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# Physical activity in workplace: Strategies and economics analysis in Health



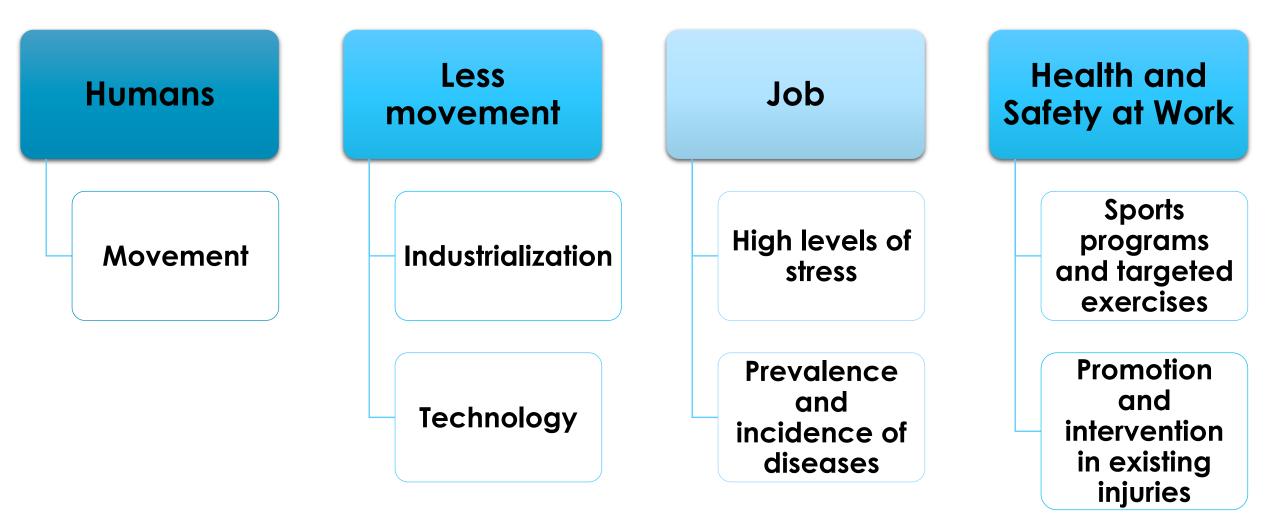
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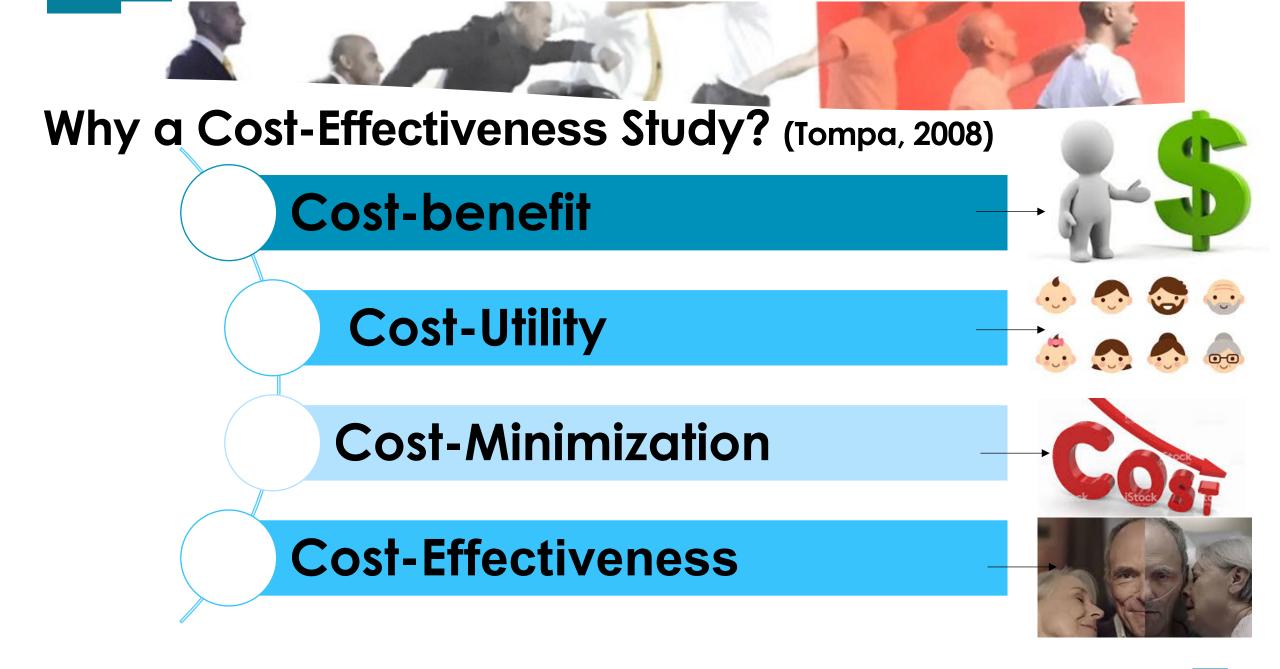
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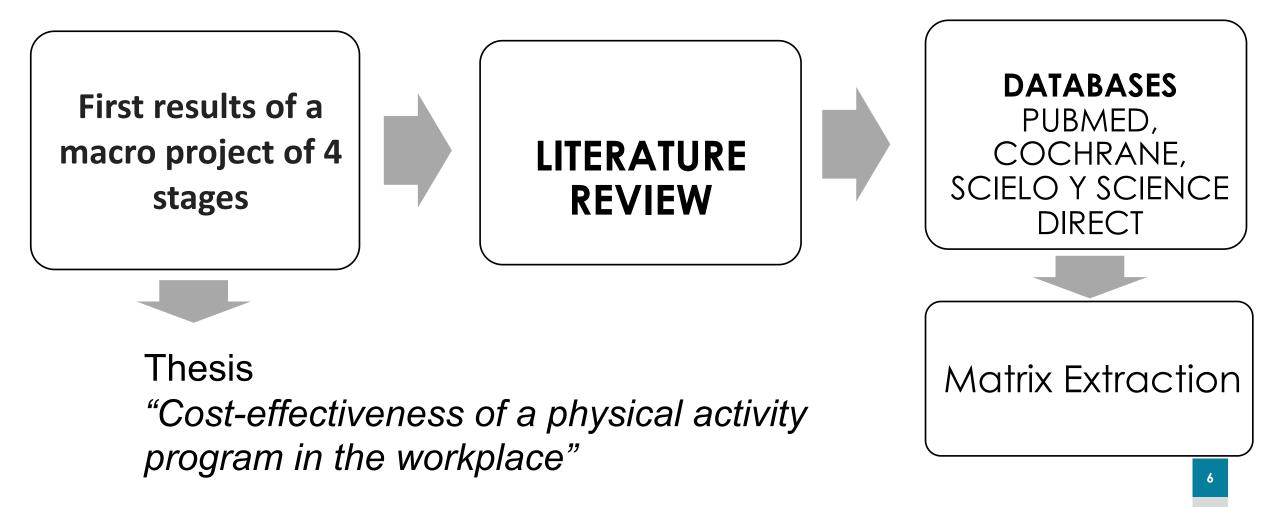
#### Introduction







