

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021, May 1 (expected start)	<b>Assistant Professor (tenure track)</b> Precision Drug Therapy, Groningen Institute of Pharmacy, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
2020, July 1 – current	<b>Deputy Head</b> , Laboratory of Population Health, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany
2015, Nov 1 – 2020, June 30	<b>Research Scientist</b> , Laboratory of Population Health, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany
2011, Oct 1 – 2015, Sept 30	<b>PhD Fellow (AIO)</b> , Unit Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacoeconomics, University of Groningen, the Netherlands

#### *Visiting scholarships*

2018, March 15 – April 25	Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, USA
2015, March 1 – May 31	Department of Medical Statistics, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
2011, March 1 – March 31	Department of Social Statistics & Demography, University of Southampton, UK

### EDUCATION

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2016	<b>Ph.D.</b> Pharmacoepidemiology Advisors:	University of Groningen, the Netherlands Prof. Dr. Eelko Hak (Epidemiologist) Prof. Dr. Stijn Vansteelandt (Statistician) Dr. Fanny Janssen (Demographer)
2014	<b>M.Sc.</b> Applied Statistics*	University of Ghent, Belgium
2011	<b>M.Sc.</b> Demography (research)**	University of Groningen, the Netherlands

\* *with distinction*; \*\* *with highest distinction*

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2021 Sudharsanan N, **Bijlsma MJ**. Educational note: Causal decomposition of population health differences using Monte Carlo integration and the g-formula. *International Journal of Epidemiology* (accepted for publication).
- 2021 Pitkanen, **Bijlsma MJ**, Remes H, Altonen M, Martikainen P. The effect of low childhood income on self-harm in young adulthood: mediation by adolescent mental health, behavioural factors and school performance. *Social Science & Medicine: Population Health* 2021; 13: 100756.
- 2021 Diallo AO, Ali MK, Geldsetzer P, Gower EW, Mukama T, Wagner RG, Davies J, **Bijlsma MJ**, Sudharsanan N. Systolic blood pressure and mortality in South Africa: Evidence from a nationally representative cohort study. *The Lancet: Healthy Longevity* 2021; 2:2, e78–e86.
- 2020 **Bijlsma MJ**, Wilson B. Modelling the socio-economic determinants of fertility: a mediation analysis using the parametric g-formula. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)* 2020; 183(2):493-513.
- 2019 **Bijlsma MJ**, Wilson B, Tarkiainen L, Myrskylä M, Martikainen P. The impact of unemployment on antidepressant purchasing: adjusting for unobserved time constant confounding in the g-formula. *Epidemiology* 2019;30: 388–395.
- 2018 Vidra N, **Bijlsma MJ**, Trias-Llimós S, Janssen F. Past trends of obesity attributable mortality in eight European countries: an application of age-period-cohort analysis. *International Journal of Public Health* 2018; 63(6):683-692.
- 2018 Vidra N, **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F. Impact of Different Estimation Methods on Obesity-Attributable Mortality Levels and Trends: The Case of The Netherlands. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2018;15(10):2146.
- 2018 Mulder B, **Bijlsma MJ**, Schuiling-Veninga CCM, Morssink LP, van Puijenbroek E, Aarnoudse JG, Hak E, de Vries TW. Risks versus benefits of medication use during pregnancy: what do women perceive? *Patient Preference & Adherence* 2018; 12: 1–8.
- 2017 **Bijlsma MJ**, Tarkiainen L, Myrskylä M, Martikainen P. Unemployment and subsequent depression: a mediation analysis using the parametric g-formula. *Social Science & Medicine* 2017;194:142-150.
- 2017 **Bijlsma MJ**, Daniel RM, Janssen F, De Stavola BL. An assessment and extension of the mechanism-based approach to the identification of age-period-cohort models. *Demography* 2017; 54: 721-743.
- 2017 Trias-Llimós S, **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F. The role of birth cohorts in long-term trends in liver cirrhosis mortality across eight European countries. *Addiction* 2017; 112(2):250-258.
- 2017 Darvishian M, Dijkstra F, Van Doorn E, **Bijlsma MJ**, Donker GA, De Lange MA, Cadenau LM, Hak E, Meijer A. Influenza vaccine effectiveness in the Netherlands from 2003/2004 through 2013/2014: the importance of circulating influenza virus types and subtypes. *PLoS One*. 2017 9;12(1).

