

The International Children Accelerometer Database

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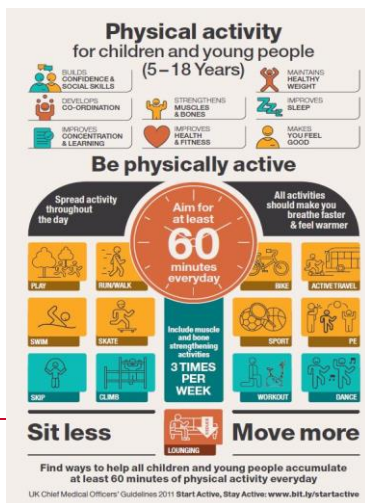
Outline

1. The ICAD history
2. Data Processing (ICAD 1.0 and 2.0)
 - a. Standardisation of accelerometer data
 - b. Standardisation of correlates
 - c. Data access and management
3. Lessons Learned
4. Examples of outputs



Why a pooled data base on childrens physical activity? ICAD 1.0

• What we knew



• What we didn't know

- Population levels and cultural differences
- Dose-response:
 - Frequency, Intensity, Duration, Mode
- Inter-relations between movement behaviours, sedentary behaviour and sleep
- Effect modifiers: population subgroups
- Correlates and Determinants

Origin of the ICAD

- Established in 2008 with funding from the National Preventative Research Initiative (NPRI) (**£269,622**)
- Collaboration between University of Bath, University of Bristol and the MRC Epidemiology Unit



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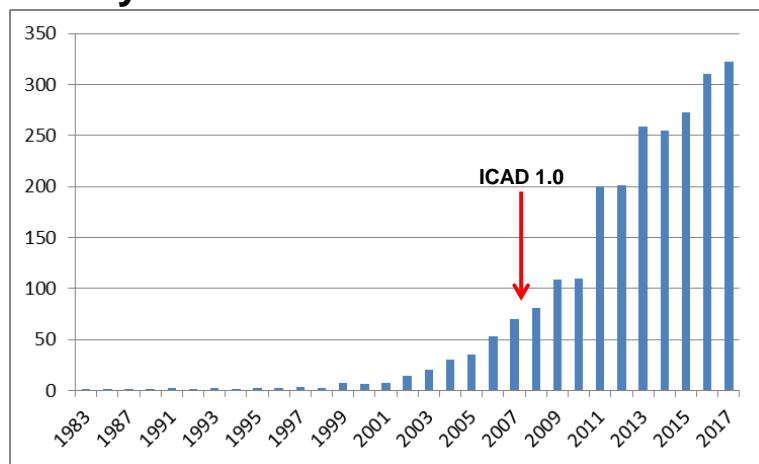
The Opportunity

- Accelerometry – increased precision of physical activity of measurement
- Accelerometers used in a reasonable number of large studies of children
- Waist worn Actigraph monitors was emerging as a tool of choice
- There were relatively standardised protocols for data collection
- Feasible to create a pooled dataset of standardised outcomes

The Potential

- Cost effective
- Increased analytical power - 'meta-analysis using individual study data'
- Socio-cultural diversity – a more heterogeneous and potentially more representative sample
- Harmonize and optimise the analytical methods used
- Open resource for the scientific community

Published papers that use accelerometers to measure physical activity in children



Search Words *physical activ*, children, acceleromet**

Pubmed (Feb 16th 2018)

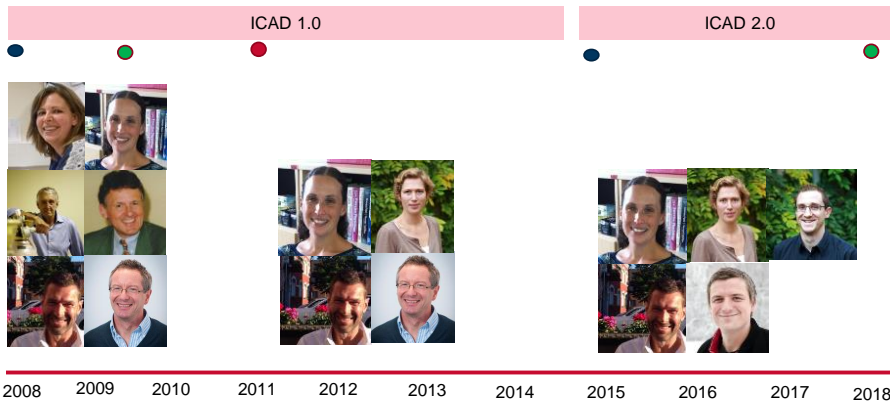
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ICAD Objectives

- Pool physical activity data (measured by accelerometry) and associated variables from 14 studies worldwide to create a **large, diverse, and contextually rich database**.
- Utilise the **high level of statistical power** to investigate **predictors** of physical activity and **associations with health outcomes** in a range of population sub-groups (e.g. gender, minorities, socioeconomic groups, urban/rural communities).
- Use the **cultural diversity** of the data to generate new models of children's physical activity behaviour, within a 'socio-ecological' framework.

