

## 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

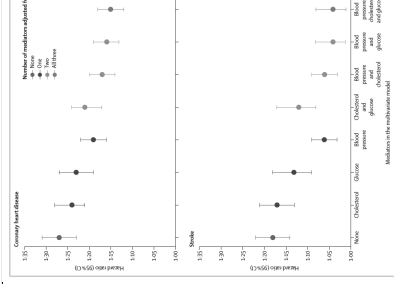


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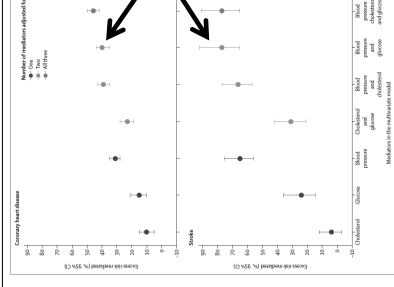


Figure 2. Number of mediators related to coronary heart disease and stroke, by different combinations of mediators, by different combinations of mediators. In coronary heart disease, each value

### 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*

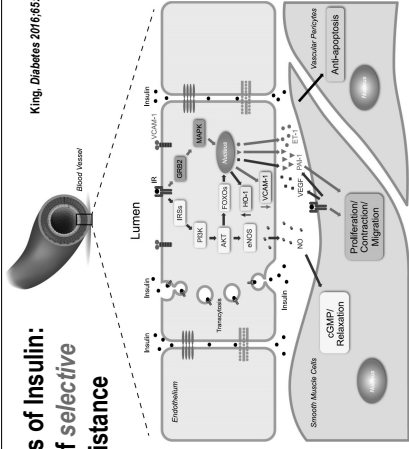
- ↓ dilation of small and large arteries, and ↑ arterial stiffening
- ↑ activity of sympathetic nervous system and RAAS
- ↑ renal sodium retention
- ↑ adipokines (RAAS, leptin)

*hypertriglyceridaemia: central role*

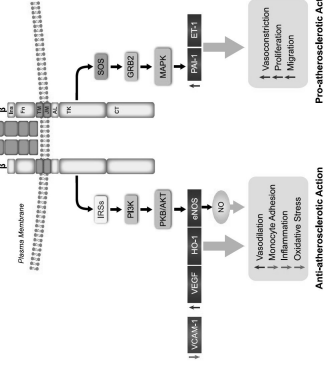
- ↑ adipose tissue lipolysis
- ↑ hepatic apo B and VLDL secretion
- ↓ lipoprotein lipase
- low HDL-c and high small dense LDL follow from high TGs

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

King, *Diabetes* 2016;65:1462

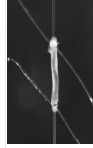


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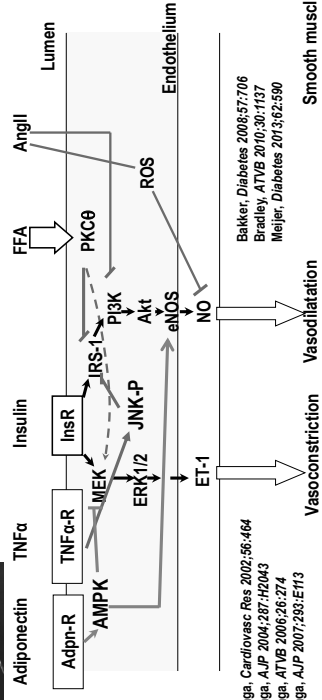


Anti-atherosclerotic Action

Pro-atherosclerotic Action



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



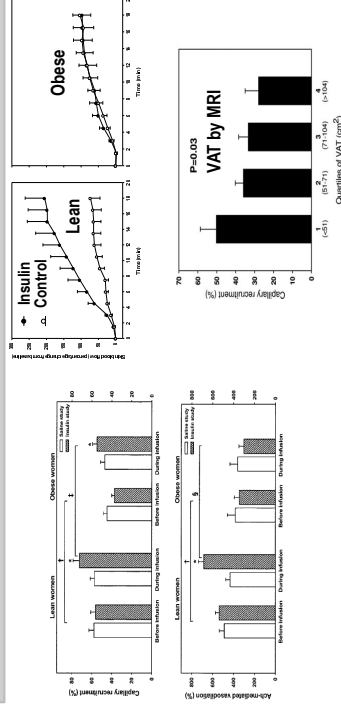
Eringa, *Cardiovasc Res* 2002;56:464  
 Eringa, *AJP* 2004;287:H2043  
 Eringa, *ATVB* 2006;26:274  
 Eringa, *AJP* 2007;289:E113

