

**Insulineresistentie en hyperglykemie**  
***Bad companions* voor vasculaire gezondheid**

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# **Insulineresistentie**

# Metabolic mediators of the effects of body-mass index, overweight, and obesity on coronary heart disease and stroke: a pooled analysis of 97 prospective cohorts with 1.8 million participants

*The Global Burden of Metabolic Risk Factors for Chronic Diseases Collaboration (BMI Mediated Effects)\**

Lancet 2014;383:970

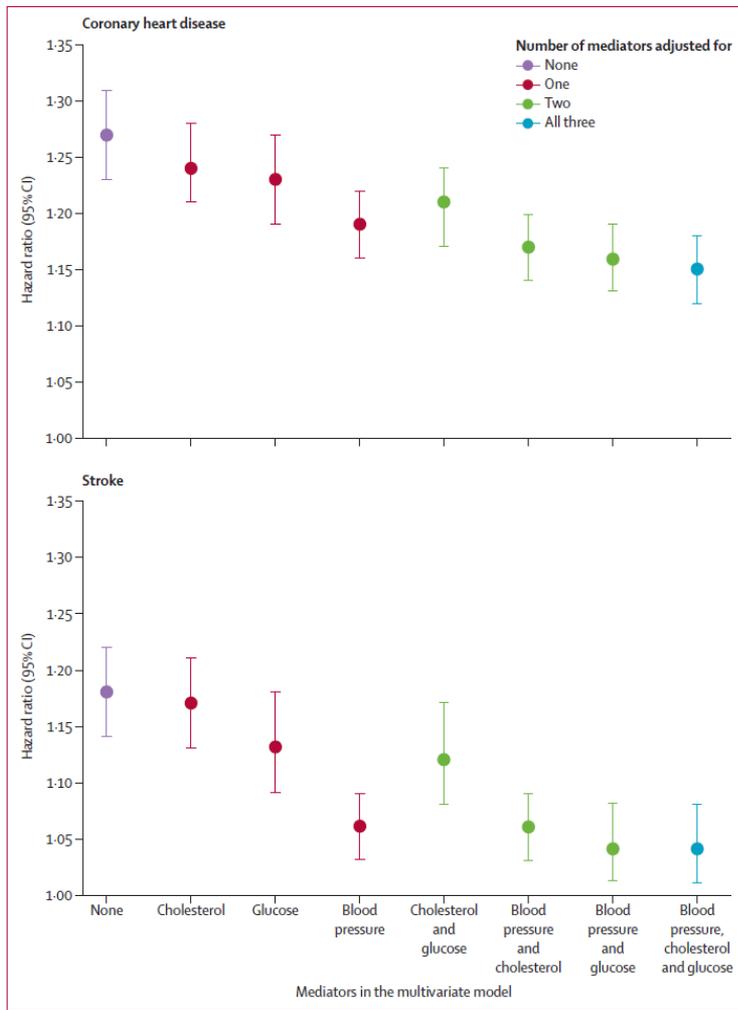


Figure 1: Hazard ratios per 5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> higher body-mass index adjusted for different combinations of mediators in coronary heart disease and stroke

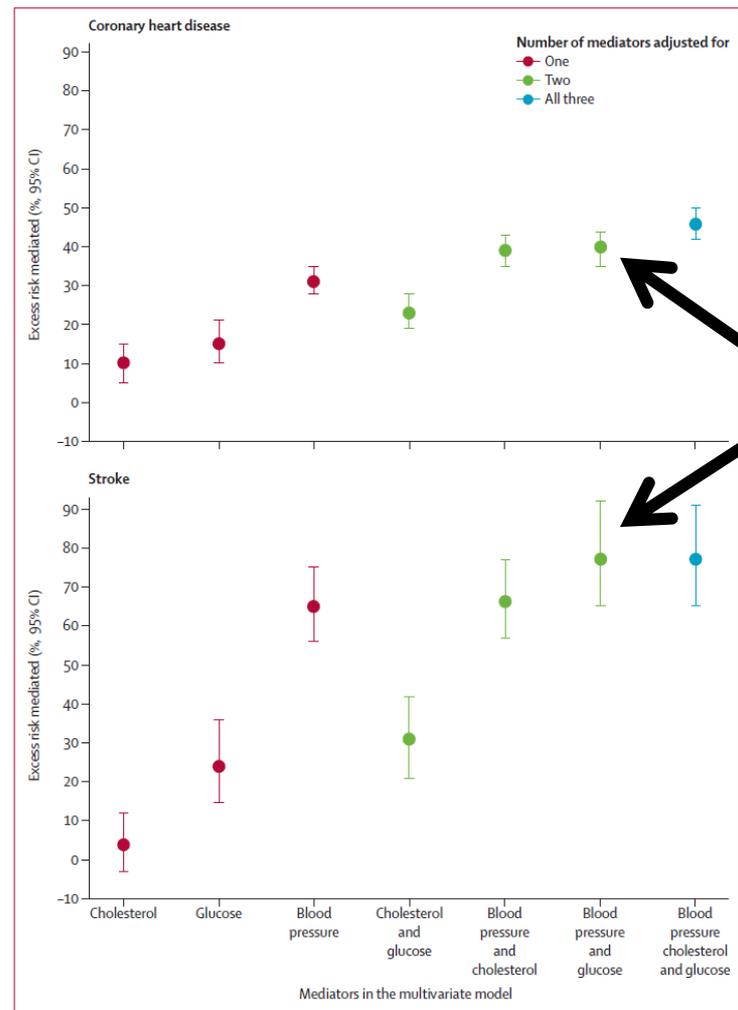


Figure 3: Percentage of excess risk per 5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> higher body-mass index mediated through different combinations of metabolic risk factors in coronary heart disease and stroke

**Insulin Resistance:  
Two Keys to Understanding its Role in Vascular Disease**

**Insulin resistance implies (induces, is accompanied by)  
*hyperinsulinaemia***

**Insulin:  
*not just a glucose – regulating hormone***

# Hypertension and Dyslipidaemia in Obesity

***insulin resistance plus***

***hyperinsulinaemia***

- ↓ dilation of small and large arteries, and ↑ arterial stiffening
- ↑ activity of sympathetic nervous system and RAAS
- ↑ renal sodium retention

***adipokines (RAAS, leptin)***

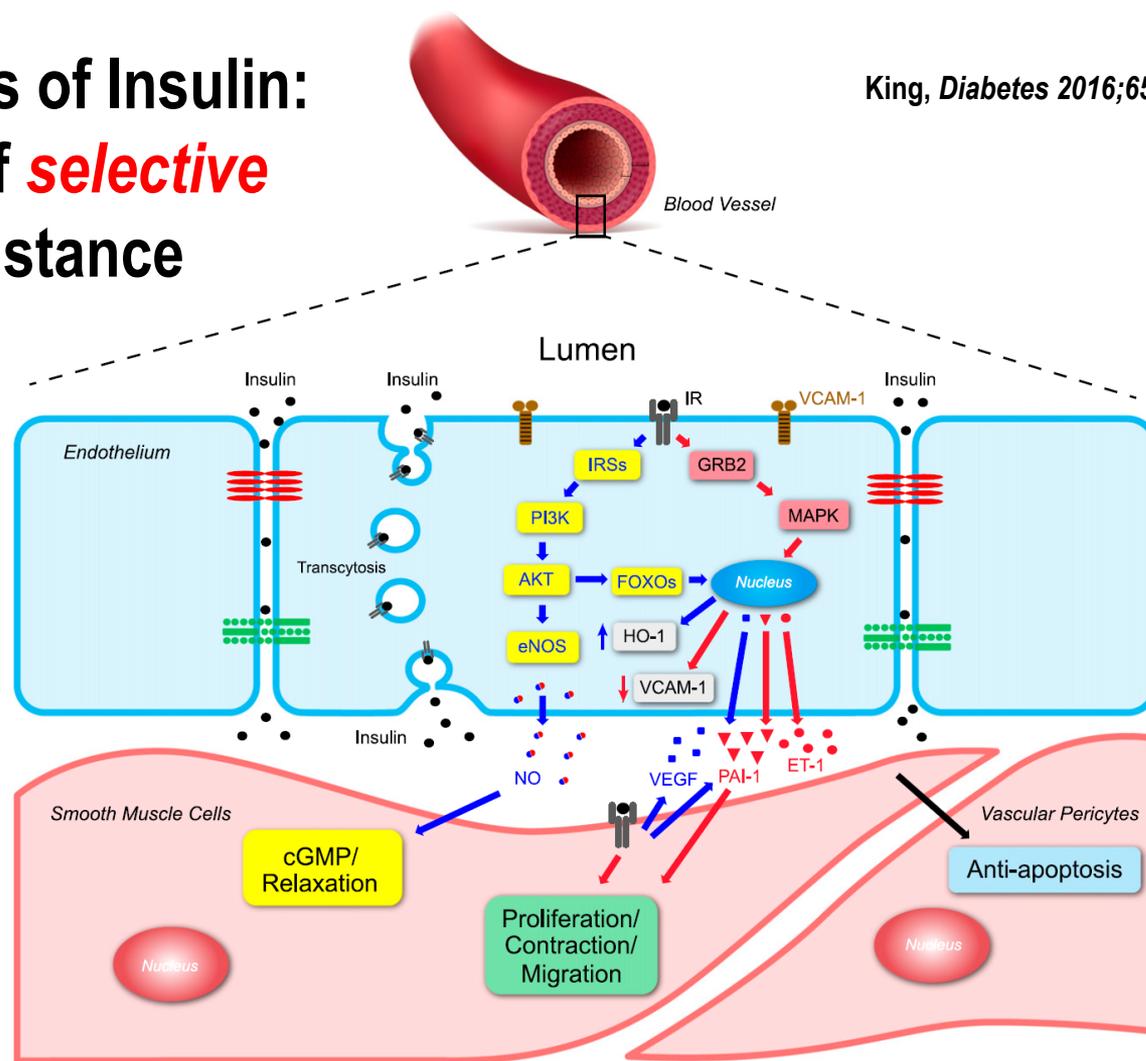
***hypertriglyceridaemia: central role***

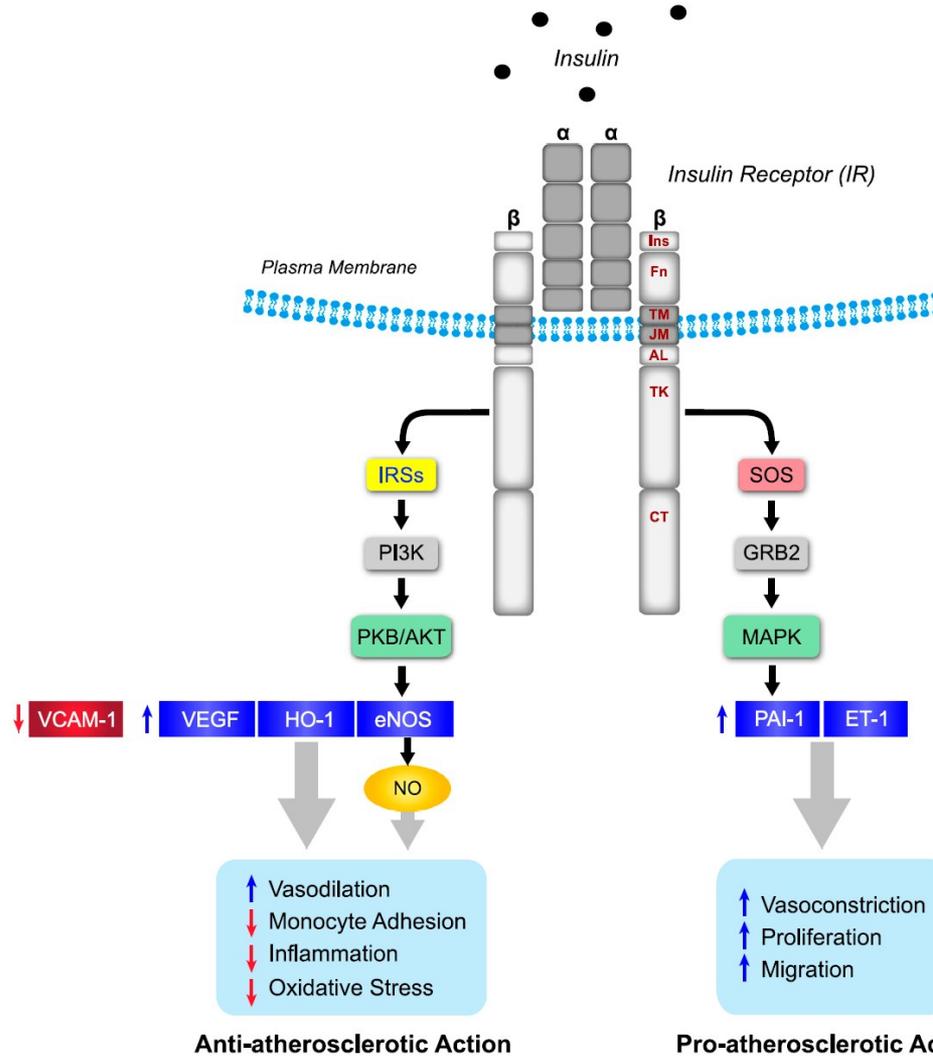
- ↑ adipose tissue lipolysis
- ↑ hepatic apo B and VLDL secretion
- ↓ lipoprotein lipase