- 2016 **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F, Hak E. Estimating time-varying drug adherence using electronic records: extending the Proportion of Days Covered (PDC) method. *Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety* 2016;25(3):325-32.
- 2016 **Bijlsma MJ**, Vansteelandt S, Janssen F, Hak E. The effect of adherence to statin therapy on cardiovascular mortality: quantification of unmeasured bias using falsification end-points. *BMC Public Health*. 2016 11;16:303.
- 2016 Berm EJJ, Odigie B, **Bijlsma MJ**, Wilffert B, Touw DJ, Maring JG. A clinical validation study for application of dried blood spots in therapeutic drug monitoring of antidepressants. *Bioanalysis* 2016;8(5):413-24.
- 2016 Nguyen TP, Wright EP, Nguyen TT, Schuiling-Veninga CC, **Bijlsma MJ**, Nguyen TB, Postma MJ. Cost-effectiveness analysis of screening for and managing identified hypertension for cardiovascular disease prevention in Vietnam. *PLoS One*. 2016; 11(5).
- 2015 **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F, Bos HJ, Kamphuisen PW, Vansteelandt S, Hak E. Brief Report: Association Between Statin Use and Cardiovascular Mortality at the Population Level: An Ecologic Study. *Epidemiology* 2015;26(6):802-5.
- 2015 **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F, Lub R, Bos HJ, De Vries FM, Vansteelandt S, Hak E. Birth cohort appeared to confound effect estimates of guideline changes on statin utilization. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology* 2015; 68(3):334-40.
- 2015 Kröpelin TF, de Zeeuw D, Andress DL, **Bijlsma MJ**, Persson F, Parving HH, Lambers Heerspink HJ. Number and Frequency of Albuminuria Measurements in Clinical Trials in Diabetic Nephropathy. *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* 2015; 10(3):410-6.
- 2014 **Bijlsma MJ**. Commentary: G-computation might be used to control for confounding when estimating the population-level impact of interventions through outcome distribution curves. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2014. 67(11):1286.
- 2014 Darvishian M, **Bijlsma MJ**, Hak E, Van den Heuvel ER. Seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness among the community-dwelling elderly: a meta-analysis of test-negative design case-control studies. *The Lancet: Infectious Diseases* 2014; 14(12):1228-39.
- 2014** Gefenaite G, **Bijlsma MJ**, Bos HJ, Hak E. Did introduction of pneumococcal vaccines in the Netherlands decrease the need for respiratory antibiotics in children? Analysis of 2002 to 2013 data. *Eurosurveillance*. 2014; 19(44).
- 2013 **Bijlsma MJ**, Hak E, Bos HJ, De Jong-van den Berg LTW, Janssen F. Assessing the effect of a guideline change on prevalence of benzodiazepine use by including the birth cohort dimension: interrupted time series studies. *Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety* 2013; 22(9): 933-941.
- 2012 Klaassens M, **Bijlsma MJ**. New places of remembrance: Individual Web memorials in the Netherlands. *Death Studies* 2013. DOI: 10.1080/07481187.2012.742474.
- 2012 **Bijlsma MJ**, Hak E, Bos HJ, De Jong-Van den Berg LTW, Janssen F. Inclusion of the birth cohort dimension improved description and explanation of trends in statin use. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology* 2012; 65: 1052-1060.

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 UNDER REVIEW
 

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- Hale JM, **Bijlsma MJ**, Lorenti A. Does postponing retirement affect cognitive function? A counterfactual experiment to disentangle life course risk factors. (Revise and Resubmit at *Social Science and Medicine: Population Health*)
- Hu Y, Korhonen K, Li P, Holmes MV, Bobak M, Martikainen P, **Bijlsma MJ**. Relationship between alcohol use disorders and early- and late-onset dementia: is cardiovascular disease a mediator?
- Wilson B, **Bijlsma MJ**, Aradhya S, Goisis A. Problems in the family: Controlling for age, period or cohort in sibling comparison designs.
- Nisen J, **Bijlsma MJ**, Wilson B, Myrskylä M, Martikainen P. The gendered impacts of delayed parenthood on educational and labor market outcomes: a dynamic analysis of population-level effects over young adulthood.

