

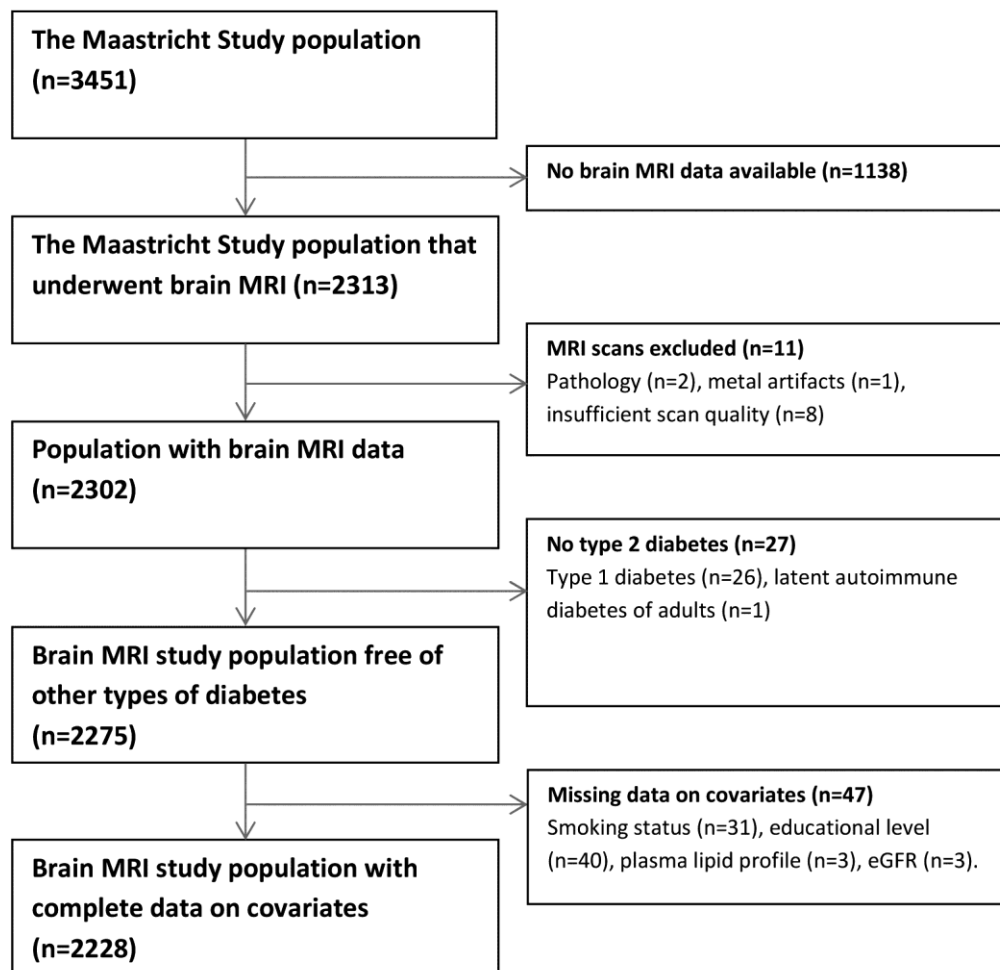
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**PREDIABETES IS ASSOCIATED WITH STRUCTURAL BRAIN ABNORMALITIES:
THE MAASTRICHT STUDY**

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Supplementary Figure 1. Flowchart of the study population



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Supplementary Table 1. General characteristics of the study population with and without brain MRI data.

