



Exercising With Others, Motivation, and 1-Year Maintenance of Exercise Behavior Among Workers

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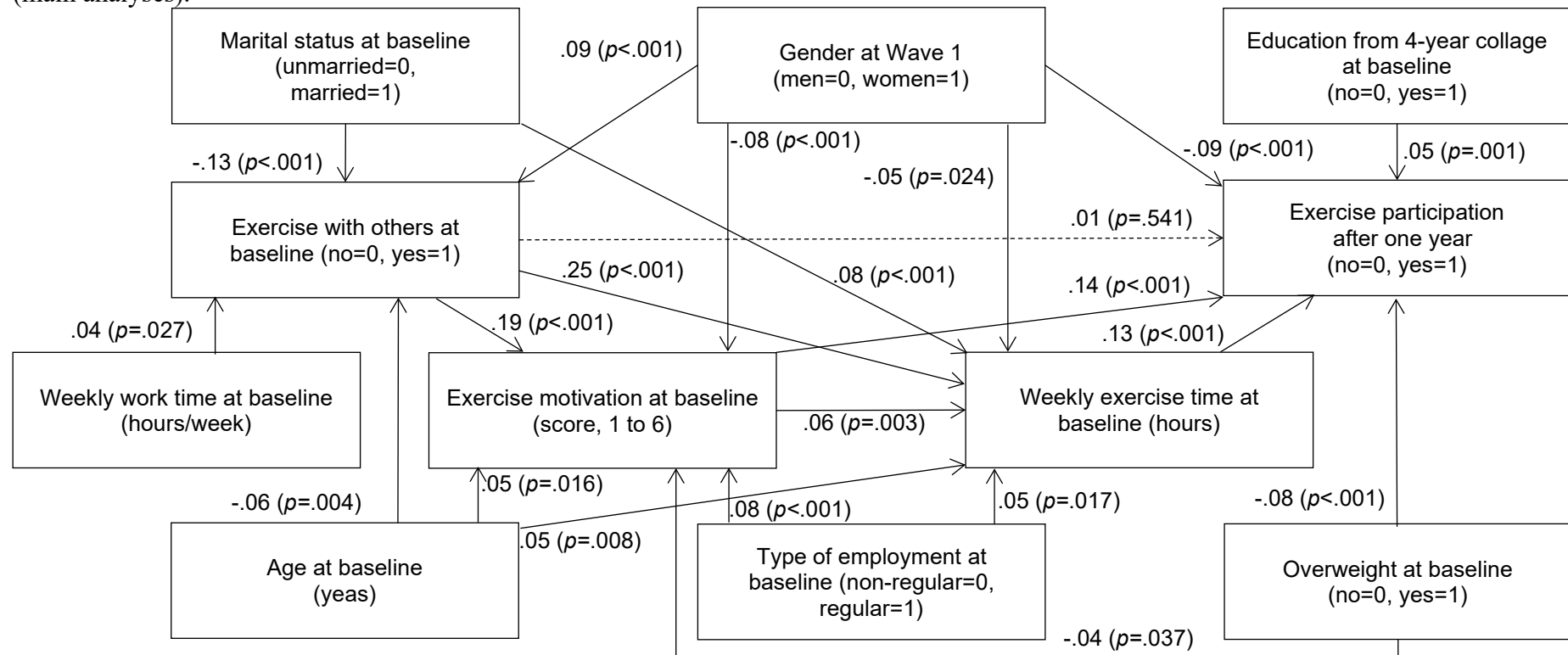
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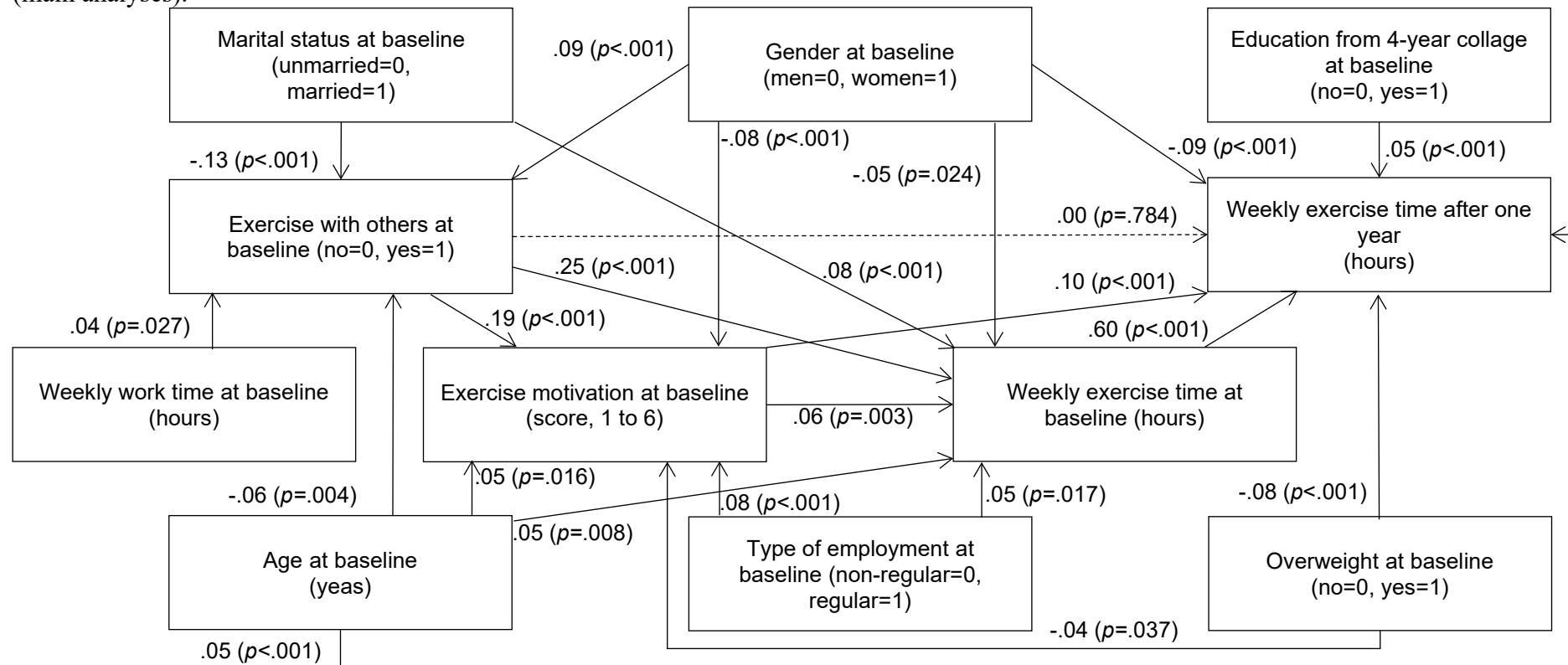


