130		p-value
		Low-moderate RCT adherence (<74% attendance)	High RCT adherence (≥ 75% attendance)	
N		23	107	
Characteristics at long-term follow-up				
Randomisation group				
	Physical Exercise Training (PEtT)	11 (47.8%)	45 (42.1%)	0.61
	Singing for Lung Health (SLH)	12 (52.2%)	62 (57.9%)	
Age		70.7 (6.9)	73.8 (7.2)	0.13
BMI		31.2 (5.3)	29.0 (6.0)	0.11
Sex, Female		8 (34.8%)	38 (35.5%)	0.95
COPD-related medication				
	No	3 (13.6%)	9 (8.5%)	0.45
	Yes	19 (86.4%)	97 (91.5%)	
Number of exacerbations within last year				
	0	12 (67%)	59 (62%)	0.72
	1 to 2	2 (11%)	18 (19%)	
	3 or more	4 (22%)	18 (19%)	
COPD-related GP visits within last year				
	0	13 (59.1%)	59 (55.7%)	0.75
	1 to 2	5 (22.7%)	32 (30.2%)	
	3 or more	4 (18.2%)	15 (14.2%)	
COPD-related hospitalisations within last year				
	0	17 (77.3%)	82 (77.4%)	1.00
	1 to 2	4 (18.2%)	19 (17.9%)	
	3 or more	1 (4.5%)	5 (4.7%)	
Smoking since RCT participation				
	Never smoker	2 (9.1%)	5 (4.8%)	0.70
	Previous smoker	17 (77.3%)	83 (79.0%)	
	Current smoker	3 (13.6%)	17 (16.2%)	
If current smoker; smoking amount				
	<10 cigarettes per day	2 (67%)	8 (53%)	0.67
	10 or more per day	1 (33%)	7 (47%)	
Scoring at long-term follow-up				
	SGRQ Total score	36.2 (18.2)	40.4 (16.4)	0.33
	HADS Anxiety score	5.3 (2.3)	5.7 (2.3)	0.43
	HADS Depression score	3.9 (2.3)	4.4 (1.8)	0.26
	mMRC Dyspnoea score	2.4 (1.3)	2.4 (1.0)	0.95
Long-term attendance in exercise training or lung choir				
Have you been engaged in exercise training or lung choir within the last six months?				
	No attendance	10 (45.5%)	59 (55.7%)	0.38
	Attendance	12 (54.5%)	47 (44.3%)	
Overall evaluation of the initial RCT intervention (PEtT/SLH)				
Satisfaction with the intervention				
	Not at all	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.9%)	0.22
	To a small to moderate degree	6 (27.3%)	14 (13.2%)	
	To a high degree	16 (72.7%)	90 (84.9%)	
Experience that the intervention met disease-specific needs				
	Not at all	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.9%)	0.56
	To a small to moderate degree	6 (27.3%)	20 (18.9%)	
	To a high degree	16 (72.7%)	84 (79.2%)	
Experience of relevance of the intervention				
	Not at all	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.9%)	0.36
	To a small to moderate degree	6 (27.3%)	16 (15.1%)	
	To a high degree	16 (72.7%)	89 (84.0%)	
Experienced integration of tools and benefits from initial RCT				
	Improved breathing control	8 (34.8%)	41 (38.3%)	0.75
	Improved management of dyspnoea	5 (21.7%)	29 (27.1%)	0.60
	Improved physical strength	0 (0.0%)	7 (6.5%)	0.21
	Improved physical fitness	0 (0.0%)	5 (4.7%)	0.29
	Improved speaking/singing voice	1 (4.3%)	1 (0.9%)	0.23
	Experienced no improvements	10 (43.5%)	40 (37.4%)	0.59

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Supplementary Table 3: Characteristics and performance of living vs. deceased participants in the initial RCT cohort

