



## Is health status impaired in childhood cancer survivors? A systematic review and meta-analysis

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** : An increase in survival rates of childhood cancer is associated with long-term health issues in survivors.

**Methods:** : We conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis comparing health status-related endpoints in childhood cancer survivors (CCS) versus controls.

**Results:** : Eighty-six studies (n = 98,480 participants, 62% CCS) were included in the review. Of these, 73 studies (n = 96,550, 63% CCS) could be meta-analyzed. CCS showed a lower left ventricular ejection and fractional shortening (SMD = -0.59 and -0.55, respectively, both  $p < 0.01$  [n = 1,824 and 1,880]), a lower HDL-cholesterol concentration (SMD = -0.48,  $p < 0.001$ , n = 1,378) and a higher waist-to-hip ratio (SMD = 0.61,  $p < 0.01$ , n = 229) than their healthy peers. No significant differences were found for the remaining endpoints.

**Conclusions:** : CCS is associated with a lower left ventricular function and HDL-cholesterol level, and a higher waist-to-hip ratio than healthy controls. These findings support the need to closely monitor the cardiometabolic health status of CCS and to implement preventive lifestyle interventions for this population.

### 1. Introduction

Treatment advances for childhood cancer have improved considerably over the last decades, with an overall 5-year survival of ~80% (Ward et al., 2014). The prevalence of childhood cancer survivors (CCS) is therefore increasing, with the total number of CCS estimated to reach 500,000 in the United States by 2020 (Robison and Hudson, 2014). However, the increase in survival rates is not necessarily associated with a good health status after disease recovery, and can impose significant medical burdens. Indeed, conventional anti-cancer treatments (chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy) can induce late effects in adult survivors of childhood cancer and thus be associated with long-term health issues (Lipshultz et al., 1991; Oeffinger et al., 2000), which need to be monitored (Ward et al., 2014). Further, intensification of traditional treatments is likely to induce marginal benefits while further aggravating adverse effects, which drives the development of new targeted therapy strategies (e.g., immunotherapy) (Burdach et al., 2018).

Approximately 62% of CCS will have at least one chronic disease 30 years after the first diagnosis (Oeffinger et al., 2006), and a higher incidence of a severe, disabling, life-threatening, or fatal health condition has been reported in CCS as compared with their siblings (Armstrong et al., 2014). Notably, cardiac abnormalities (Adams et al., 2004; Landy et al., 2013; Lipshultz et al., 2012), pulmonary complications (Dietz et al., 2016), diabetes (Meacham et al., 2009; van Nimwegen et al., 2014), obesity (Guler et al., 2018; Nam et al., 2015), poor bone health (Gilsanz et al., 1990; Mostoufi-Moab et al., 2012; Petryk et al., 2006), impaired muscular and cardiorespiratory fitness (CRF) (Söntgerath and Eckert, 2015; van Brussel et al., 2005), or mental disorders, especially depression (Brinkman et al., 2016), have all been found to be higher among CCS than among healthy peers. However, no meta-analysis has yet compared the global health status of CCS and their controls.

Our objective was to conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis of case (CCS)-control studies to compare, from an integrative perspective, the health status of cancer-free CCS with their healthy

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counterparts. To this end, we studied those health-related parameters likely to be most affected by disease or its treatment considering the aforementioned health conditions more prevalent in CCS, including cardiovascular and pulmonary function, body composition, metabolic and inflammatory markers, physical capacity phenotypes (e.g., CRF, muscular strength), physical activity levels, fatigue, and mental health.

## 2. Patients and methods

This review is registered in PROSPERO (CRD42018108643). We followed the guidelines of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses (PRISMA) (Moher et al., 2009) and the Meta-analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (MOOSE) (Stroup et al., 2000) statements (see the checklists in Supplementary Files 1 and 2, respectively).

### 2.1. Systematic search

Two researchers (P.L.V. and J.S.M.) independently performed the systematic search for relevant articles in the electronic database PubMed (from inception to September 12th, 2018, search strategy specified in Supplementary File 3). Disagreements were resolved through discussion with a third researcher (A.S.L.). The electronic search was supplemented with a manual review of reference lists from relevant publications and reviews to locate additional publications on the subject. Gray literature (e.g., abstracts, conference proceedings and editorials) and reviews were excluded.

### 2.2. Study selection and data extraction

Citations initially selected by systematic search were first retrieved and preliminarily screened by title and abstract. Studies were eligible for inclusion if they met the following criteria: a) included one group of cancer-free CCS; b) had a control group without prior history of cancer; and c) reported the differences between CCS and controls for at least one of the endpoints analyzed in this review. Studies that compared the results with reference values or with data obtained from other studies were excluded. Two authors (P.L.V. and J.S.M.) independently extracted the following data from each study, if available: number, sex and age of participants within each group, main cancer characteristics, cancer treatment characteristics (number of CCS receiving anthracyclines, radiation or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and type/dose of these treatments), and endpoints assessed in both CCS and controls. Disagreements were resolved through discussion with a third reviewer (A.S.L.). Main endpoints' data were extracted as mean and standard deviation (SD), or in a manner allowing their transformation into mean and SD. In studies where the median and range were provided instead of the mean and SD (Akyay et al., 2014; Alehan et al., 2012; Follin et al., 2011; Jarfelt et al., 2007; Link et al., 2004; Lipshultz et al., 2012; Warner et al., 1998, 2002), these were calculated with the formula of Hozo et al (Hozo et al., 2005). When the standard error (SE) was reported instead of the SD (Gilsanz et al., 1990; Hoffman et al., 2013; Papadia et al., 2007; Slater et al., 2015a, b; Steinberger et al., 2012; Wright et al., 1999, 1998), the latter was obtained through the formula of Altman & Bland (Altman and Bland, 2005). Finally, in those studies which followed normal distribution and provided the mean and confidence interval (Jenney et al., 1995; Zeltzer et al., 2008), we transformed the confidence interval into SE and then calculated the SD (Altman and Bland, 2005) according to Cochrane recommendations (Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions of Cochrane, 2011). We contacted the authors when necessary to clarify any uncertainty or to request additional data. In this regard, six authors provided the required specific data upon request: Jarvela et al (Järvelä et al., 2013, 2010; Järvelä et al., 2016), Beulertz et al (Beulertz et al., 2016), Ruble et al (Ruble et al., 2015), Genberg et al (Genberg et al., 2015; Öberg et al., 2018), Yu et al (H.K. Yu et al., 2013; W. Yu et al., 2013), and Frisk

et al (Frisk et al., 2012a, b; Frisk et al., 2012c, 2011).

### 2.3. Endpoints

The endpoints assessed in the present study were the following:

- Cardiovascular function: left ventricular systolic function (i.e., echocardiography-assessed ejection [LVEF] and fractional shortening [FS]), resting heart rate, and resting systolic and diastolic blood pressure [BP]).
- Pulmonary function: forced expiratory volume in 1 s and forced vital capacity.
- Metabolic and inflammatory markers: fasting blood glucose and insulin levels, homeostasis model assessment-insulin resistance index (HOMA-IR), lipid profile (i.e., total, high-density lipoprotein [HDL] and low-density lipoprotein [LDL], cholesterol, and triglycerides), and C-reactive protein [CRP]).
- Body composition: dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA)-assessed lean body mass, body fat, body mineral content and density, body mass index (BMI), waist and hip circumference, and waist-to-hip ratio (i.e., circumference of the waist divided by that of the hip).
- Physical capacity (muscle strength assessed by means of isometric handgrip dynamometry, CRF directly assessed with a maximal exercise test [i.e., through peak oxygen uptake measurement], functional mobility assessed by means of the timed up-and-go [TUG] and the timed up and down stairs tests, range of movement or flexibility), and objectively-assessed physical activity levels (i.e., with accelerometer).
- Psychological status: fatigue assessed by means of Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy-Fatigue (FACIT-Fatigue) or Multidimensional Fatigue Inventory (MFI-20) (Cella et al., 2002; Smets et al., 1998), and depression, through Brief Symptom Inventory (BSI) (Recklitis et al., 2017, 2006).

### 2.4. Quality assessment

Two authors (P.L.V. and J.S.M.) independently evaluated the methodological quality of the included studies with the Quality In Prognostic Studies tool (QUIPS) (Hayden et al., 2013). This tool assesses the following six areas: participation, attrition, prognostic factor measurement, confounding measurement and account, outcome measurement, and analysis and reporting. Each potential bias domain was rated as having high, moderate, or low risk of bias. The last item, rating, represents the overall rating of the study. Disagreements were resolved through discussion with a third reviewer (A.S.L.). All studies were included in the review independently of their quality.

### 2.5. Statistical analysis

We performed a meta-analysis to estimate the overall differences between cancer-free CCS and their healthy counterparts when a minimum of three studies analyzed a given endpoint using the same assessment method. We also performed a meta-analysis of studies reporting the odds ratio of having depression or obesity in each group (or providing enough information to calculate it). When sufficient data were available, we performed subanalyses to determine the differences between CCS and controls attending to whether the former had received a specific treatment (i.e., anthracyclines or radiotherapy) or not. Pooled effect sizes (ES, Cohen's *d*) were computed using a random effects model. Begg's test was used to determine the presence of publication bias, and the *Q* and *I*<sup>2</sup> statistics were used to assess heterogeneity among studies. The level of significance was set at *p* ≤ 0.05. All statistical analyses were performed using MIX 2.0 Pro for Excel software (Bax et al., 2006).