***low HDL-c and high small dense LDL follow from high TGs***

# Vascular Effects of Insulin: the concept of *selective* insulin resistance

King, *Diabetes* 2016;65:1462



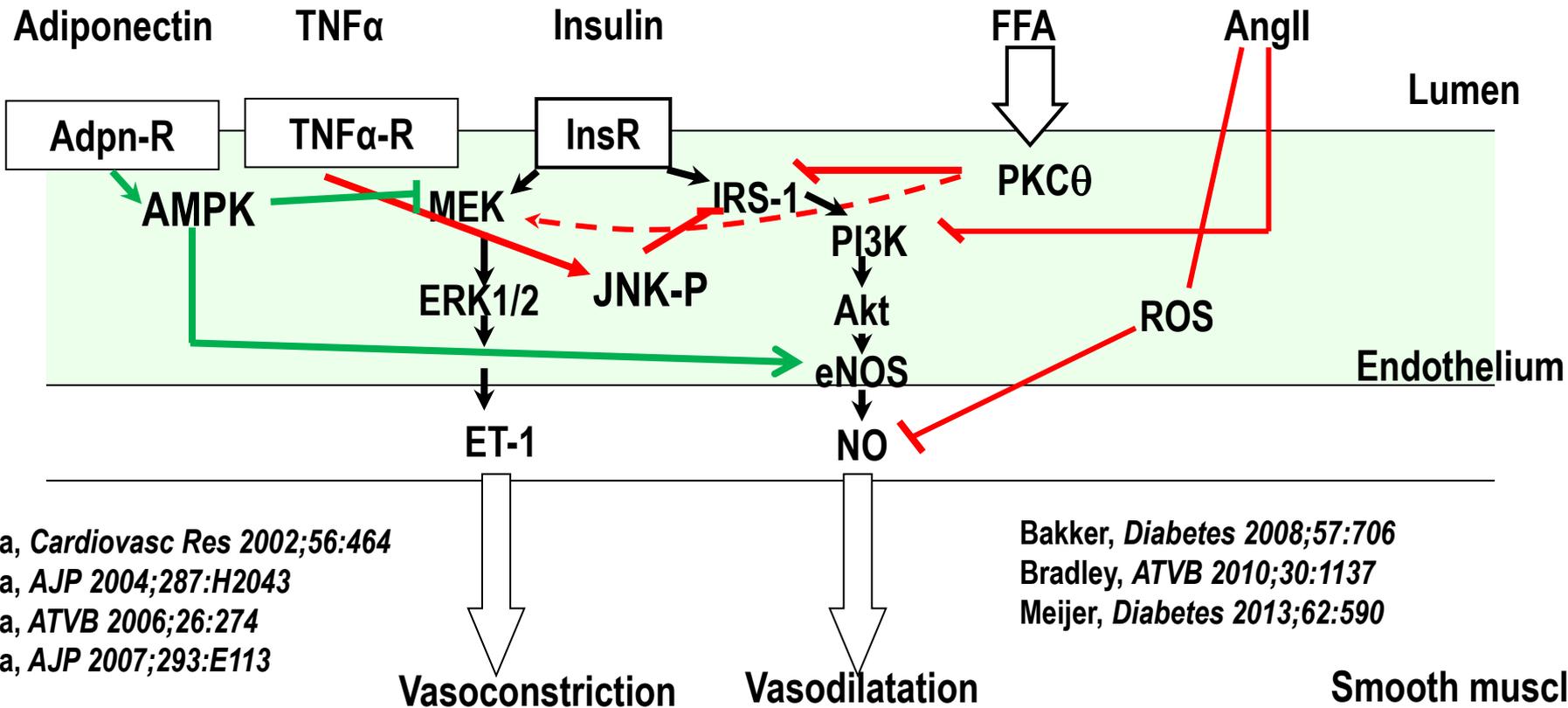


**Anti-atherosclerotic Action**

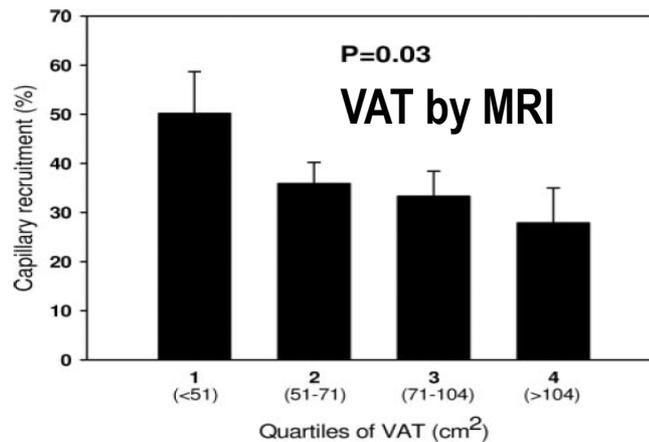
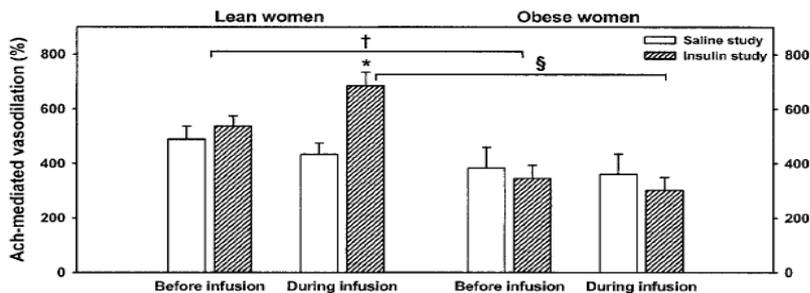
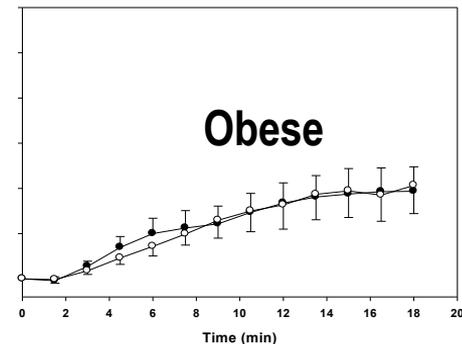
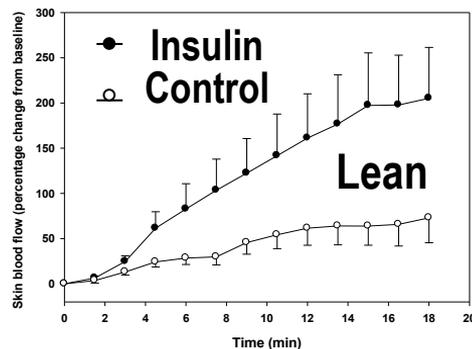
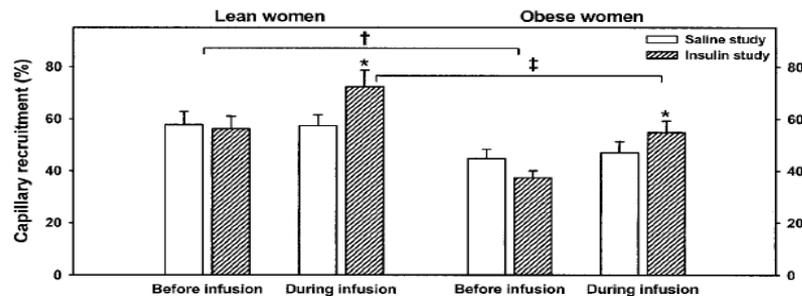
**Pro-atherosclerotic Action**



# Regulation of Insulin-Mediated Vasoreactivity by Adiponectin, TNF $\alpha$ , FFAs and AngII

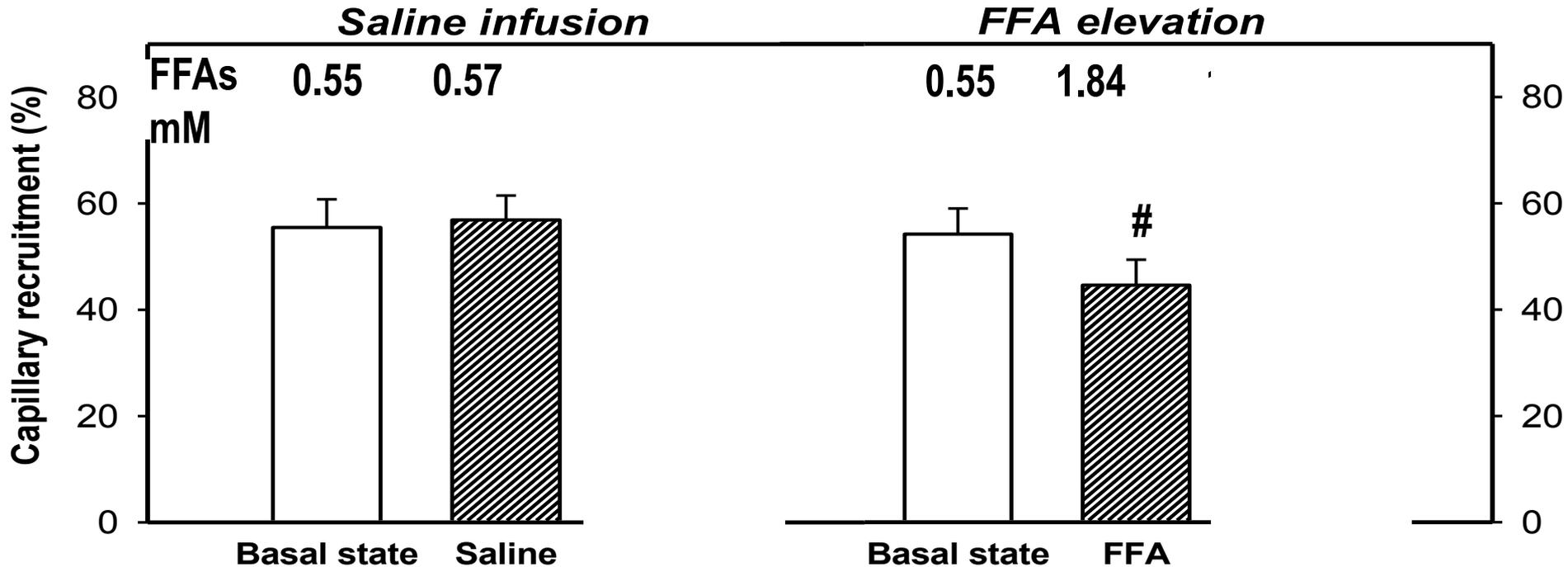


# Microvascular dysfunction in obesity



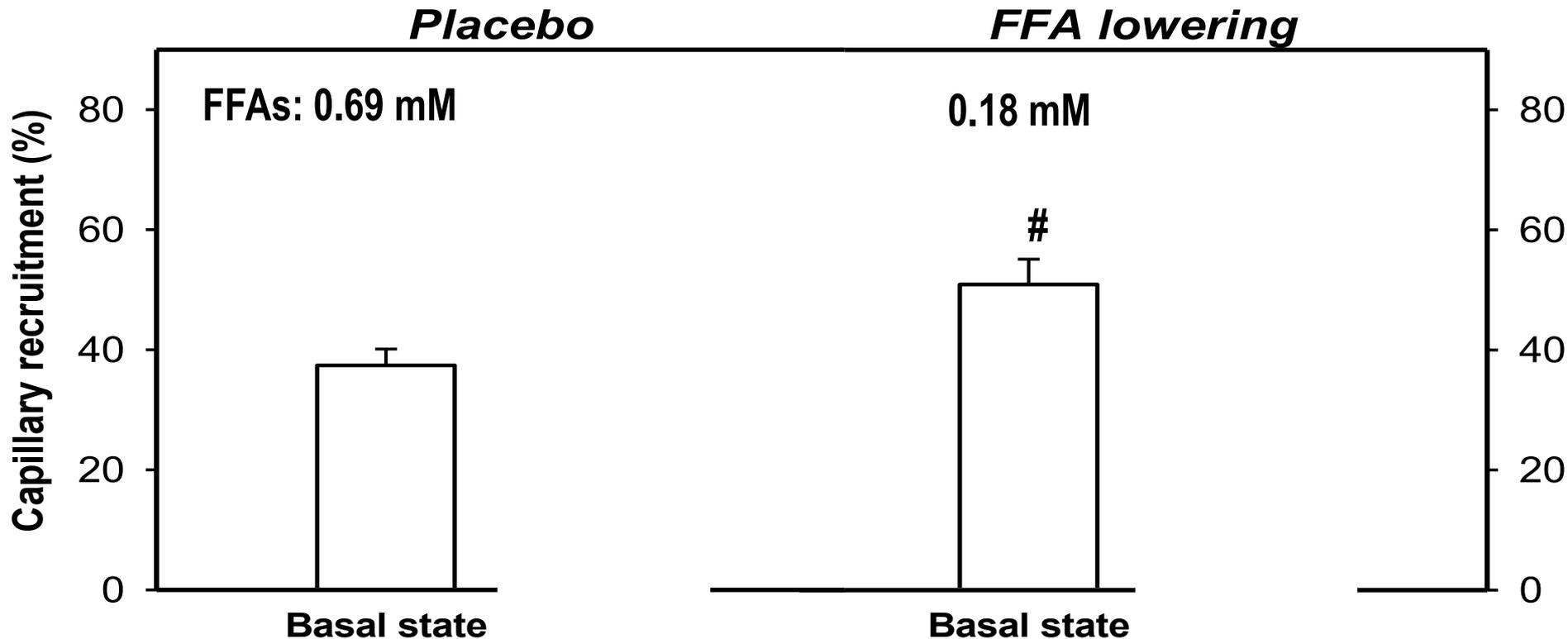
# An Intralipid-Induced Acute (2 – 6h) Increase in FFAs Impairs Capillary Recruitment in Lean Women

De Jongh, *Diabetes* 2004;53:2873



# An Acipimox-Induced Overnight Decrease in FFAs Improves Capillary Recruitment in Obese Women

De Jongh, *Diabetes* 2004;53:2873



# Weight loss improves whole – body glucose disposal in part through improvement of microvascular function

Lean N = 25

BMI = 23.3

Obese N = 50

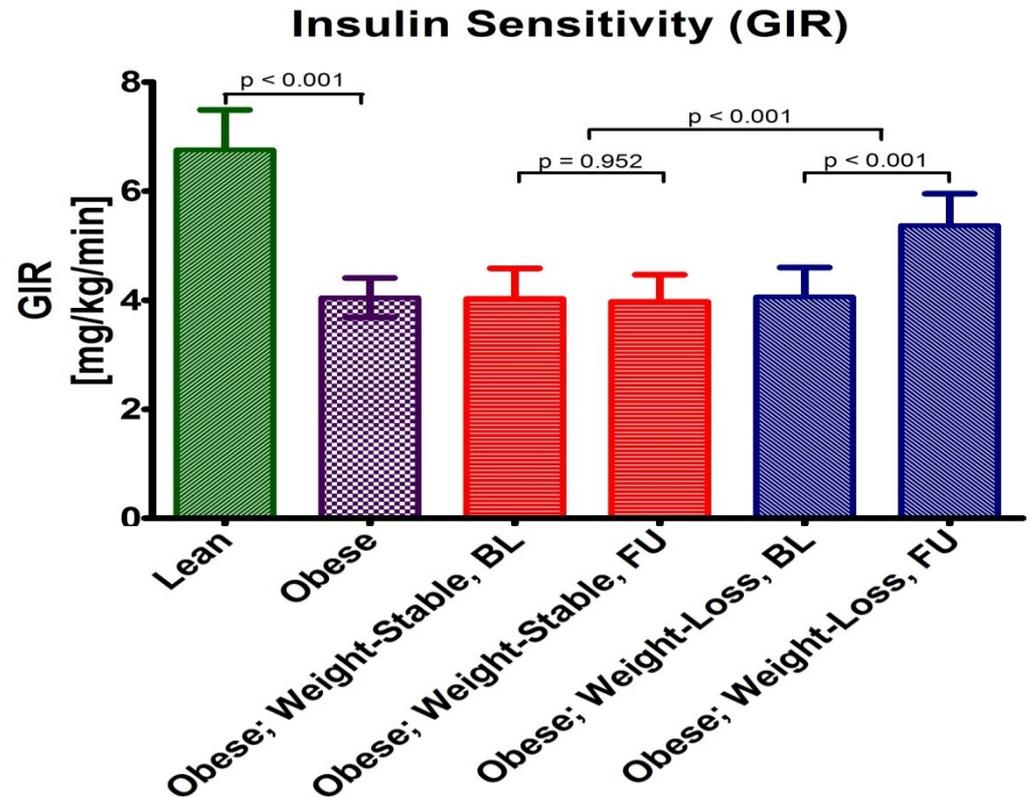
Weight stable N = 26

BMI = 29.9 → 30.0

Weight loss N = 24

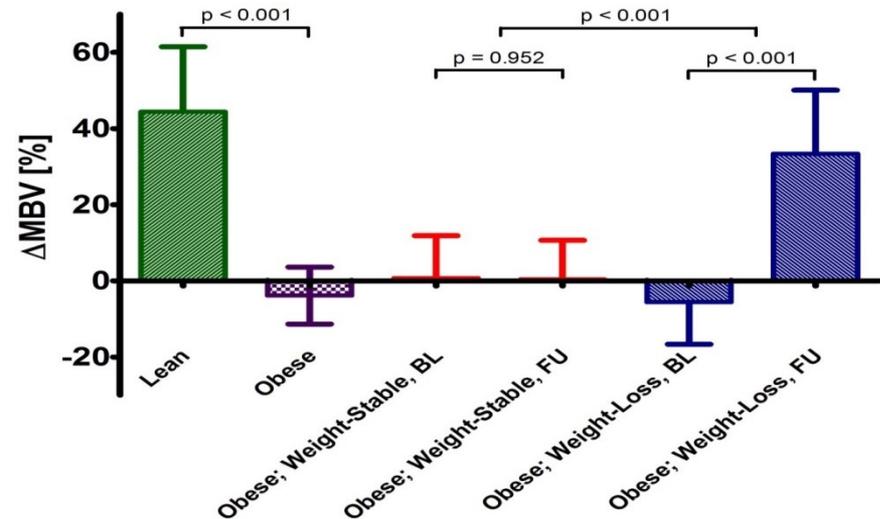
BMI = 30.0 → 27.0

mean 9.8 kg

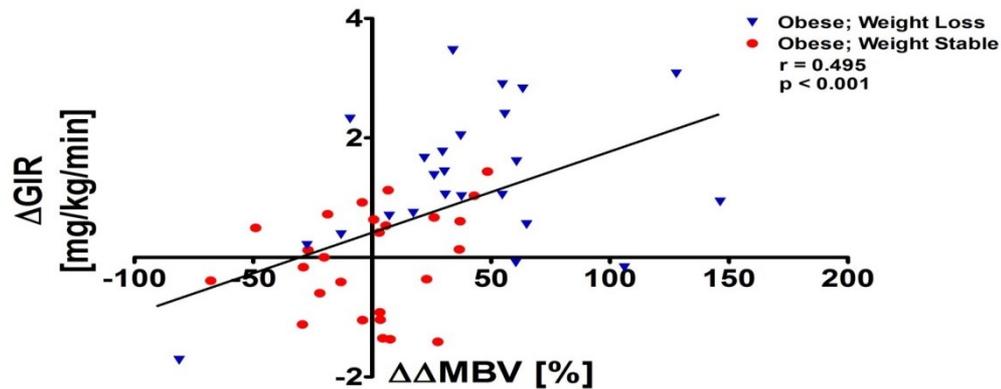


# Weight loss improves insulin-induced muscle microvascular recruitment

## Insulin induced $\Delta$ MBV



## $\Delta\Delta$ MBV vs $\Delta$ GIR

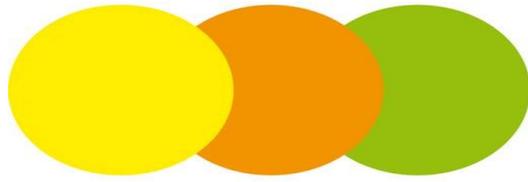


# Hyperglykemie

# Prediabetes

Table 1. Classification criteria of glucose metabolism status (WHO 2006)

	2h post OGTT glucose (mmol/L)		
Fasting plasma glucose (mmol/L)	< 7.8	7.8 - 11.1	≥ 11.1
< 6.1	Normal (NGM)	IGT (Prediabetes)	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)
6.1 - 7.0	IFG (Prediabetes)	IFG + IGT (Prediabetes)	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)
≥ 7.0	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)



