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Short description of your PhD project and trajectory (max 200 words):

The objectives of my PhD are to:

- 1) Review the timing of exercise initiation in the existing literature on MS exercise therapy, to substantiate whether there is a lack of early treatment MS exercise studies (hence, an overlooked "window of opportunity" for this research field).
- 2) Conduct a RCT study investigating the effects of aerobic exercise on disease activity and disability progression in patients early in the disease course of MS.

Last year, I presented the data from my review – showing an clearly overlooked "window of opportunity" in MS exercise therapy – and outlined the design of my RCT study.

This year, I will elaborate on my currently ongoing RCT study and present the status of the study as well as some preliminary results.

I want to give a (mark with X):

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