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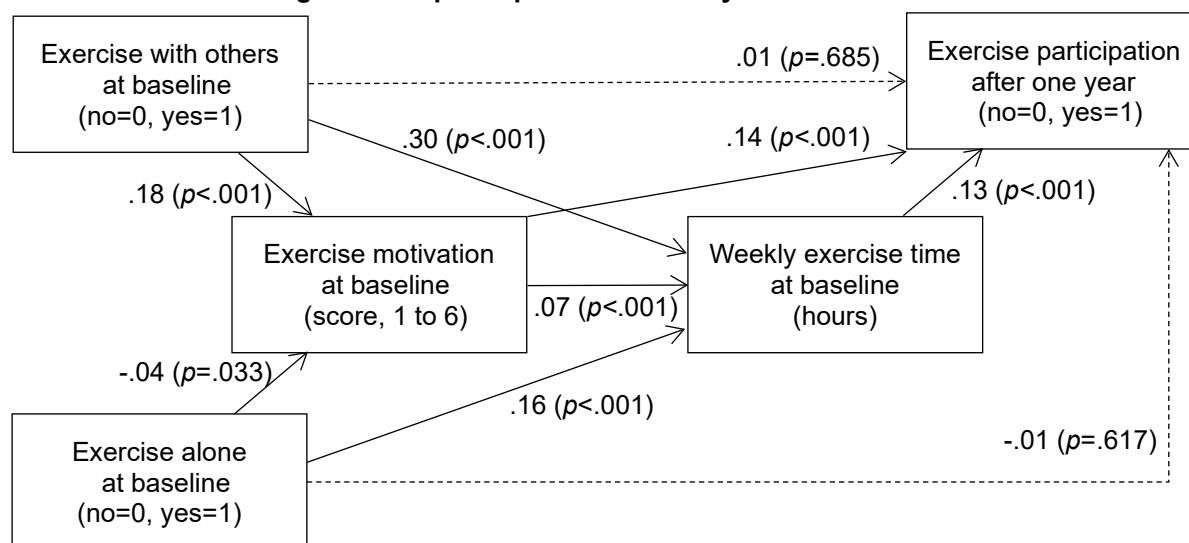
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	Estimated total association			Estimated indirect association		
	Unstandardized (95%CI)	Standardized (95%CI)	p-value	Unstandardized (95%CI)	Standardized (95%CI)	p-value
<i>Model 1: predicting exercise participation after one year</i>						
Gender at baseline (men=0, women=1)	-0.09 (-0.12, -0.06)	-.10 (-.14, -.06)	<.001	-0.01 (-0.02, -0.00)	-.01 (-.02, .00)	.013
Age at baseline (years)	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)	.01 (.00, .02)	.045	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)	.01 (.00, .02)	.045
Current marital status at baseline (unmarried=0, married=1)	0.00 (-0.01, 0.01)	.00 (-.01, .01)	.776	0.00 (-0.01, 0.01)	.00 (-.01, .01)	.776
Education from 4-year collage at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.05 (0.01, 0.08)	.05 (.01, .09)	.009	—	—	
Overweight at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.09 (-0.13, -0.05)	-.08 (-.12, -.05)	<.001	-0.01 (-0.01, -0.00)	-.01 (-.01, -.00)	.038
Type of employment at baseline (non-regular=0, regular=1)	0.02 (0.01, 0.03)	.02 (.01, .03)	<.001	0.02 (0.01, 0.03)	.02 (.01, .03)	<.001
Weekly work time at baseline (hours)	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)	.00 (.00, .01)	.019	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)	.00 (.00, .01)	.019
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.01 (0.01, 0.02)	.13 (.09, .16)	<.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.07 (0.04, 0.11)	.07 (.04, .11)	<.001	0.06 (0.05, 0.07)	.06 (.05, .07)	<.001
Exercise motivation at baseline (score, 1 to 6)	0.05 (0.04, 0.06)	.14 (.10, .18)	.001	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)	.01 (.00, .01)	.004
<i>Model 2: predicting exercise time after one year</i>						
Gender at baseline (men=0, women=1)	-0.18 (-0.40, 0.04)	-.02 (-.05, .00)	.096	-0.18 (-0.40, 0.04)	-.02 (-.05, .00)	.096
Age at baseline (years)	0.03 (0.02, 0.05)	.08 (.04, .12)	<.001	0.01 (-0.00, 0.02)	.03 (-.00, .05)	.063
Current marital status at baseline (unmarried=0, married=1)	0.19 (0.01, 0.38)	.03 (.00, .05)	.035	0.19 (0.01, 0.38)	.03 (.00, .05)	.035
Education from 4-year collage at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.39 (0.17, 0.62)	.05 (.02, .08)	.001	—	—	
Overweight at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.05 (-0.11, -0.00)	-.01 (-.01, .00)	.041	-0.05 (-0.11, -0.00)	-.01 (-.01, -.00)	.041
Type of employment at baseline (non-regular=0, regular=1)	0.37 (0.12, 0.62)	.04 (.01, .06)	.004	0.37 (0.12, 0.62)	.04 (.01, .06)	.004
Weekly work time at baseline (hours)	0.00 (0.00, 0.01)	.01 (.00, .02)	.025	0.00 (0.00, 0.01)	.01 (.00, .02)	.025
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.62 (0.53, 0.69)	.60 (.54, .65)	.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	1.66 (1.28, 2.06)	.18 (.14, .22)	<.001	1.62 (1.37, 1.90)	.18 (.15, .20)	<.001
Exercise motivation at baseline (score, 1 to 6)	0.41 (0.30, 0.52)	.13 (.09, .16)	.001	0.11 (0.04, 0.18)	.03 (.01, .05)	.006

