



# Hand osteoarthritis, pain and body weight

*Associations and potential mechanisms*

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# Outline

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# Background: Risk factors

Higher age  
Female sex  
Genetic factors

## Local biomechanical factors

Hypermobility  
Previous joint injury  
High work load

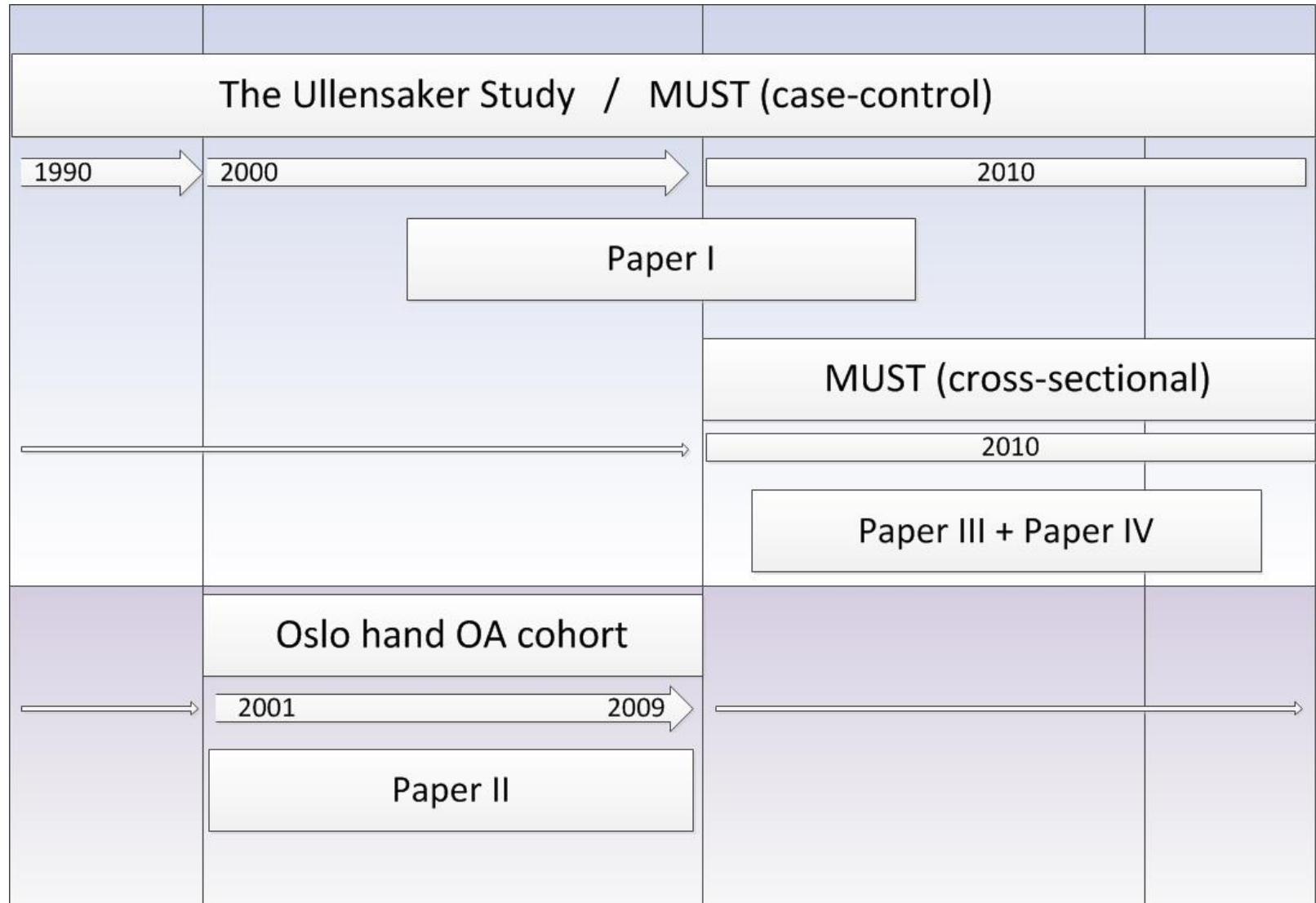
## Systemic factors

High BMI?  
Metabolic factors?

# Main aim

To investigate the associations between a high BMI and different hand OA outcomes, as well as to investigate the etiology of pain in hand OA, using observational data

# Data collection and study design



## Paper's order and aim

Paper I: Obesity -> clinical hand OA?

Paper II: Obesity -> progressive Radiographic hand OA + pain?

Paper III:  
Explanatory  
factors for  
hand OA pain?

Paper IV: The validity of self-reported BMI?

## Paper's titles and clinical relevance (by size)

Scand J Rheumatol 2014;43:409–415

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**No strong relationship between body mass index and clinical hand osteoarthritis – results from a population-based case-control study**

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**Body mass index and progressive hand osteoarthritis: data from the Oslo hand osteoarthritis cohort**

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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The validity of self-reported body mass index in a population-based osteoarthritis study

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Paper III:  
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# Participants in paper III

n=530 with radiographic OA (KLG $\geq$ 2) in 1 or more finger joint

71% women

131 with erosive OA

399 with non-erosive OA



# Results in paper III

**Included covariates:** Age, sex, education status, familial OA, physical activity level, smoking, alcohol consumption, BMI, hypertension, diabetes, widespread pain, mental distress, number of joints with synovitis, number of joints with KLG $\geq$ 2

	Erosive OA		Non-erosive OA	
	AUSCAN pain B (95% CI)	NTJ B (95% CI)	AUSCAN pain B (95% CI)	NTJ B (95% CI)
Diabetes [0-1]	<b>3.81</b> <b>(2.27, 5.35)</b>	<b>4.16</b> <b>(2.01, 6.31)</b>	-0.42 (-1.85, 1.02)	0.90 (-0.65, 2.45)
SF-36 mental score [0-100]	-0.04 (-0.08, 0.01)	-0.02 (-0.08, 0.04)	<b>-0.06</b> <b>(-0.11, -0.02)</b>	<b>-0.05</b> <b>(-0.09, -0.01)</b>
No. of joints with synovitis [0-30]	<b>0.45</b> <b>(0.19, 0.70)</b>	<b>0.55</b> <b>(0.08, 1.02)</b>	0.24 (-0.93, 1.42)	0.64 (-0.11, 1.39)
No. of joints with KLG $\geq$ 2 [0-30]	<b>0.17</b> <b>(0.08, 0.25)</b>	<b>0.23</b> <b>(0.10, 0.36)</b>	0.00 (-0.11, 0.12)	0.10 (-0.02, 0.22)

# Conclusions of thesis

- A high BMI NOT associated with clinical/radiographic hand OA

However..

- A high BMI early in life may be associated with later clinical hand OA
- Diabetes associated with increased hand pain in erosive hand OA

# Clinical implications

Erosive OA:

Can only be seen on X-rays

Same treatment modalities as for non-erosive

May consider risk of diabetes if hand OA patient complains of severe pain

# Ongoing work and future studies

The Dialong Hand Study: study radiographic OA and hand pain in persons with long-term type I diabetes (>40 years)

The New Oslo Hand Osteoarthritis Cohort:  
Quantitative Sensory Testing by algometer and pinprick

Twin registry linkage: Investigate genetic vs. environmental factors causing a clinically relevant OA diagnosis

# Thank you!

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