

Effectivity Biopsychosocial intervention with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Exercise Therapy Program in Chronic Low Back Pain: Meta-analysis

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ABSTRACT

Background: Pain is a common complaint that causes decreased work productivity and a cause of disability. Biomedical interventions failed to inhibit the increase in chronic low back pain (CLBP) treatment costs. The pain perception of CLBP patients is influenced by emotional psychological and cognitive factors that require biopsychosocial intervention. This study aimed to summarize the existing literature data regarding the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Exercise Therapy Program (ETP) in CLBP.

Subjects and Method: This study was a systematic review and meta-analysis of the Randomized Control Trial study on the electronic database Pubmed, Google scholar, Willey Online Library, Research Gate, Science Direct. Data analysis was performed using the Revman 5.3 program with Cohen's effect size d. **Results:** There were 7 articles included in this research. The results of the analysis of studies

on the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP in reducing the intensity of CLBP pain were very large with the effect size (d= -1.31; 95% CI= -2.39 to -0.23; p <0.001), while the effect size of the disability index was very large (d= -1.62; 95% CI= -2.70 to -0.54; p<0.001).

Conclusion: Biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP are effective in reducing the pain and disability index of CLBP. The effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions with CBT and ETP methods is due to the patient's efficacy in completing the rehabilitation program.

Keywords: biopysichosocial, CBT, ETP, CLBP

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BACKGROUND

Pain is a common complaint that causes a decrease in work productivity and disability which requires large costs for health care (Lane et al., 2018). Chronic pain is influenced by cognitive and psychological factors in 37% of the population of developed countries and 41% of developing countries (Velly and Mohit, 2018). 46% of the human population had complained of low back pain (Lane et al., 2018). The non-specific

prevalence of chronic low back pain (CLBP) was 40% of chronic pain (Manchikanti et al., 2014).

Non-specific complaints of CLBP are due to anatomic susceptibility and nonanatomical multi-dimensional causes that fail in biomedical interventions (Synnott et al., 2016). 90% of the diagnostic enforcement of LBP pathoanatomy is unclear with biomedical interventions failing to inhibit the increase in medical costs, degree of disability and chronic pain (O'Sullivan et al, 2018). CLBP has a major impact on the socioeconomic conditions of the family (Ung et al., 2014). The patient burden increases due to opioid addiction, financial difficulties and depression (Dinakar and Stillman, 2016).

Pain perception is influenced by psychological and cognitive factors with the identification of neuroimaging technology, the level of changes in the central nervous system (Malfliet et al, 2018). Pain as a response to a nociceptive stimulus develops into chronic pain due to central sensinitation (Pak et al., 2018). Brain functional dysregulation is due to central sensinitation in the form of nociceptive hyperexcitability which causes hyperalgesia, allodynia, and pain hyperexcitation (Neblett et al., 2017). The failure of the chronic pain adaptation mechanism is due to pain modulation dysfunction in the descending tractuscorticospinalis (Serrano et al, 2020). Central level pain modulation is influenced by genetic factors, physical traumatic injury, emotional distress, and history of opioid abuse (Neblett et al., 2017).

The promotive and preventive efforts of CLBP at the clinical expression stage aim to intervene in biopsychosocial determinants in order to achieve disability limitations and rehabilitation of bodily functions (Murti, 2018). Biopsychosocial intervention was done with verbal persuasion education on problem solving for people who want to change their self-efficacy to improve problem-solving abilities (Rustika, 2016). The educational process is centered on the patient through gradual problem solving techniques over a long period of time (Schiavo, 2007). The self-efficacy of CLBP patients reflects the patient's belief in the patient's ability to control the barrier to emotional perception of pain and disability (Prestwich et al., 2018).

Associative learning of protective motion behavior and pain perception affects joint motion receptors to be adapted to painless motion in the brain (Alaiti et al, 2020). The patient's functional improvement is achieved through the pain inhibition mechanism in the corticospinal tract in painless motor control (Martin et al, 2019). Neuroplastic changes facilitate neurogenesis effects of exercise therapy programs and pain perception education (Martin et al, 2019). Changes in the cognitive behavior of CLBP patients can reduce pain and improve the patient's quality of life (Chao and Ford, 2019).