Characteristic	Study population (n=2228)	No brain MRI data available (n=1138)	P value
Demographics			
Age (years)	59.1 ± 8.2	61.0 ± 8.1	<0.001
Sex (% female)	48.3	48.9	0.81
Glucose metabolism			
Type 2 diabetes (%)	22.8	39.1	<0.001
Fasting glucose (mmol/l)	5.7 ± 1.1	6.0 ± 1.2	<0.001
2h post-load glucose (mmol/l)	7.5 ± 4.0	8.8 ± 4.6	<0.001
HbA1c (perc)	5.7 ± 0.6	6.1 ± 1.0	<0.001
HbA1c (mmol/mol)	40.0 ± 8.8	43.4 ± 11.6	<0.001
Cardiovascular risk factors			
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	26.4 ± 4.0	27.5 ± 4.6	<0.001
Systolic BP (mmHg)	133.3 ± 17.0	137.3 ± 19.7	0.01
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	76.1 ± 9.8	76.5 ± 10.0	0.37
Hypertension (%)	52.0	64.7	<0.001
Total-to-HDL cholesterol	3.7 ± 1.2	3.7 ± 1.1	0.11
Triglycerides (mmol/l)	1.4 ± 0.8	1.5 ± 0.9	<0.001
eGFR (ml/min/1.73m ²)	89.1 ± 13.9	81.0 ± 16.3	0.08
History of CVD (%)	11.9	26.5	<0.001
Medication use			
Antihypertensive medication (%)	34.7	49.8	<0.001
Lipid-modifying medication (%)	30.1	46.5	<0.001
Life style factors			
Smoking, never/former/current (%)	37.3 / 51.1 / 11.6	29.3 / 52.9 / 17.8	<0.001
Educational level, low/medium/high (%)	30.0 / 29.1 / 40.9	40.7 / 26.3 / 32.9	<0.001

Data are presented as means ± standard deviation or percentage and stratified for availability of MRI data.

HbA1c indicates hemoglobin A1c; BP, blood pressure; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; CVD, cardiovascular disease.

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Supplementary Table 2. Multivariable adjusted differences in structural brain abnormalities (in % intracranial volume) among individuals with normal glucose metabolism, prediabetes and type 2 diabetes.

Characteristic	Prediabetes β (95%CI)	Type 2 diabetes β (95%CI)	P for trend
White matter volume (% intracranial volume)			
Model 1	-0.24 (-0.47 to -0.00)	-0.43 (-0.64 to -0.21)	<0.001
Model 2	-0.29 (-0.53 to -0.05)	-0.49 (-0.72 to -0.27)	<0.001
Gray matter volume (% intracranial volume)			
Model 1	-0.05 (-0.28 to 0.18)	-0.60 (-0.80 to -0.40)	0.004
Model 2	0.00 (-0.23 to 0.23)	-0.47 (-0.68 to -0.25)	0.052
Cerebrospinal fluid (% intracranial volume)			
Model 1	0.26 (0.00 to 0.52)	0.96 (0.73 to 1.20)	<0.001
Model 2	0.26 (-0.01 to 0.52)	12.5 (0.64 to 1.15)	<0.001

Regression coefficients (β) indicate the mean difference (95% CI) in white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in % intracranial volume) of participants with prediabetes and type 2 diabetes, as compared to normal glucose metabolism.

CI indicates confidence interval

Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, intracranial volume, and time between baseline and MRI measurements **Model 2:** Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, office systolic blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Supplementary Table 3. Multivariable adjusted associations of HbA1c, fasting glucose and 2-hour post-load glucose levels with structural brain abnormalities (in % intracranial volume).

Model	HbA1c st β (95%CI)	P value	Fasting glucose st β (95%CI)	P value	2h post-load glucose* st β (95%CI)	P value
White matter volume (% intracranial volume)						
Model 1	-0.06 (-0.10 to -0.02)	0.002	-0.07 (-0.12 to -0.03)	<0.001	-0.10 (-0.14 to -0.06)	<0.001
Model 2	-0.06 (-0.11 to -0.02)	0.005	-0.08 (-0.12 to -0.03)	0.001	-0.11 (-0.15 to -0.06)	<0.001
Gray matter volume (% intracranial volume)						
Model 1	-0.06 (-0.10 to -0.03)	0.001	-0.06 (-0.09 to -0.02)	0.004	-0.02 (-0.05 to 0.02)	0.399
Model 2	-0.05 (-0.09 to -0.01)	0.012	-0.04 (-0.08 to 0.00)	0.037	-0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03)	0.548
Cerebrospinal fluid (% intracranial volume)						
Model 1	0.10 (0.06 to 0.13)	<0.001	0.10 (0.06 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.09 (0.05 to 0.12)	<0.001
Model 2	0.09 (0.05 to 0.12)	<0.001	0.09 (0.05 to 0.13)	<0.001	0.09 (0.05 to 0.12)	<0.001

Point estimates (standardized betas) and 95% CIs indicate the mean difference in white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) per SD increase in HbA1c, fasting glucose, or 2h post-load glucose levels.