The Journey

- Initiation
- Data release
- First paper published



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ICAD 1.0

- 3-18 years
- >400 sample size (with the exception of preschool)
- Accelerometer data (raw .dat files from 7164, 71256, GT1M)
- Demographic information
- Body composition and metabolic markers
- Socio-economic position (e.g. income, employment)
- Home and family (e.g. parent height/weight, TV viewing)



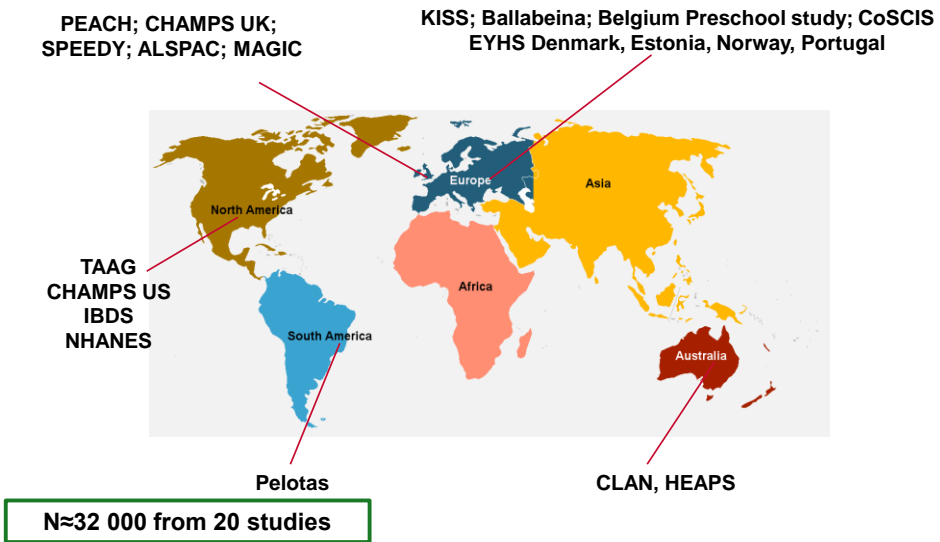
ICAD 1.0 Process

- Pragmatic search for studies which used an Actigraph
- Approached 24 large studies
- 20 agreed to participate



- Obtained .dat files and non accelerometer data through secure server
- Telephone interviews with PIs

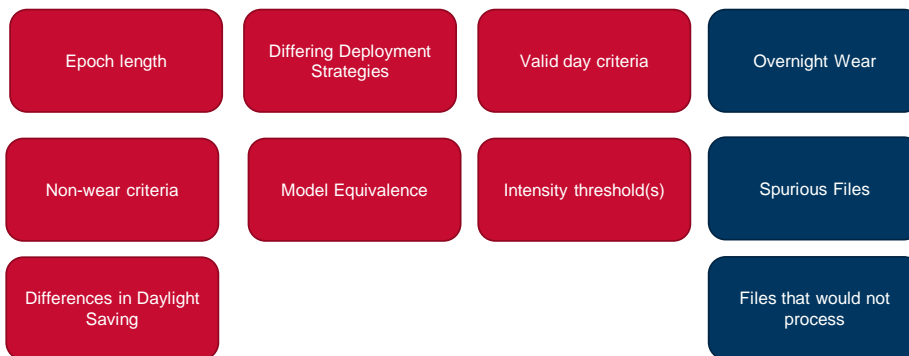




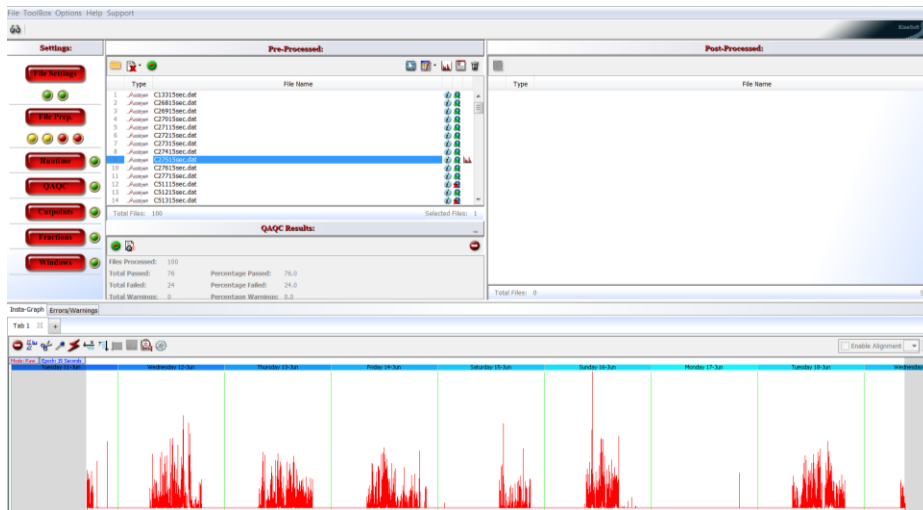
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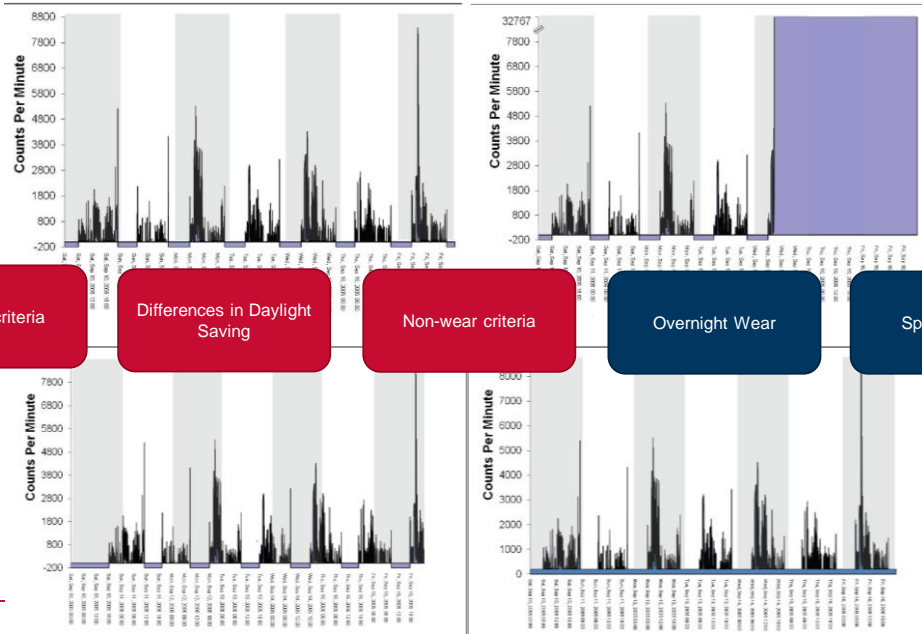
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N=46,131 files