The results of previous studies that core musclestability exercise and CBT were more effective in increasing the self-efficacy and muscle strength of CLBP patients compared to core musclestability exercise alone (Bagheri et al., 2020). Whereas a systematic review and meta-analysis of 18 articles on CBT and exercise therapy for chronic musculo-skeletal pain patients with a small effect of reducing pain and a moderate effect on the disability index (Cheng and Cheng, 2019). Looking at the description above, this systematic review aimed to summarize the data in the existing literature regarding the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Exercise Therapy Program (ETP) on Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP).

SUBJECTS AND METHOD

1. Study Design

This was a systematic review and metaanalysis using PICOS frame work, namely chronic low back pain (population/ problem), cognitive behavioral therapy and exercise therapy program (intervention), exercise therapy program (comparison), pain scale and disability index (outcome). The data research study was in the article Randomized Control Trial (study design). Search for relevant articles was carried out on published articles from 2011 to 2020 in 5 electronic databases: PubMed, Googlescholar, Willey Online Library, Research Gate, ScienceDirect.

The combination of keywords used for article selection: ((pain OR "lumbar pain" OR "chronic pain" OR "chronic low back pain") AND ("cognitive behavioral therapy") AND (exercise OR "therapeutic exercise" OR "physical exercise "OR" exercise therapy program ")).

2. Inclusion Criteria

The inclusion criteria in this study were (1) free full text articles of randomized control trial study design, (2) age of study subjects >18 years of age who underwent pain rehabilitation in health care facilities, (3) study subjects complained of non-specific CLBP >3 months, (4) the intervention group with CBT and ETP, while the control group received ETP, (5) the percentage of data on subjects dropping out of treatment in the study was $\geq 25\%$ with the results of measuring pain intensity and disability index.

3. Exclusion Ctriteria

The exclusion criteria in this study were (1) specific pain complaints due to neurological injury and the presence of cancer, (2) the presence of cognitive disorders and comorbid mental disorders other than depression and anxiety, (3) articles other than using English were not included in this systematic review.

4. Operational Definition of Variable Chronic low back pain was a non-specific chronic low back pain complaint complained by patients \geq 3 months. Cognitive behavioral therapy was a cognitive behavioral intervention with distraction and counseling on patterns of daily activities to control CLBP pain. Exercise therapy program was an exercise therapy program to establish cognitive behavioral memory of normal motor control without pain.

5. Data Analysis

Data analysis was performed using the Revman 5.3 program with Cohen's d effect size, if the p \geq 0.050 or the I² value <50% then a fixed effect was used, if the p <0.050 or the value I² >50% then a random effect was used.

RESULTS

The process of searching for articles by searching through a database with journals can be seen in Figure 1. The final result of the article review process showed that there were 7 articles that fulfill the quantitative requirements for a meta-analysis which were from Italy (3 articles), China (1 article), Australia (1 article), Pakistan (1 article), and Nigeria (1).

Table 2 data is the result of quality assessment of 7 articles on the aspect of risk of bias publication with the Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro) Scale instrument with a total score classification of 0-3 bad rating categories, 4-5 moderate assessment categories, 6-8 good assessment categories, and the 9-10 assessment categories are very good, while the evaluation of the exercise program intervention, a total Pedro score of 8/10 is optimum. The results were shown in Table 2. Table 3. showed a meta-analysis of the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on pain intensity in 579 CLBP patients.

Figure 1. showed a forest plot of the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the pain intensity of 579 CLBP patients. Forest plot showed the effectiveness of biopsychosocial intervention therapy for CBT and ETP (intervention group) in reducing the pain intensity of CLBP patients compared to ETP alone (control group) was very large with an effect size (d= -1.31; 95% CI= -2.39

to -0.23), and it was statistically significant (p<0.001). Heterogeneity $(I^2)=97\%$ indicated heterogeneous data distribution (random effect model).

Figure 2 showed the forest plot of the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP at the pain intensity of 532 CLBP patients. Forest plot showed the efficacy of biopsychosocial intervention therapy for CBT and ETP (intervention group) in reducing the pain intensity of CLBP patients compared to ETP alone (control group) is very large with an effect size (d= -1.31; 95% CI= -2.41 to -0.22), and it was statistically significant (p < 0.001), Heterogeneitv $(I^2) =$ indicates 96% heterogeneous data distribution (random effect model).

