



EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Amsterdam University Medical Centers – University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2017
Dept. of Public Health
Thesis: Epidemiology and epigenetics of type 2 diabetes among African migrants in Europe
Supervisors: Karien Stronks, Ph.D.; Charles Agyemang, Ph.D. & Peter Henneman, Ph.D.
- M.Sc.** **Wageningen University, Netherlands** 2012
Nutrition and Health
Thesis: Dietary intake of Ghanaian women in Amsterdam and its association with blood cholesterol levels
Supervisors: Mary Nicolaou, Ph.D. & Inge Brouwer, Ph.D.
- B.Sc.** **Wageningen University, Netherlands** 2010
Nutrition and Health
Thesis: Review on the effects of micronutrient supplementation on preventive mother to child transmission of HIV
Supervisor: Inge Brouwer, Ph.D.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Fellow** 10/11/2022-present
Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health, National Institutes of Health, USA
Supervisors: Charles Rotimi, Ph.D.; Adebawale Adeyemo, M.D.; Themistocles Assimes, M.D., Ph.D.; Nora Franceschini, M.D. & Amy Bentley, Ph.D.
- Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar** 03/13/2023-07/13/2023
Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, School of Medicine, Stanford University, USA
Supervisor: Themistocles Assimes, M.D., Ph.D.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow** 10/15/2018-10/10/2022
Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health, National Institutes of Health, USA
Supervisors: Charles Rotimi, Ph.D.; Adebawale Adeyemo, M.D. & Amy Bentley, Ph.D.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow** 03/01/2017-02/28/2018
Dept. of Public Health, Amsterdam University Medical Centers, Netherlands
Supervisor: Charles Agyemang, Ph.D.
- Visiting Research Fellow** 07/10/2017-09/15/2017
Dept. of Global Health and Populations, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, UK
Supervisor: Manjinder Sandhu, Ph.D.
- Visiting Pre-doctoral Research Fellow** 03/01/2015-07/24/2015
Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health, National Institutes of Health, USA
Supervisors: Charles Rotimi, Ph.D. & Adebawale Adeyemo, M.D.

M.Sc. Intern 02/01/2012-06/30/2012
UNICEF Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (ESARO)
Supervisor: Katrien Ghoos

M.Sc. Intern 05/01/2011-08/31/2011
The Synergos Institute, Namibia
Supervisors: Anne-Mburu de Wagt, Ph.D. & Diego Moretti, Ph.D.

FUNDING

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00).	2022
NIH Intramural Sequencing Center Grant "Genetics of Triglycerides in East Africans" (\$100,000).	2020
National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Fellows Award for Research Excellence (\$1,500).	2019
Division of Clinical Methods and Public Health Fellowship Award (€72,500).	2016
Academic Medical Center (AMC) Young Talent Fund (€2,865).	2014

AWARDS

NHGRI Genome Recognition of Employee Accomplishments and Talents (GREAT) Award.	2022
Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences 2021-2022 Excellence in Teaching Award.	2022
American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Abstract Reviewers' Choice Award.	2020
The European Association for the Study of Obesity New Investigators Award.	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

The Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES), Bethesda, USA 11/01/2020-present

- Developed and taught a seven-week, 2-credit asynchronous course on global health and non-communicable diseases for post baccalaureates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows (2 times).
- Taught fellow faculty on using rubrics for grading (2 times).
- Created, facilitated, and instructed a virtual hands-on workshop "Conducting a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis in Biomedical Research" (3 times).

Amsterdam University College (AUC), Amsterdam, Netherlands 10/01/2020-04/30/2021

- Delivered the virtual guest lectures: "NCDs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries" and "Introduction to Genetic Epidemiology" as part of an Introduction to Public Health course for AUC undergraduate students (2 times).

Amsterdam University Medical Centers, Amsterdam, Netherlands 08/01/2014-07/31/2017

- Co-coordinated a Global Health elective course (September – July each year) and gave lectures to Medicine students (4 years).
- Taught the workshop "Diagnosing Public Health Problems" familiarizing students with biostatistics in public health to Medicine students (3 times).

VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands 05/01/2013-11/30/2016

- Co-taught the annual "NCD Global Health" master class to M.Sc. Global Health students (once).
- Gave an annual guest lecture for a Genetics and Public Health course to B.Sc. Health Sciences students (5 times).
- Lectured with colleagues on "Ethnicity and Health" to Medicine students (once).

Supervisor

Training and advising of 13 junior scientists including:

- **M.Sc. Global Health student VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2022-present
Project: "Epigenome-wide association study of adiponectin levels in sub-Saharan Africans".
- **Ph.D. Candidate Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands** 2021-present
Project: "Race and ethnicity matching in medicine".
- **Ph.D. Candidate Heidelberg Institute for Global Health, Germany** 2020-present
Thesis title: "Epigenetic epidemiology of dietary intake among Africans".
- **Ph.D. Candidate University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2018-2023
Thesis title: "Epidemiology and epigenetics of cardiovascular risk in African migrants".
- **Medicine student University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2021-2022
Project: "Systematic review on the effect of smoking on epigenetics in Asians".
- **Ph.D. Candidate University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2017-2021
Thesis title: "Beyond the traditional risk factors for cardiometabolic diseases among transitioning African populations".
- **Medicine student University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2019
Project: "Prevalence of metabolic syndrome in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis". (Published in *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases*)
- **Medicine student University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2018
Project: "Urban compared with rural origin in relation to cardiovascular risk among African migrants in Europe". (Published in *Public Health*)
- **M.Sc. Global Health student VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2018
Project: "Health literacy in relation to hypertension among ethnic minority groups in the Netherlands". (Published in *European Journal of Public Health*)
- **M.Sc. Global Health student VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2017
Project: "Epigenome-wide association study of perceived discrimination among sub-Saharan African migrants in Europe". (Published in *Scientific Reports*)
- **Medicine student University of Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2017
Project: "The prevalence of non-overweight diabetes in low- and middle-income countries".
- **M.Sc. Global Health VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands** 2016
Project: "Type 2 diabetes management among Ghanaian migrants in Europe and their compatriots in rural and urban Ghana". (Published in *Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice*)
- **Medicine Student Federal University of Bahia, Brazil** 2014
Project: "Disparities in type 2 diabetes prevalence among ethnic minority groups resident in Europe – a systematic review and meta-analysis". (Published in *Internal and Emergency Medicine*)

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Committee Member

- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Inclusion and Diversity Taskforce** 2021-present
- Organizing events that promote diversity and inclusion in the institute.

Society Member

- The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race, and Health. 2021-present
- The African Society of Human Genetics (AfSHG). 2020-present

Ad-hoc Reviewer

- 2016-present
- Reviewed manuscripts for *Nature Medicine*, *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, *Frontiers in Genetics*, *Epigenetics*, *International Journal of Obesity*, *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, *Scientific Reports*, *Clinical Nutrition*, *BMC Public Health*, *BMJ Open*, *European Journal of Public Health*, *Diabetology & Metabolic Syndrome*, *Global Health Epidemiology & Genomics*.