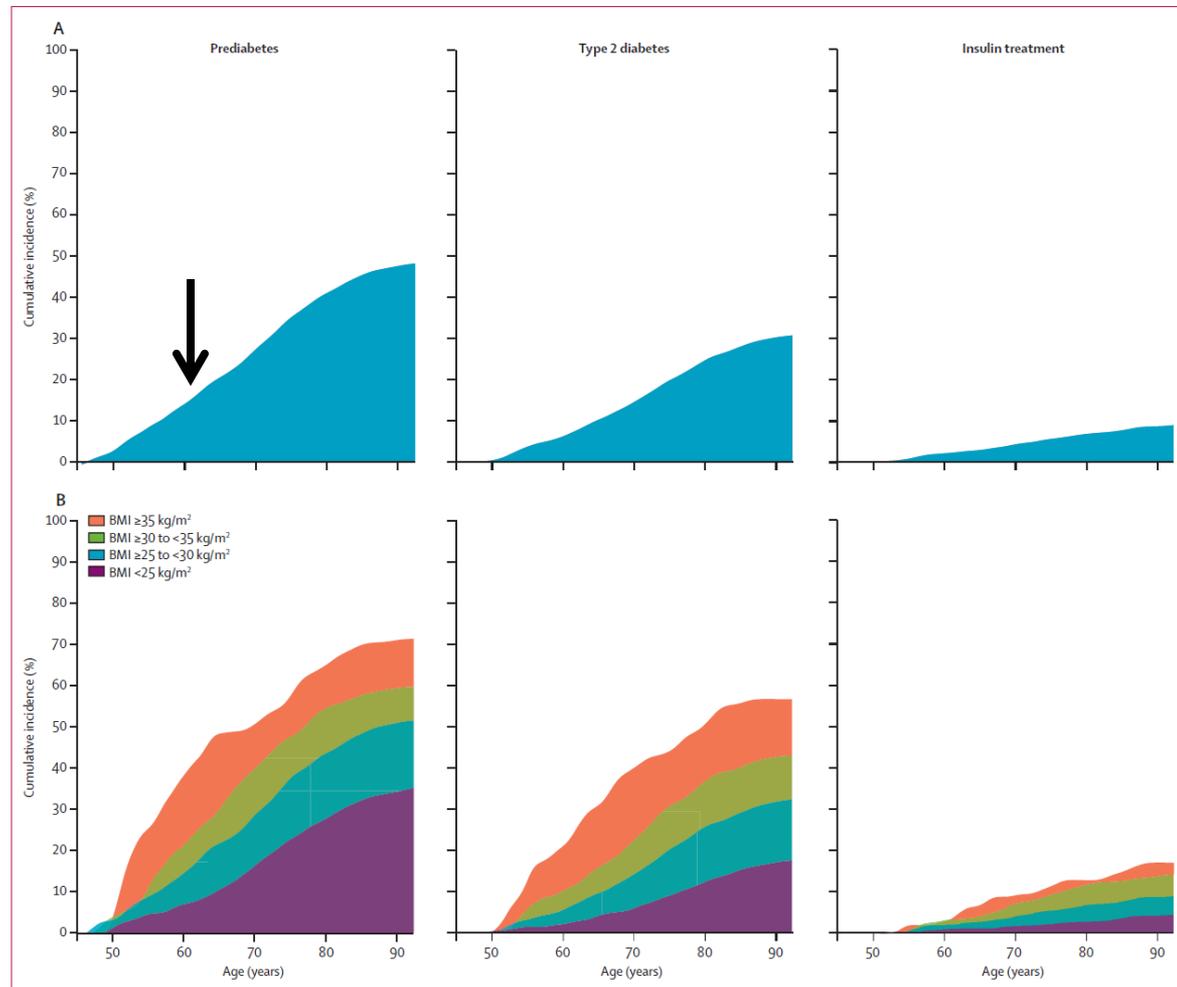
# DE MAASTRICHT STUDIE

**Prediabetes affects ~ 25% of individuals 40 – 75 years of age**

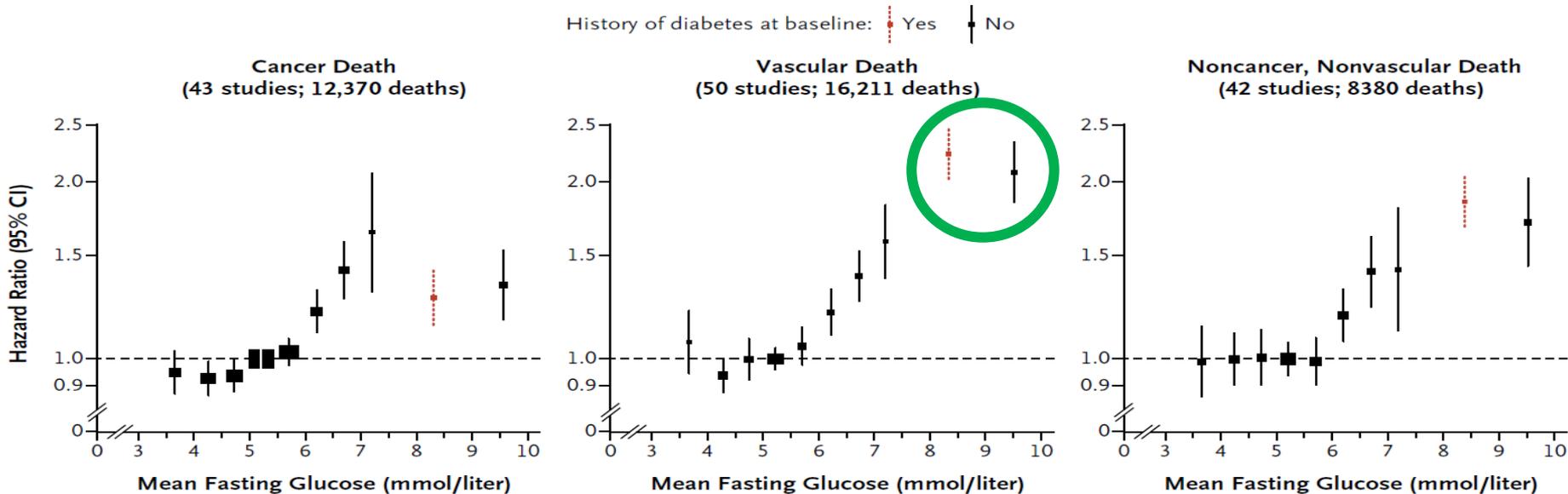


**Lifetime risk  
at age 45 y is ~50%**

**Ligthart (Rotterdam Study),  
*Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2016;4:44***

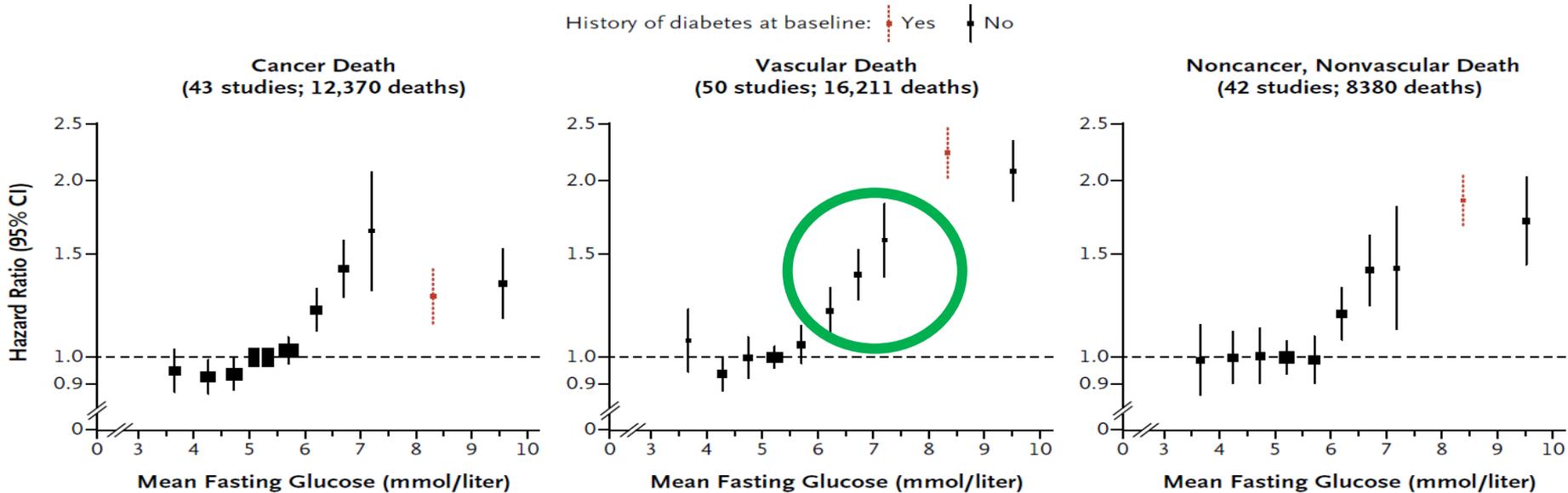


**Figure 2:** Lifetime risk of prediabetes, type 2 diabetes, and use of insulin treatment in individuals aged 45 years, adjusted for the competing risk of death (A) Cumulative incidence of prediabetes (fasting glucose  $> 6.0$  mmol/L), type 2 diabetes (fasting glucose  $\geq 7.0$  mmol/L or use of glucose-lowering drug), and insulin use in all individuals aged 45 years, adjusted for the competing risk of death. (B) Cumulative incidences of prediabetes, type 2 diabetes, and insulin use in individuals aged 45 years, adjusted for the competing risk of death, by BMI.



**Adjusted for age, sex, systolic blood pressure, lipids, inflammation, estimated glomerular filtration rate, smoking, body mass index, socio-economic status, lifestyle**

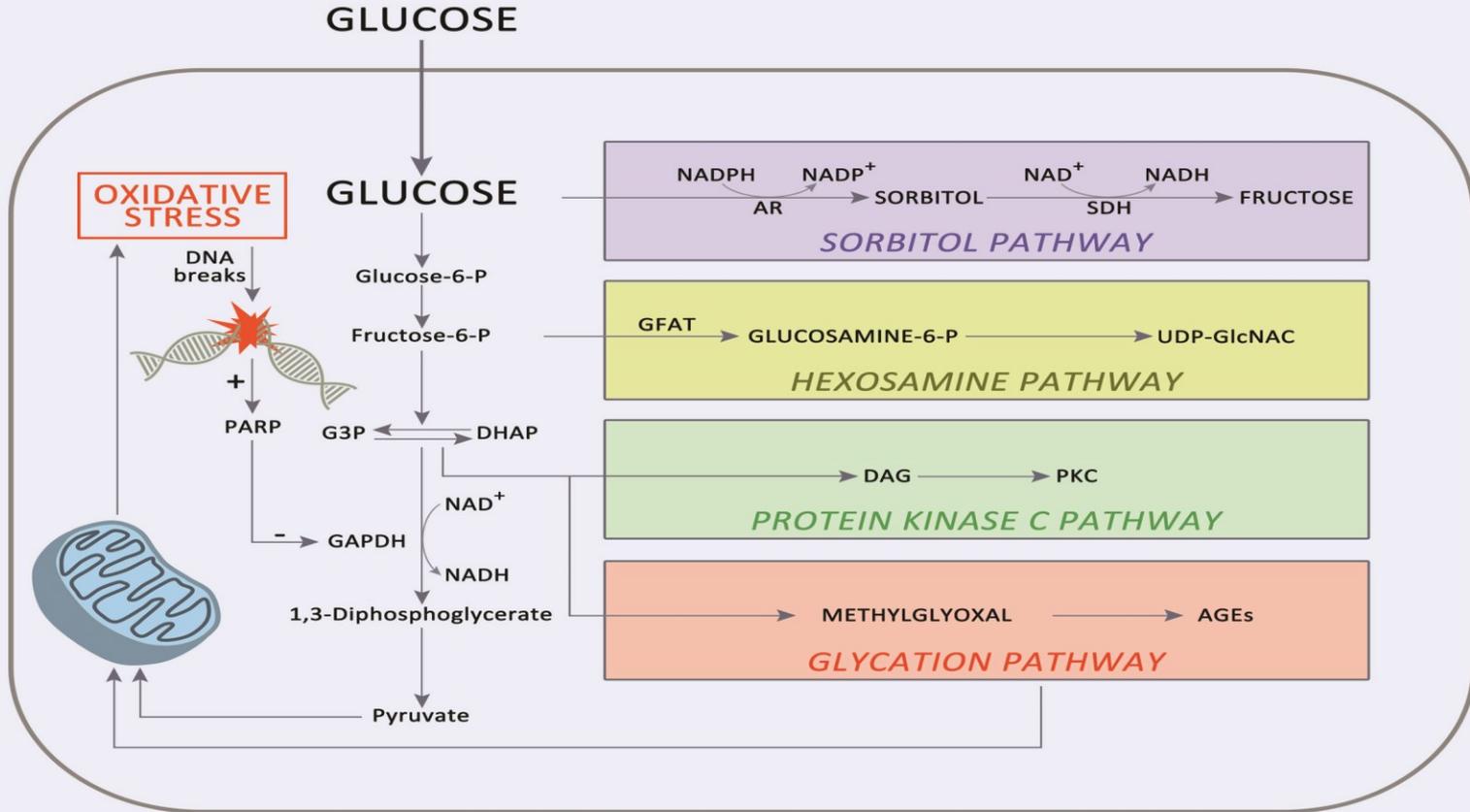
**Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration, N Engl J Med 2011;364:829**



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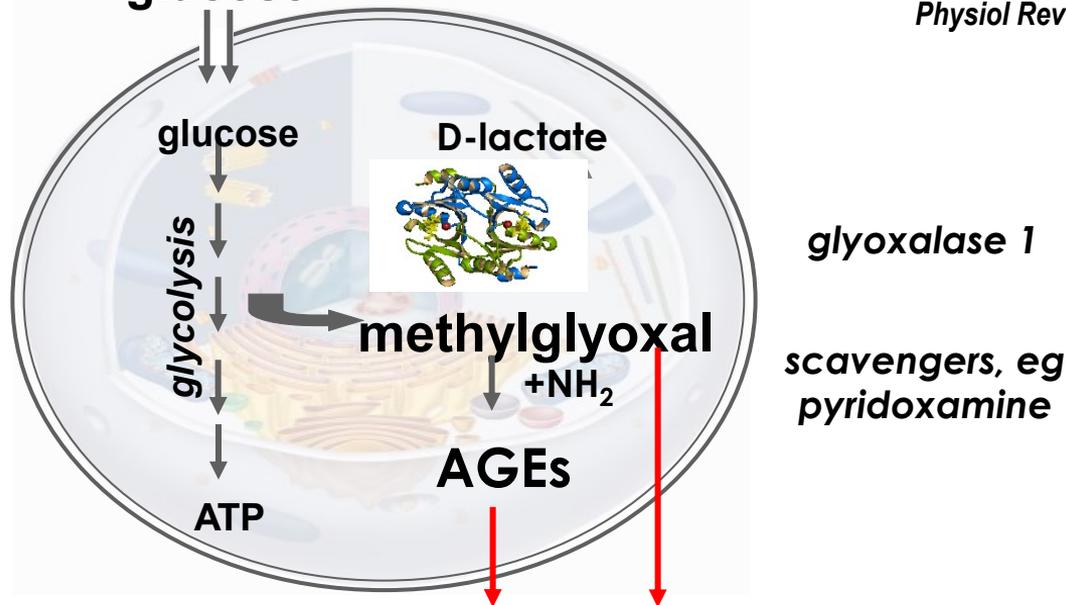
# Microvascular Endothelial and Neural Cells



# Targeting methylglyoxal

(pre)diabetes → glucose

Schalkwijk & Stehouwer,  
*Physiol Rev* 2020;100:407

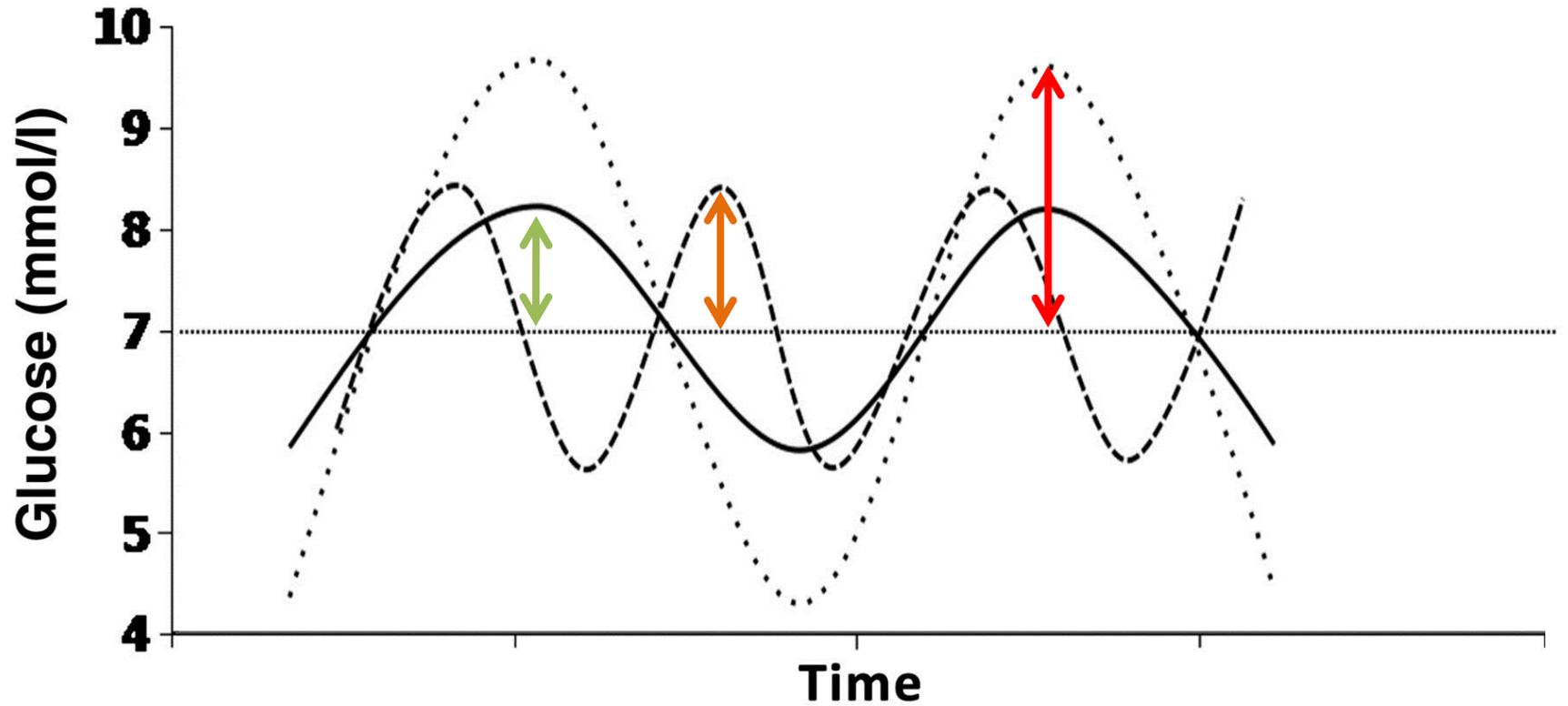


**Microvascular dysfunction**

Oxidative stress; reduced NO bioavailability  
Protein glycation  
DNA glycation

*Brouwers et al. Diabetologia. 2010*  
*Brouwers et al. J Biol Chem 2011*  
*Berner et al. Diabetologia. 2012*  
*Van Eupen et al. Diabetologia 2013*  
*Brouwers et al. Diabetologia 2014*  
*Giacco F et al. Diabetes 2014*

