Author, Year; Country Score Research Design Sample Size	Methods	Outcomes
de Groot et al. 2003; Netherlands PEDro = 7 RCT Level 1 N = 6	Population: 4 male, 2 female, C5-L1, AIS A ($n = 1$), B ($n = 1$), and C ($n = 4$), age 36 yrs, 116 d post-injury. Treatment: Randomized to low-intensity (50%–60% HRR) or high-intensity (70%–80% HRR) arm ergometry; 20 min/d, 3 d/wk, 8 wks. Outcome Measures: lipid profiles including total cholesterol (TC), HDL, LDL, triglycerides (TG).	 The TC/HDL ratio and triglycerides decreased significantly more in the high- intensity group.
Hooker & Wells 1989; USA Prospective controlled trial Level 2 N = 8	Population: Low-intensity group: $n = 6$, 3 male, 3 female, C5-T10, age 26–36 yrs, 3 months to 19 yrs post-injury; moderate-intensity group: $n = 5$, 3 male, 2 female, C5-T9, age 23–30 yrs, 2–19 yrs post-injury. Treatment: Wheelchair ergometry 20 min/d, 3 d/wk, 8 wks: low-intensity (50%–60% max HRR) and moderate intensity (70%–80% max HRR). Outcome Measures: total cholesterol (TC), triglycerides, HDL, LDL.	 No change in lipid levels in low-intensity group. Significant increases in HDL and decreases in triglycerides, LDL, and the TC/HDL ratio in the moderate intensity group.
El-Sayed et al. 2005; UK Pre-post Level 4 N = 12	Population: 5 SCI, lesion below T10, age 32 yrs; 7 AB controls, age 31 yrs. Treatment: Arm ergometry, 30 min/d (60%– 65%VO ₂ peak), 3 d/wk, 12 wks. Outcome Measures: VO ₂ peak, peak HR, peak workload, total cholesterol (TC), triglycerides, HDL.	 Training improved HDL but did not alter TC or triglycerides.
Stewart et al. 2004; Canada Pre-post Level 4 N = 9	Population: 8 male, 1 female, incomplete AIS C, C4-T12, 8.1 yrs post-injury. Treatment: Body-weight–supported treadmill training, 3 d/wk, 6 months. Outcome Measures: ambulatory capacity (Wernig Walking Scale), cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides.	 There were significant reductions in TC (- 11.2%), LDL (-12.9%), and TC/HDL (- 19.8%).
Nash et al. 2001; USA Pre-post Level 4 N=5	Population: 5 males, complete lesions T6-L1, age 37.8 yrs, 4.8 yrs post-injury. Treatment: Circuit resistance training (50%– 60%1 repetition maximum), 3 d/wk, 12 wks. Outcome Measures: VO ₂ peak, time to fatigue, TC, triglycerides, HDL, LDL.	 There were significant decreases in LDL, LDL/HDL, and TC/HDL after training.
Solomonow et al. 1997; USA Pre-post Level 4 N = 70/33	Population: All participants had paraplegia, no other details given. Treatment: Reciprocating gait orthosis powered with electrical muscle stimulation, 3 hr/wk, 14 wks. Outcome Measures: cholesterol, LDL, HDL	 There were significant reductions in total cholesterol, LDL, LDL/HDL ratio, and TC/HDL ratio in 8 patients with initially high total cholesterol levels (>200 mg·dL⁻¹).

Note: AIS = ASIA Impairment Scale; d = day; HDL = high-density lipoprotein; hr = hour; HRR = heart rate reserve; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; min = minute; RCT = randomized controlled trial; TC = total cholesterol; wk = week; yrs = year.