- Judge** 2020-2023
National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Symposium 2022 and 2023
- Judged posters in the field of genetic epidemiology.
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fellows Award for Research Excellence (FARE) 2021**
- Judged abstracts for the Epidemiology/Biostatistics study section of the FARE 2021 competition.
- Health Educator** 2013-2017
Stichting Jongneders (“Foundation Jongneders”), Netherlands
- Provided health education workshops to the African community in Amsterdam. Covered topics included: healthy diet, physical activity, and chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes.
- Nutritionist** 2016-2017
Community health campaign: “Your Health is Your Wealth”, Netherlands
- Provided nutrition workshops for the annual Your Health is Your Wealth campaign day.
 - Developed health education material on non-communicable diseases tailored to African migrants.
- Nutritionist** 2015-2016
Health Information Persons (HIPs) project, Netherlands
- Provided workshops on healthy diet to 10 African community leaders in training to become health information persons for their community.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- Department of Epidemiology, University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, USA: “Epidemiology and Genetic Epidemiology of Type 2 Diabetes among sub-Saharan Africans”. 2023
- Workshop Current Status and Response to the Global Obesity Epidemic, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), Washington DC, USA: “Obesity in African migrant and non-migrant populations”. 2018
- European Public Health Associations (EUPHA) Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Conference, Oslo, Norway: “Gene – environmental interaction in diabetes and obesity: A new horizon for ethnicity and health research”. 2016
- Research on Obesity and Diabetes among African Migrants dissemination meeting, Accra, Ghana: “Contribution of genetic and epigenetic factors to the expression of obesity and type 2 diabetes”. 2015
- African Diabetes Conference, Yaoundé, Cameroon: “Type 2 diabetes among Ghanaian residents in the Netherlands; how do they compare with other ethnic groups?”. 2014

Platform

- International Congress of Human Genetics, Cape Town, South Africa: “Circulating cytokines and their role in type 2 diabetes among Africans: A Mendelian randomization study”. 2023
- Cardiometabolic Health & Diabetes Africa Congress, virtual: “Geographic and ancestral patterns in the association between triglycerides and cardiovascular risk factors among African and European Populations”. 2022
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Festival Data Blitz, Bethesda, USA: “GWAS for appetite regulating hormones in Africans”. 2019
- European Public Health Associations (EUPHA) Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Conference, Oslo, Norway: “Insulin resistance and beta-cell dysfunction among Ghanaians resident in different geographical regions – the RODAM study”. 2016
- European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO), Lisbon, Portugal: “Research on obesity and diabetes among African migrants”. 2016

- European Public Health (EUPHA) Conference, Milan, Italy: “Disparities in type 2 diabetes prevalence among ethnic minority groups resident in Europe”. 2015
- European Public Health Associations (EUPHA) Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Conference, Granada, Spain: “Type 2 diabetes among Ghanaian residents in the Netherlands; how do they compare with other ethnic groups?”. 2014

Poster

- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), Washington DC, USA: “Mendelian randomization analyses suggest a causal role for circulating GIP levels in homeostatic model assessment (HOMA)-derived measures of β -cell function and insulin sensitivity”. 2023
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), Los Angeles, USA: “Sequencing-based genome-wide association study of triglyceride levels in East Africans”. 2022
- Transdisciplinary Conference for Future Leaders in Precision Public Health, virtual: “Adiponectin and cardiometabolic outcomes in sub-Saharan Africans: A Mendelian randomization study”. 2021
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), virtual: “Adiponectin and cardiometabolic outcomes in sub-Saharan Africans: A Mendelian randomization study”. 2021
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), virtual: “Genome-wide analyses of multiple obesity-related cytokines and hormones informs biology of cardiometabolic traits”. 2020
- Obesity Week, Las Vegas, USA: “Genome-wide association study on hormones involved in appetite regulation in Africans”. 2019
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), Houston, USA: “The genetics of circulating resistin in African ancestry populations”. 2019
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Festival, Bethesda, USA: “Genome-wide association study on hormones involved in appetite regulation in Africans”. 2019
- Genomics of Complex Diseases, Cambridge, UK: “An epigenome-wide association study in whole blood of measures of adiposity among Ghanaians: the RODAM study”. 2017
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Orlando, USA: “An epigenome-wide association study in whole blood of measures of adiposity among Ghanaians: the RODAM study”. 2017
- American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), Vancouver, Canada: “Epigenome-wide association study identified new African-specific loci for type 2 diabetes: the RODAM study”. 2016