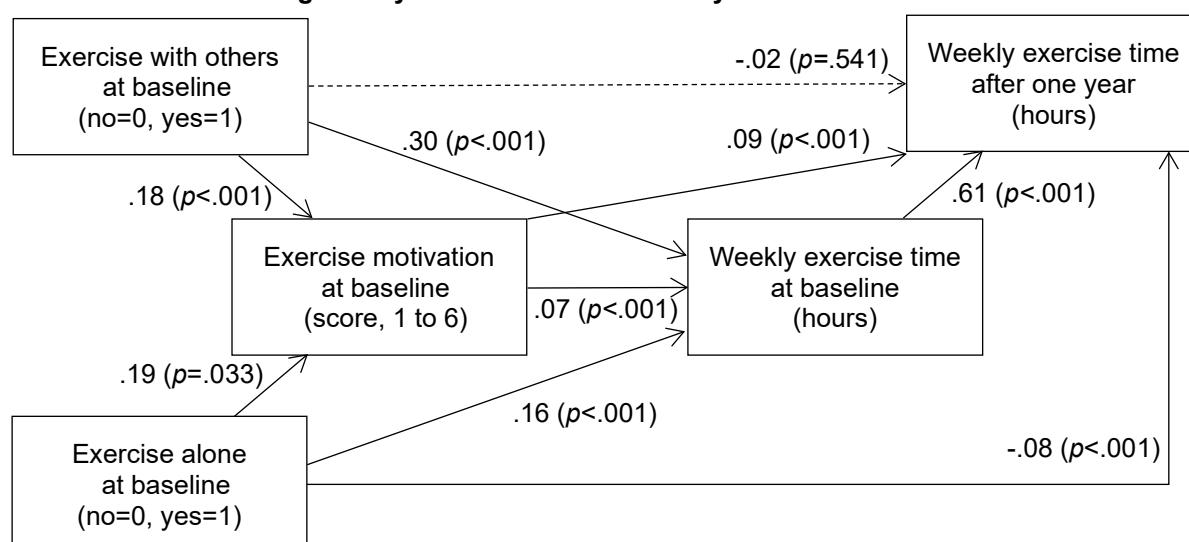
Note. The one-year maintenance of exercise behavior was treated as exercise participation after one year in Model 1 and weekly exercise time after one year in Model 2. Annual household income, engagement in physical work, and engagement in shift work at baseline were removed from the model because all paths from them were not statistically significant. The standardized path coefficients in the path analyses are shown in Supplementary Figure 1 and 2 for Model 1 and 2, respectively. The model fit indices were TLI > .999, CFI > .999, and RMSEA = .001 for Model 1; and TLI = .996, CFI = .999, and RMSEA = .010 for Model 2.