# Glucose Variability

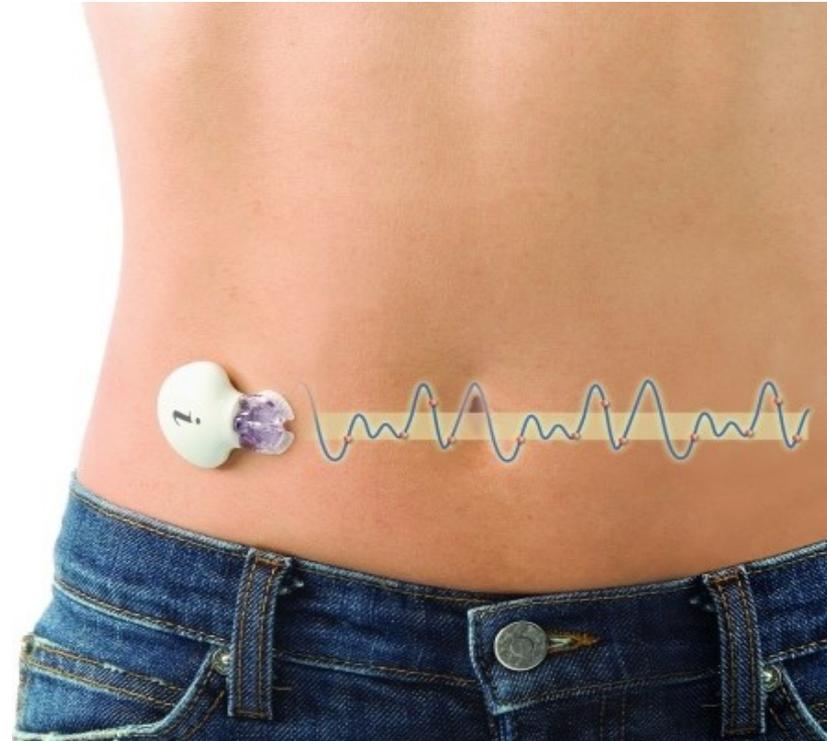


# Continuous Glucose Monitoring



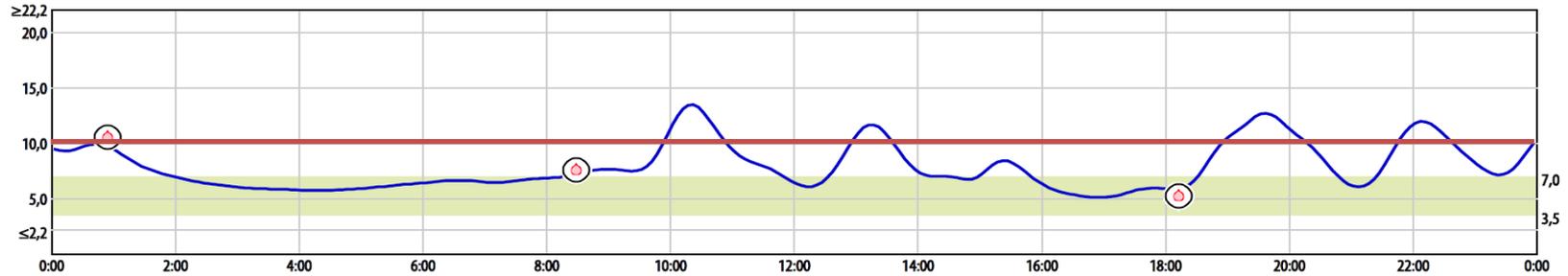
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**iPro<sup>2</sup>**  
Professional CGM

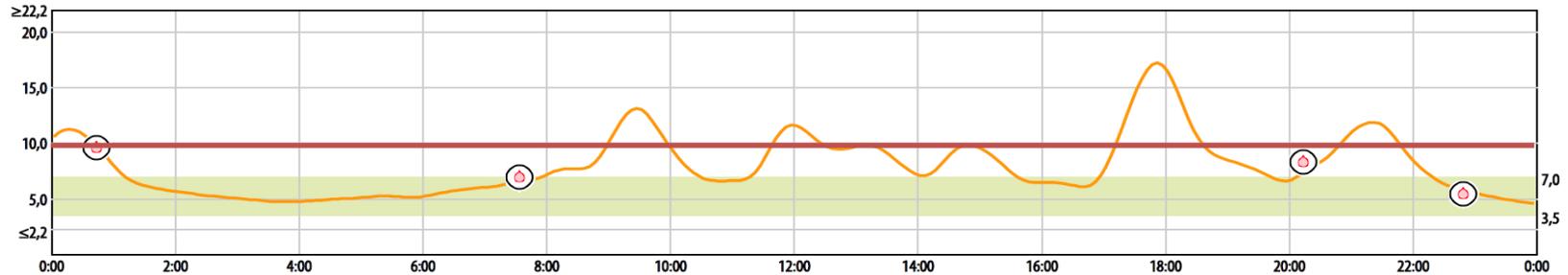


# Type 2 diabetes

Fri 28-Apr (mmol/L) Sensor —



Sat 29-Apr (mmol/L) Sensor —



Fasting plasma  
glucose, mmol/L

7.1

HbA<sub>1c</sub>,  
mmol/mol

48

Time > 10 mmol/L,  
h/day

4.4

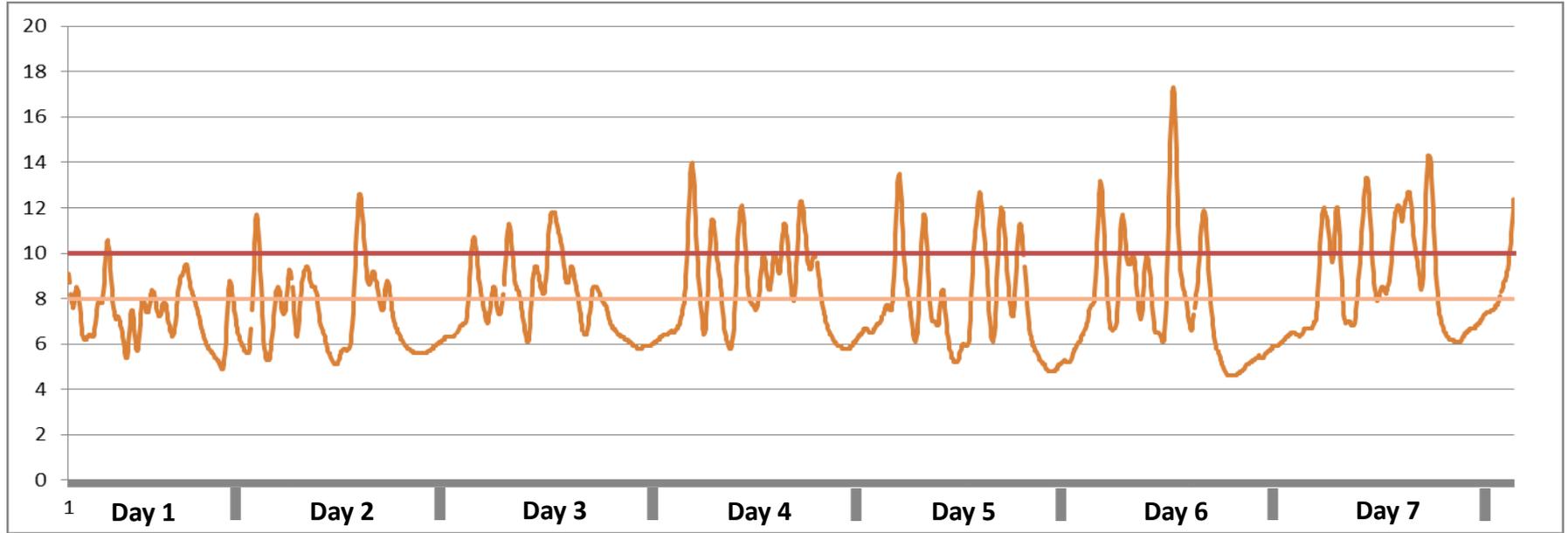
Mean glucose,  
mmol/L

8.0

Glucose variability  
(SD), mmol/L

2.2

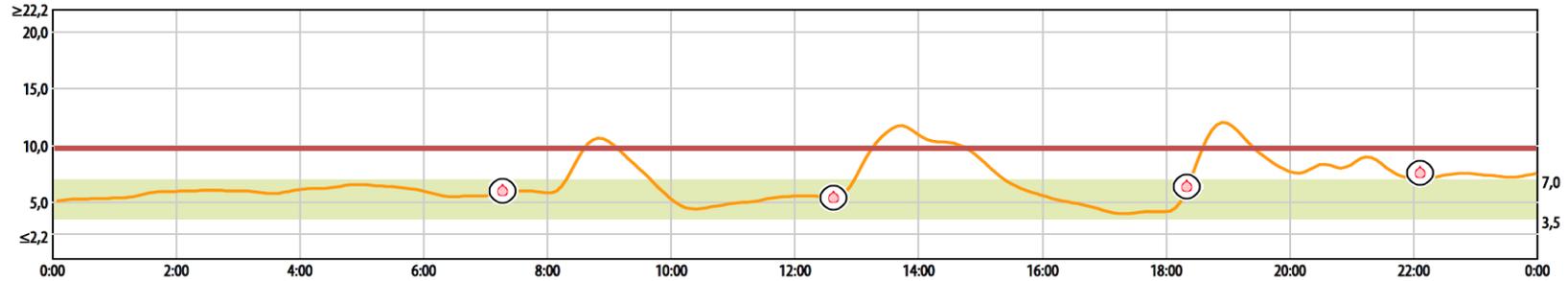
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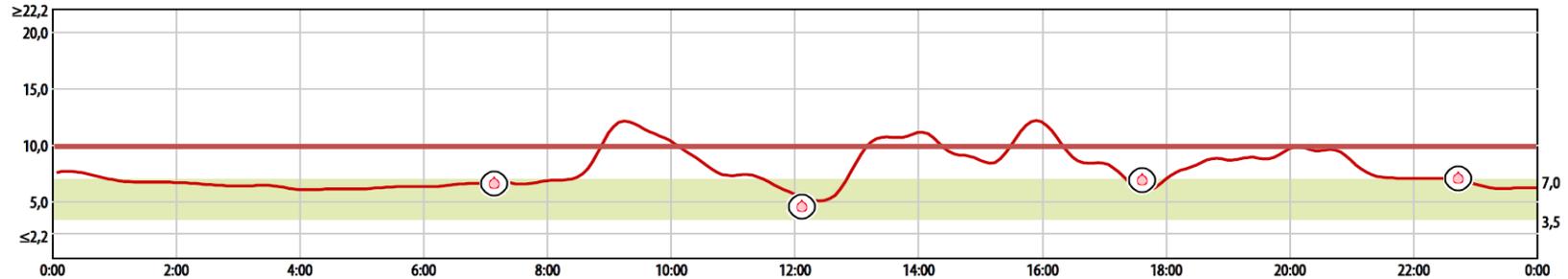
Fasting plasma glucose, mmol/L	7.1	HbA <sub>1c</sub> , mmol/mol	48	Time > 10 mmol/L, h/day	4.4	Mean glucose, mmol/L	8.0	Glucose variability (SD), mmol/L	2.2
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# Prediabetes

Sat 19-May (mmol/L) Sensor —



Sun 20-May (mmol/L) Sensor —



Fasting plasma  
glucose, mmol/L

4.8

HbA<sub>1c</sub>,  
mmol/mol

37

Time > 10 mmol/L,  
min/day

136

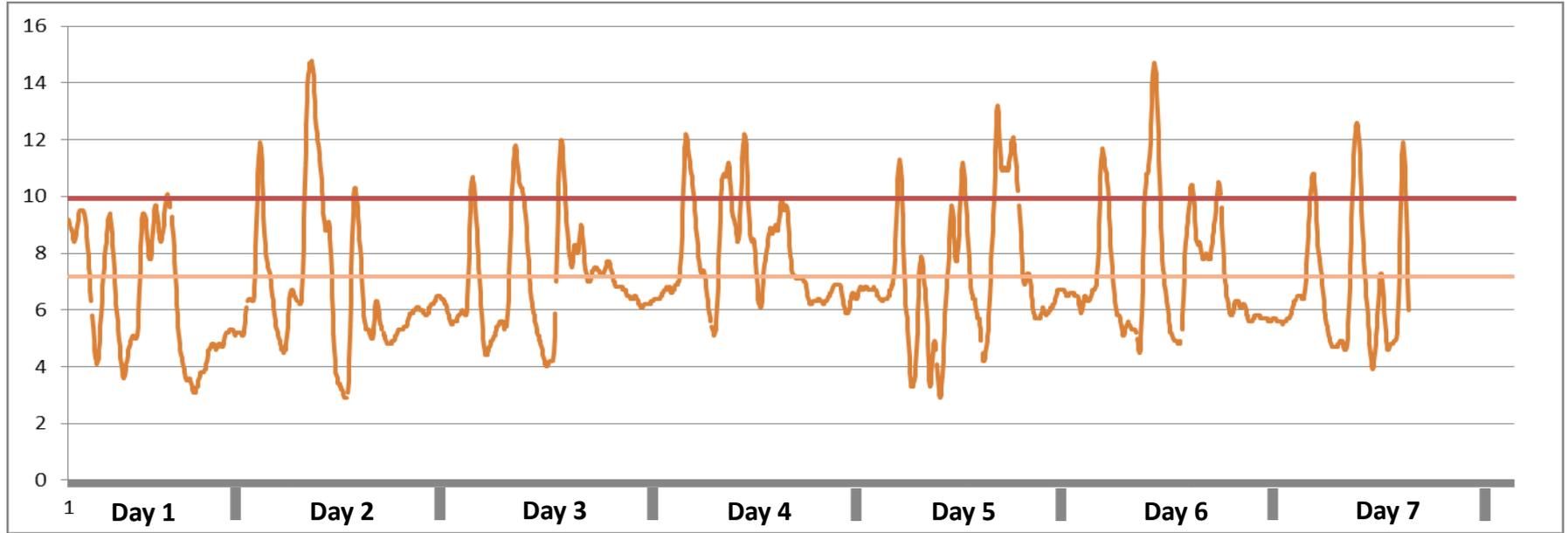
Mean glucose,  
mmol/L

7.1

Glucose variability  
(SD), mmol/L

1.9

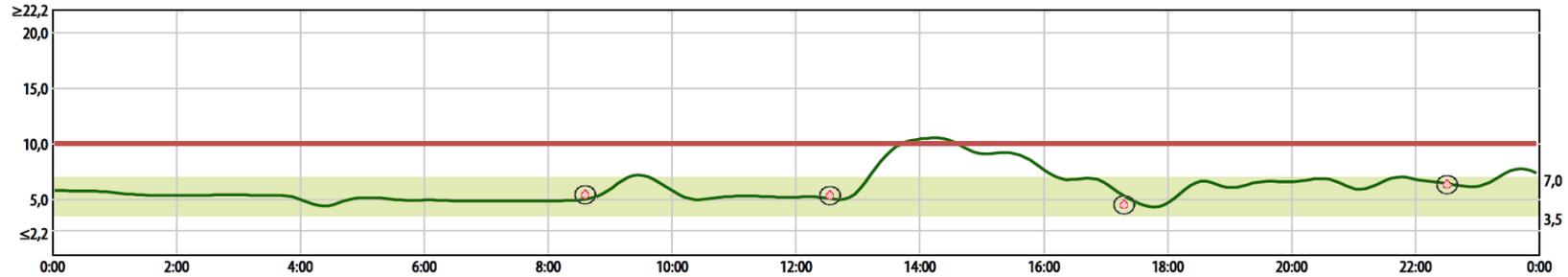
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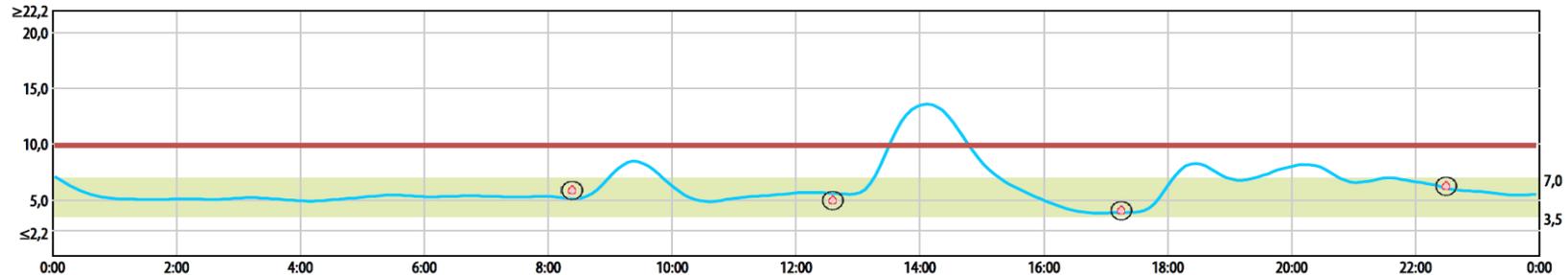
Fasting plasma glucose, mmol/L	4.8	HbA <sub>1c</sub> , mmol/mol	37	Time > 10 mmol/L, min/day	136	Mean glucose, mmol/L	7.1	Glucose variability (SD), mmol/L	1.9
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# Normal glucose metabolism