### 3. Results

From the retrieved articles, 86 (Akyay et al., 2014; Al-Tawil et al., 2015; Alehan et al., 2012; Bell et al., 2006; Beulertz et al., 2016; Bianco et al., 2014; Brennan et al., 2005; Cantrell and Posner, 2014; Christiansen et al., 2014, 2016a; Christiansen et al., 2016b; De Caro et al., 2006, 2011; Elbl et al., 2003, 2006; Esbenschade et al., 2014; Follin et al., 2011; Frisk et al., 2012a, b; Frisk et al., 2012c, 2011; Ganame et al., 2007; Garmey et al., 2008; Genberg et al., 2015; Gilsanz et al., 1990; Hartman et al., 2018; Hauser et al., 2001; Heikens et al., 2000; Hoffman et al., 2013; Hudson et al., 2015; Jain et al., 2017; Jarfelt et al., 2016, 2007; Järvelä et al., 2013, 2010; Järvelä et al., 2016; Jenney et al., 1995; Johnson et al., 1997; Karakurt et al., 2008; Kazak et al., 2010; Kenney et al., 2010; Klewer et al., 1992; Lanfranchi et al., 2014; Langeveld et al., 2003; Laufer et al., 2012; Li et al., 2017; Link et al., 2004; Lipshultz et al., 2012; Matthys et al., 1993; McKenzie et al., 2000; Mendonça Monteiro de Barros et al., 2016; Miller et al., 2010; Mulrooney et al., 2008; Ness et al., 2015, 2009; Öberg et al., 2018; Oeffinger et al., 2003; Papadia et al., 2007; Prasad et al., 2015; Ruble et al., 2015; Slater et al., 2015a, b; Steinberger et al., 2012; Sung et al., 1997; Talvensaari et al., 1996; Terlou et al., 2007; Tillmann et al., 2002; Toro-Salazar et al., 2013; Turner-Gomes et al., 1996; Vatanen et al., 2015; Warner et al., 1997a, 1998; Warner et al., 1997b, 1999; Warner et al., 2002, 2004; Wilson et al., 2018; Wright et al., 1999,

1998; Yildirim et al., 2010; H.K. Yu et al., 2013; W. Yu et al., 2013; Zebrack et al., 2004, 2002; Zebrack et al., 2007; Zeltzer et al., 2008) met all inclusion criteria and were included in the systematic review (Fig. 1). A total of 98,480 participants (of whom 62% were CCS) were included. We confirmed that some studies [(Christiansen et al., 2014, 2016a; Christiansen et al., 2016b), (Järvelä et al., 2013, 2010; Järvelä et al., 2016), (Slater et al., 2015a; Steinberger et al., 2012), (Frisk et al., 2012a, b; Frisk et al., 2012c, 2011; Genberg et al., 2015; Öberg et al., 2018), (H.K. Yu et al., 2013; W. Yu et al., 2013), (Warner et al., 1997a, 1998; Warner et al., 1997b, 1999; Warner et al., 2002, 2004)], shared the same sample, and thus we used only one to calculate the total number of subjects. Further, in Wilson et al (Wilson et al., 2018), we analyzed data of subgroups of general health (CCS and controls with poor or good general health). In Garmey et al (Garmey et al., 2008), we chose only data of follow-up.

#### 3.1. Quality assessment and publication bias

The methodological quality of the included articles is summarized in Supplementary File 4. The risk of bias was overall low. Of the 86 included articles, 41 had a low risk of bias, 27 had a moderate risk, and the remaining 18 had a high risk of bias, which was in most cases due to unclear attrition.

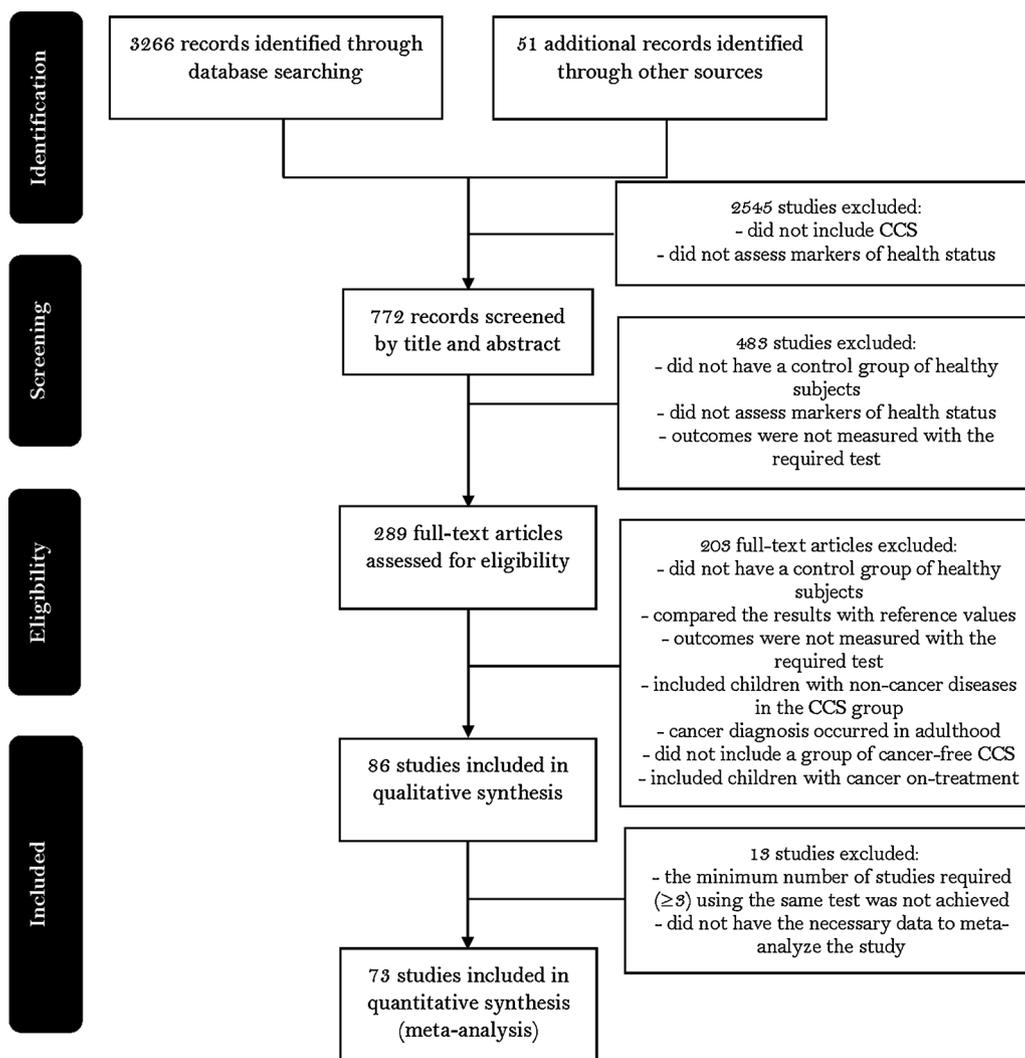


Fig. 1. PRISMA flow diagram detailing the search strategy. Abbreviations: CCS, childhood cancer survivors.

**Table 1**  
Main characteristics of the studies included in the systematic review and meta-analysis.

Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Akyay et al. (2012)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 13 ± 5 years (5–21)	Type of cancer: ALL	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>TUG</b>	Lower performance in TUG in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 13 ± 5 years (5–21)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	CRT: 39%	<b>Muscle strength</b> (hand dynamometer)	No differences in muscle strength
Alehan et al. (2012)	Survivors: n = 72 (21 female), 17 years (7–27)	Type of cancer: HL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 86% (doxorubicin, dose: 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [50–410])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF and SF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex): n = 33 (16 female), 15 years (11–26)	Age at diagnosis: 7 years (2–16) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 46% (mediastinal radiation)		
Al-Tawil et al. (2015)	Survivors: n = 36 (16 female), 13 ± 4 years	Type of cancer: leukemia and lymphoma	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI</b>	Lower total and LDL-cholesterol, and triglycerides in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 30 (12 female), 11 ± 4 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R	<b>Total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides</b> (blood assays)	No differences in BMI and HDL-cholesterol
Bell et al. (2006)	Survivors: n = 35 (21 female), 12 ± 3 years (male), 12 ± 4 years (female)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill exercise test)	Lower CRF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 32 (14 female), 13 ± 3 years (male), 12 ± 3 years (female)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 100% (CRT)	<b>%body fat</b> (DXA)	Higher %body fat in female survivors vs female controls
Beulertz et al. (2016)	Survivors: n = 13 (8 female), 11 ± 3 years (male), 12 years (female)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Active ankle dorsiflexion ROM</b> (goniometer)	Lower ROM in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 13 (8 female), 11 ± 3 years (male), 13 years (female)	Age at diagnosis: 9 ± 4 years Time since diagnosis: 2 ± 1 years	Radiation: 31%		
Brennan et al. (2005)	Survivors: n = 53 (31 female), 11 <sup>a</sup> years (6–18)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI, lean body mass, total bone mineral density and content</b> (DXA)	Higher BMI and lean body mass in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 187 (101 female), 5–19 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 0% (CRT)		No differences in total bone mineral density and content
Bianco et al. (2014)	Survivors: n = 18 (N/R female), 8 ± 2 years	Type of cancer: ALL and lymphoma	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Muscle strength</b> (hand dynamometer)	Lower muscle strength in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age and anthropometric characteristics): n = 40 (N/R female), 8 ± 2 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
		Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: 1–2 years	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous)		