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 INVITED TALKS
 

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2021, May 14	(Digital talk) Cornell Population Center, Cornell University, New York, USA.
2021, April 12	(Digital talk) Stress Institute, Stockholm University, Sweden.
2020, Nov 12	(Digital talk) Dept. of Clinical Epidemiology, Karolinska Institute, Sweden
2019, Dec 13	Centre for Demographic Studies, Barcelona, Spain.
2019, Dec 5	Interdisciplinary Centre on Population Dynamics, Odense, Denmark.
2019, Feb 12	Institute for Global Health, Heidelberg University, Germany.
2019, Jan 17	Dept. of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institute, Sweden.
2019, Jan 10	Demography Unit, Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden.
2019, Jan 9	Dept. of Public Health Sciences, Stockholm University, Sweden.
2018, April 23	Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, USA.
2017, Oct 30	Nuffield College, Oxford University, United Kingdom.
2017, Jan 20	Population Research Unit, University of Helsinki, Finland.
2015, Sept 3	Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, the Hague, the Netherlands.
2015, May 21	Dept. of Medical Statistics, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom.
2015, May 20	Dept. of Social Policy, London School of Economics & Political Science, United Kingdom.
2015, May 7	Dept. of Methodology, London School of Economics & Political Science, United Kingdom.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Full list is available on request. I have given oral and poster presentations at large national, European, and North American demography and (pharmaco)epidemiology conferences.

## GRANTS

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- **Ubbo Emmius Grant** in 2011 to fund my PhD research. Value: € 198,693.- over 4 years, ca. \$ 284,875.- using the August 2011 exchange rate. Highly competitive grant with 9% acceptance rate.

In addition, three ‘**close, but no cigar**’ applications, i.e. this funding was –not– received:

- Max Planck Research Group Leader Grant in 2020. Value ca. € 1.5 million. Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 100+ applicants, and 4 received funding.
- NWO VENI grant in 2019. Value ca. € 250,000. Two external reviews returned which scored my proposal A+ and A, (an A+ is the highest score, A is just below it) but I did not receive an invitation for an interview.
- NWO Rubicon grant in 2016. Value ca. € 200,000. Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> out of 100+ applicants, and 8 received funding.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Professional associations

International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE), Population Association of America (PAA), European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), Netherlands Demographic Society (NVD), Netherlands Society for Statistics and Operations Research (VVSOR).

### Other professional activities

2012 – Current	Co-founder and editor of Demotrends: weblog on demographic trends and research. <a href="https://demotrends.org/">https://demotrends.org/</a>
2017 – 2018	Organizer Rostock Retreat on Causality (Budget: € 25,000.-).
2011 – 2012	Member PhD council SHARE Research Institute for Health Research, University Medical Centre Groningen.

## SUPERVISION, COURSE COORDINATION, and TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Supervision of Ph.D. students*

- Daily supervisor of Maria Gueltzow since 2020 (IMPRS-PHDS MPIDR core student, affiliated with Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam).
- External supervisor of Ph.D. students in the International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science:
  - Lizbeth Burgos Ochoa since 2020 (Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam).
  - Joonas Pitkänen since 2019 (University of Helsinki).

*Course coordination*

- Coordinated the International Max Planck Research School – Population, Health and Data Science course “Population Health”, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany in 2020.

*Teaching*

- Developed and taught a 5-day course ‘Introduction to Counterfactual Causal Inference’. European Doctoral School of Demography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, Taught in December 2019.
- Developed and taught a 5-day workshop ‘Causal Mediation Analysis’. University of Helsinki, Finland, Taught in May 2018 and May 2019. Student Rating: 4.5 out of 5.
- Co-supervised MSc theses at the University of Groningen, Dept. of Pharmacy, and at the University of Rostock, Dept. Social Sciences.
- Taught ‘Introduction to survival analysis’. Department of Demography, University of Groningen. Jan 2014 and Jan 2015. Student Rating: 4.0 out of 5.
- Student teaching assistant Analytical Demography. Department of Demography. University of Groningen, Jan 2010 – Jan 2012.
- Student teaching assistant Statistics. Department of Economic Geography, University of Groningen. Sept 2008 – Aug 2011.