Figure 3 showed that there was publication bias with an asymmetric axis indication, which was shown by the distribution of 3 funnel plots on the left and 4 funnel plots on the right. Standard error funnel plot on the left was 0.42 - 0.20 and standard error on the right funnel plot was 0.45 - 0.15. Meanwhile, Figure 4. showed that there was publication bias with an asymmetric axis indication, which was shown by the distribution of 3 funnel plots on the left and 4 funnel plots on the right. Standard error funnel plot on the left was 0.42 - 0.21 and standard error on the right funnel plot was 0.45 - 0.15.

Table 3 showed a meta-analysis of the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index of 579 CLBP patients. Graph 5 shows the forest plot of the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index of 579 CLBP patients. Forest plot shows the effectiveness of biopsychosocial intervention therapy for CBT and ETP (intervention group) on the disability index of CLBP patients compared to ETP alone (control group) is very large with an effect size (d= -1.62) CI (-2.70 to -0.54). Statistical analysis showed very significant results (p <0.001). Heterogeneity $(I^2)=$ 96% indicated a heterogeneous data distribution (random effect model).



Figure 1. The article search flow chart diagram with PRISMA-P

| Author | Problem | Characteristics | Intervention (I) & Comparison (C) | Outcome |
|------------|---------|------------------------|---|--|
| and Year | | of Subjects | LODT - mag TI individual V. mag Individual TI | L NDC significant V. NDC son significant |
| Monticone | CLBP | - subject: 90 (90), | I: CBT + prog. TL individual, K: prog. Individual TL, | I: NRS significant, K: NRS non-significant |
| et al., | | I: 45 (45), | dosage: prog. Individual TL 2x / week for 5 weeks, | I: RMDQ is significant, K: RMDQ is non- |
| 2013, | | K: 45 (45) | CBT 1x / week for 5 weeks, follow-up observation for | significant |
| Italia | | - mean age: 49.3 | 1 year | |
| Angela et | CLBP | - subject: 47 (47), | I: CBT + prog. Individual stratified TL, K: prog. | I&K: significant NRS |
| al., 2013, | | I: 24 (24), | Individual gradual TL, dose: 11 therapy sessions, | I&K: RMDQ is significant |
| China | | K: 23 (23) | follow-up observation for 3 months | |
| | | - mean age: 37.3 | | |
| Macedo et | CLBP | - subjects: 175 (155), | I: stratified individual CBT + TL, K: stratified | I&K: significant NRS |
| al., 2012, | | I: 86 (80), | individual TL, dose: 14 therapy sessions for 8 weeks, | I&K: RMDQ is non-significant |
| Australia | | K: 86 (75) | follow-up observation for 1 year | |
| | | - mean age: 49.2 | | |
| Monticone | CLBP | - subject: 20 (20), | I: individual CBT + TL, K: individual TL, dose: | I: NRS significant, K: NRS non-significant |
| et al., | | I: 10 (10), | individual TL 2x / week & CBT 1x / week for 8 weeks, | I: ODI is significant, K: ODI is non- |
| 2014, | | K: 10 (10) | 3 months follow-up observation | significant |
| Italia | | - mean age: 57.75 | | |
| Khan et | CLBP | - subject: 54 (54), | I: CBT + TL is not focused individually, K: + TL is | I: VAS significant, K: VAS non-significant |
| al., 2014, | | I: 27 (27), | not focused individually, dose: 3x / week for 12 | I: RMDQ is significant, K: RMDQ is non- |
| Pakistan | | K: 27 (27) | weeks, follow-up observation for 1 year | significant |
| | | - mean age: 39.6 | | |
| Monticone | CLBP | - subjects: 150 (129) | I: CBT + individual TL program, K: individual TL | I: NRS significant, K: NRS non-significant |
| et al., | | I: 75 (65), | program, dose: individual TL program 2x / week for | I: ODI is significant, K: ODI is non- |
| 2016, | | K: 75 (64) | 5 weeks, CBT 1x / week for 5 weeks, follow-up | significant |
| Italia | | - mean age: 53.5 | observation for 2 years | |
| Aliyu et | CLBP | - subjects: 46 (37) | I: CBT + LSE, K: LSE, dose: LSE $3x$ / week for 6 | I: VAS is significant, K: VAS is significant |
| al., 2018, | | I: 23 (19), | weeks, CBT 2x / week for 6 weeks, follow-up | I: ODI is significant, K: ODI is significant |
| Nigeria | | K: 23 (18) | observation therapy was not ordered. | |
| | | - mean age: 42.27 | | |