Bakker, *Diabetes* 2008;57:706  
 Bradley, *ATVB* 2010;30:1137  
 Meijer, *Diabetes* 2013;62:590

Vasoconstriction Vaso-dilatation

Smooth muscle

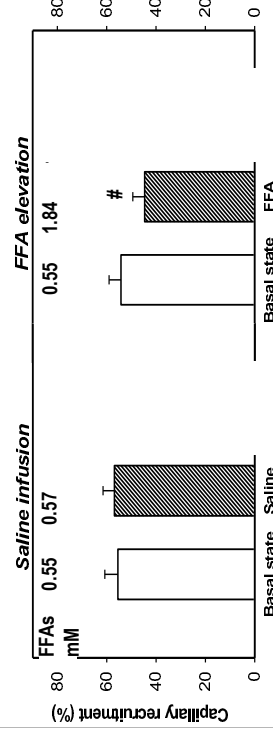
### Microvascular dysfunction in obesity



De Jongh, *Circulation* 2004;109:2529; De Jongh, *JCEM* 2006;91:5100; De Jongh, *Microvasc Res* 2008;75:256

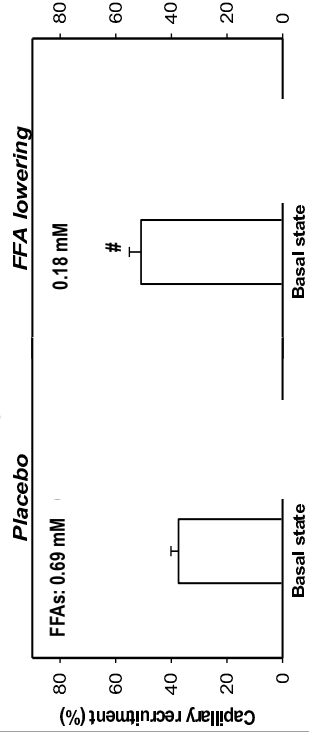
### An Intra lipid-Induced Acute (2 – 6h) Increase in FFAs Impairs Capillary Recruitment in Lean Women

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



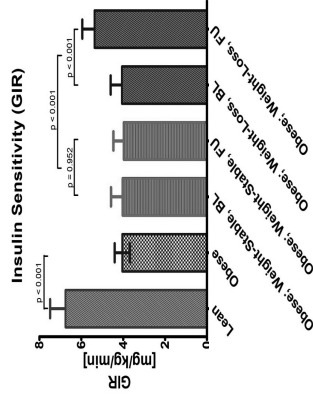
**Weight loss improves whole – body glucose disposal in part through improvement of microvascular function**

Lean N = 25  
 BMI = 23.3

Obese N = 50

Weight stable N = 26  
 BMI = 29.9 → 30.0

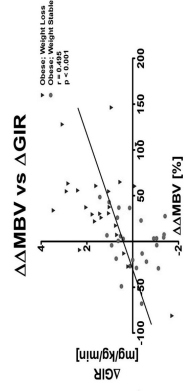
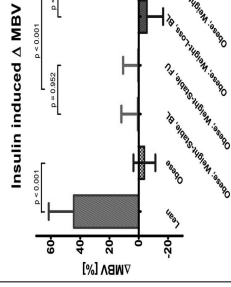
Weight loss N = 24  
 BMI = 30.0 → 27.0  
 mean 9.8 kg



Kusters, JCI Insight 2017;2:e89895

Mean ± 95% CI

**Weight loss improves insulin-induced muscle microvascular recruitment**



# Hyperglykemie

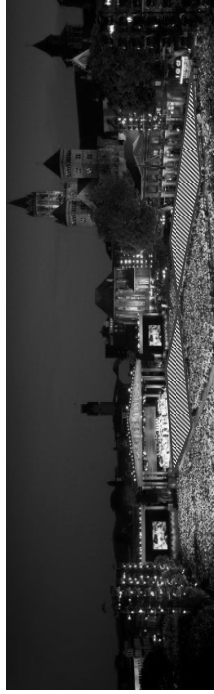
## Prediabetes

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

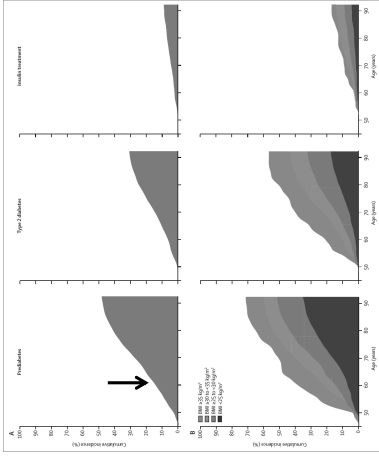
Fasting plasma glucose (mmol/L)	2h post OGTT glucose (mmol/L)	
< 6.1	< 7.8	Normal (NGM)
6.1 - 7.0	7.8 - 11.1	IFG (Prediabetes) / IGT (Prediabetes)
≥ 7.0	≥ 11.1	Type 2 diabetes (T2DM) / Type 2 diabetes (T2DM)