Mon 8-Jan (mmol/L) Sensor —

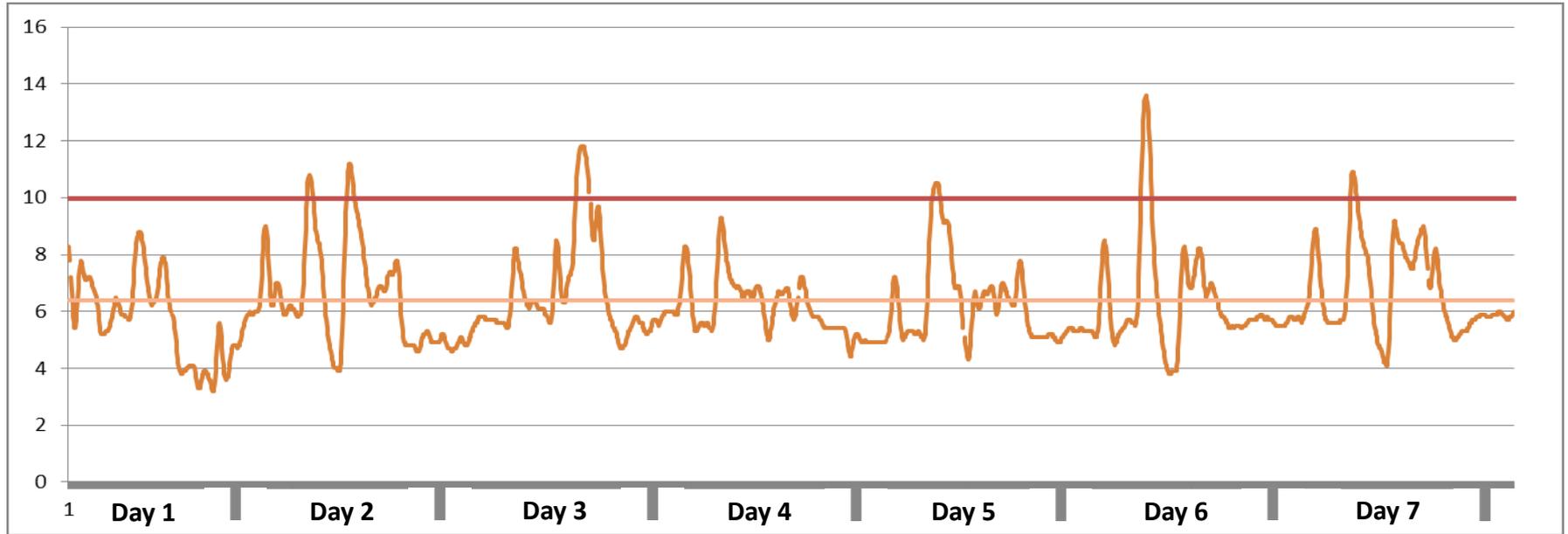


Tue 9-Jan (mmol/L) Sensor —



Fasting plasma glucose, mmol/L	5.4	HbA <sub>1c</sub> , mmol/mol	38	Time > 10 mmol/L, min/day	60	Mean glucose, mmol/L	6.4	Glucose variability (SD), mmol/L	1.6
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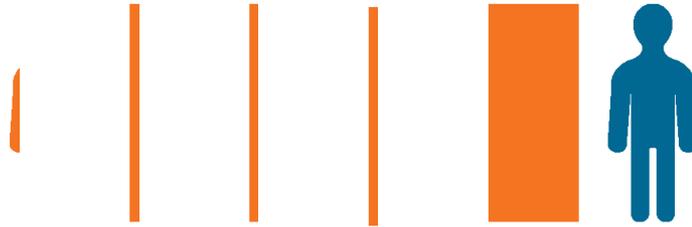
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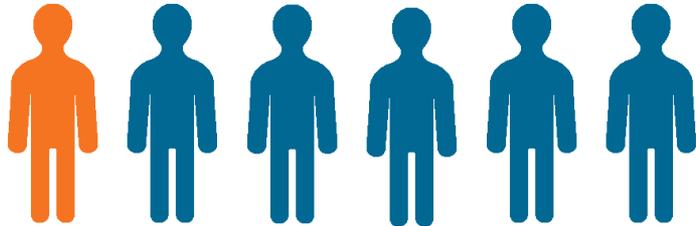
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# Observed glucose values > 10 mmol/L

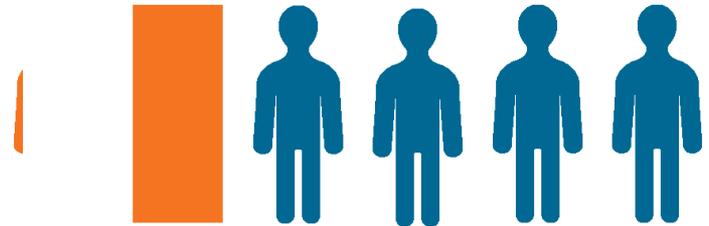
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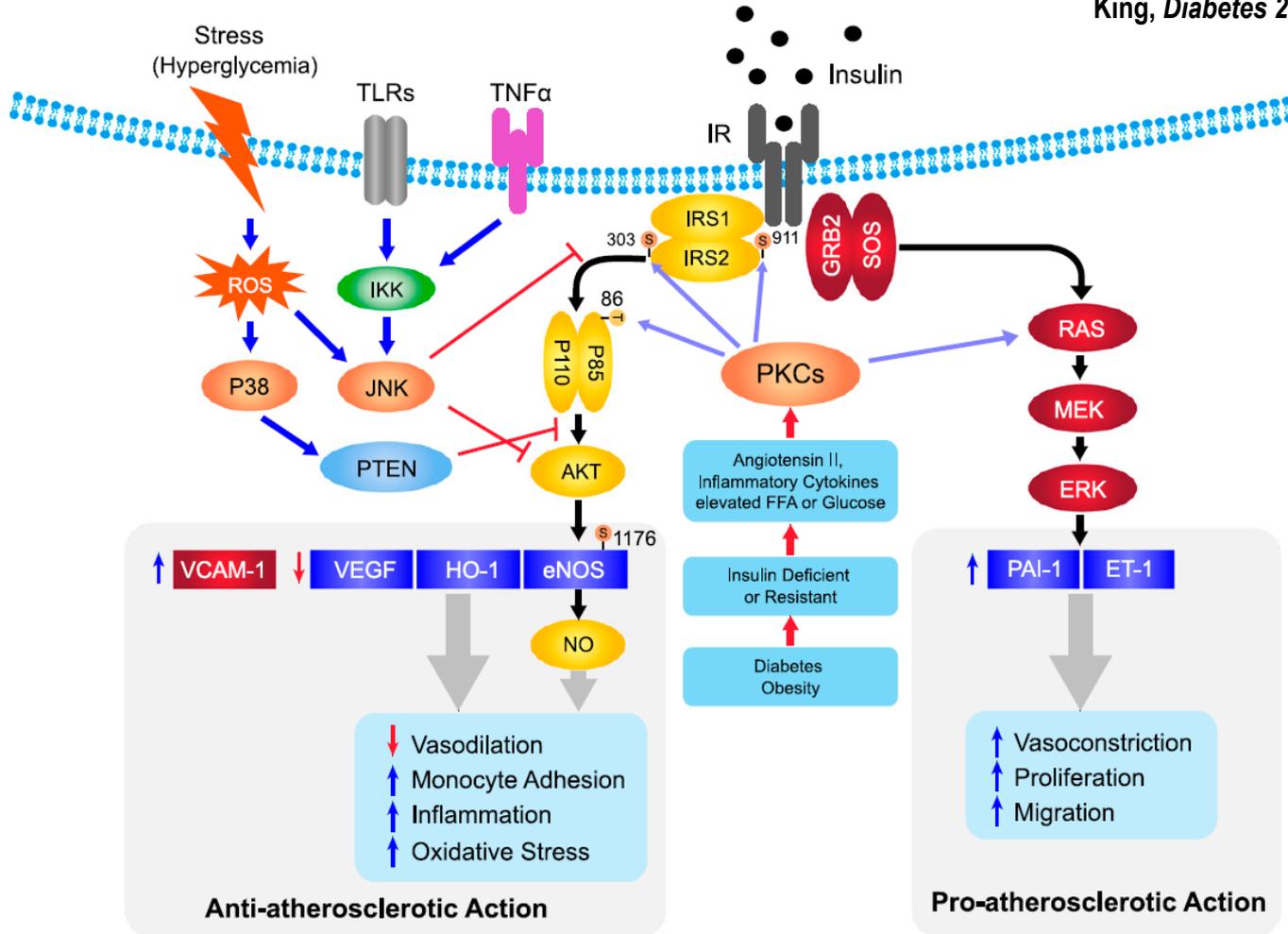


## Normal glucose metabolism



## Prediabetes

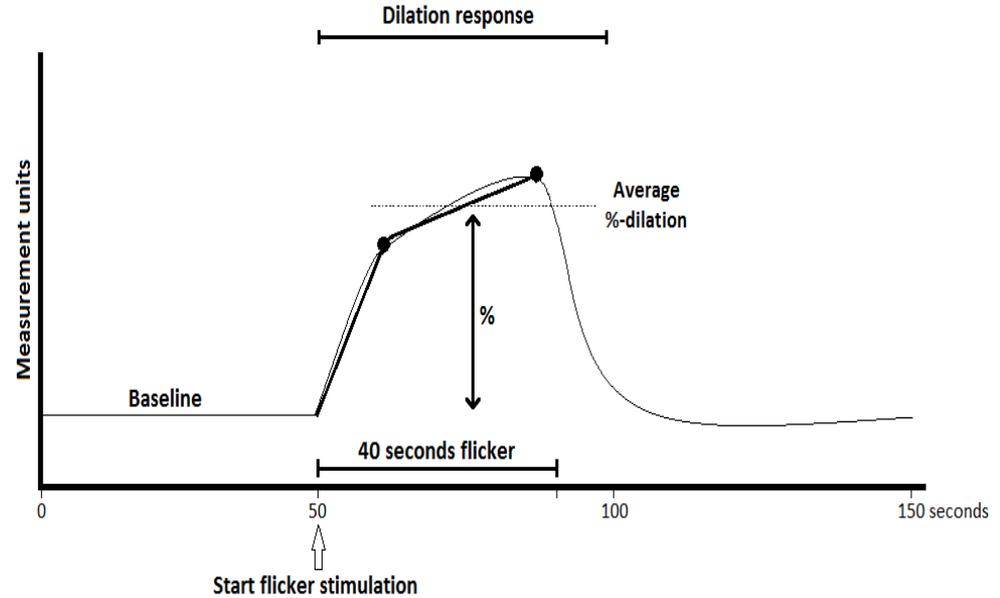
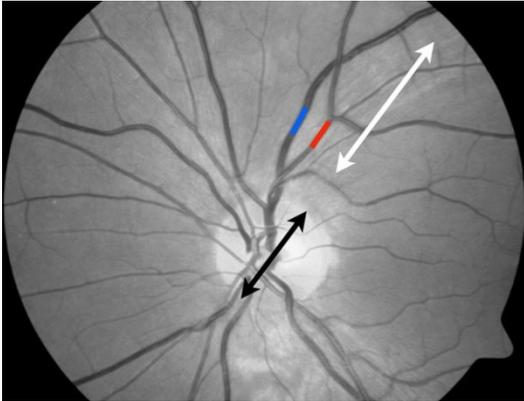




**Diabetes is**  
**a progressive microvascular *and* neuronal disorder**  
**that affects many (all?) organs**

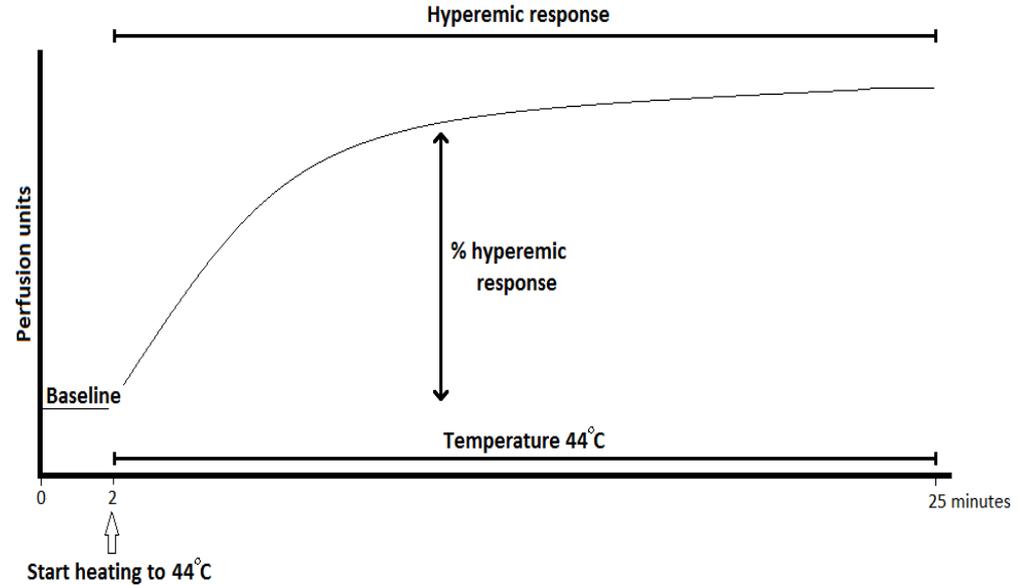
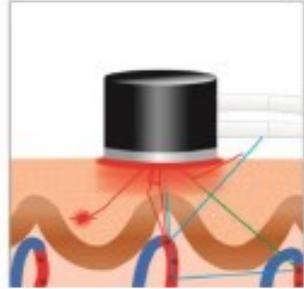
**The 'diabetic process' starts in prediabetes**

# Retinal Dynamic Vessel Analysis



- Retinal vasodilator response to flicker light exposure
  - Increased metabolic demands of retinal neurons
  - NO-dependent response
- %-increase in diameter

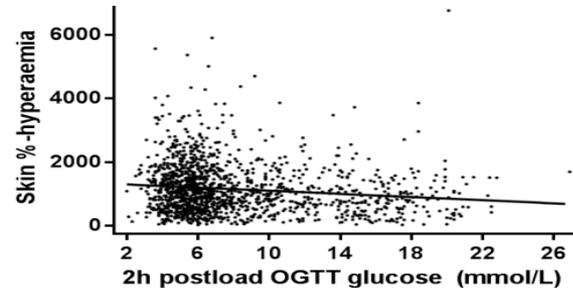
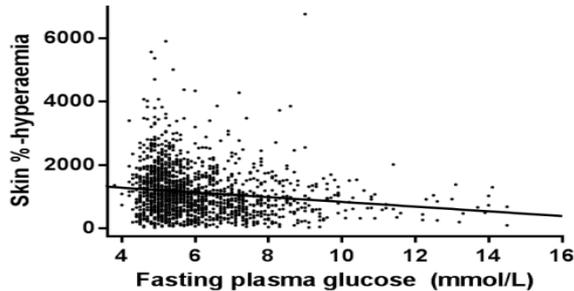
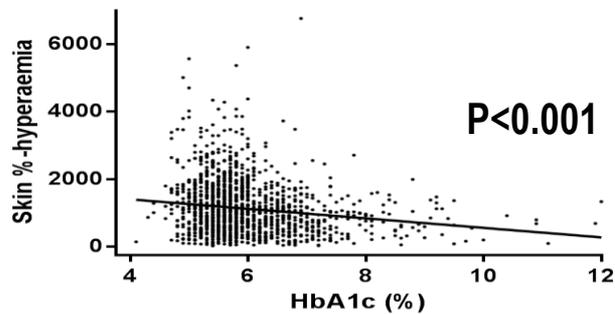
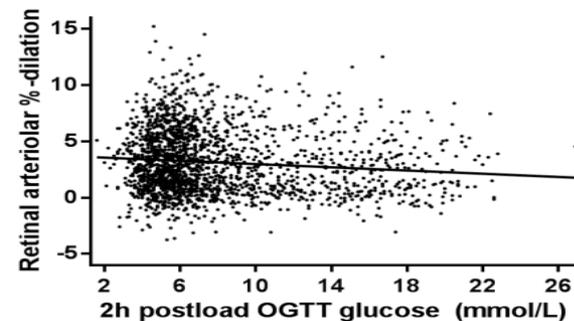
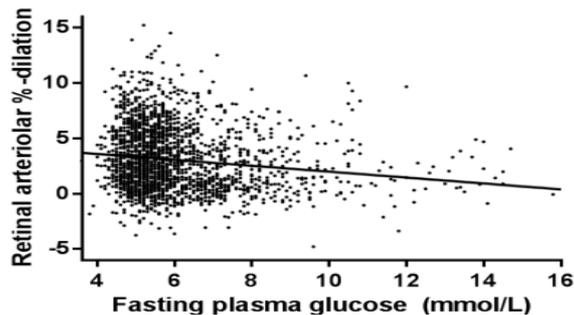
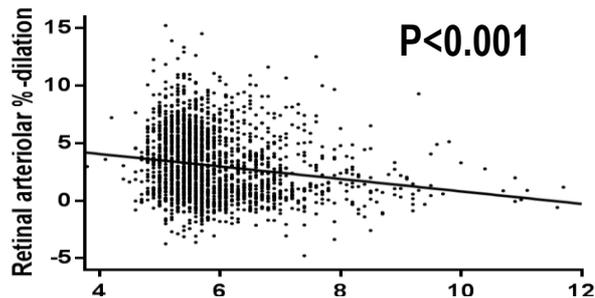
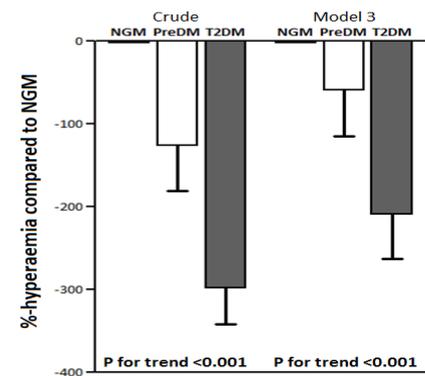
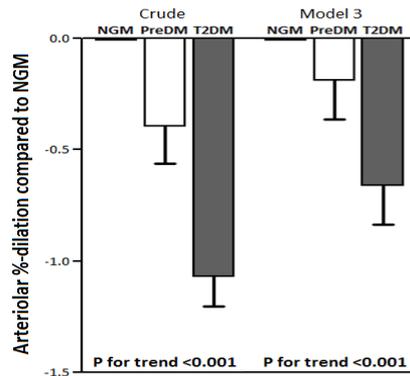
# Skin Laser Doppler Flowmetry