CI indicates confidence interval; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; SD, standard deviation, st β , standardized beta.

Model 1: adjustment for age, sex, intracranial volume, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, office systolic blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Supplementary Table 4. Multivariable adjusted differences in structural brain abnormalities in individuals with normal glucose metabolism, prediabetes and type 2 diabetes, adjusted for 24h systolic blood pressure.

Characteristic	Prediabetes OR (95% CI)	Type 2 diabetes OR (95% CI)	P for trend
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease			
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.80 (1.08 to 3.00)	1.85 (1.17 to 2.91)	0.006
Model 2	1.80 (1.07 to 3.02)	1.82 (1.10 to 3.00)	0.014
Model 3	1.69 (1.00 to 2.86)	1.49 (0.87 to 2.54)	0.115
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.11 (0.03 to 0.18)	0.21 (0.15 to 0.28)	<0.001
Model 2	0.10 (0.03 to 0.18)	0.20 (0.13 to 0.28)	<0.001
Model 3	0.09 (0.01 to 0.17)	0.14 (0.07 to 0.22)	<0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.10 (0.02 to 0.19)	0.16 (0.09 to 0.24)	<0.001
Model 2	0.10 (0.01 to 0.18)	0.15 (0.07 to 0.23)	<0.001
Model 3	0.08 (-0.01 to 0.16)	0.08 (-0.01 to 0.17)	0.040
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.10 (0.02 to 0.17)	0.21 (0.15 to 0.27)	<0.001
Model 2	0.09 (0.02 to 0.16)	0.20 (0.13 to 0.27)	<0.001
Model 3	0.08 (0.01 to 0.15)	0.15 (0.08 to 0.23)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.93 (0.61 to 1.39)	1.09 (0.77 to 1.54)	0.686
Model 2	0.92 (0.60 to 1.39)	1.05 (0.72 to 1.53)	0.869
Model 3	0.93 (0.61 to 1.42)	1.10 (0.73 to 1.66)	0.725
Brain volumes			
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-2.4 (-6.0 to 1.1)	-6.2 (-9.3 to -3.0)	<0.001
Model 2	-3.3 (-6.9 to 0.3)	-7.5 (-10.9 to -4.1)	<0.001
Model 3	-3.3 (-6.9 to 0.3)	-7.4 (-11.1 to -3.8)	<0.001
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-0.6 (-4.1 to 2.8)	-7.1 (-10.2 to -4.0)	<0.001
Model 2	-0.1 (-3.6 to 3.4)	-5.5 (-8.8 to -2.2)	0.002
Model 3	0.7 (-2.8 to 4.2)	-3.2 (-6.8 to 0.3)	0.123
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	2.6 (-1.4 to 6.5)	12.5 (9.0 to 16.0)	<0.001
Model 2	2.8 (-1.2 to 6.8)	12.2 (8.4 to 16.0)	<0.001
Model 3	2.2 (-1.8 to 6.2)	10.2 (6.1 to 14.3)	<0.001

Associations between prediabetes and type 2 diabetes with structural brain abnormalities in the study population. Odds ratios with 95% CI represent the risk of the presence of lacunar infarctions or cerebral microbleeds, and regression coefficients indicate the mean difference with 95% CI in total white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity, and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in ml) of participants with prediabetes or type 2 diabetes, as compared to normal glucose metabolism.

OR indicates odds ratio; CI, confidence interval

Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, 24h systolic blood pressure*, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

Model 3: Model 2 additionally adjusted for the use of blood pressure-lowering and lipid-modifying medication

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* Note that 24h ambulatory blood pressure was available in n=1984 (1229 individuals with normal glucose metabolism, 303 with prediabetes, and 452 with type 2 diabetes).

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Supplementary Table 5. Multivariable adjusted associations, including 24h systolic blood pressure, of HbA1c, fasting glucose, and 2-hour post-load glucose levels with structural brain abnormalities.