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

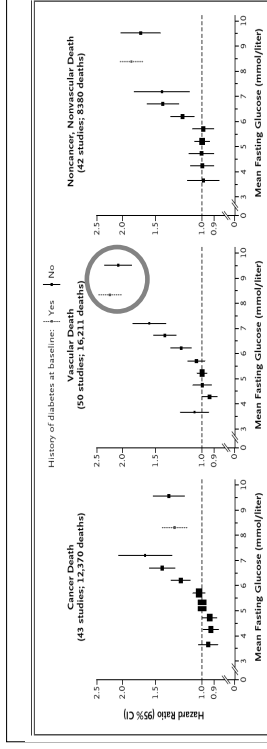


Lifetime risk at age 45 y is ~50%



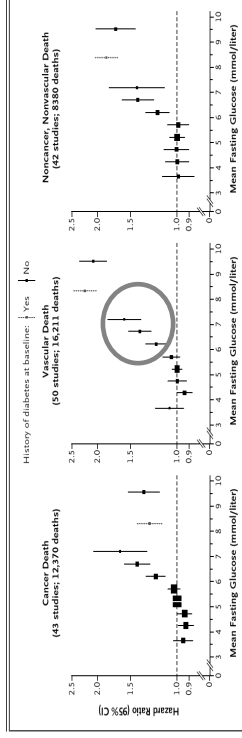
Ligthart (Rotterdam Study), *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2016;4:44

Figure 1 Lifetime risk of prediabetes, Type 2 diabetes, and total (prediabetes plus diabetes) in individuals aged 45 years, adjusted for the competing risk of death. The cumulative incidence of prediabetes, Type 2 diabetes, and total (prediabetes plus diabetes) is shown as a function of age. Cumulative incidence is the proportion of competing risk of death. (Ligthart, Rotterdam Study, 2016) (Ligthart, 2016)



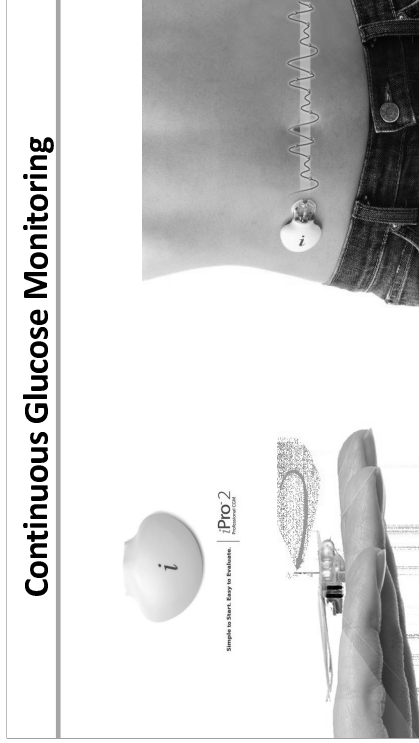
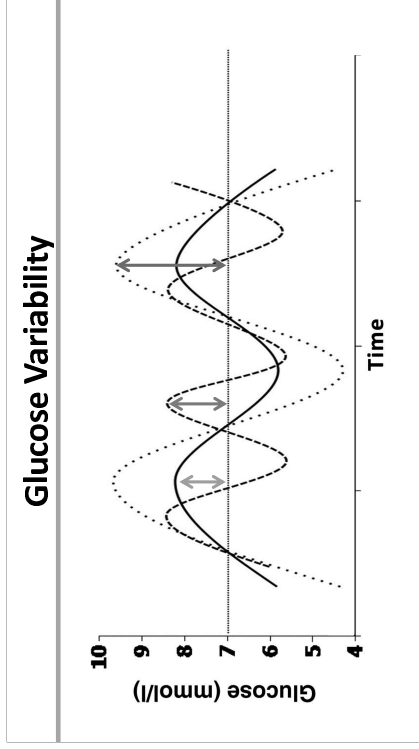
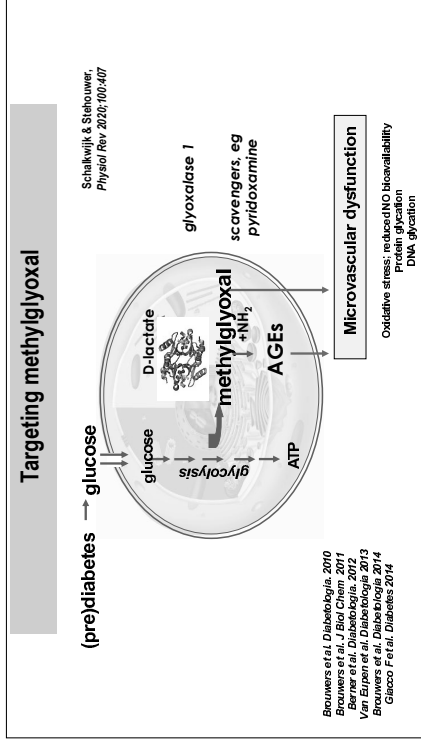
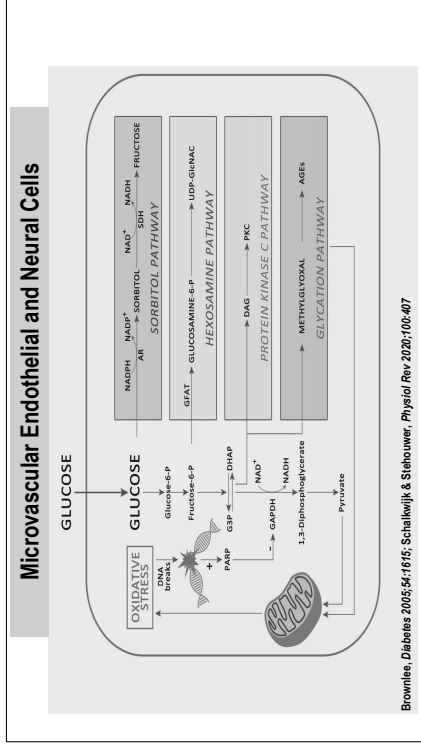
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Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration, *N Engl J Med* 2011;364:829