- **Skin vasodilator response to heat exposure**
  - Thermoregulatory function
  - NO-dependent response
- **Heat-induced skin %-hyperaemia**

# These responses are impaired in T2D *and* in prediabetes

Sørensen, *Circulation* 2016;134:1339  
Sørensen, *Diabetes Care* 2017;40:e103

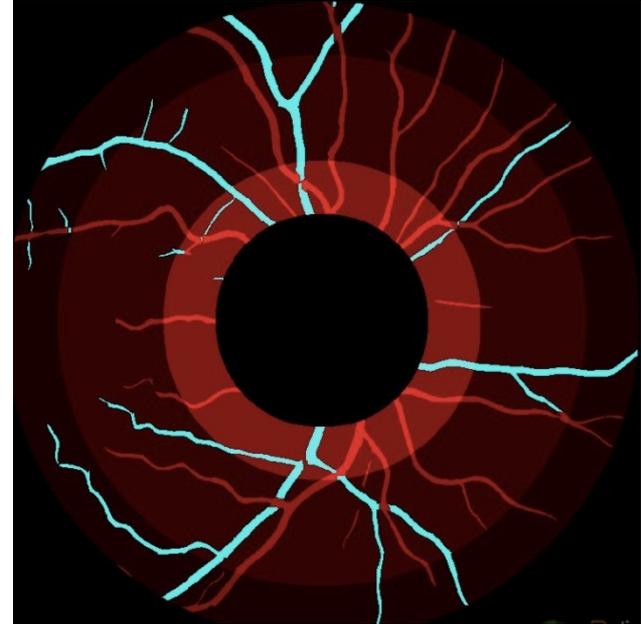


# Retinal arteriolar and venular diameters



Original image of fundus photography

RHINO  
TU/e



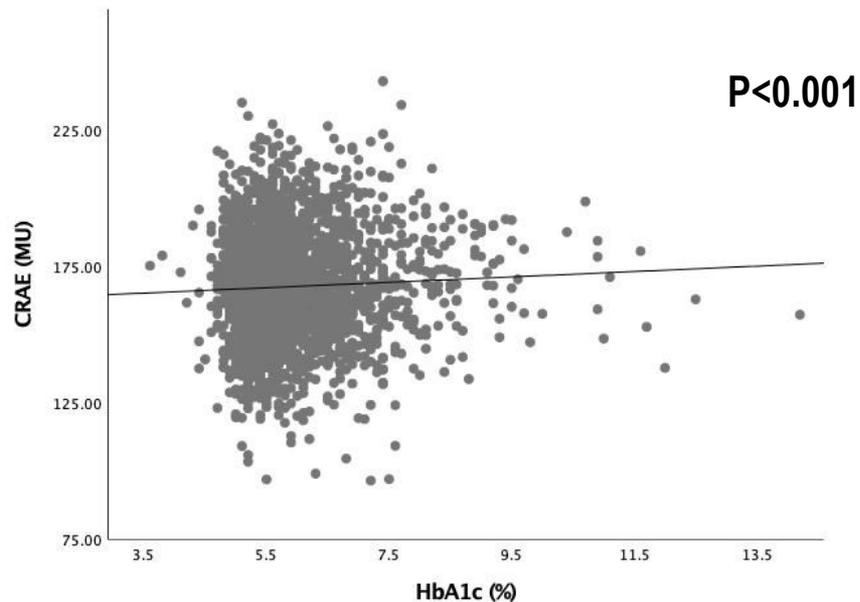
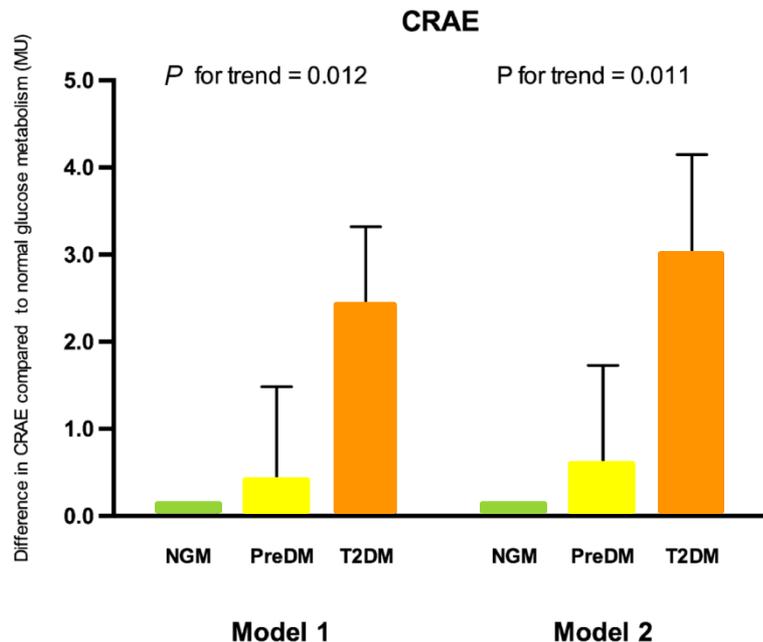
Processed image

# Association of (pre)diabetes and HbA1c with retinal *arteriolar* diameter

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404 prediabetes

778 T2D

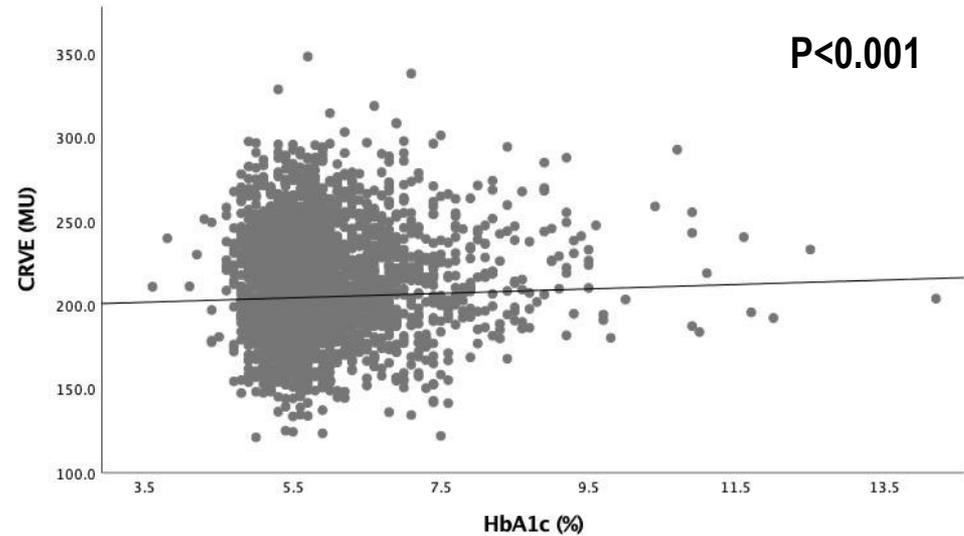
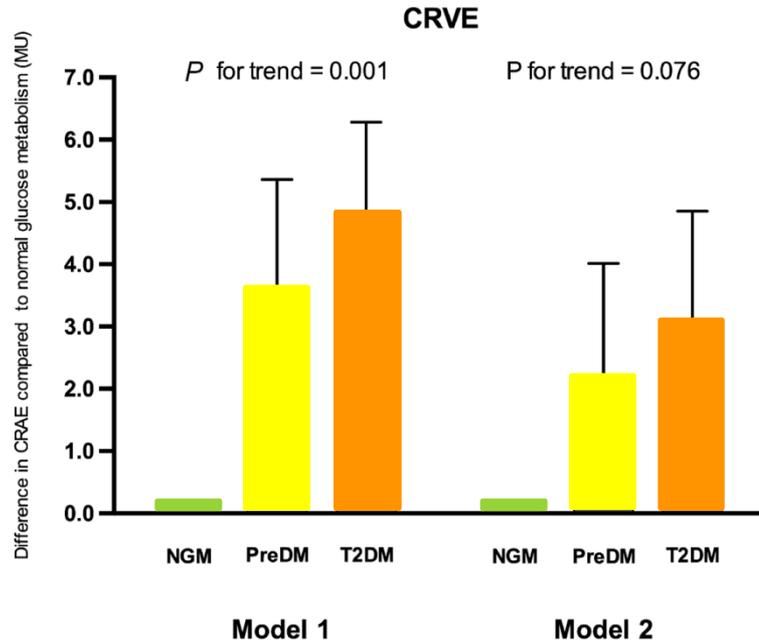


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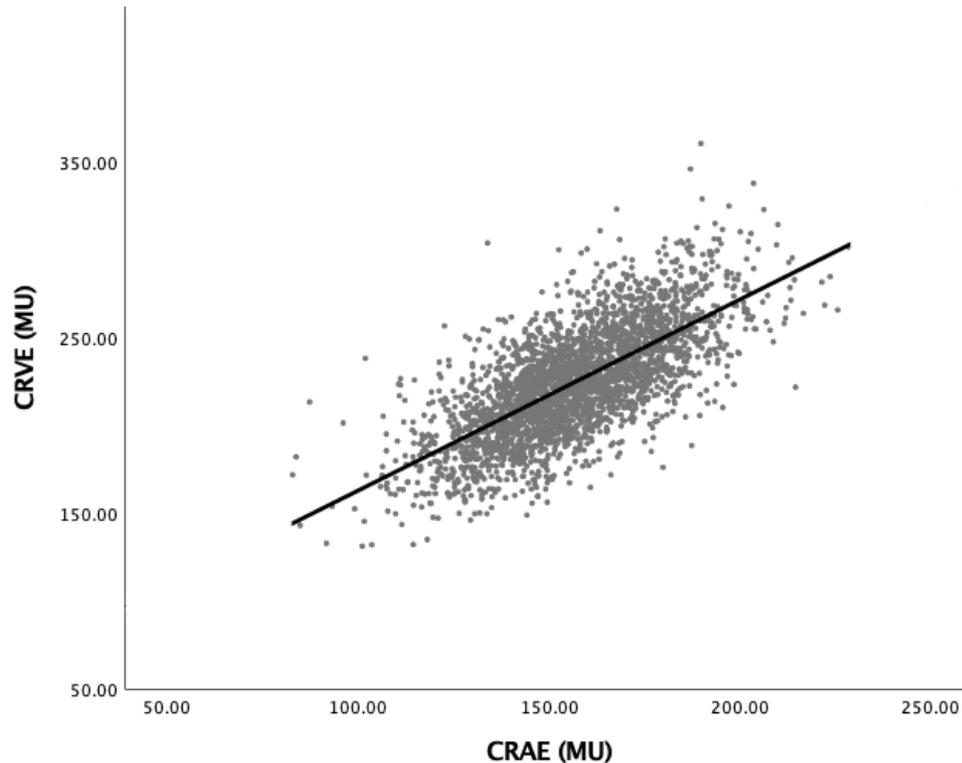
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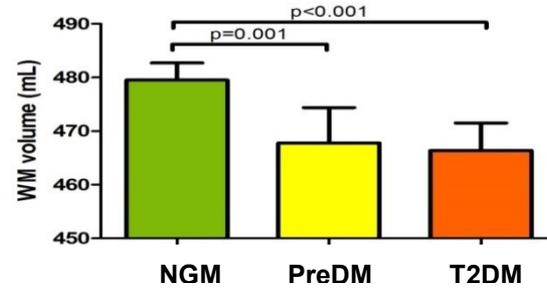
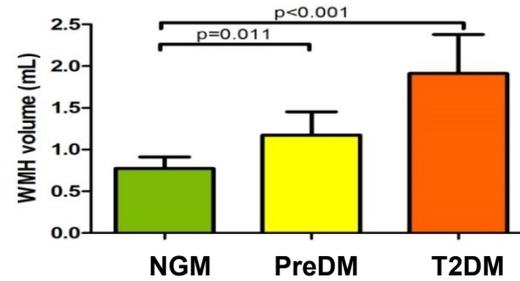
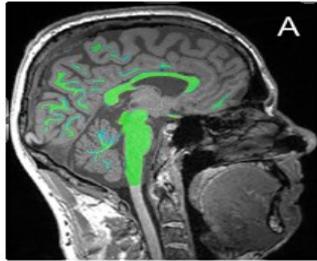
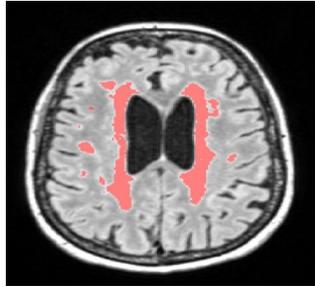
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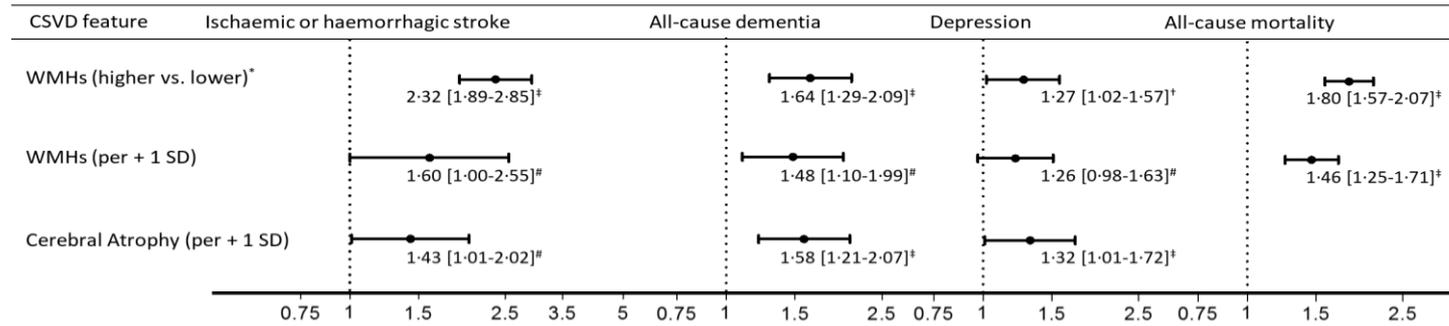
**Retinal arteriolar and venular diameters are closely linked even after adjustment for age, glycaemia, blood pressure and low-grade inflammation**



# Cerebral white matter hyperintensities and volume loss ~ small vessel disease



Van Agtmaal,  
*Diabetes Care*  
2018;41:2535

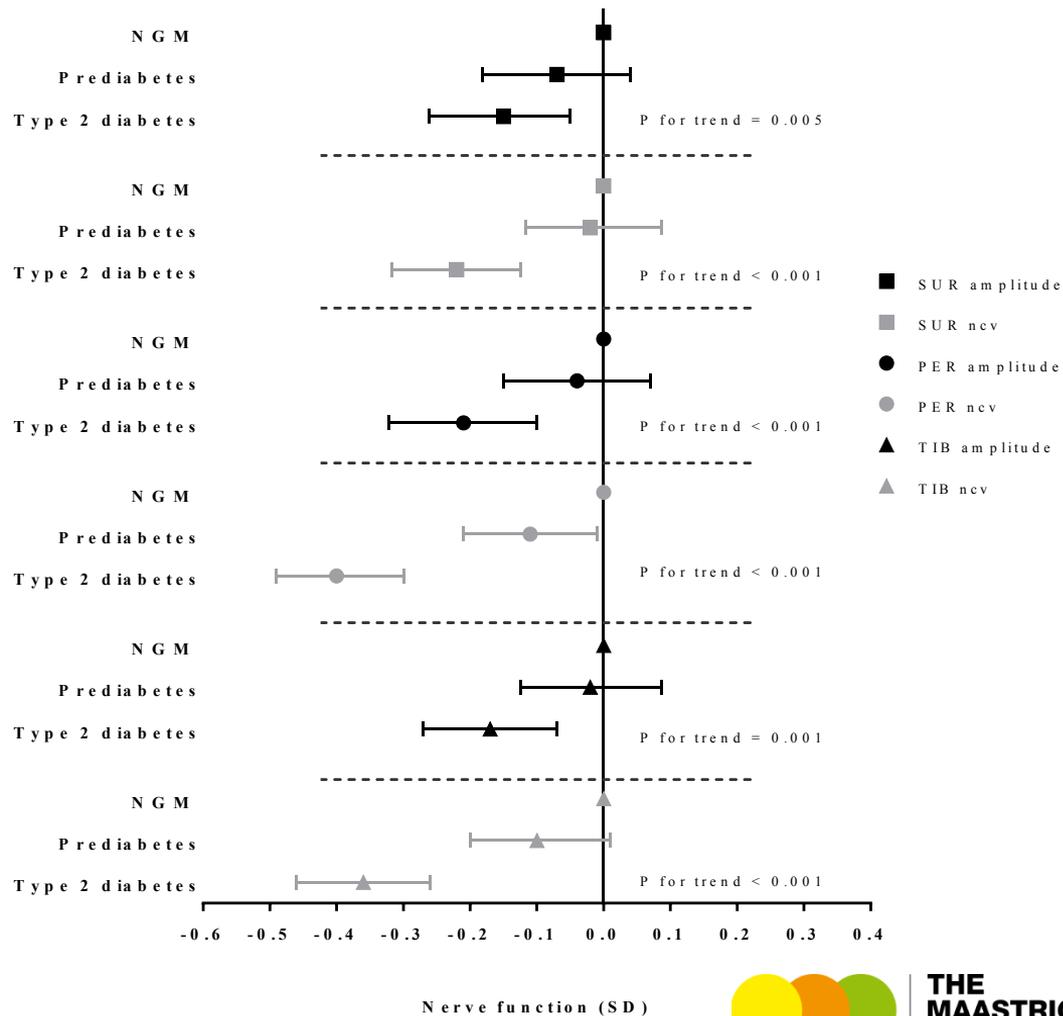


Rensma, *Neurosci Biobeh Rev* 2018;90:164; Van Agtmaal, *Jama Psych* 2017;74:729;  
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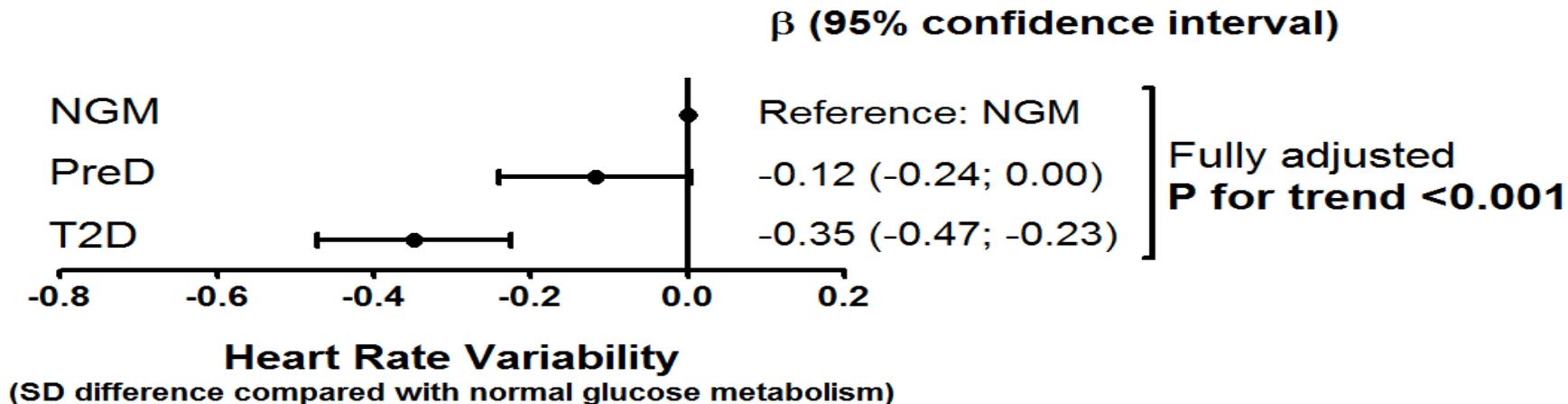
# Impairment of sural, peroneal and tibial nerve (ie, sensory and motor large fibre) function assessed by EMG