Model	HbA1c	P value	Fasting glucose	P value	2h post-load glucose	P value
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease						
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	1.30 (1.11 to 1.53)	0.001	1.25 (1.06 to 1.48)	0.010	1.24 (1.04 to 1.47)	0.016
Model 2	1.29 (1.08 to 1.54)	0.005	1.25 (1.03 to 1.50)	0.021	1.26 (1.05 to 1.51)	0.015
Model 3	1.21 (1.00 to 1.47)	0.048	1.17 (0.96 to 1.43)	0.119	1.17 (0.96 to 1.42)	0.123
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.10 (0.06 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.12 (0.08 to 0.16)	<0.001	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001
Model 2	0.08 (0.04 to 0.13)	<0.001	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.10 (0.06 to 0.14)	<0.001
Model 3	0.05 (0.00 to 0.09)	0.037	0.08 (0.04 to 0.13)	0.001	0.07 (0.03 to 0.12)	0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.06 (0.02 to 0.10)	<0.001	0.08 (0.04 to 0.12)	<0.001	0.06 (0.02 to 0.10)	0.007
Model 2	0.04 (0.00 to 0.08)	0.075	0.07 (0.03 to 0.12)	0.002	0.05 (0.01 to 0.10)	0.016
Model 3	0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05)	0.946	0.04 (-0.01 to 0.09)	0.116	0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06)	0.480
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.13 (0.09 to 0.18)	<0.001	0.12 (0.08 to 0.16)	<0.001
Model 2	0.10 (0.05 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.13 (0.08 to 0.17)	<0.001	0.12 (0.08 to 0.16)	<0.001
Model 3	0.07 (0.02 to 0.11)	0.003	0.10 (0.05 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.10 (0.05 to 0.14)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	1.06 (0.92 to 1.23)	0.401	1.05 (0.90 to 1.22)	0.531	0.99 (0.86 to 1.15)	0.889
Model 2	1.05 (0.90 to 1.22)	0.546	1.04 (0.88 to 1.22)	0.674	0.99 (0.85 to 1.16)	0.929
Model 3	1.07 (0.91 to 1.26)	0.437	1.05 (0.89 to 1.25)	0.558	1.00 (0.85 to 1.18)	0.969
Brain volumes						
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.080	-0.03 (-0.05 to -0.01)	0.016	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.002
Model 2	-0.03 (-0.05 to 0.00)	0.033	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.004	-0.04 (-0.07 to -0.02)	<0.001
Model 3	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.01)	0.110	-0.03 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.014	-0.04 (-0.07 to -0.02)	0.001
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	-0.05 (-0.07 to -0.03)	<0.001	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.02)	<0.001	-0.03 (-0.05 to -0.01)	0.014
Model 2	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.002	-0.03 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.006	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.064
Model 3	-0.02 (-0.05 to 0.00)	0.054	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.01)	0.132	-0.01 (-0.03 to 0.02)	0.561
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.08 (0.05 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.08 (0.05 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.07 (0.04 to 0.10)	<0.001
Model 2	0.07 (0.04 to 0.10)	<0.001	0.08 (0.05 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.07 (0.04 to 0.11)	<0.001
Model 3	0.05 (0.02 to 0.08)	0.004	0.06 (0.03 to 0.09)	0.001	0.06 (0.03 to 0.09)	0.001

Associations between continuous measures of glycemia with structural brain abnormalities in the study population. Odds ratios with 95% CI represent the risk of the presence of lacunar infarctions or cerebral microbleeds, and standardized betas and 95% CIs indicate the mean difference in white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in ml), per SD increase in HbA1c, fasting plasma glucose, or 2h post-load glucose.

CI indicates confidence interval; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; SD, standard deviation, st β , standardized beta.

Model 1: adjustment for age, sex, intracranial volume, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, 24h systolic blood pressure[#], estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

Model 3: Model 2 additionally adjusted for the use of blood pressure-lowering and lipid-modifying medication

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Note that 24h ambulatory blood pressure was available in n=1984 (1229 individuals with normal glucose metabolism, 303 with prediabetes, and 452 with type 2 diabetes).

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Supplementary Table 6. Multivariable adjusted differences in structural brain abnormalities among individuals with normal glucose metabolism, prediabetes and type 2 diabetes, additionally adjusted for eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73m² and urinary albumin excretion > 30 mg/24 hours.