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Cantrell et al. (2014)	Survivors: n = 66 (66 female), 29 ± 2 years	Type of cancer: N/R	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 8186 (8186 female), 29 ± 2 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
Christiansen et al. (2014)	Survivors: n = 125 (58 female), 33 years (26–39)	Type of cancer: HL and NHL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 74% (dose: 160 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [102–214])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower SF in survivors (except in those who did not receive cardiotoxic treatment) vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex, age and body weight): n = 125 (58 female), 33 years	Age at diagnosis: 14 years (10–16) Time since diagnosis: 20 ± 8 years	Radiation: 53% (mediastinal radiation)		
Christiansen et al. (2016a)	Survivors: n = 246 (116 female), 31 ± 8 years	Type of cancer: ALL, HL, NHL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 77% (dose: 150 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [40–485])	<b>HR and systolic BP</b>	Higher HR in survivors vs controls  No differences in systolic BP
	Controls (matched for sex, age, body weight, and systolic BP): n = 211 (109 female), 32 ± 9 years	Age at diagnosis: 9 ± 5 Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 24% (mediastinal radiation)		
Christiansen et al. (2016b)	Survivors: n = 231 (113 female), 32 ± 8 years	Type of cancer: ALL, HL, NHL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 77% (dose: 150 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [40–485])	<b>HR and systolic BP</b>	Higher HR in survivors vs controls  No differences in systolic BP
	Controls (matched for sex, age, body weight, and systolic BP): n = 180 (94 female), 32 ± 8 years	Age at diagnosis: 9 ± 5 Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 29% (mediastinal radiation)		
De Caro et al. (2006)	Survivors: n = 84 (26 female), 7–21 years	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 212 ± 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [64–545])	<b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill exercise test)	Lower CRF in male survivors < 13 years vs male controls of the same age.  No differences in CRF for the remainder groups
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 79 (26 female), 14–21 years	Age at diagnosis: 6 ± 4 (0–16) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 38% (chest radiation)		
De Caro et al. (2011)	Survivors: n = 55 (16 female), 14 ± 3 years	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [100–490])	<b>FS</b> (echocardiography)  <b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill exercise test)	Lower SF in survivors vs controls  Lower SF in survivors with subclinical cardiac dysfunction vs those without this condition
	Controls (matched by sex): n = 63 (19 female), 14 ± 3 years	Age at diagnosis: 7 ± 5 years Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 38% (chest radiation)		
Elbl et al. (2003)	Survivors: n = 36 (16 female), 14 ± 4 years	Type of cancer: N/R	HSCT: 27% (type: autologous: 40% and allogenic: 60%) Anthracyclines: 100% (doxorubicin, dose: 226 ± 106 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>BMI</b>  <b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower CRF in survivors  Higher BMI in survivors No differences
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 20 (8 female), 12 ± 5 years	Age at diagnosis: 9 ± 4 years Time since diagnosis: 5 ± 2 years	Radiation: 22% (mediastinal radiation)		
		Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Elbl et al. (2006)	Survivors: n = 108 (45 female), 15 ± 5 years (5–29)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 33% (doxorubicin or daunorubicin, dose: 250 ± 131 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [(50–1200)])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF and SF in survivors in the no-dexrazoxane group vs controls
	Controls: n = 32 (sex N/R), 13 ± 7 years	Age at diagnosis: 8 ± 5 years (1–18) Time since diagnosis: 7 ± 4 years (2–20)	Mediastinal radiation: 19%		
Esbenshade et al. (2014)	Survivors: n = 171 (75 female), 12 <sup>+</sup> years (4–22)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: < 23 years	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI</b>	Higher BMI in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 97 (62 female), 11 <sup>+</sup> years (1–19)	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
Follin et al. (2011)	Survivors: n = 44 (21 female), 26 <sup>+</sup> years (19–32)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 120 <sup>+</sup> [40–540])	<b>BMI, %body fat and lean body mass</b> (DXA)	Higher BMI and % body fat in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age, residence, smoking habits and sex): n = 44 (21 female), 25 <sup>+</sup> years (20–32)	Age at diagnosis: 1–17 years Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 100% (CRT)		
Frisk et al. (2011)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 28 <sup>+</sup> years (17–37)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI, waist circumference, %body fat and lean body mass</b> (DXA)	Higher HOMA-IR, insulin and % body fat in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>+</sup> years (19–39)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 100% (TBI), 39% (CRT), 17% (testes)		
Frisk et al. (2012a)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 28 <sup>+</sup> years (17–37)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous: 83% and allogenic: 17%) Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 225–600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>FEV1 and FVC</b> (spirometry)	Lower FEV1 and FVC in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>+</sup> years (19–38)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 100% (TBI), 39% (CRT), 17% (testes)		
Frisk et al. (2012b)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 28 <sup>+</sup> years (17–37)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous: 83% and allogenic: 17%) Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 225–600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher diastolic BP, triglycerides, insulin, total and LDL-cholesterol in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>+</sup> years (19–38)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 100% (TBI), 39% (CRT), 17% (testes)		
		Time since HSCT: 18 <sup>+</sup> years (10–22) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous: 83% and allogenic: 17%)	<b>BMI and waist circumference</b>	No differences in BMI, waist circumference, systolic BP, glucose and HDL-cholesterol
		Time since HSCT: 18 <sup>+</sup> years (10–22) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous: 83% and allogenic: 17%)	<b>Glucose, insulin, total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides</b> (blood assays)	

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/HSCCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Frisk et al. (2012c)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 28 <sup>±</sup> years (17–37)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI, % body fat and total bone mineral density (DXA)</b>	Lower bone mineral density in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>±</sup> years (19–39)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since HSCT: 18 <sup>±</sup> years (10–22) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 100% (TBI), 39% (CRT), 17% (testes)  HSCT: 100% (type: autologous: 83% and allogenic: 17%) Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [90–300])		No differences in BMI and % body fat
Ganame et al. (2007)	Survivors: n = 56 (34 female), 12 ± 5 years (4–28)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [90–300])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	No differences
	Controls (matched by age): n = 41 (22 female), 16 ± 7 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since anthracyclines: 5 years (2–15) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R	<b>HR and systolic BP</b>	
Garmey et al. (2008)	Survivors: n = 1451 (742 female), 32 ± 5 years (22–50)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 28% (doxorubicin, dose: N/R), daunorubicin: 25% (dose: N/R)	<b>BMI</b>	Higher BMI in survivors treated with CRT vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2167 (1164 female), 36 ± 7 years (21–57)	Age at diagnosis: 8 ± 5 years (0–20) Time since diagnosis: 25 ± 4 years (16–34) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 77% (CRT), 2% (TBI)		No differences in BMI between survivors treated with chemotherapy alone and controls
Genberg et al. (2015)	Survivors: n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>±</sup> years (17–38)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 225–600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower lean body mass and SF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 18 (8 female), 27 <sup>±</sup> years (17–38)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since HSCT: 18 <sup>±</sup> years (10–22) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 100% (TBI)	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher HR and diastolic BP in survivors vs controls
Gilsanz et al. (1990)	Survivors: n = 42 (23 female), 12 ± 1 years	Type of cancer: ALL	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI</b>	No differences
	Controls (matched by age, sex and race): n = 43 (23 female), 12 ± 1 years	Age at diagnosis: 0–15 years Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 4 ± 0 years (1–11) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 69% (CRT)		
Hartman et al. (2018)	Survivors: n = 71 (31 female), 19–63 years	Type of cancer: AML, neuroblastoma and Wilms' tumor	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 225–600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>BMI</b>	Higher BMI in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings and others): n = 75 (39 female), 27 <sup>±</sup> years (18–62)	Age at diagnosis: 0–15 years Time since diagnosis: 25 <sup>±</sup> years (7–44) Time since treatment: > 10 years Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 38%		<b>Muscle strength</b> (hand dynamometer)
Hauser et al. (2001)	Survivors: n = 38 (sex N/R per group), 6 ± 2 years	Type of cancer: ALL	Anthracyclines: 100% (doxorubicin)	<b>Flexibility</b> (sit and reach)	Lower CRF in survivors, with decreased LVEF and SF after exercise, vs controls
	Controls (matched by body surface area and age): n = 38 (16 female), 6 ± 2 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since doxorubicin: > 6 months Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R  HSCT: N/R	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)  <b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill exercise test)	
					No differences in LVEF and SF

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Heikens et al. (2000)	Survivors: n = 26 (12 female), 26 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: brain cancer	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher systolic BP, waist-to-hip ratio, and LDL-cholesterol in survivors vs controls
	Controls (college students or patients' siblings): n = 29 (19 female), 28 ± 4 years	Age at diagnosis: 10 ± 4 Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 16 ± 5 Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 100% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>BMI and waist-to-hip ratio</b>  <b>Total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides</b> (blood assays)	Lower HDL-cholesterol in survivors vs controls  No differences in diastolic BP, BMI, total cholesterol and triglycerides
Hoffman et al. (2013)	Survivors: n = 183 (86 female), 14 ± 3 years	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 45% (dose N/R)	<b>BMI</b>	Lower performance in TUG in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 147 (73 female), 13 ± 2 years	Age at diagnosis: 4 ± 3 Time since diagnosis: 9 ± 3 Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 34%	<b>Muscle strength</b> (hand dynamometer)  <b>TUG</b>	No differences in BMI and muscle strength
Hudson et al. (2015)	Survivors: n = 22568 (10855 female), > 18 years	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 27% (dose: N/R)	<b>BMI</b>	Higher levels of BMI and depression in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 7504 (4022 female), > 18 years	Age at diagnosis: 10 ± 6 years (0–20) Time since diagnosis: 22 ± 7 years (6–39) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 33% (CRT), 28% (chest), 26% (abdominal), 20% (pelvic)	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	
Jain et al. (2017)	Survivors: n = 65 (13 female), 15 <sup>+</sup> years (8–28)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI, total bone mineral density and content</b> (DXA)	Higher BMI in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 50 (11 female), 15 <sup>+</sup> years (7–27)	Age at diagnosis: 6 <sup>+</sup> years (1–19) Time since diagnosis: 7 <sup>+</sup> years (5–17) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 48% (CRT), 3% (testes)		No differences in total bone mineral density and content
Jarfelt et al. (2007)	Survivors: n = 23 (11 female), 27 <sup>+</sup> years (20–31)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 120 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [120–400])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF and CRF in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 12 (6 female), 27 <sup>+</sup> years (20–32)	Age at diagnosis: 5 years (1–8) Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since doxorubicin: N/R Time of remission: 21 <sup>+</sup> years (17–27)	Radiation: 48% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill/cycle- ergometer exercise test)  <b>BMI</b>	No differences in SF and BMI
Jarfelt et al. (2016)	Survivors: n = 98 (55 female), 17 <sup>+</sup> years (5–36)	Type of cancer: AML	Anthracyclines: 100% (doxorubicin: 99%, dose: 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [75–235]); (mitoxantrone: 90%, dose: 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [20–90])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF and SF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 30 (sex N/R), age N/R	Age at diagnosis: 3 <sup>+</sup> years (0–15) Time since diagnosis: 11 <sup>+</sup> years (4–25) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R HSCT: N/R	<b>HR</b>	No differences in HR