Accelerometer Data Reduction (Kinesoft)

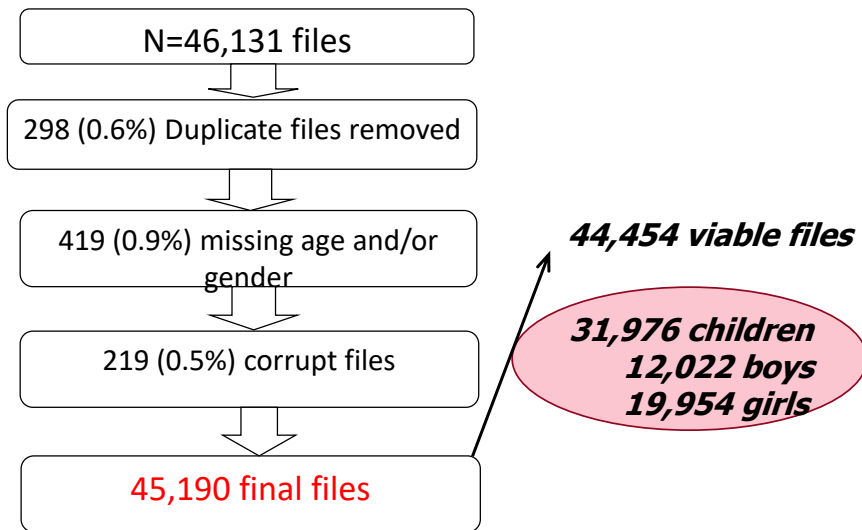




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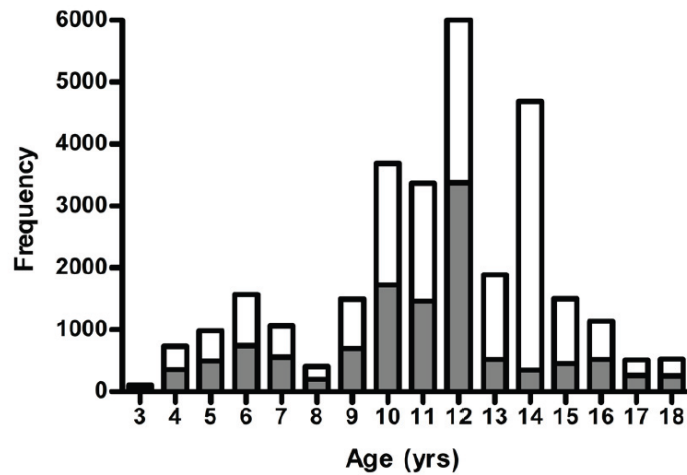
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- The model seemed to work
 - Objective, time-stamped physical activity data
 - High statistical power
 - Heterogeneity – exposures and outcomes
- Some high impact papers



- Predominantly cross-sectional
- Limited information on the correlates of behaviour
- Limited representation of particular age-groups / countries

ICAD 2.0: Objectives

1. Add additional waves of accelerometer and health outcome data from existing studies
2. Add information on a broader range of correlates of physical activity from existing studies

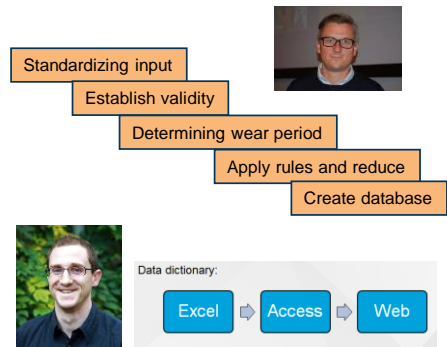
New data (received 2014/15):

- New waves of data submitted: 13 studies
- Additional data from original submission: 7 studies

The ICAD 2 - Harmonization

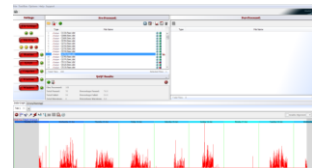


- Aim to attain the comparability of information collected from different sources - **get your data ducks swimming in the same direction**
- **Accelerometer data**
 - 55.000 accelerometer files from 21 studies
 - 49 waves of data collection → 49+ variations of initialization and deployment strategies
- **Non-accelerometer data**
 - Retrospective data harmonisation requires clear, detailed notes on all variables in each study
 - >11,000 variables across 30 different constructs
 - Personal, social and environmental factors that might influence children's PA and SED



ICAD 2.0: Actigraph Data reduction

- New Actigraph monitors
 - Raw hz
- Binned cut-points (e.g. 0-100; 101-200)
- Followed same procedures as ICAD 1.0
- 13 studies have 2 or more waves of accelerometer data
- >55000 files from 21 studies
- 49 waves of data collection