#### Investigation methodology (Jiménez, 1998)



#### **Reference Framework**

#### Inclusion criteria

- Articles that analyze cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, cost-utility and interventions or protocols in health in workers
- Physical activity, sport and sedentary levels in workers

#### **Exclusion criteria**

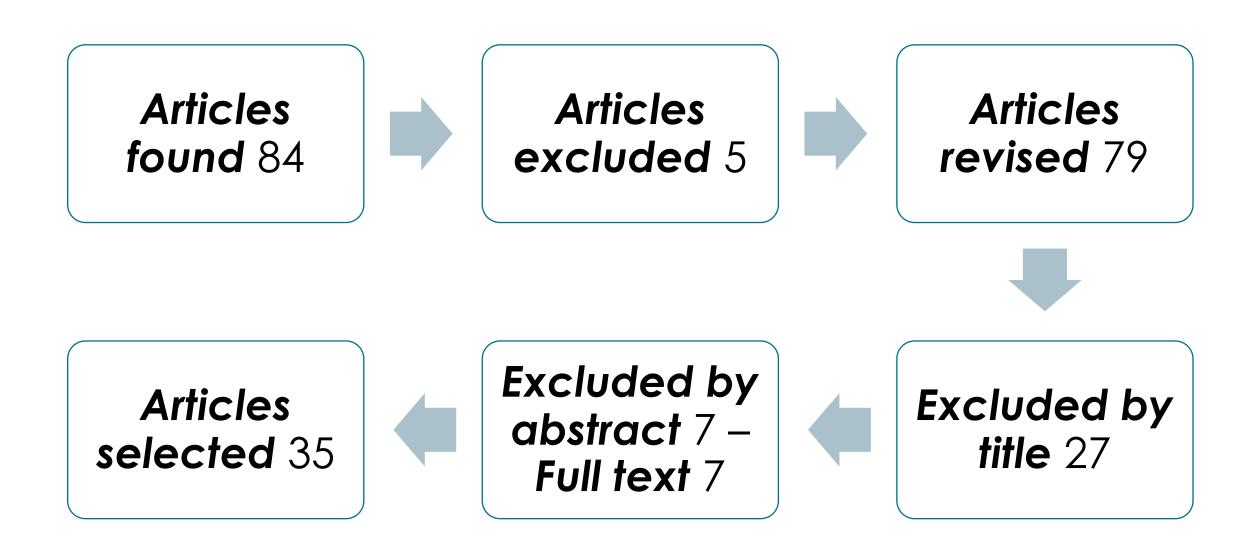
 Physiotherapeutic interventions or studies of cost-effectiveness, cost benefit in the field of physical activity in hospitalized patients or children