PUBLICATIONS

2023

1. **Meeks KAC**, Bentley AR, Assimes TL, Franceschini N, Adeyemo AA, Rotimi CN, Doumatey AP. Mendelian randomization analyses suggest a causal role for circulating GIP and IL-1RA levels in homeostatic model assessment-derived measures of β -cell function and insulin sensitivity in Africans without type 2 diabetes. *Genome Medicine* 2023;15(1):108.
2. **Meeks KAC**, Bentley AR, Agyemang C, Galenkamp H, van den Born BJH, Hanssen NMJ, Doumatey AP, Adeyemo AA, Rotimi CN. Ancestral and environmental patterns in the association between triglycerides and other cardiometabolic risk factors. *eBioMedicine* 2023;91:104548.
3. Swart G, **Meeks KAC**, Chilunga F, Venema A, Agyemang C, van der Linden E, Henneman P. Associations between epigenome-wide DNA methylation and height-related traits among Sub-Saharan Africans: the RODAM study. *Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease* 2023;1-12 [Epub ahead of print].
4. van der Linden EL, **Meeks KAC**, Chilunga F, Hayfron-Benjamin C, Bahendeka S, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Venema A, van den Born BJ, Agyemang C, Henneman P, Adeyemo A. Epigenome-wide association study of plasma lipids in West Africans: the RODAM study. *eBioMedicine* 2023;89:104469.

5. Do WL, Sun D, **Meeks KAC**, Dugué PA, Demerath E, Guan W, Li S, Chen W, Milne R, Adeyemo A, Agyemang C, Nassir R, Manson JE, Shadyab AH, Hou L, Horvath S, Assimes TL, Bhatti P, Jordahl KM, Baccarelli AA, Smith AK, Staimez LR, Stein AD, Whitsel EA, Narayan KMV, Conneely KN. Epigenome-wide meta-analysis of BMI in nine cohorts: Examining the utility of epigenetically predicted BMI. *American Journal of Human Genetics* 2023;110(2):273-283.
6. Chilunga FP, Schwerzel PS, **Meeks KAC**, Beune E, Bahendeka S, Mockenhaupt F, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Agyemang C. Associations of psychosocial stress with type 2 diabetes and glycaemic control among Ghanaians: The RODAM study. *Diabetic Medicine* 2023;40(1):e15006.
7. Danquah I, Mank I, Hampe CS, **Meeks KAC**, Agyemang C, Owusu-Dabo E, Smeeth L, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Bahendeka S, Spranger J, Mockenhaupt FP, Schulze MB, Rolandsson O. Subgroups of adult-onset diabetes: a data-driven cluster analysis in a Ghanaian population. *Scientific Reports* 2023;13(1):10756.
8. Osei-Yeboah J, Kengne AP, Owusu-Dabo E, Schulze MB, **Meeks KAC**, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Smeeth L, Bahendeka S, Beune E, Moll van Charante EP, Agyemang C. Validation of prevalent diabetes risk scores based on non-invasively measured predictors in Ghanaian migrant and non-migrant populations - The RODAM study. *Public Health Practice* 2023;6:100453.
9. Kusi-Mensah YA, Hayfron-Benjamin C, Chetty S, van der Linden EL, **Meeks KAC**, Beune E, Anokye-Danso F, Ahima RS, van den Born BJ, Agyemang C. Serum Adiponectin and Leptin Among Ghanaian Migrants in Amsterdam and Their Compatriots in Rural and Urban Ghana: The RODAM Study. *Clinical Medicine Insights Endocrinology and Diabetes* 2023 [ePub head of print].
10. Bannerman-Williams E, Hayfron-Benjamin CF, Atiase Y, Bahendeka S, **Meeks KAC**, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Addo J, Mockenhaupt F, Schulze MB, Beune E, van den Born BJ, Agyemang C. Macrovascular and renal microvascular complications in West Africans with intermediate hyperglycemia living in West Africa and Europe: The RODAM study. *Heliyon* 2023;9(8):e19334.