The ICAD – accelerometry harmonisation

- Aim to attain, or at least improve, the comparability of information collected from different sources - **get your data ducks swimming in the same direction**
- **STEP 1** – Standardising input data (60 sec epoch and vertical axis)



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Example:

DAT-file (GT1M) with header mode 5: initialised in mode 5 (Vertical axis, 2nd axis, steps – three streams of data in the file)

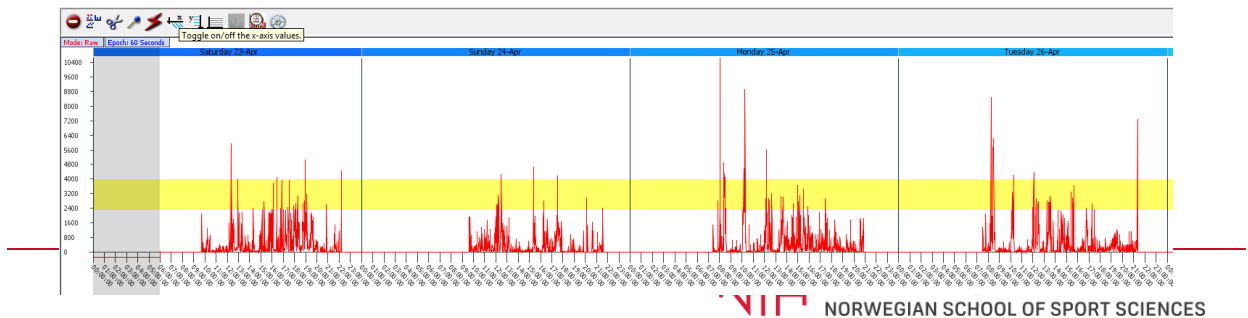
- Original DAT exported to an AGD
- The AGD file exported to CSV
- CSV file opened in Excel
- Deleted all but the first column of data in the CSV file
- Changed the mode from 5 to 0 in the ninth line of the CSV file
- Saved the CSV file
- Converted the CSV file to AGD in ActiLife
- Exported the new AGD to DAT in ActiLife
- Reintegrated the new DAT file to 60 second epoch in Kinesoft

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- **STEP 2** – Establish the validity

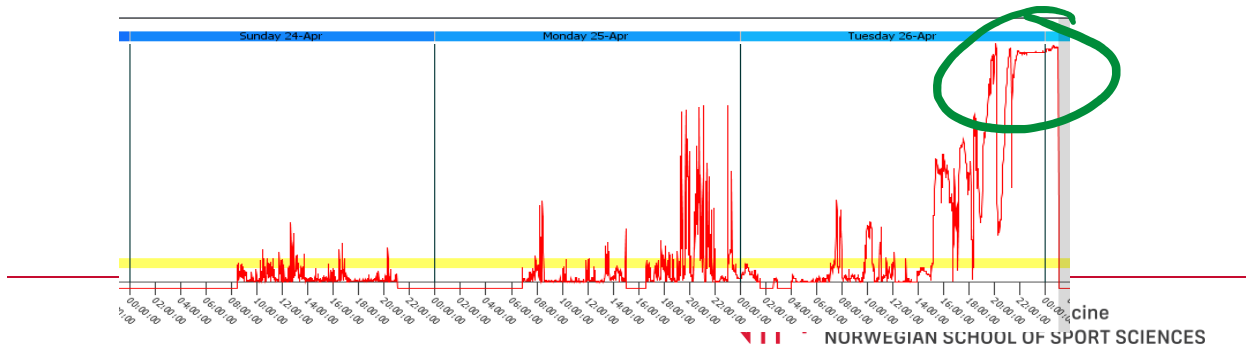
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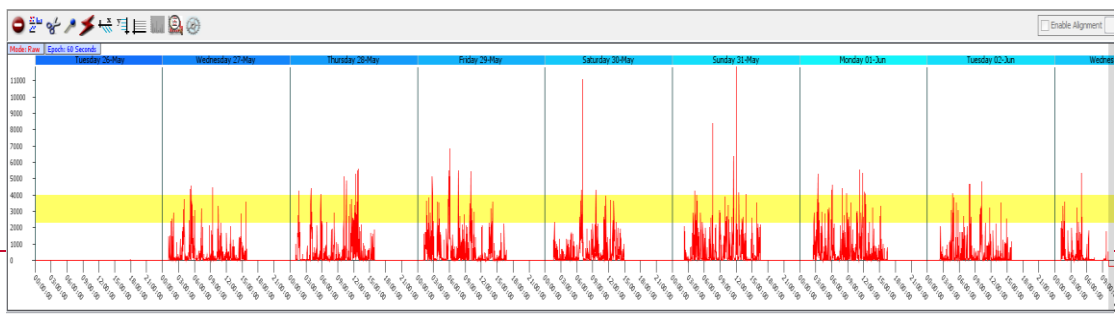