 Table 1. Characteristics of articles included in the qualitative analysis and meta-analysis

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| Study – | | | | PEDro | score as | ssessn | nent it | ems | | | | Total score |
|---|---------|------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|---------|-----|---|----|----|-------------|
| Study | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Total score |
| Monticone et al., 2013 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 8/10 |
| Angela et al., 2013 | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 7/10 |
| Macedo et al., 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 8/10 |
| Monticone et al., 2014 | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 7/10 |
| Khan et al., 2014 | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 7/10 |
| Monticone et al., 2016 | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | 7/10 |
| Aliyu et al., 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | - | 7/10 |
| Item kriteria PEDro score : | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) eligibility criteria, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) random allocation), | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) concealed allocation, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) baseline comparibility, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) blind subjects, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) blind therapists, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) blind assessors, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) adequate follow-up/ drop-out rate, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) intention to threat- analysis, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) between group comparisons, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) point estimate d variability | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description of sign (+): criteria accepted, | (-): cı | riteria re | jected | | | | | | | | | |

Table 2. The PEDro scale for assessing the quality of the studies included in the meta-analysis

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| intensity | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Author (year) | Country | SMD | 95 % CI | р |
| Monticone et al., 2013 | Italy | -4.81 | (-5.64 to -3.98) | <0.001 |
| Lee et al., 2013 | China | -0.33 | (-0.90 to 0.25) | 0.267 |
| Macedo et al., 2012 | Australia | 0.00 | (-0.30 to 0.30) | <0.05 |
| Monticone et al., 2014 | Italy | 0.00 | (-0.88 to 0.88) | <0.001 |
| Khan et al., 2014 | Pakistan | -1.97 | (-2.63 to -1.31) | <0.001 |
| Monticone et al., 2016 | Italy | -2.02 | (-2.41 to -1.62) | < 0.001 |
| Aliyu et al., 2018 | Nigeria | -0.16 | (-0.74 to 0.42) | <0.001 |

| Table 3. Effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on pain |
|---|
| intensity |

| CBT & ETP | | Р | | etp | | 1 | Std. Mean Difference | Std. Mean Difference | | |
|---|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Study or Subgroup | Mean | SD | Total | Mean | SD | Total | Weight | IV, Random, 95% Cl | IV, Random, 95% Cl | |
| Aliyu et al 2018 | 3.11 | 1.24 | 23 | 3.33 | 1.41 | 23 | 14.4% | -0.16 [-0.74, 0.42] | | |
| Khan et al, 2014 | 2.66 | 1.39 | 27 | 5.25 | 1.19 | 27 | 14.2% | -1.97 [-2.63, -1.31] | | |
| Lee et al, 2013 | 2.42 | 1.95 | 24 | 3.14 | 2.37 | 23 | 14.4% | -0.33 [-0.90, 0.25] | | |
| Macedo et al, 2012 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 86 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 86 | 14.8% | 0.00 [-0.30, 0.30] | + | |
| Monticone et al 2014 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 13.7% | 0.00 [-0.88, 0.88] | - | |
| Monticone et al, 2013 | 1.47 | 1.1 | 45 | 6.24 | 0.85 | 45 | 13.8% | -4.81 [-5.64, -3.98] | | |
| Monticone et al, 2016 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 75 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 75 | 14.7% | -2.02 [-2.41, -1.62] | + | |
| Total (95% CI) | | | 290 | | | 289 | 100.0% | -1.31 [-2.39, -0.23] | • | |
| Heterogeneity: Tau² = 2 Test for overall effect: Z | | _ | | | | | | | | |

Figure 1. Forest plot of the effectiveness of CBT and ETP biopsychosocial interventions on pain intensity