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11. **Meeks KAC**, Bentley AR, Doumatey AP, Adeyemo AA, Rotimi CN. Mendelian randomization study reveals a causal relationship between adiponectin and LDL cholesterol in Africans. *Scientific Reports* 2022;12:18955.
12. Chilunga FP*, **Meeks KAC***, Henneman P, Agyemang C, Doumatey AP, Rotimi CN, Adeyemo AA. An epigenome-wide association study of insulin resistance in African Americans. *Clinical Epigenetics* 2022;14:88. (* joint first author)
13. **Meeks KAC**, Adeyemo A, Agyemang C. Beta-cell dysfunction and insulin resistance in relation to abnormal glucose tolerance in African populations: can we afford to ignore the diversity within African populations? *BMJ Open Diabetes Research and Care* 2022;10(1):e002685.
14. van der Linden EL, **Meeks KAC**, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Bahendeka S, Beune EJAJ, van den Born BH, Agyemang C. Hypertension determinants among Ghanaians differ according to location of residence: the Research on Obesity and Diabetes among African Migrants study. *Journal of Hypertension* 2022;40(5):1010-1018.
15. van der Linden EL, Halley A, **Meeks KAC**, Chilunga F, Hayfron-Benjamin C, Venema A, Garrelds IM, Danser AHJ, van den Born BJ, Henneman P, Agyemang C. An explorative epigenome-wide association study of plasma renin and aldosterone concentration in a Ghanaian population: the RODAM study. *Clinical Epigenetics* 2022;14(1):159.

16. Ndong AK, van der Linden EL, Beune EJAJ, **Meeks KAC**, Danquah I, Bahendeka S, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Schulze MB, Addo J, van den Born BH, Agyemang C. Serum potassium concentration and its association with hypertension among Ghanaian migrants and non-migrants: The RODAM study. *Atherosclerosis* 2022;342:36-43.
17. Agyemang C, van der Linden EL, Antwi-Berko D, Nkansah Darko S, Twumasi-Ankrah S, **Meeks KAC**, van den Born BH, Henneman P, Owusu-Dabo E, Beune E. Cohort profile: Research on Obesity and Diabetes among African Migrants in Europe and Africa Prospective (RODAM-Pros) cohort study. *BMJ Open* 2022;12(12):e067906.
18. van Apeldoorn JAN, van der Linden EL, Bahendeka S, Beune E, **Meeks KAC**, Klipstein-Grobusch K, van den Born BJ, Agyemang C. C-reactive protein and hypertension among Ghanaian migrants and their homeland counterparts: the Research on Obesity and Diabetes among African Migrants study. *Journal of Hypertension* 2022;40(2):283-291.
19. Awuah RB, de-Graft Aikins A, Dodoo FN, **Meeks KAC**, Beune EJ, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Addo J, Smeeth L, Bahendeka SK, Agyemang C. Psychosocial stressors among Ghanaians in rural and urban Ghana and Ghanaian migrants in Europe. *Journal of Health Psychology* 2022;27(3):674-685.