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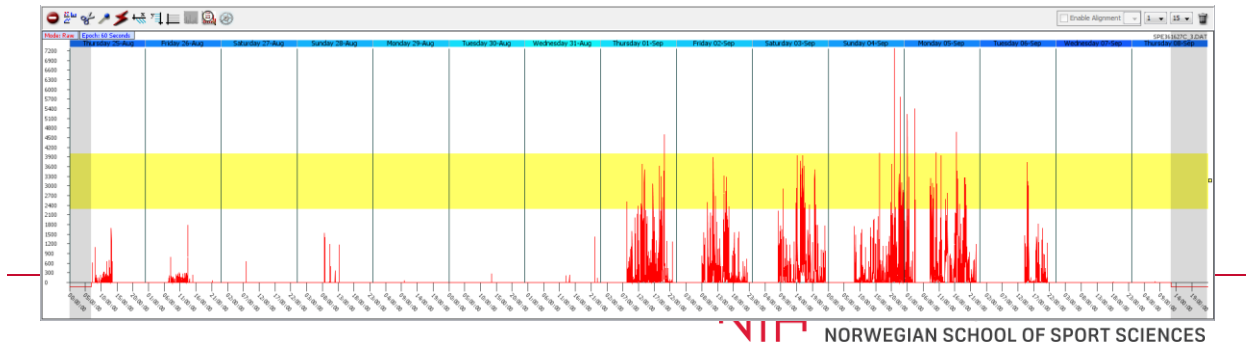
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The ICAD – accelerometry harmonisation

- Aim to attain, or at least improve, the comparability of information collected from different sources - **get your data ducks swimming in the same direction**
- **STEP 3** – determine wear period



Online data dictionary

- Summary of data processing
 - 55,386 accelerometer data files processed
 - Around 220 hours of processing time over about 3 weeks
 - 392 excel spread sheets
 - Merged with other variables
 - Available through online data dictionary with shopping cart function

ICAD2 Data Dictionary

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Online data dictionary

- ICAD is an open database
- Data base managed by the MRC Epidemiology Unit
- Simple Application procedure
- Data user agreement
- Authorship rules/Publication guidelines
- Working group
- Steering Group
- Newsletter

The screenshot shows the MRC Epidemiology Unit website. The main header is "MRC Epidemiology Unit" with a navigation menu including Home, About, Research, Take Part, Work and Study, News, Events, People, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD)".

Objective methods, such as accelerometers, have become a preferred option when measuring population levels of physical activity, examining trends in activity patterns and when examining associations between activity and health outcomes in young people.

The International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) project is a consortium including 20 partners which pooled and reduced raw accelerometer data using standardized methods to create comparable outcome variables in 32,000 young people aged 3 to 18 years across studies from Europe, the US, Brazil and Australia.


By pooling and re-analysing accelerometer data from different studies the ICAD has the potential to: a) increase statistical power due to a large sample size, b) create a more heterogeneous and potentially more representative sample, c) standardize and optimize the analytical methods used in the generation of outcome variables, and d) provide a means to study the causes of inter-study variability in physical activity.

The ICAD project was funded by the National Prevention Research Initiative in the UK and is led by a Steering Committee including representatives from all contributing partners. A collaborative ICAD Working Group from the MRC Epidemiology Unit, Loughborough University and Norwegian School of Sport Sciences manages the day-to-day running of ICAD. The ICAD Working Group consists of: Dr Andrew Atkin, Prof. Ulf Eriksson, Dr Dale Esliger, Dr Sjurge H Hansen, Dr Lauren Sherar, and Dr Esther van Sluijs.

The database is managed by the MRC Epidemiology Unit and is publicly available for data requests.

Applying to use ICAD data

The ICAD is open for data request as a supported access resource. Please find information regarding the application process to access the data below. Data will be released in chronological order by date of accepted proposal and usually within 3 to 10 working days. Please contact Dr Lauren Sherar with data requests using the application form below:


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International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD)

What is ICAD?

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- standardize and optimize the analytical methods used in the generation of outcome variables, and
- provide a means to study the causes of inter-study variability in physical activity.

NEW! Release of ICAD 2

Early 2017, a new version of ICAD was released. Compared to the first release, the updated ICAD includes **more longitudinal data and provides access to a wider range of non-accelerometer data**. All accelerometer data has been reprocessed to ensure consistency



ICAD
International Children's
Accelerometry Database

Data Access and Management

- Data accessible via application
- No access fee
- Data use agreement
- Authorship & publication policy
 - Authors – writing group + 1 individual from each study (≥ 1 if ≥ 1 wave of data)
 - Group authorship
 - Standard acknowledgement section
- Data Management
 - MRC Epi Unit, Univ Loughborough, and Norwegian School of Sport Sciences
- Working group: day-to-day management
- Steering Committee: strategic oversight

Ethics and Privacy

- MRC Policy and Guidance on Sharing of Research Data from Population and Patient Studies
<https://www.mrc.ac.uk/documents/pdf/data-sharing-from-population-and-patient-studies/>
- All data is anonymised
- Relies on partners **ensure that original consent and ethical approval were obtained** and that data can be shared

Always open for applications

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- [General instructions for ICAD use](#)
- [ICAD online Data Dictionary](#)
- [ICAD application form](#)
- [Data use agreement](#)

Publishing and presenting ICAD Data

- [Publication guidelines](#)
- [Checklist for publication](#)
- [Acknowledgement slide for presentations](#)

Additional material

- [ICAD approved proposals and progress \(updated Sep 2017\)](#)
- [List of ICAD partners](#)
- [Log of changes to ICAD database](#)
- [ICAD symposium at ISBNPA Annual Meeting \(June 2015, Edinburgh\): see video \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- [Accelerometry data reduction settings for ICAD 2 \(Dec 2015\):](#)
 - [Summary document](#)
 - [Detailed document](#)

<http://www.mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk/research/studies/icad/>

Communication

- Quarterly newsletter
- Annual Steering Committee Meeting
- Bespoke emails
- Circulation of proposals