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Jarvela et al. (2010)	Survivors: n = 21 (11 female), 22 years (16–30)	Type of cancer: ALL Age at diagnosis: 6 ± 4 years (1–13)	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [120–370])	LVEF and FS (echocardiography)	Lower CRF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 21 (11 female), 21 years (16–28)	Time since diagnosis: 16 ± 3 years (11–21) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 24% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	CRF (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)  Muscle strength (hand dynamometer)  BMI, waist and hip circumference and waist-to-hip ratio  Systolic and diastolic BP	No differences in the remainder measurements
Jarvela et al. (2013)	Survivors: n = 21 (11 female), 22 years (16–30)	Type of cancer: ALL Age at diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [120–370])	HOMA-IR, glucose, insulin, total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides (blood assays)	No differences
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 21 (11 female), 21 years (16–28)	Time since diagnosis: 16 years (11–21) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 24% (CRT) HSCT: N/R		
Jarvela et al. (2016)	Survivors: n = 21 (11 female), 22 years (16–30)	Type of cancer: ALL Age at diagnosis: 5 years (1–13)	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [120–370])	LVEF and FS (echocardiography)	No differences
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 21 (11 female), 21 years (16–28)	Time since diagnosis: 16 ± 3 years (11–21) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 24% (CRT) HSCT: N/R		
Jenney et al. (1995)	Survivors: n = 70 (28 female), 14 years (13–16)	Type of cancer: ALL, ANLL Age at diagnosis: 5 years (1–15)	Anthracyclines: N/R	LVEF and FS (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF, SF, CRF, FEV1 and FVC in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex and age): n = 146 (62 female), 14 years (13–16)	Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since chemotherapy: 4 years (1–18) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R Radiation: 59% (CRT), 14% (craniospinal), 20% (TBI) HSCT: N/R	CRF (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)  FEV1 and FVC (spirometry)	
Johnson et al. (1997)	Survivors: n = 13 (6 female), 13 ± 4 years	Type of cancer: N/R Age at diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines : 100% (doxorubicin, dose: 293 ± 119 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [76–500])	CRF (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)	Lower CRF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age): n = 15 (7 female), 14 ± 2 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 5 ± 2 years (2–9) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R	HR, systolic and diastolic BP	No differences in HR, systolic and diastolic BP
Karakurt et al. (2008)	Survivors: n = 32 (17 female), 9 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: ALL, AML, NHL, neuroblastoma Age at diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines: 100% (daunorubicin: 86%, dose: 163 ± 83 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [100–300]); (doxorubicin: 94%, dose: 82 ± 34 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [50–240]); (mitoxantrone: 3%, dose: 50 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	LVEF and FS (echocardiography)	No differences
	Controls: n = 22 (9 female), 10 ± 3 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since anthracyclines: 2 ± 2 years (0–7) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R HSCT: N/R		

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Kazak et al. (2010)	Survivors: n = 167 (88 female), 20 ± 3 years (16–30) Controls (matched by sex, age and race/ethnicity): n = 170 (87 female), 22 ± 3 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: < 21 years Time since diagnosis: > 5 years	Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: N/R	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	No differences
Kenney et al. (2010)	Survivors: n = 50 (32 female), 56 <sup>±</sup> years (51–71) Controls (patients' siblings): n = 32 (23 female), 58 <sup>±</sup> years (48–70)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 8 <sup>±</sup> years (0–17) Time since diagnosis: 48 <sup>±</sup> years (36–65)	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: 74%	<b>Fatigue</b> (FACIT-Fatigue)	Higher fatigue in survivors vs controls
Klewer et al. (1992)	Survivors: n = 21 (9 female), 16 ± 5 years (9–27) Controls (matched by age): n = 12 (3 female), 18 ± 4 years (10–22)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: 3 years (3–4)	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines : 100% (doxorubicin dose: 196 ± 137 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [27–532]) Radiation: N/R	<b>FS</b> (echocardiography) <b>HR</b>	No differences
Lanfranconi et al. (2014)	Survivors: n = 10 (3 female), 7 ± 1 years Controls (matched by sexual maturity, sex and age): n = 10 (4 female), 8 ± 2 years	Type of cancer: ALL Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: 3 years (3–4)	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: < 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Radiation: 0% (thoracic radiation)	<b>CRF</b> (maximal treadmill exercise test) <b>BMI</b>	No differences in CRF and BMI
Langeveld et al. (2003)	Survivors: n = 416 (200 female), 24 ± 5 years (16–49) Controls: n = 1026 (564 female), 26 ± 5 years (16–53)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 8 ± 5 years (0–18) Time since diagnosis: N/R	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: 53%	<b>Fatigue</b> (MFI-20)	Lower general fatigue in survivors vs controls Higher mental fatigue in survivors vs controls
Laufer et al. (2012)	Survivors: n = 25 (13 female), 25 ± 5 years (18–39) Controls: n = 28 (15 female), 30 ± 9 years (18–39)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 9 years Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 15 years Time of remission: N/R	Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: 0% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>BMI</b>	No differences in physical fatigue No differences
Li et al. (2017)	Survivors: n = 94 (41 female), 22 ± 6 years Controls: n = 66 (30 female), 23 ± 7 years	Type of cancer: ALL and AML Age at diagnosis: 13 ± 7 Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 15 ± 6 Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: 8% (type: allogeneic) Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 227 ± 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Radiation: 12% (TBI) HSCT: 12%	<b>BMI</b>	No differences

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Link et al. (2004)	Survivors: n = 44 (21 female), 25 <sup>±</sup> years (20–31)	Type of cancer: ALL	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 120 <sup>±</sup> [40–540])	<b>LVEF and FS</b> (echocardiography)	Higher HR, BMI, waist circumference, waist-to-hip ratio, glucose, insulin and LDL-cholesterol in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age, sex and residence): n = 44 (sex N/R), age N/R	Age at diagnosis: 4 <sup>±</sup> (1–17) Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 17 <sup>±</sup> (6–24)  Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 100% (CRT)  HSCT: N/R	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>  <b>BMI, waist and hip circumference, waist-to-hip ratio, lean body mass (DXA) Glucose, insulin, total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides</b> (blood assays)	Lower EF, SF, lean body mass, HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides in survivors vs controls  No differences in systolic and diastolic BP, hip circumference and total cholesterol
Lipshultz et al. (2012)	Survivors: n = 201 (101 female). 156 subjects exposed to cardiotoxic treatment, 17 <sup>±</sup> years (6–39). 45 subjects unexposed to cardiotoxic treatment, 23 <sup>±</sup> years (8–32)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 67% (dose N/R)	<b>FS</b> (echocardiography)	Lower SF in exposed survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 76 (35 female), 15 <sup>±</sup> years (5–45)	Age at diagnosis: 6 <sup>±</sup> (0–24) (exposure to cardiotoxic treatment), 6 <sup>±</sup> (0–17) (unexposed to cardiotoxic treatment) Time since diagnosis: 10 <sup>±</sup> (3–31) (exposure to cardiotoxic treatment), 15 <sup>±</sup> (5–25) (unexposed to cardiotoxic treatment) Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 19% (cardiac radiation)  HSCT: N/R	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>  <b>BMI</b>  <b>Insulin, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and CRP</b> (blood assays)	No differences in SF between unexposed survivors and controls  Higher HR in exposed survivors vs controls No differences in HR between unexposed survivors and controls Lower systolic BP in exposed survivors vs controls No differences in systolic BP between unexposed survivors and controls No differences in diastolic BP Higher BMI in unexposed survivors vs controls No differences in BMI between exposed survivors and controls Higher insulin, LDL-cholesterol and CRP in survivors vs controls No differences in HDL-cholesterol Lower CRF in female survivors vs female controls
Mathys et al. (1993)	Survivors: n = 35 (17 female), 14 ± 2 years (11–19) (male), 14 ± 3 years (10–18) (female)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 31% in male and 31% in female (dose: 275 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (180–480) (male), 330 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (150–500) (female))	<b>CRF</b> (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)	Lower CRF in female survivors vs female controls
	Controls (matched by age): n = 50 (25 female), 14 ± 1 years (male), 14 ± 1 years (female)	Age at diagnosis: 6 ± 3 (male) and 5 ± 3 (female) years Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 7 ± 3 (male) and 7 ± 4 (female) years Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 40% (CRT)  HSCT: N/R	<b>HR</b>	No differences in CRF between male survivors and male controls  Higher HR in survivors vs controls

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McKenzie et al. (2002)	Survivors: n = 34 (12 female), 13 years (8–18)	Type of cancer: solid tumors	Anthracyclines: 47% (doxorubicin, dose: 255 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (male), 282 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (female))	<b>CRF</b> (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)	Lower CRF in female survivors vs female controls
	Controls: n = 15 (6 female), 13 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 4 years (1–13) Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: 56%		No differences in CRF between male survivors and male controls.
Mendonça Monteiro de Barros et al. (2016)	Survivors: n = 17 (15 female), 27 ± 6 years (20–42)	Type of cancer: thyroid carcinoma	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI</b>	No differences
	Controls (matched by age, sex and BMI): n = 34 (31 female), 30 ± 6 years (20–43)	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
Miller et al. (2010)	Survivors: n = 170 (83 female), 19 years (6–40)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 8 years (0–24)	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 66% (dose: N/R)	<b>BMI and %body fat</b> (DXA)	Higher %body fat in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 71 (33 female), 16 years (5–46)	Time since diagnosis: 12 years (4–32)	Radiation: 48% (CRT)		No differences in BMI
Mulrooney et al. (2008)	Survivors: n = 1897 (964 female), > 18 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 0–21 years	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Fatigue</b> (FACIT-Fatigue)  <b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher fatigue and depression in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 369 (193 female), > 18 years	Time since diagnosis: > 15 years	Radiation: 70%		
Ness et al. (2009)	Survivors: n = 9301 (4586 female), ≥ 18 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: N/R	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI</b>  <b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher BMI and depression in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patient' siblings): n = 2886 (1548 female), ≥ 18 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
Ness et al. (2015a)	Survivors: n = 365 (174 female), 29 ± 6 years (18–45)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: (daunorubicin: 66%, dose: 75 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [24-451]), (doxorubicin: 11%, dose: 179 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [25-324])	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>  <b>Muscle strength</b> (hand dynamometer)  <b>Flexibility</b> (sit and reach)  <b>Passive ankle dorsiflexion ROM</b> (goniometer) <b>BMI and waist circumference</b> <b>% body fat and lean body mass</b> (DXA)  <b>PA level</b> (accelerometer)	Lower flexibility and ROM in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age, sex and race): n = 365 (174 female), 30 ± 8 years (18–45)	Age at diagnosis: 5 (1–19) Time since diagnosis: 21.9 (11–31)	Radiation: 41% (CRT)		Lower muscle strength, HR, and diastolic BP in CRT-exposed survivors vs controls
		Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		No differences in muscle strength, HR and diastolic BP between CRT-unexposed survivors and controls
					No differences in systolic BP between survivors and controls Higher BMI in survivors vs controls
					Higher waist circumference and % body fat in male survivors vs male controls
					Higher waist circumference and % body fat in CRT-exposed female survivors vs female controls