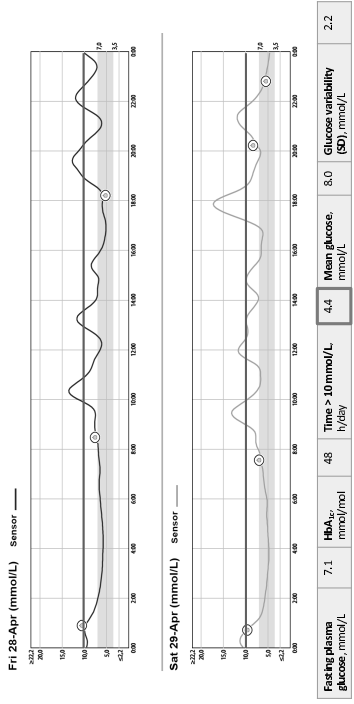


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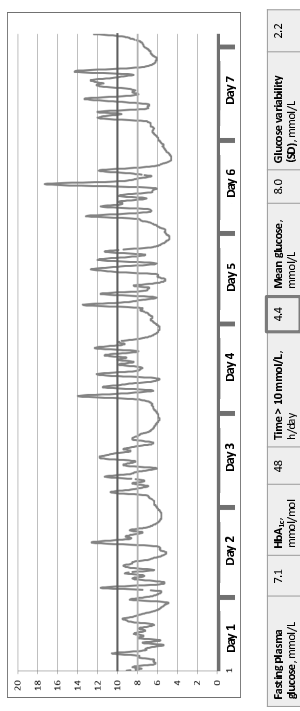
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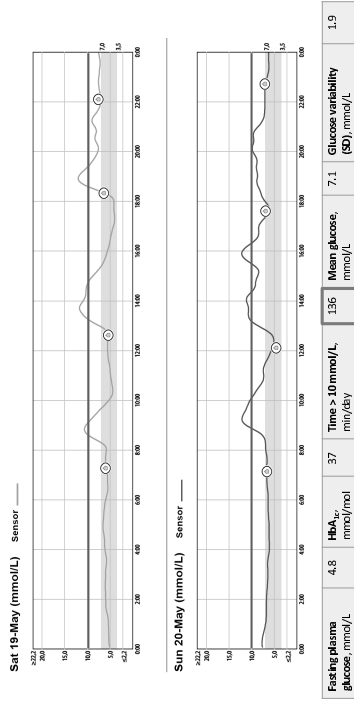
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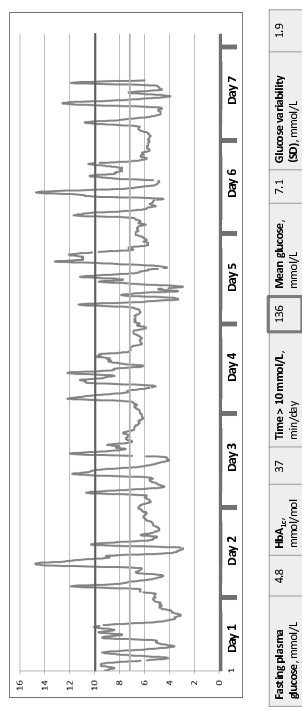
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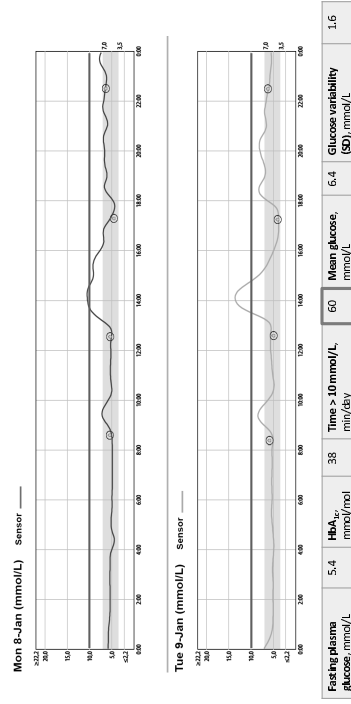
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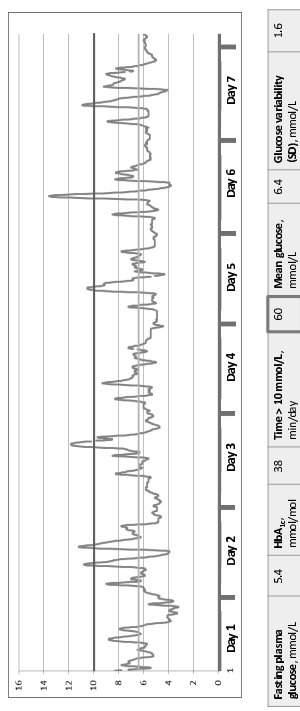
## Prediabetes



## Normal glucose metabolism



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Observed glucose values > 10 mmol/L