| CBT & ETP | | Р | | etp | | 1 | Std. Mean Difference | Std. Mean Difference | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|------|------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Study or Subgroup | Mean | SD | Total | Mean | SD | Total | Weight | IV, Random, 95% Cl | IV, Random, 95% Cl | |
| Aliyu et al 2018 | 3.11 | 1.24 | 19 | 3.33 | 1.41 | 18 | 14.3% | -0.16 [-0.81, 0.48] | | |
| Khan et al, 2014 | 2.66 | 1.39 | 27 | 5.25 | 1.19 | 27 | 14.2% | -1.97 [-2.63, -1.31] | | |
| Lee et al, 2013 | 2.42 | 1.95 | 24 | 3.14 | 2.37 | 23 | 14.4% | -0.33 [-0.90, 0.25] | | |
| Macedo et al, 2012 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 80 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 75 | 14.8% | 0.00 [-0.32, 0.32] | + | |
| Monticone et al 2014 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 13.7% | 0.00 [-0.88, 0.88] | -+ | |
| Monticone et al, 2013 | 1.47 | 1.1 | 45 | 6.24 | 0.85 | 45 | 13.8% | -4.81 [-5.64, -3.98] | - - - | |
| Monticone et al, 2016 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 65 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 64 | 14.7% | -2.02 [-2.44, -1.59] | + | |
| Total (95% CI) | | | 270 | | | 262 | 100.0% | -1.31 [-2.41, -0.22] | • | |
| Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 2 | 2.08; Chi | -4 -2 0 2 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Test for overall effect: Z | := 2.35 (| P = 0.0 | 02) | | | | | | -4 -2 U 2 4 CBT&ETP ETP | |

Figure 2. Forest plot of the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on pain intensity







Table 3. Effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index

| Author (year) | Country | SMD | 95 % CI | р |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|--------|
| Monticone et al, 2013 | Italy | -5.38 | (-6.29 s/d- 4.48) | <0.001 |
| Lee et al, 2013 | China | -0.25 | (-0.83 s/d 0.32) | 0.613 |
| Macedo et al, 2012 | Australia | -0.09 | (-0.39 s/d 0.21) | < 0.05 |
| Monticone et al, 2014 | Italy | -1.86 | (-2.95 s/d - 0.77) | <0.001 |
| Khan et al, 2014 | Pakistan | -1.96 | (-2.61 s/d - 1.30) | 0.000 |
| Monticone et al, 2016 | Italy | -1.89 | (-2.28 s/d - 1.50) | <0.001 |
| Aliyu et al, 2018 | Nigeria | -0.19 | (-0.77 s/d -0.39) | <0.001 |

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| | CBT & ETP | | | ETP | | 9 | Std. Mean Difference | Std. Mean Difference | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Study or Subgroup | Mean | SD | Total | Mean | SD | Total | Weight | IV, Random, 95% Cl | IV, Random, 95% Cl | |
| Aliyu et al 2018 | 27.16 | 19.14 | 23 | 30.22 | 11.98 | 23 | 14.5% | -0.19 [-0.77, 0.39] | - | |
| Khan et al, 2014 | 5.33 | 2.67 | 27 | 9.88 | 1.84 | 27 | 14.3% | -1.96 [-2.61, -1.30] | | |
| Lee et al, 2013 | 18.9 | 14.02 | 24 | 22.55 | 14.33 | 23 | 14.5% | -0.25 [-0.83, 0.32] | | |
| Macedo et al, 2012 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 86 | 8 | 6.9 | 86 | 15.0% | -0.09 [-0.39, 0.21] | + | |
| Monticone et al 2014 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 3 | 10 | 13.1% | -1.86 [-2.95, -0.77] | | |
| Monticone et al, 2013 | 1.4 | 1.19 | 45 | 11.07 | 2.22 | 45 | 13.7% | -5.38 [-6.29, -4.48] | | |
| Monticone et al, 2016 | 15.5 | 4.8 | 75 | 25.3 | 5.5 | 75 | 14.9% | -1.89 [-2.28, -1.50] | • | |
| Total (95% CI) | | | 290 | | | 289 | 100.0% | -1.62 [-2.70, -0.54] | • | |
| Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 2 | 2.01; Chi | - | | | | | | | | |
| Test for overall effect: Z | := 2.94 (| P = 0.00 | 13) | | | | | | CBT&ETP ETP | |

Figure 5. Forest plot of the effectiveness of CBT and ITP biopsychosocial interventions on the disability index