Characteristic	Prediabetes OR (95% CI)	Type 2 diabetes OR (95% CI)	P for trend
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease			
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.65 (0.99 to 2.75)	1.79 (1.14 to 2.81)	0.010
Model 2	1.62 (0.97 to 2.73)	1.73 (1.05 to 2.83)	0.026
Model 3	1.62 (0.97 to 2.73)	1.74 (1.05 to 2.88)	0.025
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.09 (0.01 to 0.16)	0.22 (0.16 to 0.29)	<0.001
Model 2	0.08 (0.01 to 0.16)	0.21 (0.13 to 0.28)	<0.001
Model 3	0.08 (0.01 to 0.16)	0.19 (0.12 to 0.26)	<0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.09 (0.01 to 0.17)	0.17 (0.10 to 0.25)	<0.001
Model 2	0.08 (0.00 to 0.16)	0.16 (0.08 to 0.24)	<0.001
Model 3	0.08 (0.00 to 0.16)	0.14 (0.06 to 0.22)	0.001
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.08 (0.01 to 0.14)	0.21 (0.15 to 0.28)	<0.001
Model 2	0.07 (0.00 to 0.14)	0.20 (0.13 to 0.27)	<0.001
Model 3	0.07 (0.00 to 0.14)	0.18 (0.12 to 0.25)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.86 (0.58 to 1.28)	1.16 (0.83 to 1.28)	0.471
Model 2	0.87 (0.58 to 1.30)	1.16 (0.81 to 1.67)	0.511
Model 3	0.87 (0.58 to 1.30)	1.13 (0.78 to 1.64)	0.616
Brain volumes			
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-3.4 (-6.8 to -0.1)	-6.1 (-9.2 to -3.1)	<0.001
Model 2	-4.3 (-7.6 to -0.8)	-7.7 (-11.0 to -4.4)	<0.001
Model 3	-4.2 (-7.6 to -0.8)	-6.7 (-10.1 to -3.4)	<0.001
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-1.1 (-4.4 to 2.3)	-8.0 (-11.0 to -4.9)	<0.001
Model 2	-0.4 (-3.8 to 2.9)	-6.0 (-9.2 to -2.7)	0.001
Model 3	-0.4 (-3.8 to 2.9)	-5.5 (-8.8 to -2.3)	0.002
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	4.1 (0.2 to 7.9)	13.2 (9.7 to 16.7)	<0.001
Model 2	4.2 (0.3 to 8.0)	12.7 (9.0 to 16.4)	<0.001
Model 3	4.1 (0.3 to 8.0)	11.4 (7.7 to 15.2)	<0.001

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Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, office systolic blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Model 3: Model 2 additionally adjusted for eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73m² and urinary albumin excretion > 30 mg/24 hours*

* Note that urinary albumin excretion values were available in n=2060

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Supplementary Table 7. Multivariable adjusted associations of HbA1c, fasting glucose and 2-hour post-load glucose levels with structural brain abnormalities, additionally adjusted for eGFR<60 mL/min/1.73m² and urinary albumin excretion > 30 mg/24 hours.