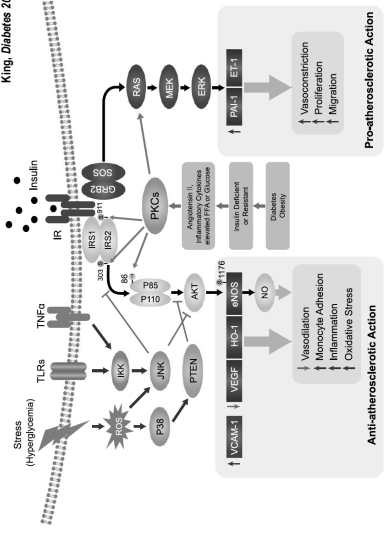
Type 2 diabetes



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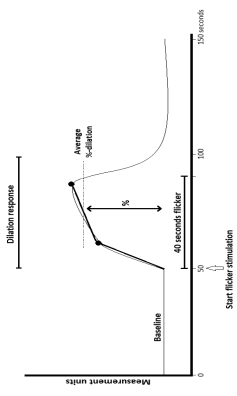
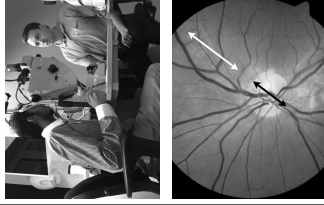
Prediabetes



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

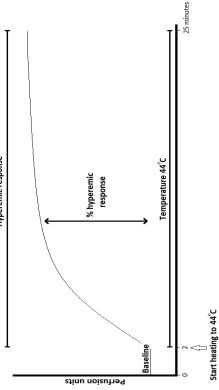
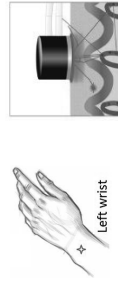
The 'diabetic process' starts in prediabetes

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

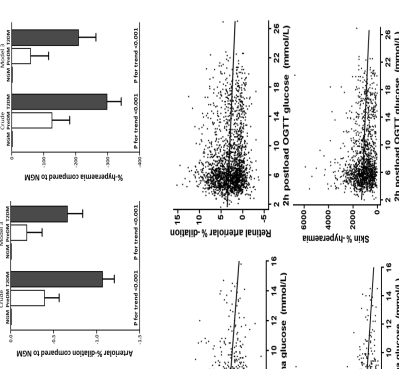
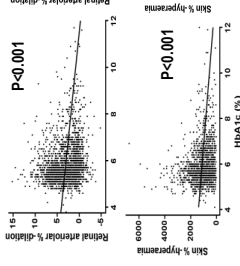