N	Initial RCT cohort (n=270)		p-value for difference between-groups
	Living participants at Long-term follow-up	Participants deceased since RCT	
	196	74	
RCT randomisation, n (%)			
Singing for Lung Health (SLH)	100 (69.0%)	45 (31.0%)	0.15
Physical Exercise Training (PEXT)	96 (77.0%)	29 (23.0%)	
SOCIODEMOGRAPHICS - RCT baseline			
Age	68.2 (8.5)	73.1 (7.2)	<0.001
Sex (female), n (%)	120 (61.2%)	48 (64.9%)	0.58
BMI	28.7 (5.7)	25.8 (6.3)	<0.001
Educational level, n (%)			
Low education	115 (58.7%)	47 (63.5%)	0.69
Medium education	76 (38.8%)	26 (35.1%)	
High education	5 (2.6%)	1 (1.4%)	
Occupational status, n (%)			
Full- or part time job	27 (13.8%)	3 (4.1%)	0.06
Unemployed/retired	169 (85.7%)	71 (95.9%)	
Income, n (%)			
Low income	186 (94.9%)	72 (97.3%)	0.46
Medium income	6 (3.1%)	2 (2.7%)	
High income	4 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	
Living place, n (%)			
Urban	125 (63.8%)	51 (68.9%)	0.32
Mixed Urban-Rural	61 (31.1%)	17 (23.0%)	
Rural	10 (5.1%)	6 (8.1%)	
Marital status, number, n (%)			
Married/co-habiting	130 (66.3%)	36 (48.6%)	0.01
Smoking Status, n (%)			
Current	49 (25.0%)	18 (24.3%)	0.55
Never	15 (7.7%)	3 (4.1%)	
Former	132 (67.3%)	53 (71.6%)	
Stopped during intervention (reported at RCT follow-up)	3 (1.5%)	1 (1.4%)	0.09
Pack years	40.7 (22.4)	40.1 (18.5)	0.85
COPD-SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS - RCT baseline			
FEV1 % predicted	53.4 (16.6)	46.3 (16.6)	0.002
mMRC, mean (SD)	1.9 (1.1)	2.6 (1.2)	<0.001
0, n (%)	10 (5.1%)	3 (4.1%)	<0.001
1	75 (38.3%)	10 (13.5%)	
2	60 (30.6%)	28 (37.8%)	
3	21 (10.7%)	7 (9.5%)	
4	30 (15.3%)	26 (35.1%)	
GOLD classification, n (%)			
Class 1	9 (4.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0.02
Class 2	102 (52.0%)	32 (43.2%)	
Class 3	67 (34.2%)	27 (36.5%)	
Class 4	16 (8.2%)	15 (20.3%)	
Medication, COPD controller drugs, n (%)			
None (0)	28 (14.3%)	7 (9.5%)	0.12
Usage of 1 type of medication	24 (12.2%)	9 (12.2%)	
Usage of 2 types of medication	77 (39.3%)	24 (32.4%)	

Usage of 3 types of medication	64 (32.7%)	29 (39.2%)	
Usage of 4 types of medication	3 (1.5%)	5 (6.8%)	
RCT PERFORMANCE			
St George's Respiratory Questionnaire (SGRQ), Total score			
RCT Baseline	44.1 (17.2)	48.3 (15.7)	0.07
RCT change (baseline to follow-up)	-3.0 (10.9)	-3.7 (9.0)	0.71
RCT MID (≥ 4 units) achieved, Yes, n (%)	66 (44.3%)	20 (44.4%)	0.99
Six Minute Walk Test Distance (6MWD)			
RCT Baseline	402.6 (95.7)	327.6 (100.5)	<0.001
RCT change (baseline to follow-up)	20.9 (36.7)	14.5 (49.5)	0.36
6MWD MID (≤ 30 m) achieved, Yes, n (%)	50 (35.0%)	12 (28.6%)	0.44
HADS, mean (SD)			
Anxiety score, baseline	5.0 (3.8)	4.6 (3.6)	0.49
Depression score, baseline	4.9 (3.8)	4.5 (3.4)	0.62
Adherence to the intervention, n (%)			
0-49%	43 (21.9%)	23 (31.1%)	0.27
50-74%	35 (17.9%)	10 (13.5%)	
75-100%	118 (60.2%)	41 (55.4%)	

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