Model	HbA1c	P value	Fasting glucose	P value	2h post-load glucose	P value
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease						
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	1.32 (1.13 to 1.53)	<0.001	1.26 (1.07 to 1.47)	0.004	1.22 (1.02 to 1.45)	0.027
Model 2	1.31 (1.11 to 1.54)	0.002	1.24 (1.05 to 1.48)	0.014	1.24 (1.03 to 1.50)	0.022
Model 3	1.31 (1.11 to 1.56)	0.002	1.25 (1.05 to 1.50)	0.014	1.26 (1.05 to 1.52)	0.016
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.10 (0.06 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.11 (0.08 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001
Model 2	0.08 (0.04 to 0.13)	<0.001	0.10 (0.06 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001
Model 3	0.07 (0.03 to 0.12)	0.001	0.09 (0.05 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.10 (0.06 to 0.14)	<0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.06 (0.02 to 0.11)	0.002	0.08 (0.04 to 0.12)	<0.001	0.07 (0.03 to 0.11)	0.001
Model 2	0.05 (0.01 to 0.09)	0.019	0.07 (0.03 to 0.12)	0.001	0.06 (0.02 to 0.10)	0.006
Model 3	0.04 (-0.01 to 0.08)	0.091	0.06 (0.01 to 0.10)	0.010	0.05 (0.01 to 0.10)	0.021
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.11 (0.07 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.12 (0.09 to 0.16)	<0.001	0.13 (0.09 to 0.17)	<0.001
Model 2	0.09 (0.05 to 0.14)	<0.001	0.12 (0.07 to 0.16)	<0.001	0.12 (0.08 to 0.16)	<0.001
Model 3	0.09 (0.04 to 0.13)	<0.001	0.11 (0.06 to 0.15)	<0.001	0.11 (0.07 to 0.16)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	1.05 (0.92 to 1.20)	0.492	1.05 (0.92 to 1.21)	0.460	0.97 (0.84 to 1.13)	0.717
Model 2	1.05 (0.90 to 1.21)	0.543	1.05 (0.91 to 1.22)	0.490	0.98 (0.84 to 1.14)	0.804
Model 3	1.03 (0.89 to 1.20)	0.661	1.04 (0.89 to 1.21)	0.619	0.98 (0.84 to 1.14)	0.777
Brain volumes						
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.121	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.060	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.01)	0.002
Model 2	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.054	-0.03 (-0.05 to 0.00)	0.020	-0.04 (-0.07 to -0.02)	<0.001
Model 3	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.01)	0.177	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.099	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.02)	0.001
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	-0.06 (-0.08 to -0.04)	<0.001	-0.05 (-0.07 to -0.03)	<0.001	-0.03 (-0.05 to -0.01)	0.016
Model 2	-0.04 (-0.07 to -0.02)	<0.001	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.02)	<0.001	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.068
Model 3	-0.04 (-0.06 to -0.02)	<0.001	-0.04 (-0.06 to 0.01)	0.002	-0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00)	0.097
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>						
Model 1	0.08 (0.05 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.08 (0.05 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.07 (0.04 to 0.10)	<0.001
Model 2	0.07 (0.04 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.08 (0.04 to 0.11)	<0.001	0.07 (0.04 to 0.10)	<0.001
Model 3	0.06 (0.03 to 0.09)	<0.001	0.06 (0.03 to 0.10)	<0.001	0.07 (0.04 to 0.10)	<0.001

Associations between continuous measures of glycemia with structural brain abnormalities in the study population. Odds ratios with 95% CI represent the risk of the presence of lacunar infarctions or cerebral microbleeds, and standardized betas and 95% CIs indicate the mean difference in white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in ml), per SD increase in HbA1c, fasting plasma glucose, or 2h post-load glucose.

OR indicates odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c.

Model 1: adjustment for age, sex, intracranial volume, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, 24h systolic blood pressure*, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Model 3: Model 2 additionally adjusted for eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73m² and urinary albumin excretion > 30 mg/24 hours*

* Note that urinary albumin excretion values were available in n=2107

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Supplementary Table 8. Multivariable adjusted differences in structural brain abnormalities among individuals with normal glucose metabolism (HbA1c <5.7%), prediabetes (HbA1c 5.7 to <6.5%), and type 2 diabetes (HbA1c ≥6.5%), based on ADA criteria (5).

Characteristic	Prediabetes OR (95% CI)	Type 2 diabetes OR (95% CI)	P for trend
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease			
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.27 (0.82 to 1.96)	1.71 (1.07 to 2.74)	0.026
Model 2	1.23 (0.79 to 1.91)	1.64 (0.99 to 2.72)	0.059
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.11 (0.05 to 0.17)	0.24 (0.17 to 0.32)	<0.001
Model 2	0.10 (0.04 to 0.16)	0.22 (0.15 to 0.30)	<0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.08 (0.02 to 0.15)	0.17 (0.09 to 0.25)	<0.001
Model 2	0.08 (0.01 to 0.14)	0.15 (0.06 to 0.23)	<0.001
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.10 (0.04 to 0.15)	0.25 (0.18 to 0.32)	<0.001
Model 2	0.09 (0.04 to 0.15)	0.23 (0.16 to 0.30)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.88 (0.64 to 1.20)	1.04 (0.73 to 1.50)	0.984
Model 2	0.87 (0.63 to 1.19)	1.01 (0.68 to 1.48)	0.830
Brain volumes			
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.4 (-1.3 to 4.1)	-5.6 (-9.0 to -2.3)	0.012
Model 2	1.1 (-1.6 to -3.9)	-5.6 (-9.0 to -2.3)	0.007
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-1.7 (-4.4 to 0.9)	-7.2 (-10.5 to -3.9)	<0.001
Model 2	-1.2 (-3.8 to 1.5)	-4.9 (-8.4 to -1.2)	0.009
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.0 (-3.0 to 3.1)	11.9 (8.2 to 15.7)	<0.001
Model 2	-0.3 (-3.4 to 2.7)	10.3 (6.3 to 14.3)	<0.001