standardised associations w/ (pre)diabetes adjusted for potential confounders

Van der Velde, *submitted*

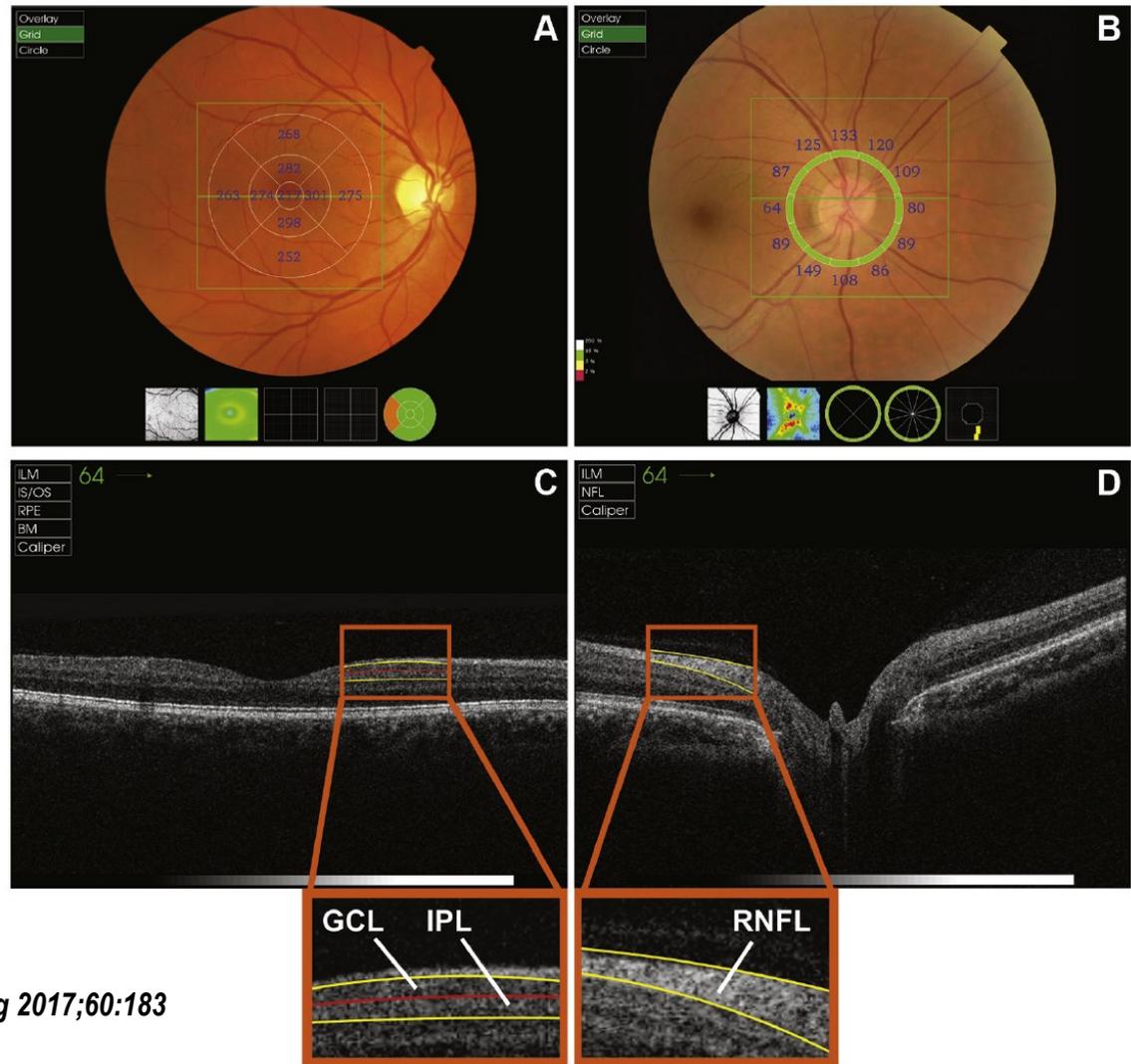


# Cardiac autonomic nervous function (ie, small fibre) assessed by heart rate variability from 24h-EKG



adjusted for age, sex, body mass index, alcohol, smoking, physical activity, systolic BP, TC/HDL ratio, antihypertensive and lipid-modifying drugs, history of CVD, and eGFR

# Optical coherence tomography



Mutlu, *Neurobiol Aging* 2017;60:183

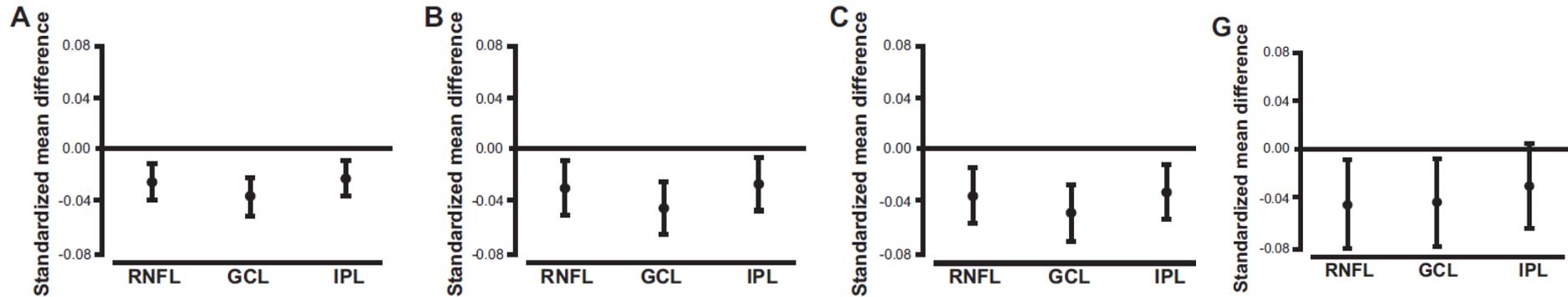
# Retinal Neurodegeneration is Associated with Brain Atrophy

Brain volume

Gray matter

White matter

Hippocampus



RNFL = retinal nerve fibre layer ~ axons

GCL = ganglion cell layer ~ nerve cell bodies

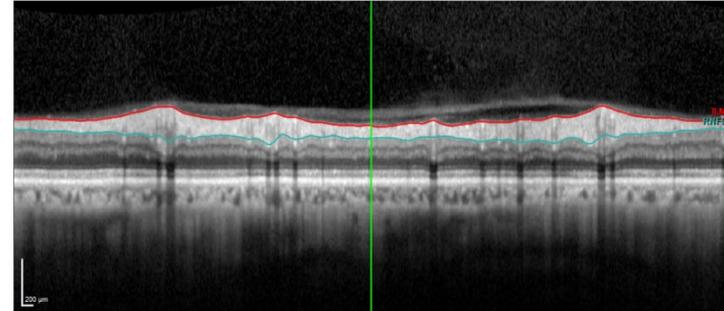
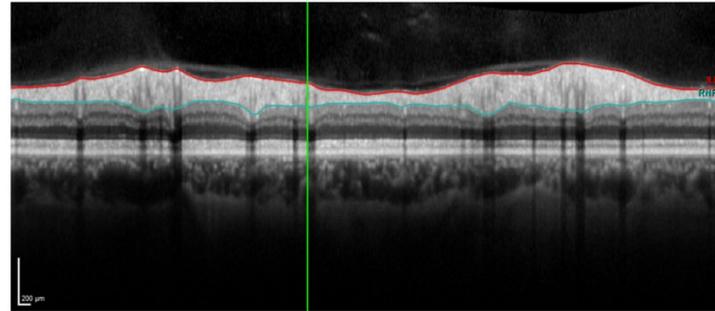
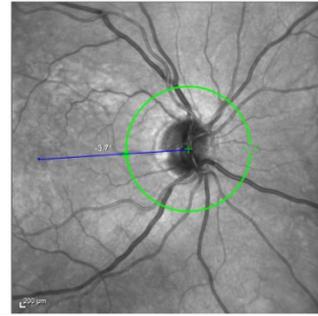
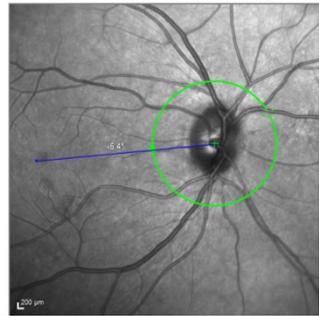
IPL = inner plexiform layer ~ dendrites

~greater risk of dementia<sup>1</sup>

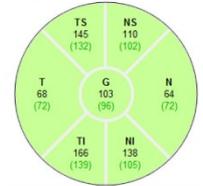
N = 2124, Rotterdam Study

<sup>1</sup>Mutlu, *Jama Neurol* 2018;75:1256

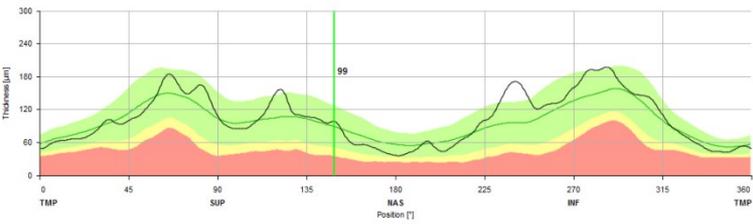
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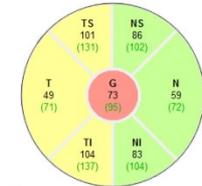
**NGM**



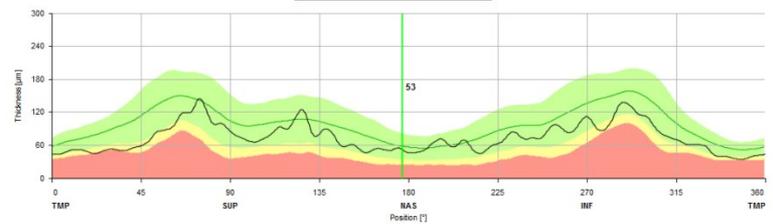
Within Normal Limits



**T2D**

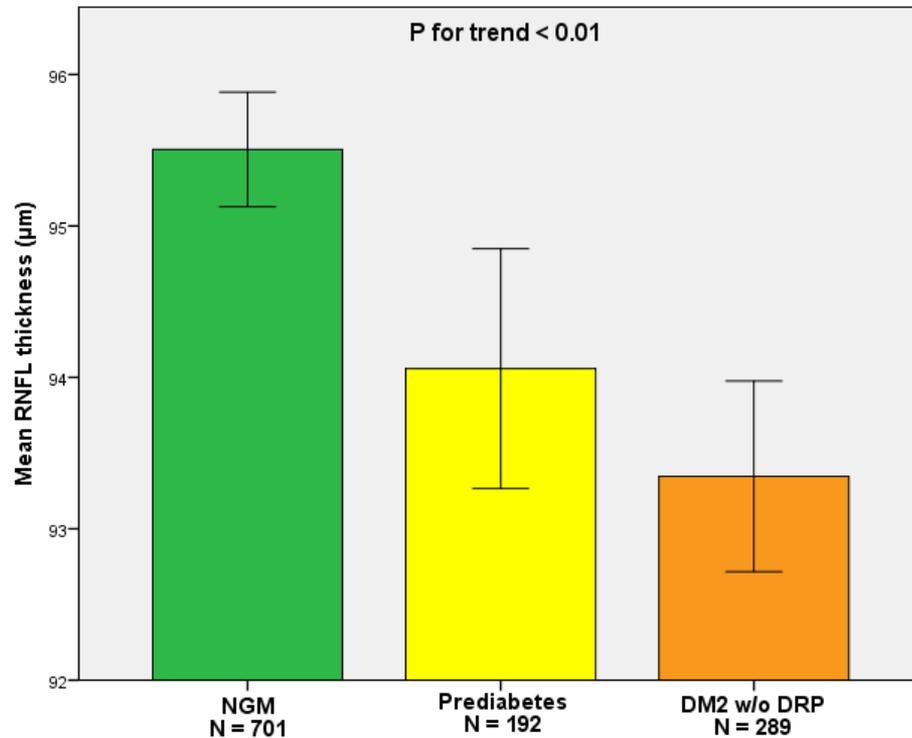


Outside Normal Limits



# T2D and prediabetes are associated with thinning of the retinal nerve fibre layer

... around the optic disc ...



De Clerck, *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci* 2017;58:1017

De Clerck, *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2015;3:653 (meta-analysis)

# ... and around the macula

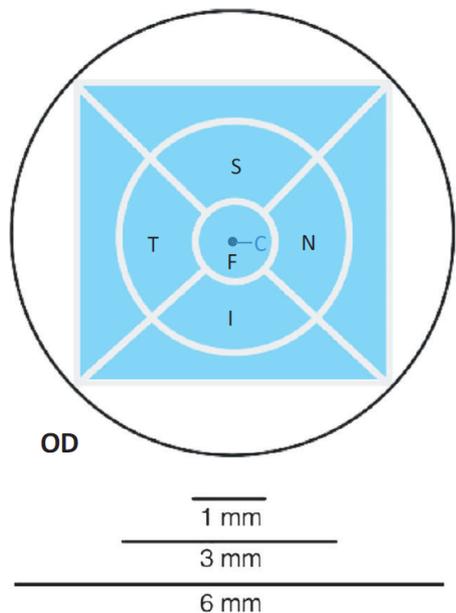
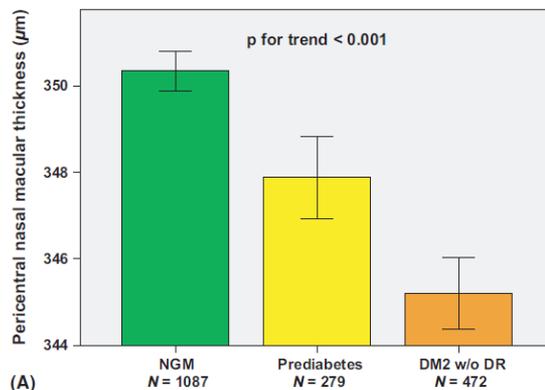
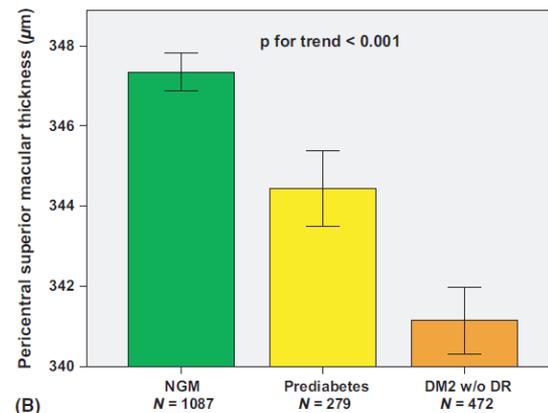


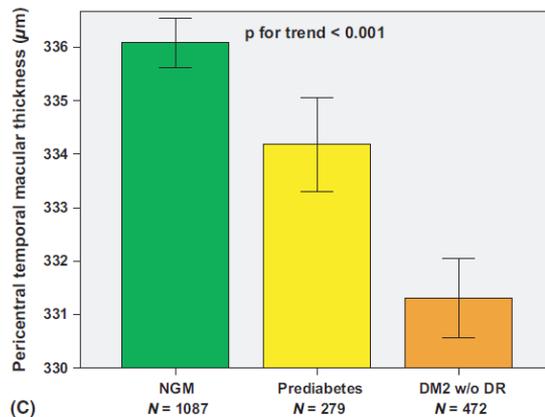
Fig. 1. Illustration of the region in the ETDRS grid from which data were gathered for the volume scan in a right eye. The blue area represents the area from which data were gathered. The two regions in the centre constitute the central macula. The four regions around the fovea constitute the pericentral macula. Point C = centre thickness, Region F = foveal thickness, Region I = pericentral inferior macular thickness, Region N = pericentral nasal macular thickness, Region S = pericentral superior macular thickness, Region T = pericentral temporal macular thickness.