- Skin vasodilator response to heat exposure
- Thermoregulatory function
- NO-dependent response
- Heat-induced skin %-hyperaemia

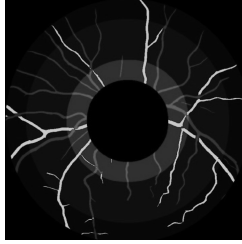
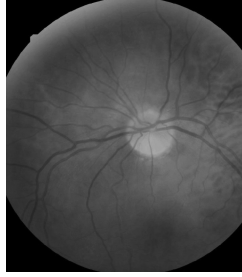


These responses are impaired in TZD and in prediabetes

Sörensen, Circulation 2016;134:1399  
Sörensen, Diabetes Care 2017;40:e103



## Retinal arteriolar and venular diameters



RHINO  
TU/e

Original image of fundus photography

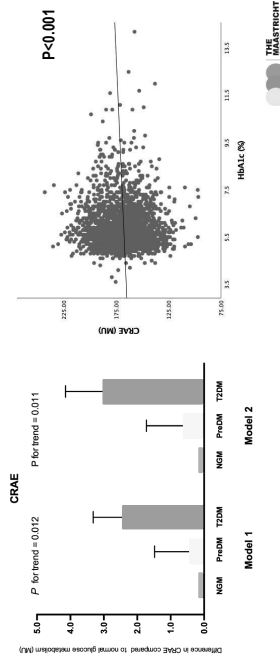
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## Association of (pre)diabetes and HbA1c with retinal arteriolar diameter

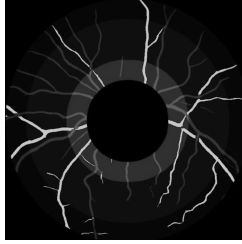
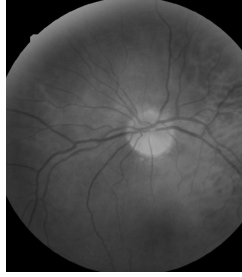
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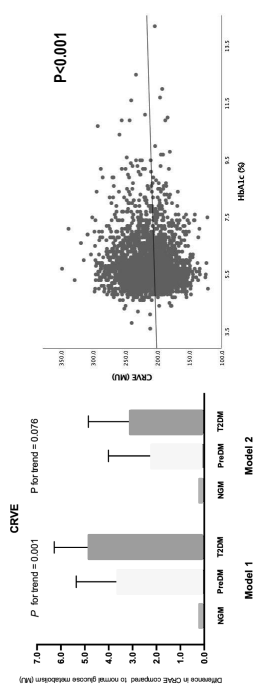
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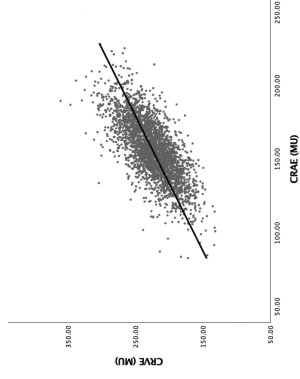
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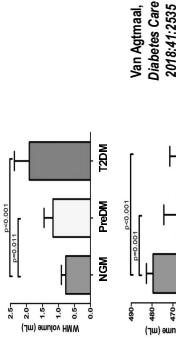
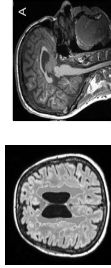
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## Retinal arteriolar and venular diameters are closely linked even after adjustment for age, glycaemia, blood pressure and low-grade inflammation



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



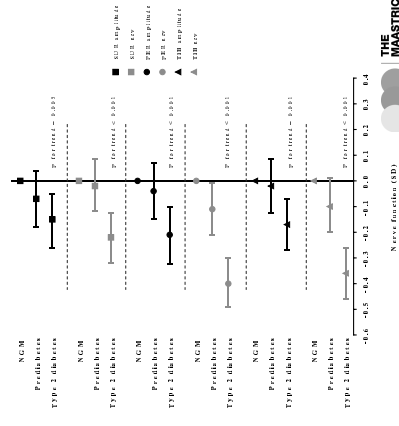
Van Agtmaal, *Diabetes Care* 2018;41:2555