Associations between prediabetes and type 2 diabetes with structural brain abnormalities in the study population. Odds ratios with 95% CI represent the risk of the presence of lacunar infarctions or cerebral microbleeds, and regression coefficients indicate the mean difference with 95% CI in total white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity, and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in ml) of participants with prediabetes or type 2 diabetes, as compared to normal glucose metabolism.

OR indicates odds ratio; CI, confidence interval

Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, office systolic blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Supplementary Table 9. Multivariable adjusted differences in structural brain abnormalities in individuals with normal glucose metabolism, prediabetes and type 2 diabetes, excluding participants with a lagtime > 1 year (n=1333).

Characteristic	Prediabetes OR (95% CI)	Type 2 diabetes OR (95% CI)	P for trend
Markers of cerebral small vessel disease			
<i>Lacunar infarctions (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.71 (0.80 to 3.65)	1.25 (0.63 to 2.47)	0.468
Model 2	1.56 (0.72 to 3.39)	1.07 (0.51 to 2.26)	0.807
<i>Total white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.05 (-0.06 to 0.17)	0.27 (0.17 to 0.36)	<0.001
Model 2	0.05 (-0.07 to 0.16)	0.25 (0.14 to 0.35)	<0.001
<i>Deep cortical white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.05 (-0.07 to 0.18)	0.22 (0.11 to 0.33)	<0.001
Model 2	0.04 (-0.08 to 0.17)	0.19 (0.08 to 0.31)	0.001
<i>Periventricular white matter hyperintensity volume (log-ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.05 (-0.06 to 0.16)	0.26 (0.17 to 0.35)	<0.001
Model 2	0.04 (-0.07 to 0.15)	0.24 (0.14 to 0.34)	<0.001
<i>Cerebral microbleeds (yes/no), OR (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	1.06 (0.57 to 2.00)	1.33 (0.81 to 2.18)	0.276
Model 2	1.17 (0.62 to 2.18)	1.55 (0.90 to 2.65)	0.119
Brain volumes			
<i>White matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	-5.6 (-10.8 to -0.3)	-7.3 (-11.8 to -2.9)	0.001
Model 2	-6.3 (-11.6 to -1.0)	-8.7 (-13.5 to -3.9)	<0.001
<i>Gray matter volume (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	0.1 (-4.8 to 5.0)	-9.3 (-13.4 to -5.1)	<0.001
Model 2	1.3 (-3.6 to 6.3)	-6.5 (-11.0 to -2.1)	0.006
<i>Cerebrospinal fluid (ml), β (95% CI)</i>			
Model 1	5.3 (-0.4 to 11.0)	15.8 (11.0 to 20.8)	<0.001
Model 2	4.9 (-0.9 to 10.6)	14.4 (9.2 to 19.6)	<0.001

Associations between prediabetes and type 2 diabetes with structural brain abnormalities in the study population. Odds ratios with 95% CI represent the risk of the presence of lacunar infarctions or cerebral microbleeds, and regression coefficients indicate the mean difference with 95% CI in total white matter hyperintensity, deep cortical hyperintensity, and periventricular white matter hyperintensity volumes (in log₁₀-transformed ml) or white matter, gray matter, and cerebrospinal fluid volumes (in ml) of participants with prediabetes or type 2 diabetes, as compared to normal glucose metabolism.

OR indicates odds ratio; CI, confidence interval

Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, and time between baseline and MRI measurements

Model 2: Model 1 additionally adjusted for body mass index, smoking status, total-to-high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio, 24h systolic blood pressure*, estimated glomerular filtration rate, and educational level.

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Supplementary Figure 2. Scatterplots with regression lines on the associations of HbA1c, fasting glucose and 2-hour post-load glucose levels with white matter abnormalities.