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					No differences in waist circumference between CRT-unexposed female survivors and female controls Lower lean body mass in CRT-exposed male survivors vs male controls No differences in lean body mass between CRT-unexposed male survivors and male controls No differences in lean body mass between female survivors and female controls Higher BMI and % body fat in CRT-exposed female survivors vs those survivors not exposed to CRT Lower PA level in survivors vs controls Higher diastolic BP in CRT-exposed survivors vs controls No differences in body composition variables between female survivors not exposed to CRT and female controls No difference in HR, systolic and diastolic BP, muscle strength, flexibility and passive ankle dorsiflexion ROM between CRT-exposed survivors and those survivors not exposed to CRT No difference in systolic BP between survivors and controls Lower SF, lean body mass and FEV1 in survivors vs controls
Oberg et al. (2018)	Survivors: n = 17 (17 female), 27 <sup>±</sup> years (17–37)  Controls: n = 17 (7 female), 26 <sup>±</sup> years (19–39)	Type of cancer: ALL and LBL  Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since HSCT: 18 <sup>±</sup> years (10–22)	Anthracyclines: 100% (daunorubicin, dose: 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )  Radiation: 100% (TBI)	FS (echocardiography)  <b>BMI, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b>	Higher % body fat in survivors vs controls
Oeffinger et al. (2003)	Survivors: n = 1765 (870 female), 24 ± 5 years (18–42)  Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2565 (1357 female), 29 ± 7 years (18–56)	Type of cancer: ALL  Age at diagnosis: 8 ± 5 years (0–21) Time since diagnosis: 17 ± 4 years (7–28)  Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: 100% (type: N/R) Anthracyclines: (doxorubicin: 28%, dose: N/R), (daunorubicin: 24%, dose: N/R)  Radiation: 76% (CRT)  HSCT: N/R	FEV1 (spirometry) <b>BMI</b>	No differences in BMI Higher BMI in survivors treated with higher-dose CRT vs controls  No differences in BMI between survivors treated with chemotherapy and CRT at moderate dose and controls  No differences in BMI between survivors treated with chemotherapy alone and controls
Papadia et al. (2007)	Survivors: n = 27 (12 female), 14 ± 1 years (6–21)  Controls: n = 17 (11 female), 13 ± 1 years (8–21)	Type of cancer: ALL  Age at diagnosis: 6 ± 1 years (1–14) Time since diagnosis: N/R  Time since treatment: 9 ± 1 years (2–14) Time of remission: > 2 years	Anthracyclines: N/R  Radiation: 100% (CRT)	<b>BMI, waist and hip circumference and waist-to-hip ratio</b>  <b>Insulin</b> (blood assays)	Higher waist circumference in survivors vs controls  No differences in BMI, hip circumference, waist to hip ratio and insulin
Prasad et al. (2015)	Survivors: n = 2589 (1305 female), > 25 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 11–21 years	HSCT: 0% Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls

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Ruble et al. (2015)	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 390 (204 female), > 15 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 40% (26% CRT)		
	Survivors: n = 16 (8 female), 13 ± 1 years	Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 94% (dose: 148 ± 85 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	No differences
Slater et al. (2015a)	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 16 (6 female), 14 ± 1 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 31% (CRT)	<b>BMI</b>	
	Survivors: n = 319 (148 female), 15 ± 0 years	Time since treatment: 4 ± 2 years (1–10) Time of remission: N/R Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher waist circumference, % body fat, LDL-cholesterol and triglycerides in survivors vs controls
Slater et al. (2015b)	Controls (patient's siblings): n = 208 (96 female), 14 ± 0 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: 10 (5–17)	Radiation: 12% (CRT)	<b>BMI, waist circumference, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b>	Lower lean body mass in survivors vs controls
	Survivors: n = 119 (52 female), 27 ± 1 years	Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: > 5 years	HSCT: N/R	<b>HOMA-IR, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides (blood assays)</b>	No differences in systolic and diastolic BP, BMI, HOMA-IR and HDL-cholesterol
Steinberger et al. (2012)	Controls (patient's siblings): n = 66 (30 female), 25 ± 1 years	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Muscle strength (hand dynamometer)</b>	Higher % body fat, HOMA-IR, LDL-cholesterol and triglycerides in survivors vs controls
	Survivors: n = 319 (148 female), 15 ± 0 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: in remission	Radiation: 20% (CRT); 72% (TBI) HSCT: 100% (type: autologous 27%, allogenic 73%)	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b> <b>BMI, waist circumference, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b> <b>HOMA-IR, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides (blood assays)</b>	Lower lean body mass in survivors vs controls No differences in muscle strength, systolic and diastolic BP, BMI, waist circumference and HDL-cholesterol
Sung et al. (1997)	Controls (patient's siblings): n = 208 (96 female), 14 ± 0 years	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher waist circumference, % body fat, total and LDL-cholesterol and triglycerides in survivors vs controls
	Survivors who received anthracyclines: n = 110 (39 female), 11 ± 4 years Survivors who did not receive anthracyclines: n = 76 (25 female), 12 ± 5 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: 10 (5–17)	Radiation: N/R	<b>BMI, waist circumference, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b>	Lower lean body mass in survivors vs controls
Sung et al. (1997)	Controls: n = 124 (52 female), 11 ± 5 years	Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: > 5 years	HSCT: N/R	<b>HOMA-IR, glucose, insulin, total, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol and triglycerides (blood assays)</b>	No differences in systolic and diastolic BP, BMI, HOMA-IR, glucose, insulin and HDL-cholesterol
	Survivors who received anthracyclines: n = 110 (39 female), 11 ± 4 years Survivors who did not receive anthracyclines: n = 76 (25 female), 12 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 5 ± 4 years	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 219 ± 95 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [19–600]).	<b>LVEF and FS (echocardiography)</b>	Higher HR in survivors vs controls
Sung et al. (1997)	Controls: n = 124 (52 female), 11 ± 5 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Lower LVEF and SF in the group of survivors who received anthracyclines vs those who did not receive anthracyclines
	Survivors who received anthracyclines: n = 110 (39 female), 11 ± 4 years Survivors who did not receive anthracyclines: n = 76 (25 female), 12 ± 5 years	Time since anthracyclines: 5 ± 3 years (0–16) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		Higher LVEF and SF in the group of survivors who received anthracyclines vs controls No differences in LVEF and SF between survivors who did not receive anthracyclines and controls No differences in systolic and diastolic BP

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Talvensaari et al. (1996)	Survivors: n = 50 (27 female), 18 <sup>±</sup> years (11–31)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 4 <sup>±</sup> years (0–15)	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Lower total and HDL-cholesterol in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age and sex): n = 50 (27 female), age N/R	Time since diagnosis: 13 <sup>±</sup> years (8–21)	Radiation: 56% (CRT)		
Terlou et al. (2007)	Survivors: n = 39 (23 female), 19 ± 7 (12–42) years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 9 ± 6 (0–17)	Anthracyclines: 56% (doxorubicin, dose N/R)	<b>HR, systolic and diastolic BP</b>	Higher HR in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 56 (21 female), 23 ± 5 years	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 49%		
Tillmann et al. (2002)	Survivors: n = 28 (11 female), 11 ± 2 years (5–14)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: 13% Anthracyclines: sample N/R (daunorubicin, dose: 180 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>BMI, % body fat, total bone mineral density and content</b> (DXA)	No differences in systolic BP No differences
	Controls (matched by age and sex): n = 28 (11 female), 10 ± 3 years (5–15)	Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 0%		
Toro-Salazar et al. (2013)	Survivors: n = 46 (13 female), 22 ± 6 years	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 328 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [200–600]).	<b>LVEF</b> (echocardiography)	Lower LVEF in survivors vs controls
	Controls: n = 18 (sex N/R), 20 ± 9 years	Age at diagnosis: 11 ± 5 years	Radiation: 9% (chest radiation)		
Turner-Gomes et al. (1996)	Survivors: n = 14 <sup>†</sup> (sex per group N/R), 13 ± 5 years (8–24)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (doxorubicin, dose: 37% 50 ± 21 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , 63% 349 ± 16 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>BMI</b>	No differences
	Controls: n = 14 (sex N/R), age N/R	Age at diagnosis: 6 ± 4 years (2–18)	Radiation: 0% (mediastinal radiation)		
Vatanen et al. (2015)	Survivors: n = 19 (11 female), 23 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: neuroblastoma	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (doxorubicin, dose: 88 ± 68 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>BMI</b>	Lower BMI in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age and sex): n = 20 (11 female), 22 ± 5 years	Age at diagnosis: 3 ± 1 years (1–4)	Radiation: 53% (TBI)		
Warner et al. (1997a)	Survivors: n = 56 (31 female), 12 ± 3 years (male with ALL), 11 ± 4 years (male with other tumors), 12 ± 4 years (female with ALL), 12 ± 3 years (female with other tumors)	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: 100% (type: autologous) Anthracyclines: % N/R (dose: 0–330 in ALL, and 0–450 in other tumors)	<b>CRF</b> (maximal cycle-ergometer exercise test)	No differences in glucose, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol Lower CRF in ALL group vs controls
		Age at diagnosis: 3 ± 1 years (ALL), 4 ± 3 (other tumors)			