CVHD feature	Ischaemic on haemorrhagic stroke	All-cause dementia	Depression	AFI-cause mortality
WMH (higher vs. lower) <sup>†</sup>	2.32 [1.89-2.95] <sup>‡</sup>	1.64 [1.29-2.09] <sup>‡</sup>	1.64 [1.29-2.09] <sup>‡</sup>	1.27 [1.00-1.57] <sup>‡</sup>
WMH (per + 1 SD)	1.63 [1.36-2.04] <sup>‡</sup>	1.41 [1.15-1.69] <sup>‡</sup>	1.38 [0.98-1.93] <sup>‡</sup>	1.48 [1.25-1.73] <sup>‡</sup>
Central Atrophy (per + 1 SD)	1.44 [1.14-1.80] <sup>‡</sup>	1.58 [1.21-2.01] <sup>‡</sup>	1.43 [1.04-1.97] <sup>‡</sup>	1.43 [1.16-1.72] <sup>‡</sup>
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Rensma, *Neurosci Biobehav Rev* 2016;90:164; Van Agtmaal, *Jama Psych* 2017;74:728; Martens, *Am J Kidney Dis* 2017;69:179; Martens, *Nephrol Dial Transpl* 2016;33:128

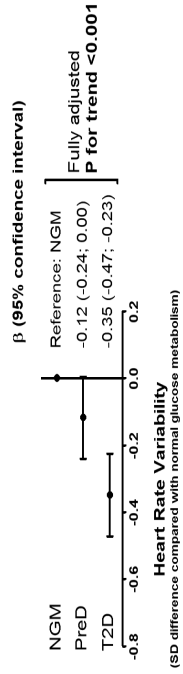
Van der Veldt, submitted

## 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



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



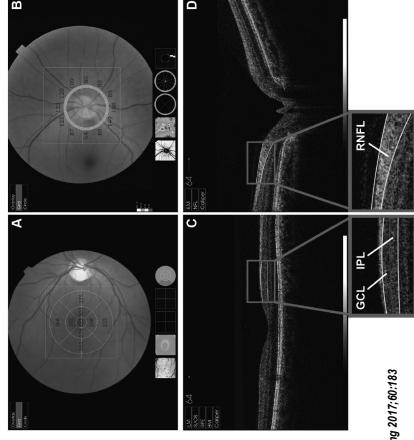
#### Heart Rate Variability

(SD difference compared with normal glucose metabolism)

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

Coopmans, Zhou, *Diab Care* 2020, in press

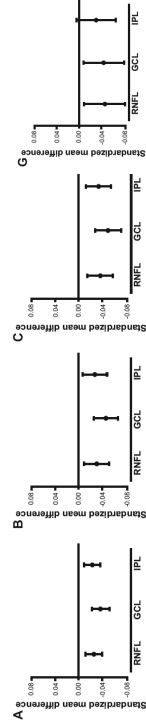
### Optical coherence tomography



Mutlu, *Neurobiol Aging* 2017;38:783

### Retinal Neurodegeneration is Associated with Brain Atrophy

Brain volume      Gray matter      White matter      Hippocampus

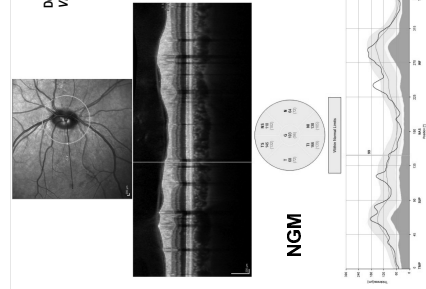


RNFL = retinal nerve fibre layer ~ axons  
 GCL = ganglion cell layer ~ nerve cell bodies  
 IPL = inner plexiform layer ~ dendrites

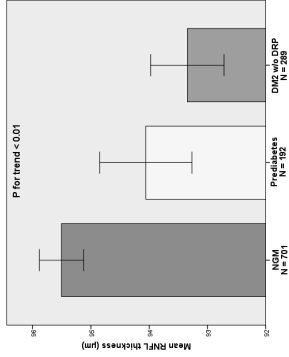
~greater risk of dementia!  
 N = 2124, Rotterdam Study

<sup>1</sup>Mutlu, *Jama Neurol* 2016;73:1256

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



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



### ... around the optic disc ...

### ... and around the macula

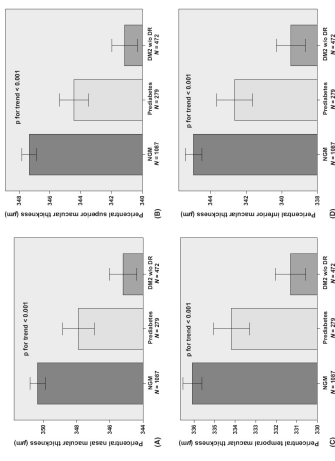


Fig 1. Reduction of RNFL and GCL thickness by T2D and prediabetes. The mean values are in µm. Error bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SD. The mean values are given in the right column. The mean values represent the mean values of the superior, inferior, nasal, and temporal macular thickness. Figure 1 = Superior, inferior, nasal, and temporal macular thickness. Figure 2 = Superior, inferior, nasal, and temporal macular thickness. Figure 3 = Superior, inferior, nasal, and temporal macular thickness. Figure 4 = Superior, inferior, nasal, and temporal macular thickness.