Supplementary Figure 3. Key results of standardized path coefficients from path analyses for predicting one-year maintenance of exercise behavior (sensitivity analyses 1).

A. Model 1: Predicting exercise participation after one year



B. Model 2: Predicting weekly exercise time after one year



Note. The one-year maintenance of exercise behavior was treated as exercise participation after one year in Model 1 and weekly exercise time after one year in Model 2. Solid lines represent significant paths and dashed lines represent insignificant paths. While the actual models contain demographic factors and cross-sectional correlation between exercise with others and alone at baseline, they are not displayed here for clarity. The standardized total and indirect associations in the path analyses for the main variables are shown in Supplementary Table 2. The model fit indices were TLI > .999, CFI > .999, and RMSEA < .001 for Model 1; and TLI = .995, CFI = .999, and RMSEA = .010 for Model 2.

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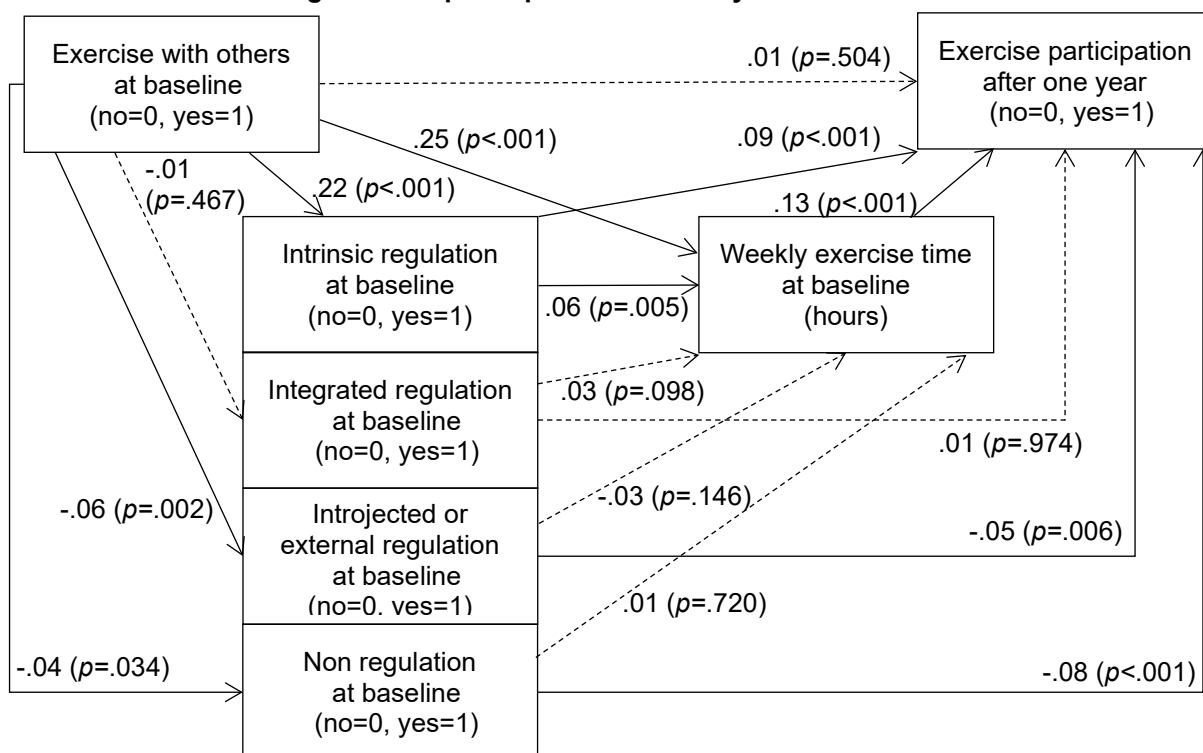
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<i>Model 1: predicting exercise participation after one year</i>						
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.01 (0.01, 0.02)	.13 (.09, .16)	<.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.07 (0.04, 0.11)	.07 (.04, .11)	<.001	0.06 (0.05, 0.08)	.06 (.05, .08)	<.001
Exercise alone at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.01 (-0.08, 0.11)	.00 (-.03, .05)	.787	0.03 (0.01, 0.06)	.01 (.01, .02)	.001
Exercise motivation at baseline (score, 1 to 6)	0.05 (0.04, 0.06)	.14 (.10, .18)	.001	0.00 (0.00, 0.01)	.01 (.00, .01)	.001
<i>Model 2: predicting weekly exercise time after one year</i>						
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.63 (0.55, 0.70)	.61 (.55, .66)	.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	1.69 (1.30, 2.10)	.18 (.14, .22)	<.001	1.90 (1.62, 2.22)	.21 (.18, .24)	<.001
Exercise alone at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.33 (-0.84, 1.36)	.02 (-.04, .06)	.563	2.00 (1.57, 2.45)	.09 (.07, .11)	<.001
Exercise motivation at baseline (score, 1 to 6)	0.42 (0.31, 0.53)	.13 (.10, .16)	.001	0.13 (0.06, 0.20)	.04 (.02, .06)	.001