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 32 (14 female), 13 ± 3 years (male), 12 ± 3 years (female)	Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 7 ± 3 years (in both groups) Time of remission: in first remission	Radiation: 63% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>BMI and % body fat (DXA)</b> <b>FEV1 and FVC (spirometry)</b>	No differences in CRF between the other tumors group and controls Higher BMI and % body fat in ALL group vs controls No differences in BMI and % body fat between other tumors group and controls No differences in FEV1 and FVC
Warner et al. (1997b)	Survivors: n = 43 (25 female), 12 ± 4 years Controls (patients' siblings and others): n = 40 (17 female), 12 ± 3 years	Type of cancer: N/R Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: N/R	<b>BMI and % body fat (DXA)</b>	Higher BMI and % body fat in survivors vs controls
Warner et al. (1998)	Survivors: n = 55 (30 female), 10 <sup>+</sup> years (7–18) Controls (patients' siblings): n = 32 (14 female), 12 <sup>+</sup> years (8–17)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R Time since treatment: 6 <sup>+</sup> years (3–13) (ALL), 6 <sup>+</sup> years (2–12) (other tumors) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: % N/R (dose: 0-330 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Radiation: 64% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>HR</b> <b>BMI and % body fat (DXA)</b>	No differences in HR Higher BMI and % body fat in ALL group vs controls
Warner et al. (1999)	Survivors: n = 55 (31 female), 12 ± 4 years (ALL), 11 ± 4 years (with other tumors) Controls (patients' siblings): n = 31 (14 female), 12 ± 3 years	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 3 years (1–6 for (ALL), 4 years (1–15 for other tumors) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines: % N/R (daunorubicin, dose: N/R) Radiation: 64% (CRT)	<b>Total bone mineral content (DXA)</b>	No differences in BMI and % body fat between other tumors group and controls No differences
Warner et al. (2002)	Survivors: n = 56 (35 female), 12 <sup>+</sup> years (8–17) (male with ALL), 9 <sup>+</sup> years (7–18) (male with other tumors), 12 <sup>+</sup> years (7–18) (female with ALL), 10 <sup>+</sup> years (8–18) (female with other tumors) Controls (patients' siblings): n = 32 (14 female), 13 <sup>+</sup> years (8–17) (male), 12 <sup>+</sup> years (8–17) (female)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 3 ± 1 years (ALL), 4 ± 3 years (other tumors) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Anthracyclines: N/R Radiation: 100% (CRT) HSCT: N/R	<b>BMI, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b>	Higher BMI and % body fat in female ALL group vs female other tumors group Higher BMI and % body fat in female ALL group vs controls
		Time since treatment: 7 ± 3 years (ALL), 7 ± 3 years (other tumors) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		No differences in BMI and % body fat between male other tumors group and male controls Lower lean body mass in male other tumors group vs male controls No differences in lean body mass between male ALL group and male controls No differences in lean body mass in female

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/ HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Warner et al. (2004)	Survivors: n = 56 (sex N/R), 12 ± 4 years (ALL), 11 ± 4 years (with other tumors)	Type of cancer: different types	Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>BMI, % body fat and lean body mass (DXA)</b>	Higher BMI and % body fat in ALL group vs other tumors group
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 21 (sex N/R), 13 ± 3 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 0%		
Wilson et al. (2018)	Survivors: n = 365 (174 female), 29 ± 6 years (18–45)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>HR</b>	No differences in lean body mass Lower flexibility in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by sex, age and race): n = 365 (174 female), 29 ± 8 years (18–51)	Age at diagnosis: 7 ± 5 years (1–19) Time since diagnosis: 22 ± 5 years (11–31)	Radiation: N/R		
Wright et al. (1998)	Survivors: n = 36 (11 female), 9 <sup>+</sup> years (5–14)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Flexibility (sit and reach)</b> <b>Muscle strength (hand dynamometer)</b>	Lower muscle strength and passive ankle dorsiflexion ROM in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age and sex): n = 36 (11 female), age N/R	Age at diagnosis: 4 <sup>+</sup> years (0–9) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 80% (CRT)		
Wright et al. (1999)	Survivors: n = 54 (19 female), 10 years (3–21)	Type of cancer: ALL	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R	<b>Passive and active ankle dorsiflexion ROM (goniometer)</b>	Lower passive and active ankle dorsiflexion ROM in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age and sex): n = 54 (19 female), age N/R	Age at diagnosis: 5 years (0–17) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 85% (CRT)		
Yildirim et al. (2010)	Survivors: n = 20 (6 female), 18 ± 3 years (13–26)	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 282 ± 126 mg/m <sup>2</sup> [90–480]).	<b>LVEF and FS (echocardiography)</b>	No differences
	Controls: 18 (4 female), 19 ± 4 years (14–26)	Age at diagnosis: 7 ± 4 years (4–15) Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: 5% (mediastinal radiation)		
H.K. Yu et al., 2013; W. Yu et al., 2013a)	Survivors: n = 53 (16 female), 19 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 229 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [40–644])	<b>LVEF (echocardiography)</b>	Lower LVEF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (patients' siblings): n = 38 (15 female), 20 ± 6 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
H.K. Yu et al., 2013; W. Yu et al., 2013b)	Survivors: n = 32 (11 female), 19 ± 5 years	Type of cancer: different types	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 100% (dose: 220 <sup>+</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup> [120–470])	<b>LVEF and FS (echocardiography)</b>	Lower LVEF in survivors vs controls
	Controls (matched by age): n = 28 (12 female), 20 ± 7 years	Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	Radiation: N/R		
		Time since treatment: 7 <sup>+</sup> years (2–16) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		
		Time since treatment: 7 <sup>+</sup> years (2–14) Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		

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Authors (year)	Sample demographics (n, sex, age)	Main cancer characteristics	Anthracyclines/radiation/HSCT (% of survivors)	Endpoints	Main results
Zebrack et al. (2002)	Survivors: n = 5736 (2561 female), 27 ± 6 years (18–48)  Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2565 (1357 female), 29 ± 7 years (18–45)	Type of cancer: leukemia, HL and NHL Age at diagnosis: 10 ± 6 years (0–20) Time since diagnosis: 16 ± 5 years (5–29)	Anthracyclines: N/R  Radiation: 30% (CRT)	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls
Zebrack et al. (2004)	Survivors: n = 1101 (507 female), 27 ± 6 years (18–44)  Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2817 (1503 female), 29 ± 7 years (18–56)	Type of cancer: CNS tumors Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: > 5 years	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: N/R  Radiation: 52% (CRT)	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls
Zebrack et al. (2007)	Survivors: n = 2778 (sex N/R), 27 ± 6 years (18–56)  Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2925 (sex N/R), 30 ± 7 years (18–56)	Type of cancer: solid tumors Age at diagnosis: N/R Time since diagnosis: N/R	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 37% (dose: N/R)  Radiation: 55%	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls
Zeltzer et al. (2008)	Survivors: n = 7147 (3666 female), 32 <sup>†</sup> years (18–54)  Controls (patients' siblings): n = 2925 (sex N/R), 33V years (18–58)	Type of cancer: different types Age at diagnosis: 7 <sup>†</sup> years (0–20) Time since diagnosis: 23 <sup>†</sup> years (15–34)	HSCT: N/R Anthracyclines: 37% (dose: N/R)  Radiation: 29% (CRT); 34% (other)	<b>Depression</b> (BSI-18)	Higher depression in survivors vs controls
		Time since treatment: N/R Time of remission: N/R	HSCT: N/R		

Endpoints were assessed in both survivors and controls. Abbreviations: ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia; AML, acute myeloid leukemia; ANLL, acute non-lymphoblastic leukemia; BMI, body mass index; BP, blood pressure; BSI-18, Brief Symptom Inventory-18; CNS, central nervous system; CRF, cardiorespiratory fitness; CRP, C-reactive protein; CRT, cranial radiation therapy; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; FACIT-Fatigue, Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy-Fatigue; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in 1 s; FS, fractional shortening; FVC, forced vital capacity; HDL, high density lipoprotein; HL, Hodgkin lymphoma; HOMA-IR, homeostasis model assessment insulin resistance index; HR, heart rate; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; LBL, lymphoblastic lymphoma; LDL, low density lipoprotein; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; MFI-20, Multidimensional Fatigue Inventory; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; N/R, not reported; PA, physical activity; ROM, range of movement; TBI, total body irradiation; TUG, timed up-and-go test.

\* Data are expressed as median.

† Data are referred to an initial sample of 19 survivors.

### 3.2. Participants' and cancer characteristics

The details of the included studies are summarized in Table 1. The age at study ranged from 3 (Wright et al., 1999) to 71 (Kenney et al., 2010) years and from 5 (Akyay et al., 2014; Brennan et al., 2005; Lipshultz et al., 2012; Tillmann et al., 2002) to 70 (Kenney et al., 2010) years in the CCS and control group, respectively. The age at diagnosis, the time since diagnosis, and the time since end of treatment ranged from 0 (Garmey et al., 2008; Hudson et al., 2015; Jarfelt et al., 2016; Kenney et al., 2010; Langeveld et al., 2003; Lipshultz et al., 2012; Miller et al., 2010; Mulrooney et al., 2008; Oeffinger et al., 2003; Talvensaari et al., 1996; Terlou et al., 2007; Wright et al., 1999, 1998; Zebrack et al., 2002; Zeltzer et al., 2008) to 24 (Lipshultz et al., 2012) years, from 1 (Elbl et al., 2006) to 65 (Kenney et al., 2010) years, and from 0 (Akyay et al., 2014) to 38 (Terlou et al., 2007) years, respectively. Thirty-nine, 66 and 41% of the included studies did not report the age at diagnosis, time since diagnosis and time since end of treatment, respectively. The studies included children/adolescents and adult survivors with different types of childhood cancer, with the most common being hematological malignancies (leukemia and lymphoma), solid tumors (bone tumors, neuroblastoma, Wilms' tumors) and central nervous system tumors. Controls were mainly matched by sex, age and race, and were in some cases the patients' siblings.