#### **Reference Framework**

#### Search Descriptors

- (physical activity OR sport OR movement) AND (health for physical activity) AND (Work-Life Balance OR Workplace) AND (employee AND workers) NOT (Clinical OR hospital OR childhood OR children OR drug OR students OR nutrition OR psychology)
- cost-effectiveness OR Cost-benefit OR Cost-utility) AND (physical activity OR sport OR movement) AND (health for physical activity) AND (Work-Life Balance OR Workplace) AND (employee AND workers) NOT (Clinical OR hospital OR childhood OR children OR drug OR students OR nutrition OR psychology)

databases Scielo, Pubmed, Science Direct y Cochrane



#### Results

	Cost-Effectiveness	<ul> <li>Results in health, provide criteria for efficiency, productivity and health conditions</li> </ul>
	Cost-Benefit	<ul> <li>Evaluate the best intervention in terms of Profitability and health conditions in terms of cost</li> </ul>
	Effectiveness	<ul> <li>Programs that measure health impact with self-report and measurement changes between study and control groups</li> </ul>
	Interventions	<ul> <li>Successful strategies that improve the physical conditions of workers</li> </ul>
	Prevention of occupational risk factors	<ul> <li>Conceptual and literature reviews, meta- analysis and studies that identify the need for health interventions</li> </ul>