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Advances in Life Course Research;  
Archives of Gerontology & Geriatrics;  
Clinical Epidemiology;  
Death Studies;  
Demography;  
Demographic Research;  
Drug Safety;  
European Journal of Epidemiology;  
European Journal of Population;  
Epidemiology;  
Frontiers in Pharmacology;  
Health & Place;  
Injury Epidemiology;  
International Journal of Cardiology;  
International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease;  
International Journal of Epidemiology;  
International Journal of Women's Health;  
Journal of Clinical Medicine;  
Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research;  
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A (Statistics in Society);

Nutrition, Metabolism & Cardiovascular Diseases;  
\*Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety;  
Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B (Biological Sciences)  
PLoS ONE;  
Public Understanding of Science.  
Rejuvenation Research

\* *Rated by the editorial board as top reviewer in 2019 based on quality and timeliness of reviews.*

## STATISTICAL LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

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### *Statistical programmes and languages*

R	Expert: 10+ years of daily programming experience, incl. teaching.
SPSS	Experienced user: 5+ years of daily user experience.
SAS; STATA	Working knowledge: 5 years of infrequent use.
Python	Beginner: currently investing time to learn this language.

### *Database languages*

MySQL, SQL server Working knowledge: 4 years of infrequent use.

### *Authored statistical packages*

cfdecomp An R-package for decomposing differences between populations, uses Monte Carlo integration for added flexibility. Available on [CRAN](#).

## WEBLOG ENTRIES ( <https://demotrends.org/> )

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2015, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bijlsma MJ. ‘Inferring population-level effects from individual-level effect estimates: G-computation’.
2014, Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bijlsma MJ. ‘A hot topic and a futile quest? The recent discussion on age-period-cohort analysis’.
2013, Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bijlsma MJ. ‘The bias-variance tradeoff, what it means for quantitative researchers’.
2013, Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bijlsma MJ. ‘Homage to the Lexis diagram’.
2013, Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bijlsma MJ. ‘Demography and Epidemiology: Past and Future Directions’.

## DUTCH LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS \* denotes peer reviewed publication

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2017\* Van Doorn E, Darvishian M, Dijkstra F, **Bijlsma MJ**, Donker GA, de Lange MMA, Cadenau LM, Hak E, Meijer A. Effectiviteit van influenzavaccinatie in Nederland: dominant circulerend virustype en match zijn bepalend. *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Geneeskunde* 2017;161:D1648.

2015 **Bijlsma MJ**, Janssen F, Bos HJ, Kamphuisen PW, Vansteelandt S, Hak E. Associatie tussen gebruik van statine en cardiovasculaire sterfte in Nederland 1994-2010: een ecologische studie. *Medisch Farmaceutische Mededelingen* 2015; 4: 23-5.

- 2014\* **Bijlsma MJ**, Oortgiesen BE, Beernink RHJ, Bos J, Wilffert B, Hak E. Het effect van de CBG-waarschuwing op de trend in SSRI- gebruik in Nederland van 1998 tot 2010. *Pharmaceutisch Weekblad Wetenschappelijk Platform* 2014;8:A1406.
- 2011\* **Bijlsma MJ**, Bos HJ, De Jong-van den Berg LTW, Janssen F. Periodepatronen, leeftijdpatronen en cohortpatronen in de prevalentie van benzodiazepinegebruik en statinegebruik: de invloed van veranderde richtlijnen. *Pharmaceutisch Weekblad Wetenschappelijk Platform* 2011; 5(10): 169-173.
- 2010 **Bijlsma MJ**, Moerman JM. Herdenken in een post-geografische ruimte. *Rooilijn* 2010; 43(1): 22-7.

#### PRESS COVERAGE

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2017, March 20<sup>th</sup> “Better Understanding of Alcohol-Related Mortality Trends in Europe”.  
Population Europe.

#### LANGUAGES

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Dutch	Native speaker.
English	Highly advanced proficiency.
German	Independent user.
Spanish	Beginner.