### 3.3. Endpoints

The endpoints assessed in the present systematic review and meta-analysis that yielded significant differences between CCS and controls are shown in Table 2 whereas those showing no between-group differences are shown in Supplementary File 5.

#### 3.3.1. Cardiovascular function

CCS presented with a lower LVEF than controls (weighted mean ± SD of 64% ± 5% vs 67% ± 7%, respectively; Fig. 2, panel A), with no evidence of publication bias (Begg's test,  $p = 0.34$ ) but heterogeneity between studies ( $I^2 = 99\%$ ,  $Q = 245$ ). Moreover, CCS patients showed lower FS compared with controls (35% ± 5% vs 37% ± 5%; Fig. 3, panel A), with no evidence of publication bias ( $p = 0.48$ ) but heterogeneity among studies ( $I^2 = 98\%$ ,  $Q = 930$ ). These differences between CCS and controls remained significant for both LVEF (63% ± 6% vs 65% ± 5%;  $ES = -0.35$ , 95% confidence interval [CI] = -0.55, -0.14;  $p < 0.01$ ; Begg's test  $p = 0.67$ ;  $I^2 = 98\%$ ,  $Q = 528$ ) and FS (35% ± 5% vs 37% ± 5%;  $ES = -0.51$ , 95% CI = -0.66, -0.36;  $p < 0.01$ ; Begg's test  $p = 0.58$ ;  $I^2 = 98\%$ ,  $Q = 803$ ) when analyzing only those patients who had received anthracyclines (Fig. 2, panel B and Fig. 3, panel B, respectively). No differences were observed between CCS and controls for BP (diastolic or systolic) or resting heart

**Table 2**  
Endpoints showing significant differences between childhood cancer survivors (CCS) and their controls.

Endpoint	Assessment method	Number of studies in the systematic review		Number of participants in the systematic review		Risk of bias <sup>a</sup>	Number of studies in the meta-analysis		Number of participants in the meta-analysis		Meta-analysis results
		CCS	Controls	CCS	Controls		CCS	Controls			
LVEF	Echocardiography	19	795*	1045*	17		17	779*	1045	779*	-0.59 (-0.89, -0.29); P < 0.01; I <sup>2</sup> = 99%; Q = 245; P = 0.34
FS	Echocardiography	21	903*	1238*	18		18	826*	1054	826*	-0.55 (-0.70, -0.40); P < 0.01; I <sup>2</sup> = 98%; Q = 930; P = 0.48
Waist-to-hip ratio		4	111	118	4		4	111	118	111	0.61 (0.23; 0.99); P < 0.01; I <sup>2</sup> = 96%; Q = 79; P = 0.73
HDL-cholesterol	Blood assays	11	562*	853*	9		9	544*	834	544*	-0.48 (-0.85; 0.10); P < 0.001; I <sup>2</sup> = 51%; Q = 16; P = 0.62

Pooled effect sizes (ES, Cohen's d) were computed using a random effects model. The Begg's test was used to determine the presence of publication bias, and the Q and I<sup>2</sup> statistics were used to assess heterogeneity among studies. Abbreviations: FS, fractional shortening (of the left ventricle); HDL, high density lipoprotein; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction.

<sup>a</sup> Indicates the percentage of studies for each outcome with high (red), moderate (yellow) and low (green) risk of bias.

\* Several studies shared the same sample, and thus only one was used to count the total number of subjects.

rate (Supplementary File 5). Similarly, there were no differences between CCS and controls in these endpoints when analyzing only those patients who had received anthracyclines or radiotherapy (Supplementary File 6).

### 3.3.2. Pulmonary function

There were no differences between CCS and controls for pulmonary function (Supplementary File 5). No subanalyses could be performed attending to the specific treatment received.

### 3.3.3. Metabolic and inflammatory markers

CCS presented with lower levels of HDL-cholesterol than controls (49 ± 12 mg/dL vs 55 ± 13 mg/dL, respectively; Fig. 4), with no evidence of publication bias (p = 0.62) or heterogeneity between studies (I<sup>2</sup> = 51%, Q = 16). No differences were found for total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, fasting blood glucose or insulin, or HOMA-IR (Supplementary File 5). Two studies (Lipshultz et al., 2012; Vatanen et al., 2015) analyzed the levels of CRP and both reported significantly higher levels in CCS than in controls (data not meta-analyzed).

### 3.3.4. Body composition

Although no differences were observed between CCS and controls for waist or hip circumference when these outcomes were analyzed independently (Supplementary File 5), CCS showed a higher waist-to-hip ratio (0.85 ± 0.08 vs 0.80 ± 0.06; Fig. 5), with no evidence of publication bias (p = 0.73), but with heterogeneity between studies (I<sup>2</sup> = 96%, Q = 76).

No differences were observed between CCS and controls for BMI when analyzing the former irrespective of the treatment received (Supplementary File 5) or in subgroup analyses attending to whether they had been treated with anthracyclines (Supplementary File 6). Similarly, no differences were observed between CCS and controls for body fat or lean body mass when analyzing all CCS together (Supplementary File 5), or when attending to the treatment received (Supplementary File 6). No differences were observed for bone mineral content or density (Supplementary File 5).

### 3.3.5. Physical capacity

No significant differences were observed between CCS and controls for CRF (Supplementary File 5), a finding that remained unchanged after attending to whether CCS had been treated with anthracyclines (Supplementary File 6). Similarly, no differences were observed between CCS and controls for handgrip strength or range of movement/flexibility (Supplementary File 5). Two studies (Akyay et al., 2014; Hoffman et al., 2013) assessed functional mobility by means of the TUG, and both reported significantly lower values in CCS than in controls (data not meta-analyzed). Physical activity levels were analyzed in one study (Ness et al., 2015), which reported lower levels in CCS than in controls.

### 3.3.6. Psychological status

There were no differences in depression symptoms between CCS and controls (Supplementary File 5). Two studies (Kenney et al., 2010; Mulrooney et al., 2008) observed higher overall fatigue in CCS compared with controls (data not meta-analyzed). One further study (Langeveld et al., 2003) reported the specific score in different dimensions of fatigue, finding a lower general fatigue and a higher mental fatigue in CCS compared with controls, but no differences in physical fatigue.

## 4. Discussion

Our results indicate that CCS have lower left ventricular function (lower LVEF and FS), higher levels of a central adiposity indicator (waist-to-hip ratio) and lower HDL-cholesterol levels when compared with their healthy counterparts with no prior history of cancer. To the

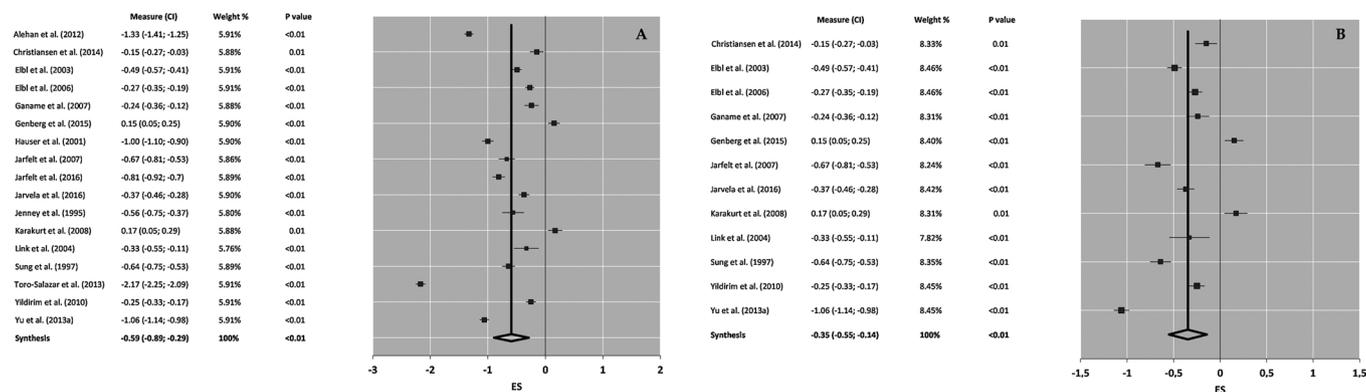


Fig. 2. Differences between childhood cancer survivors (CCS) and controls for left ventricular ejection fraction irrespective of the treatment received (panel A) or when including only those CCS who had received anthracyclines (panel B).

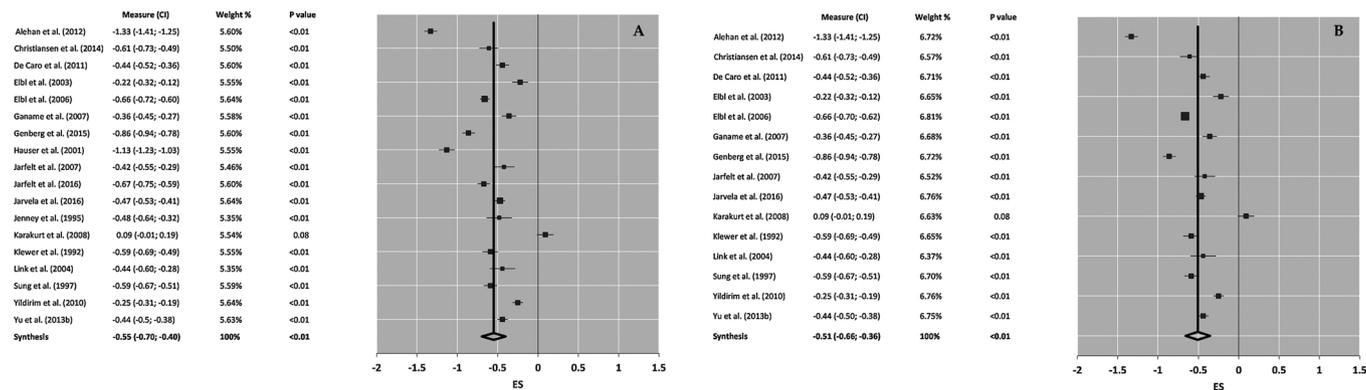


Fig. 3. Differences between childhood cancer survivors (CCS) and controls for left ventricular fractional shortening irrespective of the treatment received (panel A) or when including only those CCS who had received anthracyclines (panel B).