Association between birth weight and objectively measured sedentary time is mediated by central adiposity: data in 10,793 youth from the International Children's Accelerometry Database¹⁻³

Maria Hildebrand, Elin Kolle, Bjorge H Hansen, Paul J Collings, Katrien Wijndaele, Katarzyna Kordas, Ashley R Cooper, Lauren B Sherar, Lars Bo Andersen, Luis B Sardinha, Susi Kriemler, Pedro Hallal, Esther van Sluijs, and Ulf Ekelund

>50 proposals accepted/active
31 papers published
~ 10 submitted

Keen and Janz International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity 2012, 9:68
http://www.ijbnpa.org/content/9/1/68

RESEARCH Open Access

Tracking of accelerometry-measured physical activity during childhood: ICAD pooled analysis

Soyang Kwon¹, Kathleen F. Janz^{2,3} and on behalf of the ICAD collaborators

Abstract
Background: Understanding of physical activity (PA) tracking during childhood behaviors and design appropriate interventions. We compared tracking of PA (weekdays/weekends) in a pool of five children's cohort studies.

Sports Med
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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport

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Original research

Equating accelerometer estimates among youth: The Rosetta Stone 2

Keith Brazendale^{1,2}, Michael W. Beets¹, Daniel B. Bornstein¹, Justin B. Moore³, Russell R. Pate¹, Robert G. Weaver¹, Ryan S. Falck¹, Jessica L. Chandler¹, Lars B. Andersen^{1,4}, Sigmund A. Andersen⁵, Greet Cardon⁶, Ashley Cooper¹, Rachel Davey⁷, Karsten Froberg¹, Pedro C. Hallal⁸, Kathleen F. Janz¹, John J. Reilly⁹, Jo Salmon¹⁰, and on behalf of the International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) Collaborators



Hansen et al. International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (2019) 16:29
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RESEARCH

Weather and children's physical activity; how and why do relationships vary between countries?

Fla Hansson^{1,2}, Anna Goodman^{3,4}, Esther M. F. van Sluijs^{5,6}, Lars Bo Andersen¹, Greet Cardon⁷, Jo Kathleen F. Janz⁸, Susi Kriemler⁹, Lynn Mckibbin¹⁰, Angie S. Page¹¹, Rana Patel¹², Jardenia J. Puder¹³, Lu Anna Temporetti¹⁴, Niels Wedderkopp¹⁵, Andy P. Jones¹⁶ on behalf of the ICAD collaborators

Cross-Sectional Associations of Reallocating Time Between Sedentary and Active Behaviours on Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Young People: An International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) Analysis

Bjorge Herman Hansen¹, Sigmund Alfred Andersen¹, Lars Bo Andersen^{1,2}, Maria Hildebrand¹, Elin Kolle¹, Jostein Steene-Johannessen¹, Susi Kriemler³, Angie S. Page⁴, Jardenia J. Puder⁵, John J. Reilly⁶, Luis B. Sardinha⁷, Esther M. F. van Sluijs⁸, Niels Wedderkopp⁹, Ulf Ekelund¹⁰ · On behalf of the International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) Collaborators

Prevalence and Correlates of Screen Time in Youth: An International Perspective

D. Stephen J. Sharp, MSc, Kirsten Corder, PhD, Esther M.F. van Sluijs, PhD, & International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) Collaborators

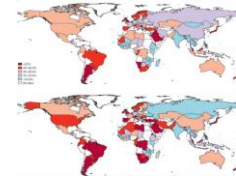
Screen time (including TV viewing/computer use) may be adversely associated with mental health in children. Describe the prevalence and sociodemographic correlates of screen time in an sample of children aged 4-17 years.

The Lancet Physical Activity Series 1

Global physical activity levels: surveillance progress, pitfalls, and prospects

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To implement effective non-communicable disease prevention programmes, policy makers need data for physical activity levels and trends. In this report, we describe physical activity levels worldwide with data for adults (15 years or older) from 122 countries and for adolescents (13–15-years-old) from 105 countries. Worldwide, 31.1% (95% CI 30.9–31.2) of adults are physically inactive, with proportions ranging from 17.0% (16.8–17.2) in southeast Asia to about 43% in the Americas and the eastern Mediterranean. Inactivity rises with age, is higher in women than in men, and is increased in high-income countries. The proportion of 13–15-year-olds doing fewer than 60 min of physical activity of moderate to vigorous intensity per day is 80.3% (80.1–80.5); boys are more active than are girls. Continued improvement in monitoring of physical activity would help to guide development of policies and programmes to increase activity levels and to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases.



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Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity and Sedentary Time and Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Children and Adolescents

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Context Sparse data exist on the combined associations between physical activity and sedentary time with cardiometabolic risk factors in healthy children.

Objective To examine the independent and combined associations between objectively measured time in moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) and sedentary time with cardiometabolic risk factors.

Design, Setting, and Participants Pooled data from 14 studies between 1998 and 2009 comprising 20871 children (aged 4–18 years) from the International Children's Accelerometry Database. Time spent in MVPA and sedentary time were measured using accelerometry after reanalyzing raw data. The independent associations between time in MVPA and sedentary time, with outcomes, were examined using meta-analysis. Participants were stratified by tertiles of MVPA and sedentary time.