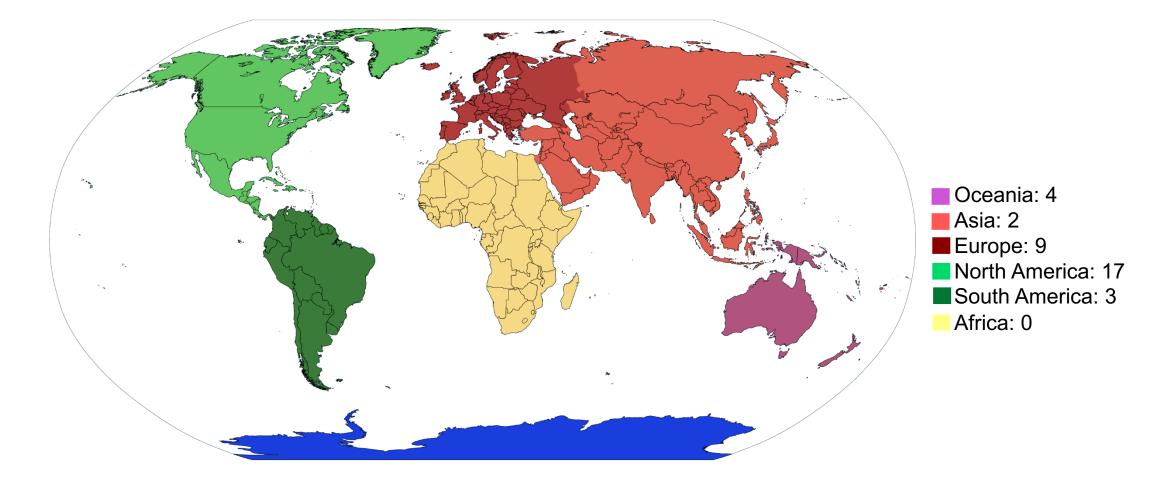
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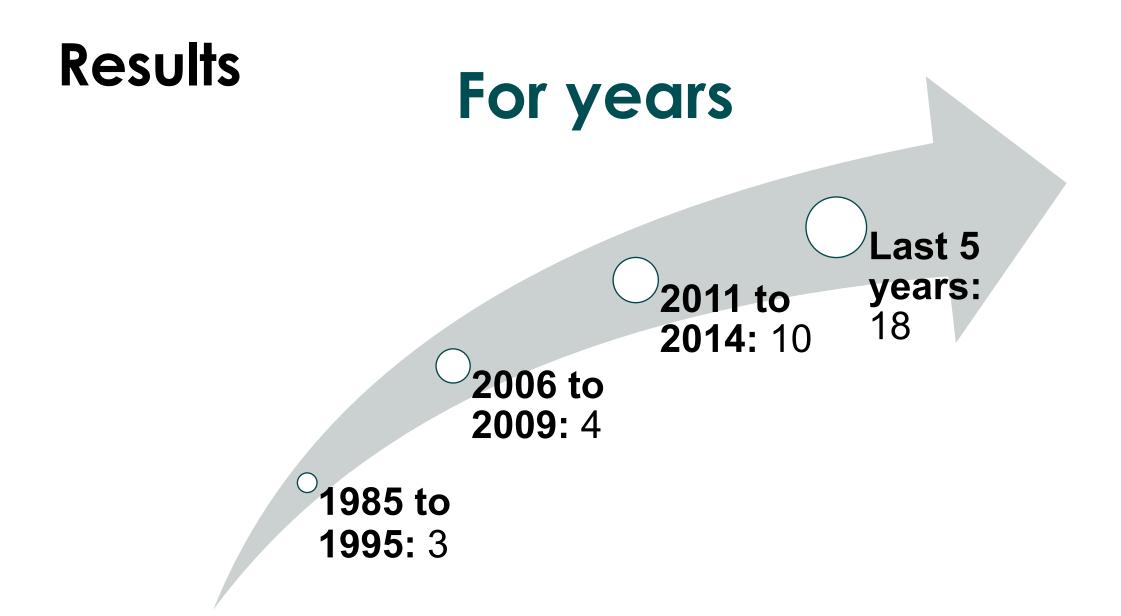