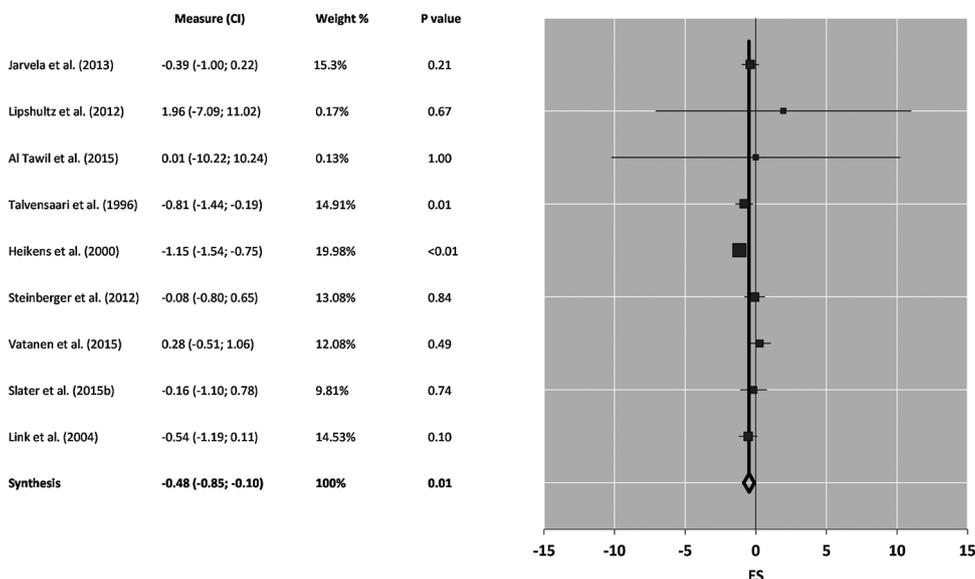


Fig. 4. Differences between childhood cancer survivors and controls for HDL-cholesterol. Abbreviation: HDL, high-density lipoprotein.

best of our knowledge, this is the first meta-analysis compiling CCS data for different health-related endpoints, including cardiac and pulmonary function, body composition, metabolic syndrome indicators, biochemical parameters, fatigue, mental health, and physical capacity-related variables.

Anti-cancer treatments are associated with long-term health complications known as late effects (Lipshultz et al., 1991; Oeffinger et al., 2000). For instance, anthracycline-based chemotherapy is a major

cause of cardiotoxicity even years after the end of treatment (Christiansen et al., 2016a; Toro-Salazar et al., 2013), and treatment-related cardiac death is the leading non-malignant cause of death among CCS (Mertens et al., 2008). In this regard, our results show that CCS have a lower LVEF and FS as compared with their healthy peers, whether or not the former had received anthracyclines. Further, these patients present a higher waist-to-hip ratio, which has been identified as a surrogate marker of central fat in children (Santos et al., 2018), and

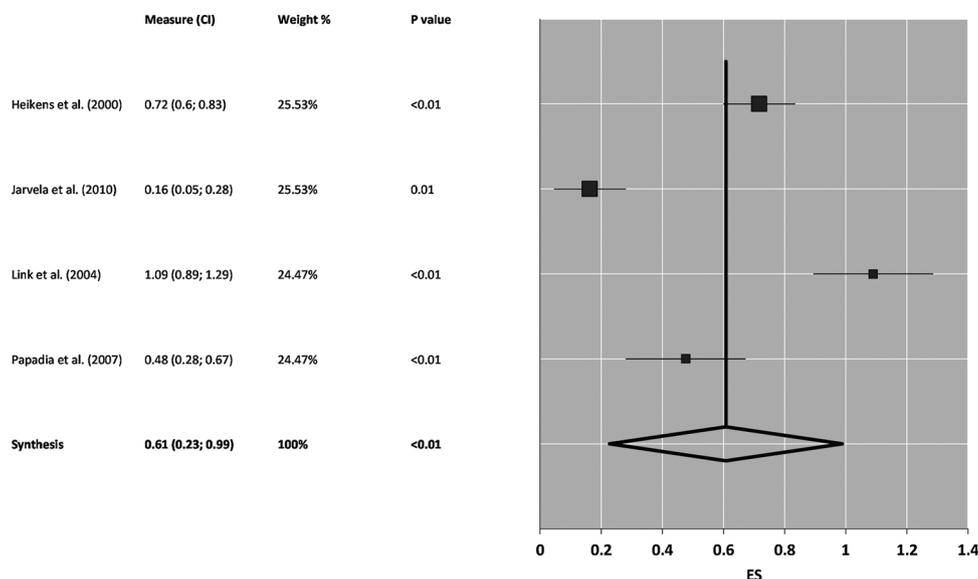


Fig. 5. Differences between childhood cancer survivors and controls for waist-to-hip ratio.

is related to a higher risk of cardiac events and mortality (Rost et al., 2018; Streng et al., 2018). We also found lower levels of HDL-cholesterol in the CCS group, which is a strong and independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease (Orozco-Beltran et al., 2017) due in part to the atheroprotective function of HDL particles (Kontush, 2014). Overall, our results suggest that CCS have a worse cardiometabolic health status than their healthy peers with no history of cancer, which highlights the importance of long-term monitoring (*i.e.*, not only during treatment but also after the end of it) in this patient population. In this regard, current clinical practice includes echocardiographic screening after treatment completion. The Children’s Oncology Group Long-Term Follow-up Guidelines recommend lifelong cardiac screening for CCS to identify anthracycline-related cardiotoxicity (Landier et al., 2004), which should be performed once every 1–5 years depending on several risk factors such as treatment, age, lifetime anthracycline dose, and radiotherapy exposure (Children’s Oncology Group, 2013).

It is important to note, however, that although cardiometabolic health was poorer in CCS, the mean values for the related endpoints in the meta-analysed studies were within non-pathological limits (*i.e.*, above the lower reference limits in the general population for LVEF [55%], FS [27%] and HDL-cholesterol [40 mg/dL], and below those for waist-to-hip ratio [94 for men and 80 for women, respectively]). This might reflect the progresses made in cancer treatments, not only with regard to improved survival, but also attending to the severity of late adverse effects. Still, our findings reinforce the need for implementing preventive interventions to reduce cardiovascular morbimortality risk in CCS.

In this context, data from preclinical models have demonstrated the cardioprotective effects of exercise against anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity (Ascensão et al., 2005; Chicco et al., 2005; Parry and Hayward, 2015), but the evidence in humans after cancer diagnosis remains sparse (Scott et al., 2018). However, there is meta-analytic evidence showing that physical exercise exerts a beneficial effect on CRF in CCS (Bourdon et al., 2018), which is a valid predictor of overall mortality and cardiovascular risk (Kodama et al., 2009). Moreover, exercise interventions have been proven to increase HDL-cholesterol levels and to decrease the waist-to-hip ratio in both children and adults (Eddolls et al., 2017; Friedenreich et al., 2015; Lin et al., 2015; van Biljon et al., 2018). Accordingly, regular physical exercise is a potential lifestyle intervention in this population.

Although the risk of bias of the included studies was overall low, a limitation of the present work is the heterogeneity in the characteristics

of the populations included (different ages, cancer types, treatments and times since diagnosis and since end of treatment). In this regard, differences in age and stage of disease at diagnosis, as well as in race and cancer type are associated with the prognosis of the disease (Kahn et al., 2016; La Quaglia et al., 1994; Perkins et al., 2014; Tai et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2016; Youlden et al., 2019). Thus, the meta-analytical approach used here did not allow for the precise assessment of exposures. However, we compared CCS who had received anthracyclines (for seven variables [LVEF, FS, systolic and diastolic BP, resting heart rate, BMI and CRF]) or radiotherapy (for four variables [systolic and diastolic BP, resting heart rate and lean body mass]) versus their controls when possible. Likewise, we compared CCS who had received anthracyclines or not (for a variable [BMI]) or radiotherapy or not (for two variables [BMI and fat mass, with the latter being cranial radiotherapy in all CCS who had been treated with radiotherapy]) versus their controls when possible. On the other hand, the design of the vast majority of included studies did not allow for a separate outcome analysis by cancer type as they usually assessed CCS of different types of cancer with no specific analysis by tumor type. Further, one of the greatest difficulties we found is that several studies did not report the data needed to be included in the meta-analysis, and although we contacted the authors to solve this problem, not all of them answered. In turn, a major strength of our meta-analysis is that it is the first to analyze the health status of CCS from an integrative perspective, combining numerous health indicators (including cardiometabolic, body composition, physical capacity or mental outcomes among others). Further, this is the first meta-analysis showing that CCS present with an altered lipid profile (at least in part, *i.e.*, lower HDL-cholesterol levels) and greater central adiposity compared with their healthy counterparts with no prior history of cancer. In addition, we did not include studies in which CCS were compared to normative reference values (obtained from other studies and in some cases with different assessment techniques), which we also consider a methodological strength of our study.

In conclusion, CCS present with a lower LVEF, higher levels of a central adiposity indicator and lower HDL-cholesterol values compared with their healthy counterparts, all of which are potentially associated with a worse cardiovascular risk. These results reinforce the need to implement preventive lifestyle interventions (particularly physical activity) and to develop long-term monitoring units to detect late complications in this patient population.

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