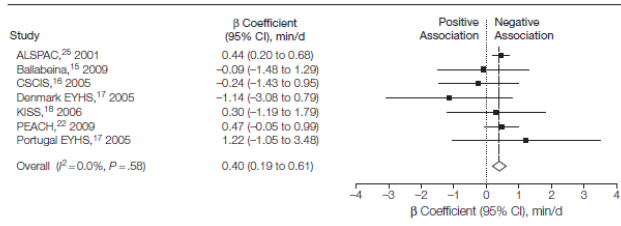
Main Outcome Measures Waist circumference, systolic blood pressure, fasting triglycerides, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, and insulin.

Results Times (mean [SD] min/d) accumulated by children in MVPA and being sedentary were 30 (21) and 354 (96), respectively. Time in MVPA was significantly associated with all cardiometabolic outcomes independent of sex, age, monitor wear time, time spent sedentary, and waist circumference (when not the outcome). Sedentary time was not associated with any outcome independent of time in MVPA. In the combined analyses, higher levels of MVPA were associated with better cardiometabolic risk factors across tertiles of sedentary time. The differences in outcomes between higher and lower MVPA were greater with lower sedentary time. Mean differences in waist circumference between the bottom and top tertiles of MVPA were 5.6 cm (95% CI, 4.8–6.4 cm) for high sedentary time and 3.6 cm (95% CI, 2.8–4.3 cm) for low sedentary time. Mean differences in systolic blood pressure for high and low sedentary time were 0.7 mm Hg (95% CI, –0.07 to 1.6) and 2.5 mm Hg (95% CI, 1.7–3.3), and for high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, differences were –2.6 mg/dL (95% CI, –1.4 to –3.9) and –4.5 mg/dL (95% CI, –3.3 to –5.6), respectively. Geometric mean differences for insulin and triglycerides showed similar variation. Those in the top tertile of MVPA accumulated more than 35 minutes per day in this intensity level compared with fewer than 18 minutes per day for those in the bottom tertile. In prospective analyses (N=6413 at 2.1 years' follow-up), MVPA and sedentary time were not associated with waist circumference at follow-up, but a higher waist circumference at baseline was associated with higher amounts of sedentary time at follow-up.

Conclusion Higher MVPA time by children and adolescents was associated with better cardiometabolic risk factors regardless of the amount of sedentary time.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL public health authorities agree that children and adolescents should accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) daily.^{1–4} Although the exact amount of physical activity needed for optimal health is unknown, recent research has established inverse cross-sectional associations between objectively measured physical activity with adiposity and cardiometabolic risk factors in youth.^{5–10} Many health authorities and organizations have also recognized the potentially detrimental effects of prolonged time spent sedentary and consequently compiled guidelines for reducing the amount of sedentary time, especially TV viewing.^{11,12} Some recent reports appear to confirm the importance of reducing sedentary time in youth as they

Figure 2. Associations Between Baseline Waist Circumference and Time Spent Sedentary at Follow-up



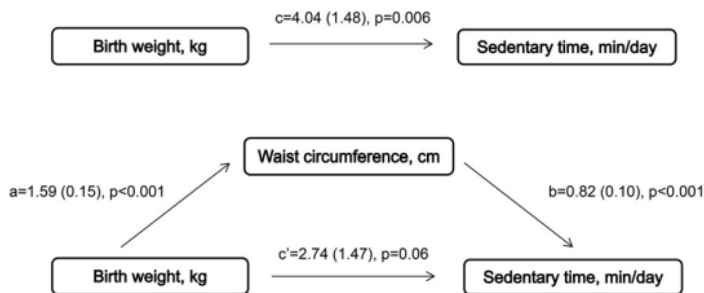
β coefficients show difference in time spent sedentary (min/d) for 1-cm difference in baseline waist circumference. Model adjusted for sex, age, monitor wear time, baseline time spent sedentary, and follow-up time.

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Association between birth weight and objectively measured sedentary time is mediated by central adiposity: data in 10,793 youth from the International Children's Accelerometry Database¹⁻³

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Conclusion: The association between birth weight and sedentary time appears partially mediated by central adiposity, suggesting that both birth weight and abdominal adiposity may be correlates of sedentary time in youth. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2015;101:983–90.

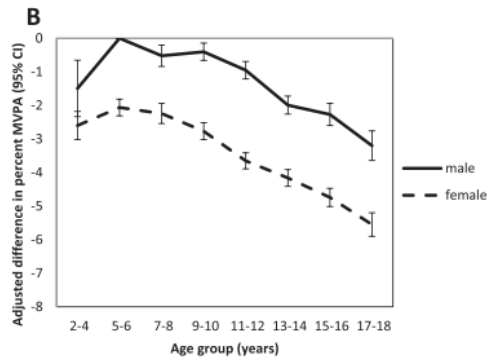
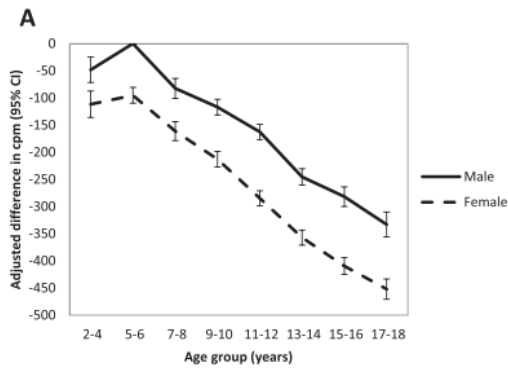
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Objectively measured physical activity and sedentary time in youth: the International children's accelerometry database (ICAD)