| | CBT & ETP | | | ETP | | | Std. Mean Difference | Std. Mean Difference | | |
|---|-------------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Study or Subgroup | Mean | SD | Total | Mean | SD | Total | Weight | IV, Random, 95% Cl | IV, Random, 95% Cl | |
| Aliyu et al 2018 | 27.16 | 19.14 | 19 | 30.22 | 11.98 | 18 | 14.4% | -0.19 [-0.83, 0.46] | | |
| Khan et al, 2014 | 5.33 | 2.67 | 27 | 9.88 | 1.84 | 27 | 14.4% | -1.96 [-2.61, -1.30] | + | |
| Lee et al, 2013 | 18.9 | 14.02 | 24 | 22.55 | 14.33 | 23 | 14.5% | -0.25 [-0.83, 0.32] | | |
| Macedo et al, 2012 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 80 | 8 | 6.9 | 75 | 15.0% | -0.09 [-0.40, 0.23] | + | |
| Monticone et al 2014 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 3 | 10 | 13.2% | -1.86 [-2.95, -0.77] | | |
| Monticone et al, 2013 | 1.4 | 1.19 | 45 | 11.07 | 2.22 | 45 | 13.7% | -5.38 [-6.29, -4.48] | | |
| Monticone et al, 2016 | 15.5 | 4.8 | 65 | 25.3 | 5.5 | 64 | 14.8% | -1.89 [-2.31, -1.47] | + | |
| Total (95% CI) | | | 270 | | | 262 | 100.0% | -1.62 [-2.73, -0.52] | • | |
| Heterogeneity: Tau² = 2 Test for overall effect: Z | • | | -4 -2 0 2 4 | | | | | | | |
| restion overall effect. Z | . – 2.00 (I | r – 0.00 | /4/ | | | | | | CBT & ETP ETP | |

Figure 6. Forest plot of the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index

Figure 6 showed the forest plot of the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index of 532 CLBP patients. Forest plot showed the efficacy of biopsychosocial intervention therapy for CBT and ETP (intervention group) on the disability index of CLBP

patients compared to ETP alone (control group) was very large with an effect size (d= -1.62; 95% CI= -2.73 to -0.52), and it was statistically significant (p<0.001). Hetero-geneity (I²)= 96% indicated heterogeneous data distribution (random effect model).



Figure 7. Funnel plot of the effectiveness of CBT biopsychosocial interventions and ETP on the disability index

Figure 7. showed that there was publication bias with an asymmetric axis indication, which was shown by the distribution of 4 funnel plots on the left and 3 funnel plots on the right. The standard error of the funnel plot on the left was 0.55 - 0.19 and the standard error for the funnel plot on the right was 0.30 - 0.18. Meanwhile, Figure 8. showed that there was publication bias with an indication of a symmetrical axis which was shown the distribution of 4 funnel plots on the left and 3 funnel plots on the right. The standard error of the funnel plot on the left was 0.55 - 0.20 and the standard error for the funnel plot on the right was 0.36 - 0.18.



DISCUSSION

This was a systematic review and metaanalysis of previous Randomized Control Trial studies on the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Exercise Therapy Program (ETP) on Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP). The dependent variable in this study was Chronic Low Back Pain as a common cause of repeated referrals (Conway et al., 2019). CLBP is caused by anatomic susceptibility and non-anatomical multidimensional causative factors in the spine that fail to intervene with biomedical methods (Synnott et al., 2016). The failure of biomedical interventions in chronic pain is due to not considering the patient's cognitive and psychological factors (Velly and Mohit, 2018).

Biopsychosocial interventions for CLBP patients can improve the prognosis and quality of life of patients without pain that causes movement disabilities (Hasenbring et al., 2012). Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and Exercise Therapy Program (ETP) were independent variables in this study. CBT is a biopsychosocial cognitive intervention with distraction and counseling on patterns of daily activities to control pain due to maladaptive CLBP patients (Seminowicz et al., 2013). Exercise therapy program is an exercise therapy program to establish cognitive behavioral memory of normal motor control without pain. Gradual exposure introduces the exposure phase of exercise therapy targeting the center of the fear-regulating brain memory circuit in the brain amydala (Nijs et al., 2014).

1) Pain

Pain is a protective response to the nervous system's early warning of potential tissue damage (Khalid and Tubbs, 2017). The perception of chronic pain leads to a central sensinitation mechanism resulting in nociceptive hyperexcitability that causes hyperalgesia, allodynia and expansion of the receptive field of pain (Neblett et al., 2017).

Figure 1. showed the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP compared to ETP intervention alone in reducing the intensity of CLBP pain was very large with an effect size (d = -1.31; 95%)CI= -2.39 to -0.23; p <0.001). Meanwhile, efficacy Figure 2. showed the of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP compared to ETP intervention alone in reducing the intensity of CLBP pain which was very large with an effect size (d = -1.31;95% CI= -2.41 to -0.22; p < 0.001).