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20. **Meeks KAC**, Bentley AR, Gouveia MH, Chen G, Zhou J, Lei L, Adeyemo AA, Doumatey AP, Rotimi CN. Genome-wide analyses of multiple obesity-related cytokines and hormones informs biology of cardiometabolic traits. *Genome Medicine* 2021;13:156.
21. Jansen ES, Agyemang C, Boateng D, Danquah I, Beune EJAJ, Smeeth L, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Stronks K, **Meeks KAC**. Rural and urban migration to Europe in relation to estimated cardiovascular disease risk: Does it matter where you migrate from? *Public Health* 2021;196:172-178.
22. **Meeks KAC**, Bentley AR, Adeyemo AA, Rotimi CN. Evolutionary forces in diabetes and hypertension pathogenesis in Africans. *Human Molecular Genetics* 2021;30(R1):R110-R118.
23. Schlosser P, Tin A, [109 authors including **Meeks KAC**], Köttgen A, Teumer A. Meta-analyses identify DNA methylation associated with kidney function and damage. *Nature Communications* 2021;12(1):7174.
24. Tin A, Schlosser P, [99 authors including **Meeks KAC**], Teumer A, Köttgen A. Epigenome-wide association study of serum urate reveals insights into urate co-regulation and the SLC2A9 locus. *Nature Communications* 2021;12(1):7173.
25. Darko SN, **Meeks KAC**, Owiredu WKBA, Laing EF, Boateng D, Beune EJAJ, Addo J, de-Graft Aikins A, Bahendeka S, Mockenhaupt F, Spranger J, Agyei-Baffour P, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Smeeth L, Agyemang C, Owusu-Dabo E. Anthropometric indices and their cut-off points in relation to type 2 diabetes among Ghanaian migrants and non-migrants: The RODAM study. *Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice* 2021;173:108687.
26. Marzà-Florensa A, Boateng D, Agyemang C, Beune E, **Meeks KAC**, Bahendeka S, Levitt N, Klipstein-Grobusch K. Multimorbidity Among Migrant and Non-Migrant Ghanaians: The RODAM Study. *International Journal of Public Health* 2021;66:1604056.
27. Chilunga FP, Henneman P, Venema A, **Meeks KAC**, Gonzalez JR, Ruiz-Arenas C, Requena-Méndez A, Beune E, Spranger J, Smeeth L, Bahendeka S, Owusu-Dabo E, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Adeyemo A, Mannens MM, Agyemang C. DNA methylation as the link between migration and the major noncommunicable diseases: the RODAM study. *Epigenomics* 2021;13(9):653-666.
28. Gouveia MH, Bentley AR, Leonard H, **Meeks KAC**, Ekoru K, Chen G, Nalls MA, Simonsick EM, Tarazona-Santos E, Lima-Costa MF, Adeyemo A, Shriner D, Rotimi CN. Trans-ethnic meta-analysis identifies new loci associated with longitudinal blood pressure traits. *Scientific Reports* 2021;11(1):4075.

29. Chilunga FP, Henneman P, Venema A, **Meeks KAC**, Requena-Méndez A, Beune E, Mockenhaupt FP, Smeeth L, Bahendeka S, Danquah I, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Adeyemo A, Mannens MMAM, Agyemang C. Genome-wide DNA methylation analysis on C-reactive protein among Ghanaians suggests molecular links to the emerging risk of cardiovascular diseases. *NPJ Genomic Medicine* 2021;11(6):46.
30. van der Heijden TGW, Chilunga FP, **Meeks KAC**, Addo J, Danquah I, Beune EJ, Bahendeka SK, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Mockenhaupt FP, Waltz MM, Agyemang C. The Magnitude and Directions of the Associations between Early Life Factors and Metabolic Syndrome Differ across Geographical Locations among Migrant and Non-Migrant Ghanaians-The RODAM Study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 2021;18(22):11996.
31. Osei TB, van Dijk AM, Dingerink S, Chilunga FP, Beune E, **Meeks KAC**, Bahendeka S, Schulze MB, Agyemang C, Nicolaou M, Holleboom AG, Danquah I. Reduced Rank Regression-Derived Dietary Patterns Related to the Fatty Liver Index and Associations with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus among Ghanaian Populations under Transition: The RODAM Study. *Nutrients* 2021;13(11):3679.
32. Michgelsen J, Boateng D, **Meeks KAC**, Beune E, Addo J, Bahendeka S, Stronks K, Agyemang C. Association between practicing religion and cardiovascular disease risk among Ghanaian non-migrants and migrants in Europe: The RODAM Study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 2021;18(5):2451
33. Van Dijk AM, Dingerink S, Chilunga FP, **Meeks KAC**, Bahendeka S, Schulze MB, Danquah I, Osei TB, Serné E, Agyemang C, Holleboom AG. Metabolic-associated fatty liver disease as assessed by the fatty liver index among migrant and non-migrant Ghanaian populations. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Hepatology* 2021;9(4):494-502.
34. Bentley AR, Chen G, Doumatey AP, Shriner D, **Meeks KAC**, Gouveia MH, Ekoru K, Zhou J, Adeyemo A, Rotimi CN. GWAS in Africans identifies novel lipids loci and demonstrates heterogenous association within Africa. *Human Molecular Genetics* 2021;30(22):2205-2214.
35. Chilunga FP, Henneman P, Elliott, HR, Cronjé HT, Walia GK, **Meeks KAC**, Requena-Méndez A, Venema A, Bahendeka S, Danquah I, Adeyemo A, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Pieters M, Mannens MM, Agyemang C. Epigenetic-age acceleration in the emerging burden of cardiometabolic diseases among migrant and non-migrant African populations: a population-based cross-sectional RODAM substudy. *The Lancet Healthy Longevity* 2021;2(6):E327-E339.
36. Assmus F, Galbete C, Knueppel S, Schulze MB, Beune E, **Meeks KAC**, Nicolaou M, Amoah S, Agyemang C, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Bahendeka S, Spranger J, Mockenhaupt FP, Smeeth L, Stronks K, Danquah I. Carbohydrate-dense snacks are a key feature of the nutrition transition among Ghanaian adults – findings from the RODAM study. *Food & Nutrition Research* 2021;65:5435.