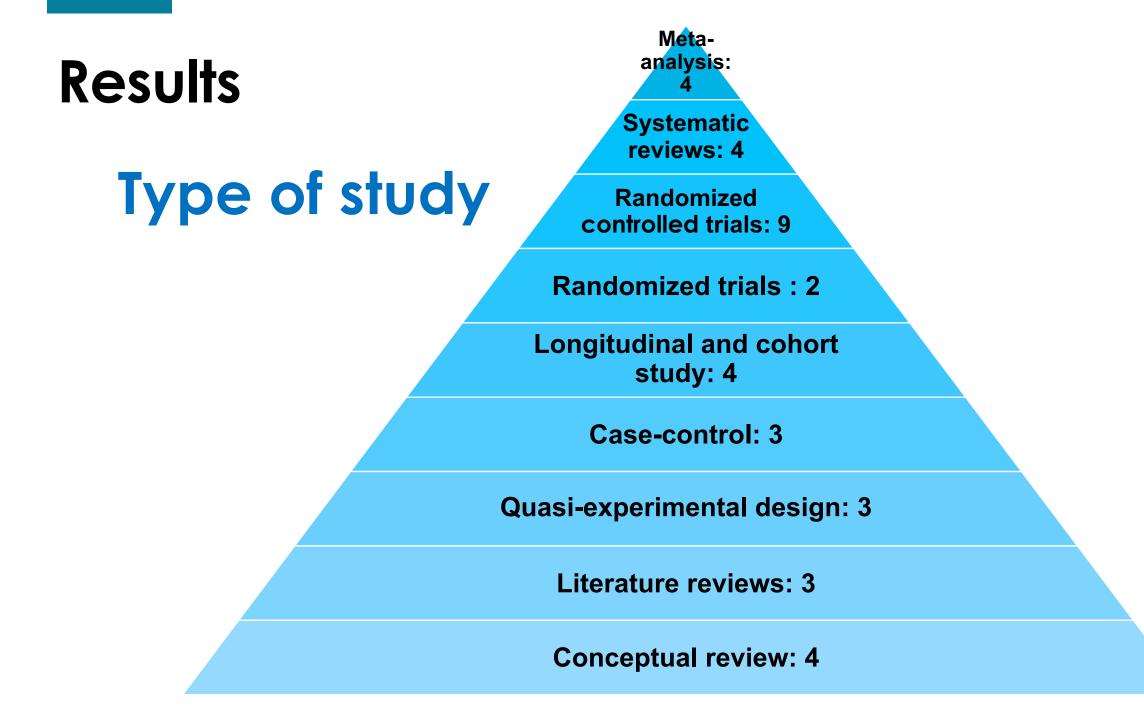
### **Research found by item**

- Cost-effectiveness: 3
- Cost-Benefit: 2
- Effectiveness: 7
- Interventions: 15
- Prevention of occupational risk factors: 8









### Analysis and discussion

- Not difference whether workers Exercise indoors or outdoors; The important thing is to be supervised by a physical activity expert, to prevent injuries
- Physical activity reduces cardiovascular, musculoskeletal and other stress-related diseases in workers, **to increase productivity and reduce absenteeism**.



### Analysis and discussion

- Self-report tests provide information on lifestyle, levels of physical activity and Health problems but are often far from reality
- The support of senior management is essential in the success of prevention and promotion strategies in Health not only providing spaces and professional staff, but must be involved in the programs





- Poor results from economic Studies because the tests show missing cost data
- Some research includes activity at work as physical activity, which is wrong and results biased

Sedentary activities	1 to 1,5 METs
Light physical activity	1,5 to 2,9 METs
Moderate physical activity	3 to 5,9 METs
Vigorous physical activity	≥ 6 MET

### Limitations



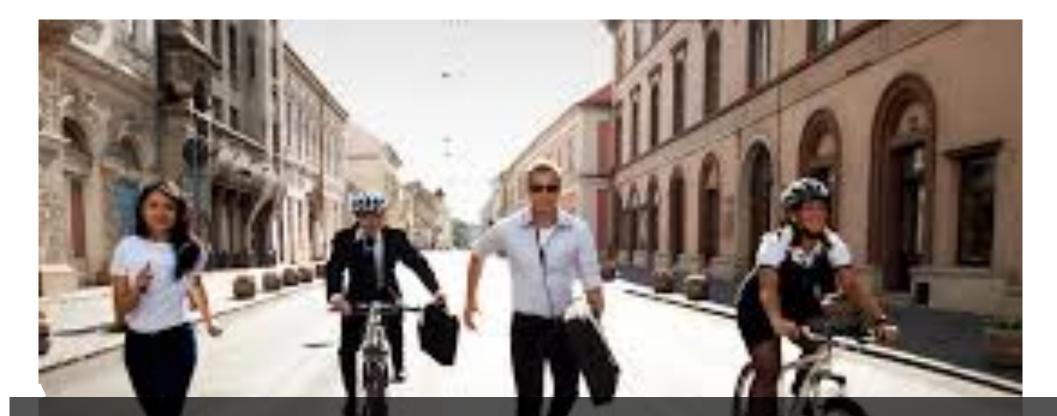
- Changes in workstations such, pauses at work of 5 to 15 minutes without physical activity do not appear to influence the decrease in risk factors related to workers' health
- Cost-effectiveness studies do not evaluate interventions, but rather analyze workers' self-reporting in which only the population is characterized and described or selftraining is used by employees outside the workplace.

### Conclusions

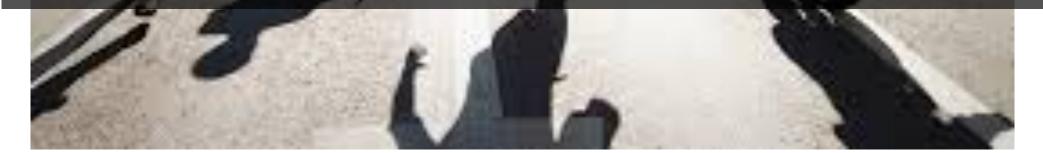
There are not cost-effectiveness assessments of physical activity and sports programs in the workplace related to economic analysis, and which provide information on whether the program is profitable for the company The company must assume costs due to workers with some type of alteration or occupational illness that prevents them from developing their work. In addition to counteracting the development of these workers with their work, family, social and personal spheres



### Future research must be oriented towards economic studies that allow the positive impact analysis of workers' health compared with the investments made by companies



## "An ounce of prevention is really more effective than a pound of cure"



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