This study concluded that there is no significant difference in Cohen's pain reduction effect between the effectiveness CBT ETP biopsychosocial of and interventions on reducing pain intensity in 579 CLBP patients compared with the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP in 532 CLBP patients. Attrition bias did not occur because the measurement data for patients who did not complete the program were 47 patients (8.11%) of 579 patients. These results are in accordance with the inclusion criteria, the limit of patients who did not complete the intervention process was> 25%.

The absence of a significant difference effect between exercise effectiveness and efficacy is clinical evidence of patient confidence in making behavior changes to control barriers to emotional perception of pain and barriers to changes in the activity environment (Prestwich et al., 2018). The low self-efficacy of CLBP patients is due to the patient's psychological inability to carry out normal activities without pain (Bandura in Rustika, 2016). The development of pain intervention technology currently leads to a therapeutic approach based on the mechanism of the process of pain occurrence and not on an empiric pain therapy approach according to patient complaints (Pinzon, 2015).

Dysfunction of the corticospinal tract descending pain modulation system is the cause of the low self-efficacy of CLBP patients (Serrano et al., 2020). This mechanism is influenced by genetic potential, physical traumatic injury, emotional distress, and history of opioid abuse (Neblett et al., 2017). Patients' emotional psychological factors are directly related to controlling the intensity of catastrophizing pain and disabilities (Villanueva et al., 2020).

2) Disability

The speed of adaptation to cognitive behavior change is supported by the patient's independence in the prevention of chronic pain (Nicholas et al., 2013). This strategy is beneficial in pain control and improvement of the patient's quality of life (Chao and Ford, 2019).

The effectiveness of CBT and ETP biopsychosocial interventions compared to ETP intervention alone on the disability index of 579 CLBP patients was very large with the effect size (d= -1.62; 95% CI= -2.70 to -0.54; p<0.001). While the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP compared to ETP intervention alone on the disability index of 532 CLBP patients was very large with an effect size (d= -1.62; 95% CI= -2.73 to -0.52; p<0.001).

In this study, there was no significant difference in Cohen's d pain reduction effect between the effectiveness of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index of 579 CLBP patients compared with the efficacy of biopsychosocial interventions for CBT and ETP on the disability index of 532 CLBP patients. The picture of selection bias on the funnel plot of pain intensity and disability index was due to the inadequate number of studies in the meta-analysis due to the fact that not all relevant studies were published, researchers' barriers to access to paid articles and article inclusion criteria in one international language (Sedgwick, 2013). Selection bias could be due to the inadequate number of samples and the number of studies included in the metaanalysis (Lin and Chu, 2018). Errors in selecting subjects and measuring research variables by researchers can lead to metaanalysis systematic selection bias (Murti, 2018).

Systematic reviews and meta-analyzes require adequate sample size in the complex disease cases of elderly patients which are related to the statistical power of study conclusions (Hong and Park, 2012). CLBP patients do not have an adequate level of knowledge on the mechanisms of neurophysiological pain (Fereira et al., 2019). Knowledge of the clinical condition of pain is an advantage in pain treatment (Louw et al., 2016). Low level of knowledge of chronic pain causes psychological and psychiatric disorders (Fereira et al., 2019). The main component of psychological factors in pain results in parallel growth in understanding of kinesiophobia and pain that causes disabilities in activities (Louw et al., 2016).

Promotional and preventive efforts for CLBP at the clinical expression stage with cognitive behavioral therapy and functional motion aim to intervene in the biopsychosocial determinants of pain complaints so that disability limitation and rehabilitation of body functions can be achieved (Murti, 2018). Biopsychosocial intervention for CLBP patients is carried out by educating verbal persuasion by providing examples of problem-solving methods for people who want to change their effectiveness in moving without complaint (Rustika, 2016).

The application of CBT increases selfefficacy confidence in activities without fear of movement pain (Nicholas et al., 2013). Meanwhile, the ETP intervention targets the fear-regulating memory circuit center in the brain's amydala to recognize the phases of exercise exposure with the aim of increasing self-confidence in achieving exercise success (Nijs et al., 2014). The professional multidisciplinary approach including the CBT and ETP approaches is useful in improving the neurological mechanosensitivity and psychological factors of the patient (Villanueva et al., 2020). Efficacy reflects the confidence and competence of CLBP patients in carrying out exercise program tasks to control barriers to emotional perception of pain and disabilities in social environmental activities (Prestwich et al., 2018).

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