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37. **Meeks KAC**, Doumatey AP, Bentley AR, Gouveia MH, Chen G, Zhou J, Lei L, Adeyemo AA, Rotimi CN. The genetics of circulating resistin levels, a biomarker for cardiovascular diseases, is informed by Mendelian randomization and the unique characteristics of African genomes. *Circulation: Genomic and Precision Medicine* 2020;13(5):488-503.
38. van der Laan LC*, **Meeks KAC***, Chilunga FP, Agyemang C, Venema A, Mannens MMAM, Zafarmand MH, Klipstein-Grobusch K, Smeeth L, Adeyemo AA, Henneman P. Epigenome-wide association study for perceived discrimination among sub-Saharan African migrants in Europe - the RODAM study. *Scientific Reports* 2020;10:4919. (* joint first author)

39. Jaspers Faijer-Westerink H, Kengne AP, **Meeks KAC**, Agyemang C. Prevalence of metabolic syndrome in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases* 2020;30(4):547-565.
40. Jaspers Faijer-Westerink H, Kengne AP, **Meeks KAC**, Agyemang C. Methodological considerations for the meta-analysis of metabolic syndrome in sub-Saharan Africa. *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases* 2020;30(6):1050-1051.
41. Lyons J, van der Linden EL, **Meeks KAC**, Beune EJAJ, Smeeth L, Bahendeka S, Spranger J, Klipstein-Grobush K, Mockenhaupt FP, Danquah I, Agyemang C. Inverse association between iron deficiency and glycated haemoglobin levels in Ghanaian adult – the RODAM study. *Journal of Nutrition* 2020;150(7):1899-1908.
42. Afrifa-Anane E, Aikins AD, **Meeks KAC**, Beune EJAJ, Addo J, Smeeth L, Bahendeka S, Stronks K, Agyemang C. Physical inactivity among Ghanaians in Ghana and Ghanaian Migrants in Europe. *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* 2020;52(10):2152-2161.
43. Commodore-Mensah Y, Agyemang C, Aboagye JA, Echouffo-Tcheugui JB, Beune EJAJ, Smeeth L, Klipstein-Grobush K, Danquah I, Schulze M, Boateng D, **Meeks KAC**, Bahendeka S, Ahima RS. Obesity and cardiovascular disease risk among Africans residing in Europe and Africa. *Obesity Research & Clinical Practice* 2020;14(2):151-157.
44. Hayfron-Benjamin CF, Maitland-van der Zee AH, van den Born BJ, Amoah AGB, **Meeks KAC**, Klipstein-Grobush K, Schulze MB, Spranger J, Danquah I, Smeeth L, Beune EJAJ, Mockenhaupt F, Agyemang C. Association between C reactive protein and microvascular and macrovascular dysfunction in sub-Saharan Africans with and without diabetes: the RODAM study. *BMJ Open Diabetes Research and Care* 2020;8(1):e001235.
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