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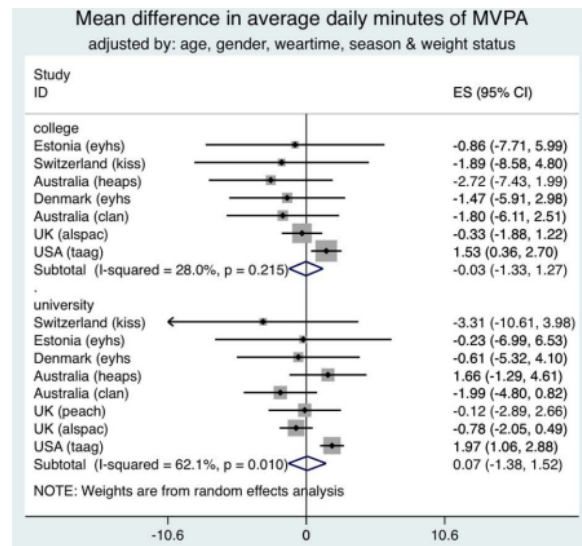
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Association between maternal education and objectively measured physical activity and sedentary time in adolescents

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Conclusions Across a number of international samples, adolescents of mothers with lower education may not be at a disadvantage in terms of overall objectively measured PA.



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Does adiposity mediate the relationship between physical activity and biological risk factors in youth?: a cross-sectional study from the International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD)

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BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES: To model the association between accumulating 60 daily minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity and a composite score of biological risk factors into a direct and an indirect effect, using abdominal obesity as the mediator.

SUBJECTS/METHODS: Cross-sectional data from the International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) including 6–18-year-old children and adolescents ($N = 3412$) from 4 countries providing at least 3 days of accelerometry-assessed physical activity. A standardized composite risk score was calculated from systolic blood pressure and fasting blood samples of insulin, glucose, triacylglycerol and inverse HDL-cholesterol. Abdominal obesity was assessed by the waist-circumference:height ratio. Two-stage regression analysis, allowing for exposure–mediator interaction, was used for the effect decomposition.

RESULTS: Participants achieving 60 daily minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity had a 0.31 (95% CI: $-0.39, -0.23$) standard deviations lower composite risk score than those achieving less than 60 min. Modelling the associations suggested that 0.24 standard deviations (95% CI: $-0.32, -0.16$) was attributed to the direct effect and -0.07 (95% CI: $-0.11, -0.02$) to the indirect effect indicating that 22% of the total effect was mediated by central adiposity. Modelling 30 and 90 min of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per day resulted in changes in the direct but not the indirect effect.

CONCLUSIONS: One hour of daily moderate-to-vigorous physical activity was associated with clinically relevant differences in metabolic control compared to engagement in less than this minimally recommended amount. The majority of the difference was explained by the direct effect of physical activity.

(Tarp et al, *Int J Obes* 2018)

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Cross-Sectional Associations of Reallocating Time Between Sedentary and Active Behaviours on Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Young People: An International Children's Accelerometry Database (ICAD) Analysis

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Key Points

Our results show beneficial theoretical associations between replacing as little as 10 min/day of sedentary time with an equal amount of time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity and a wide array of cardiometabolic risk markers in healthy youth.

Replacing sedentary time with an equal amount of light physical activity showed minor beneficial associations with cardiometabolic risk markers.

Replacing sedentary time with active behaviours, particularly those of at least moderate intensity, appears to be an effective strategy to reduce cardiometabolic risk in young people.

(Hansen et al, *Sports Med* 2018)

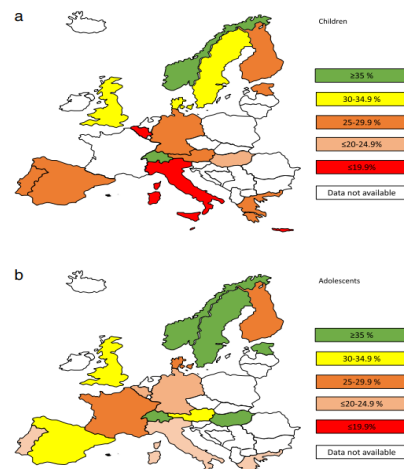
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RESEARCH

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Variations in accelerometry measured physical activity and sedentary time across Europe – harmonized analyses of 47,497 children and adolescents

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Conclusions: Two third of European children and adolescents are not sufficiently active. Our findings suggest substantial gender-, country- and region-specific differences in physical activity. These results should encourage policymakers, governments, and local and national stakeholders to take action to facilitate an increase in the physical activity levels of young people across Europe.

(Steene-Johannessen et al, *IJBNPA* 2020)

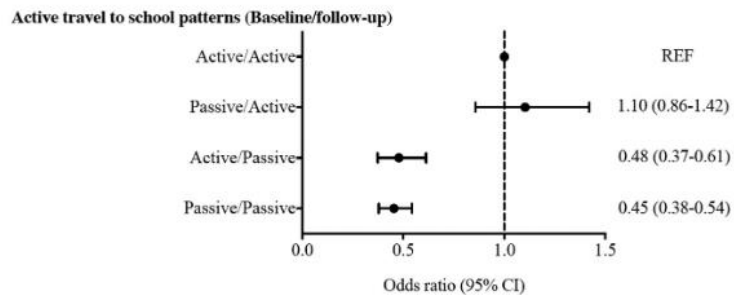
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Association of change in the school travel mode with changes in different physical activity intensities and sedentary time: A International Children's Accelerometry Database Study



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60 min/d of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity



The odds of meeting PA recommendations at follow-up is > 50% lower in 'passive' commuters

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