Note. The one-year maintenance of exercise behavior was treated as exercise participation after one year in Model 1 and weekly exercise time after one year in Model 2. For clarity, this table does not display the standardized total and indirect effects of the demographic factors. The standardized path coefficients of the main variables in the path analyses are shown in Supplementary Figure 3. The model fit indices were TLI > .999, CFI > .999, and RMSEA < .001 for Model 1; and TLI = .995, CFI = .999, and RMSEA = .010 for Model 2.

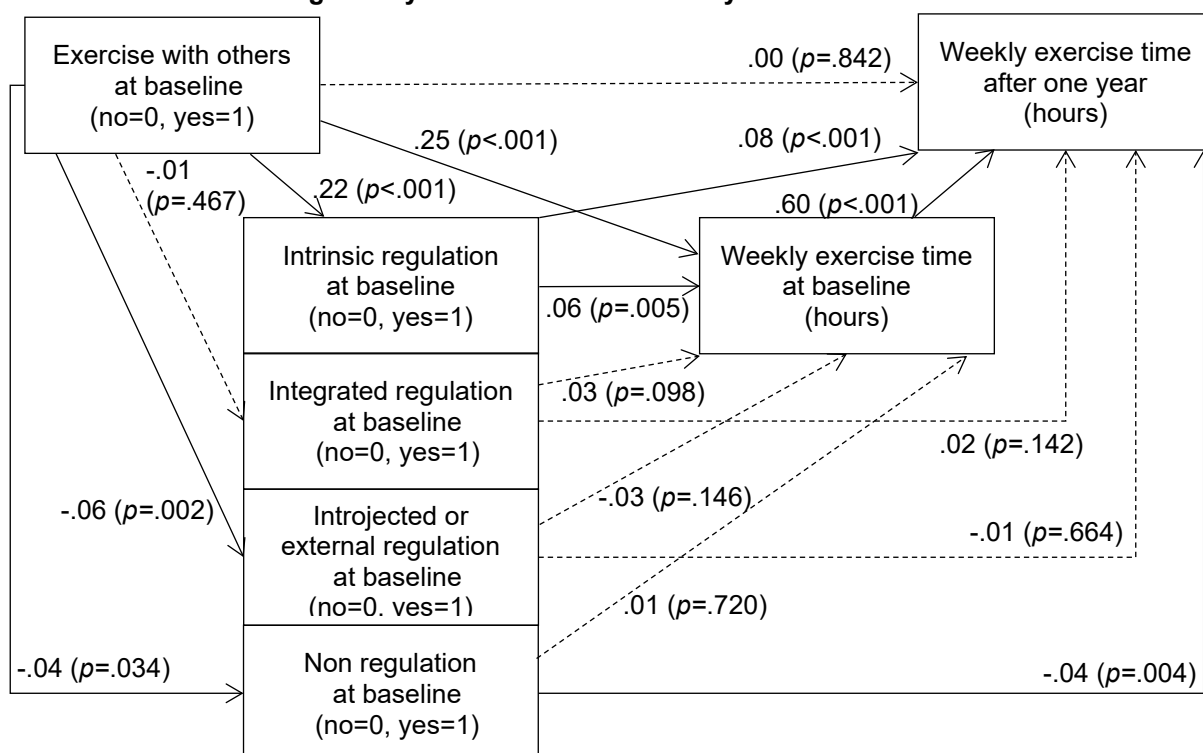
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Supplementary Figure 4. Key results of standardized path coefficients from path analyses for predicting one-year maintenance of exercise behavior (sensitivity analyses 2).

