Can Self-regulatory Strength Training Counter Prior Mental Exertion? A Systematic Review

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METHODS

Participant or population: Healthy humans.
**Intervention:** Self-regulatory strength training protocol/intervention.

**Comparator:** Self-regulatory strength training vs. no self-regulatory strength training.

**Study designs to be included:** RCT.

**Eligibility criteria:** (a) evaluated the self-regulation training in healthy humans; (b) included physical and/or cognitive performance outcomes after partaking in a mental exertion task; (c) reported a randomized controlled trial; (d) were a peer-reviewed piece of literature published in the English language; and (e) included records published sometime between the span of 1999 to 2021.

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**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Rob 2 risk of bias assessment.

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**Subgroup analysis:** Not meta-analysis.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Not meta-analysis.

**Country(ies) involved:** China and Malaysia.

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