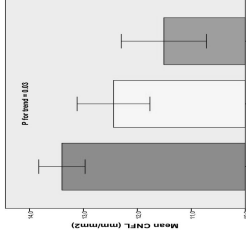
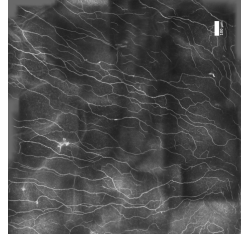
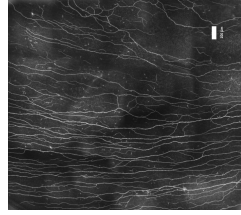
De Clerck, *Acta Ophthalmol* 2016;96:174

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De Clerck, *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2015;3:553 (meta-analysis)



**reduced corneal nerve fibre length in T2D and in prediabetes**



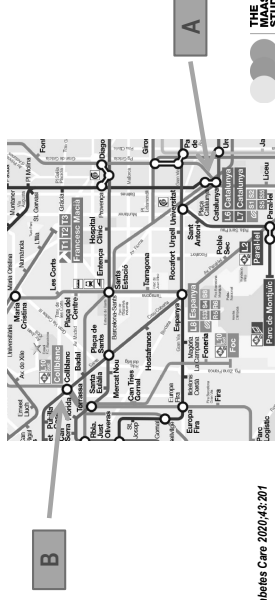
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**White matter organisation ~ information transfer  
Global network structure and intrinsic network organisation**

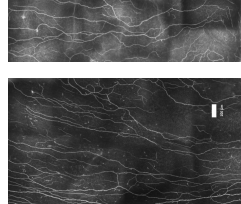
NGM (n=1510) – prediabetes (n = 348) – T2D (n=510)



Vergossen, *Diabetes Care* 2020;43:2071

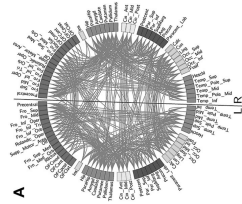
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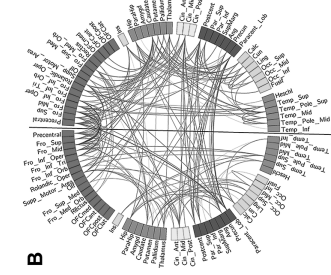


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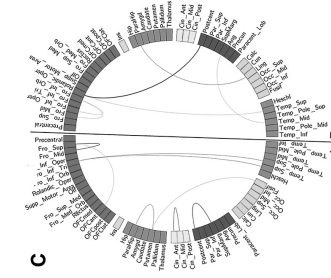
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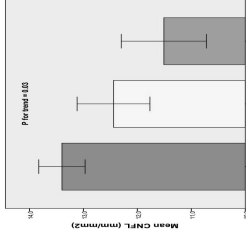
T2D vs NGM



Prediabetes vs NGM



**Corneal confocal microscopy:**

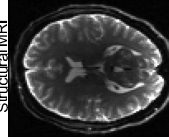


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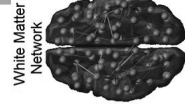
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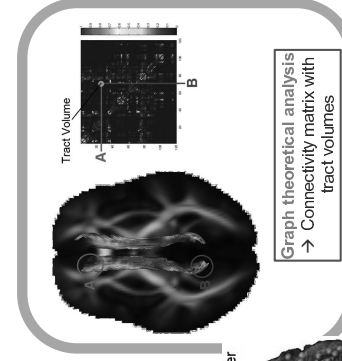
Structural MRI



Diffusion MRI  
Fiber Tractography

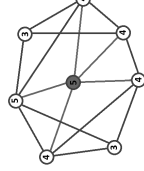


Graph theoretical analysis  
→ Connectivity matrix with tract volumes

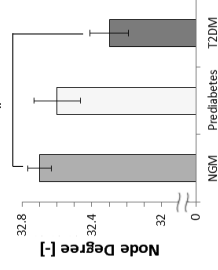
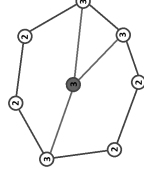


**Global network structure**  
Network density (node degree)

High node degree



Low node degree



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