A. Model 1: Predicting exercise participation after one year



B. Model 2: Predicting weekly exercise time after one year



Note. The one-year maintenance of exercise behavior was treated as exercise participation after one year in Model 1 and weekly exercise time after one year in Model 2. Solid lines represent significant paths and dashed lines represent insignificant paths. While the actual models contain demographic factors and cross-sectional correlations within the variables for exercise

motivation, they are not displayed here for clarity. The standardized total and indirect effects of the main variables in the path analyses are shown in Supplementary Table 3. The model fit indices were TLI > .999, CFI > .999, and RMSEA < .001 for Model 1; and TLI = .999, CFI = .996, and RMSEA = .008 for Model 2.

Supplementary Table 3. Key results of standardized total and indirect effects in path analyses for predicting one-year maintenance of exercise behavior (sensitivity analyses 2).

	Estimated total association			Estimated indirect association		
	Unstandardized (95%CI)	Standardized (95%CI)	p-value	Unstandardized (95%CI)	Standardized (95%CI)	p-value
<i>Model 1: predicting exercise participation after one year</i>						
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.01 (0.01, 0.02)	.13 (.09, .16)	<.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.07 (0.04, 0.11)	.07 (.04, .11)	<.001	0.06 (0.05, 0.07)	.06 (.05, .07)	<.001
Intrinsic regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.08 (0.05, 0.11)	.09 (.06, .13)	<.001	0.01 (0.00, 0.01)	.01 (.00, .01)	.003
Integrated regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.01 (-0.04, 0.05)	.01 (-.04, .04)	.823	0.01 (-0.00, 0.01)	.00 (-.00, .01)	.081
Introjected or external regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.09 (-0.16, -0.02)	-.06 (-.10, -.01)	.009	-0.01 (-0.01, 0.00)	.00 (-.01, .00)	.079
Non regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.20 (-0.31, -0.09)	-.08 (-.12, -.03)	.001	0.00 (-0.01, 0.02)	.00 (-.00, .01)	.673
<i>Model 2: predicting weekly exercise time after one year</i>						
Weekly exercise time at baseline (hours)	0.62 (0.54, 0.69)	.60 (.54, .65)	.001	—	—	
Exercise with others at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	1.65 (1.27, 2.04)	.18 (.14, .22)	<.001	1.62 (1.36, 1.90)	.18 (.15, .20)	<.001
Intrinsic regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.93 (0.60, 1.26)	.11 (.08, .15)	<.001	0.28 (0.08, 0.47)	.03 (.01, .06)	.005
Integrated regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	0.47 (0.05, 0.91)	.04 (.01, .08)	.028	0.21 (-0.03, 0.47)	.02 (-.00, .04)	.092
Introjected or external regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.35 (-0.83, 0.17)	-.02 (-.06, .01)	.190	-0.25 (-0.53, 0.04)	-.02 (-.04, .00)	.087
Non regulation at baseline (no=0, yes=1)	-0.93 (-1.54, -0.18)	-.04 (-.07, -.01)	.016	0.09 (-0.42, 0.68)	.00 (-.02, .03)	.691

Note. The one-year maintenance of exercise behavior was treated as exercise participation after one year in Model 1 and weekly exercise time after one year in Model 2. For clarity, this table does not display the standardized total and indirect effects of the demographic factors. The standardized path coefficients of the main variables in the path analyses are shown in Supplementary Figure 4. The model fit indices were TLI > .999, CFI > .999, and RMSEA < .001 for Model 1; and TLI = .999, CFI = .996, and RMSEA = .008 for Model 2. 95%CI, 95% confidence interval.