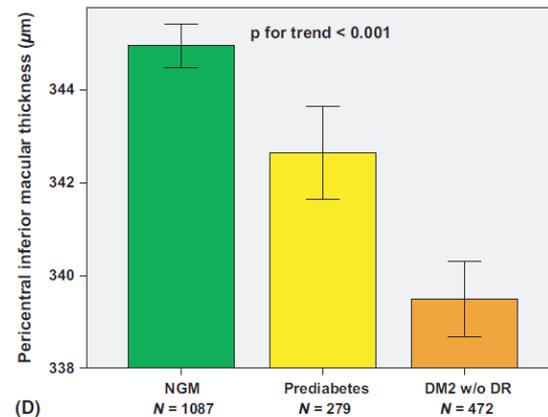
(A)



(B)

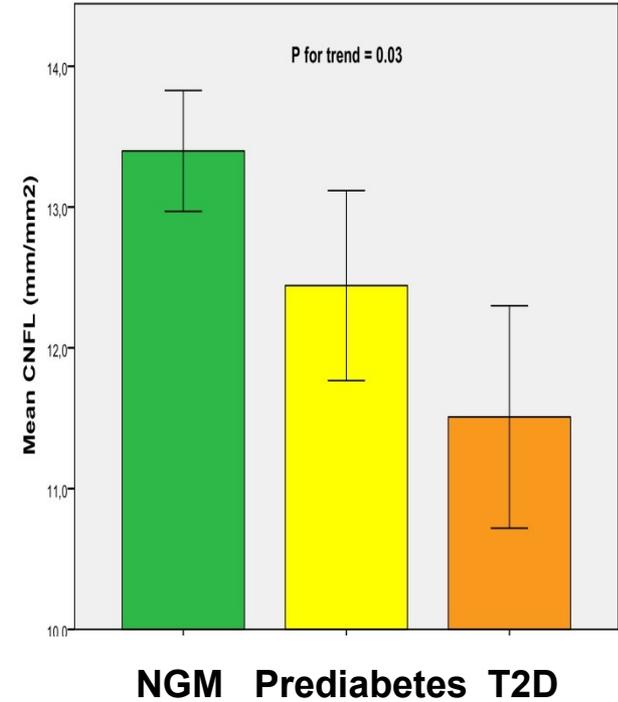
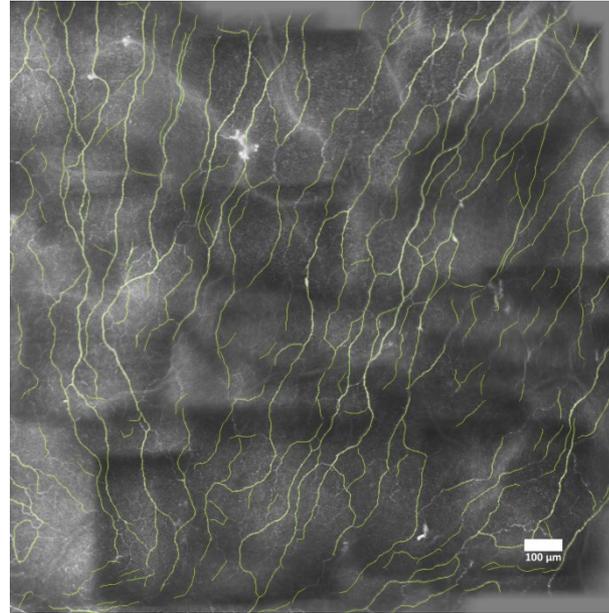
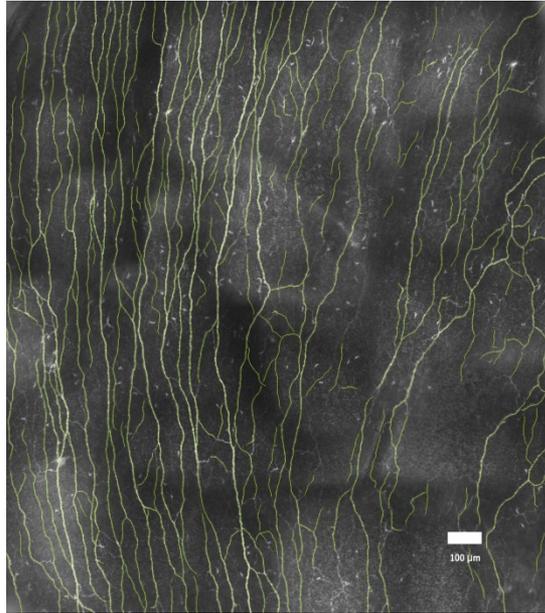


(C)



(D)

# Corneal confocal microscopy: reduced corneal nerve fibre length in T2D and in prediabetes



De Clerck, *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2015;3:653 (meta-analysis)

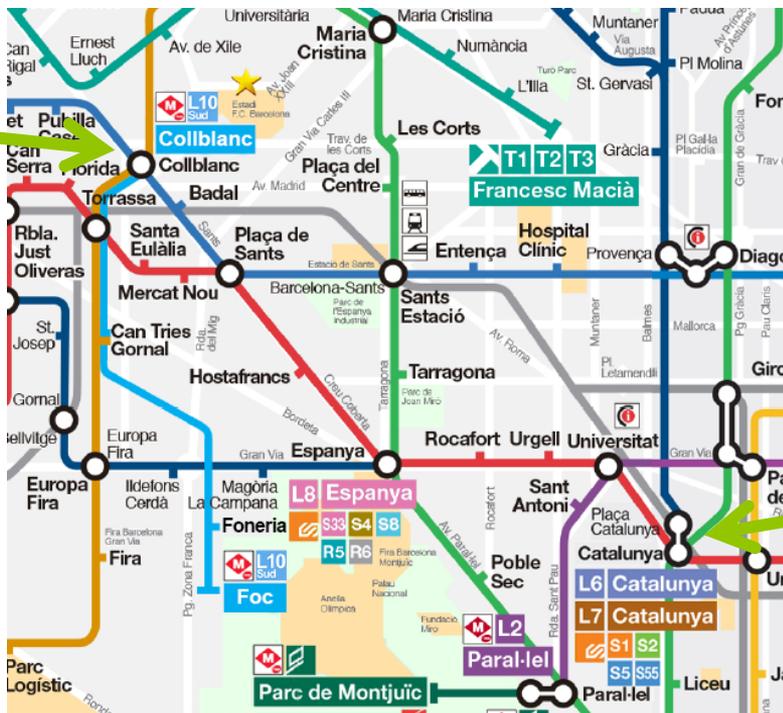
De Clerck, *Acta Ophthalmol* 2020 in press

# White matter organisation ~ information transfer

## Global network structure and intrinsic network organisation

NGM (n=1510) – prediabetes (n = 348) – T2D (n=510)

**B**

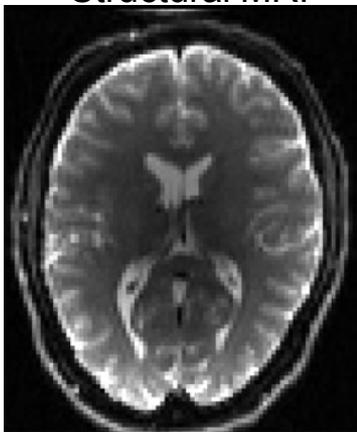


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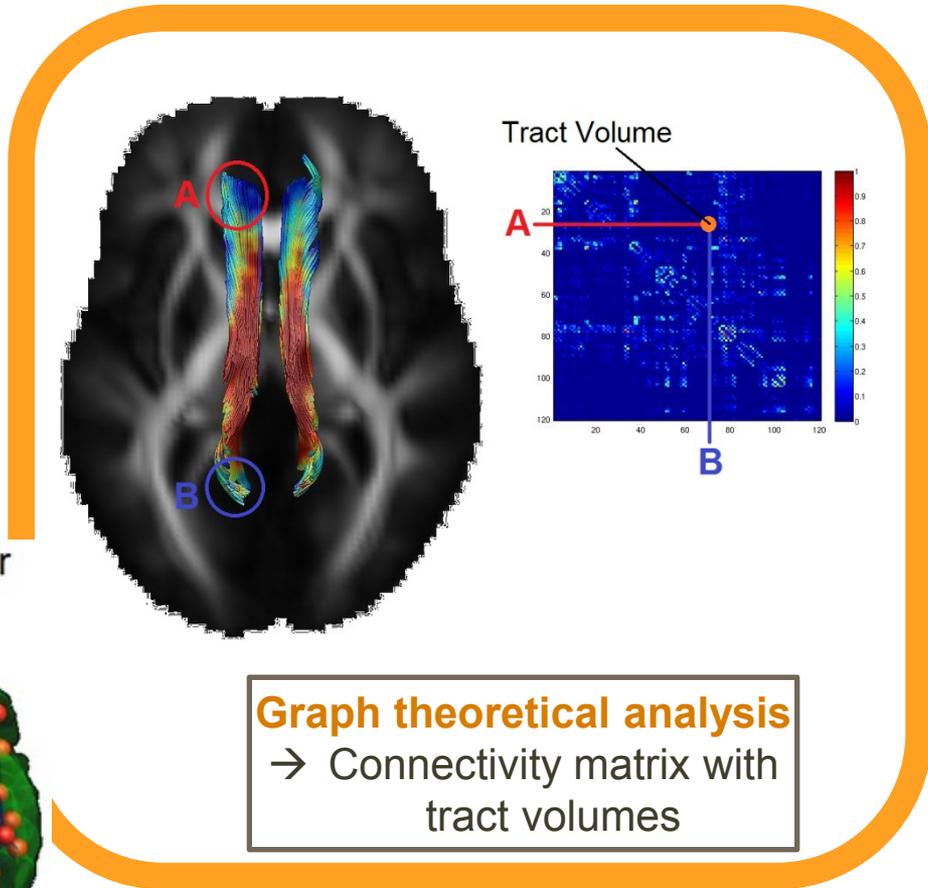
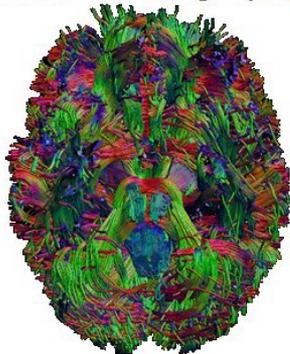


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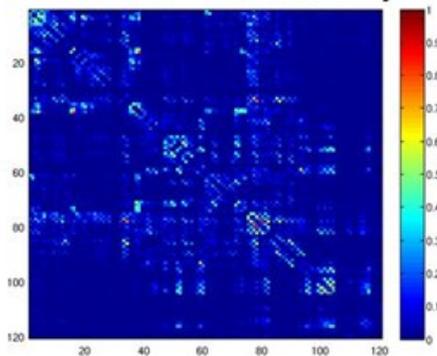
Structural MRI



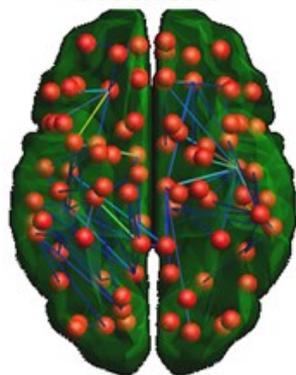
Diffusion MRI  
Fiber Tractography



Structural Connectivity



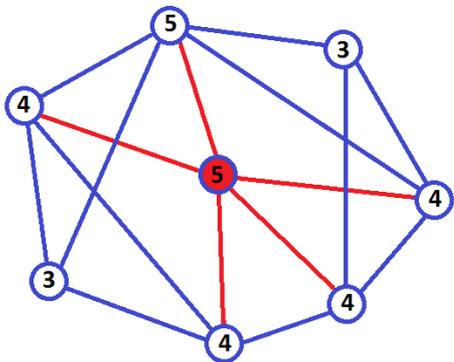
White Matter  
Network



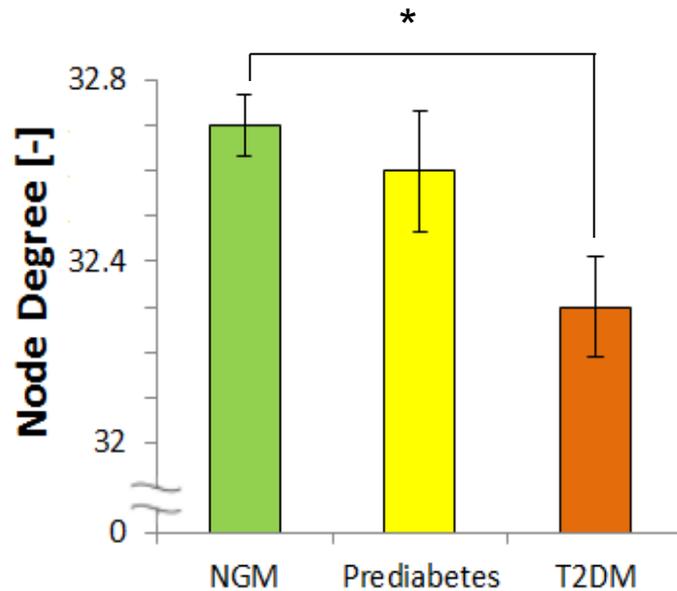
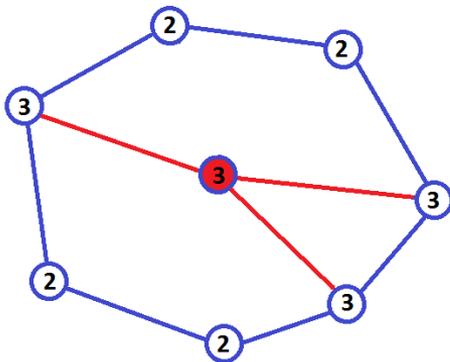
# Global network structure

## Network density (node degree)

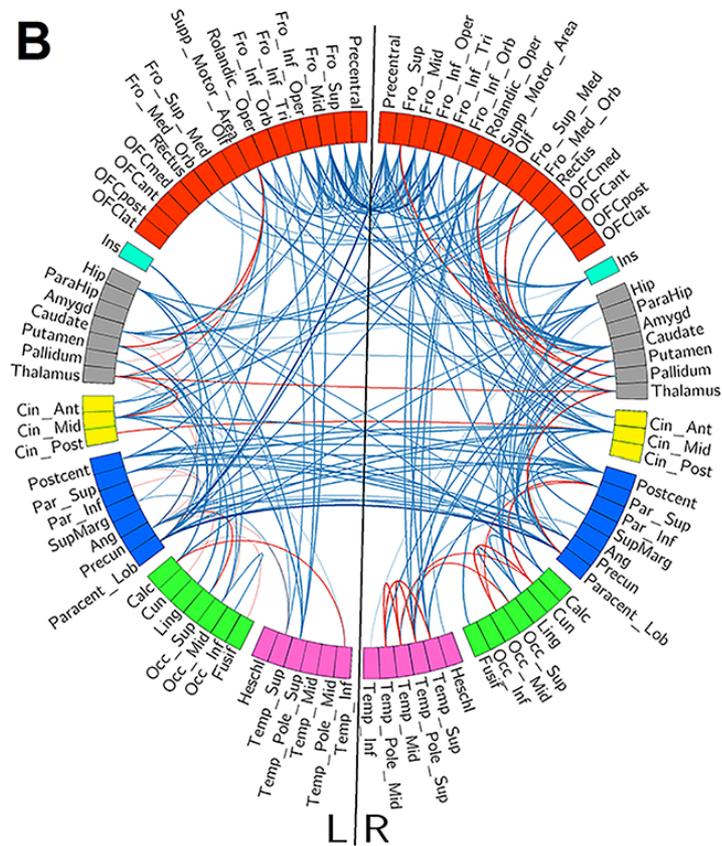
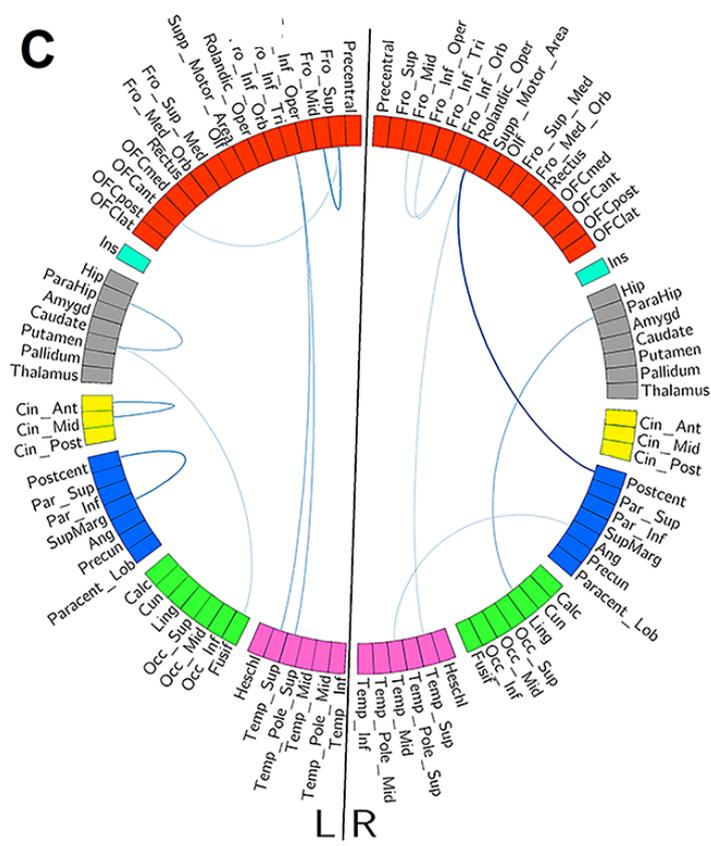
High node degree



Low node degree





**B****T2D vs NGM****C****Prediabetes vs NGM**

# **Insulineresistentie en hyperglykemie**

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**Utrecht, 10 maart 2020**





**Thank you for your attention!**