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I have a position as Assistant Professor Epidemiology within the division of Human Nutrition at Wageningen University. My main purpose is to study diabetes and its complications. Starting with my MSc and PhD thesis in London, I studied the risk of coronary heart disease in type 1 diabetes, mainly inflammatory markers and lipoprotein subclasses. My appointment at the Wageningen University allowed me to link my experience in clinical coronary heart disease/diabetes epidemiology with nutritional science. My current work concentrates on the association between milk and dairy products with diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases. I carried out several meta-analyses and initiated new projects to study nutritional factors (from nutrients, foods and dietary patterns) in the development of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. I have access to several large cohort studies; the Zutphen Elderly study, the Seven Countries study, the EURODIAB Prospective Complications Study, and the Alpha Omega Trial. I obtained a grant by BBMRI-NL to isolate DNA in 4837 patients with myocardial infarction from the Alpha Omega Trial which will allow us to study gene-nutrition interactions in the development of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. I also obtained a grant by Global Dairy Platform to carry out a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials to study the effect of cheese on lipid concentrations. So far, all my work led to 54 full-text publications, containing 23 first authorships, 7 last authorships.

