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PROPOSITIONS

Belonging to the thesis A metabolically healthy lifestyle: A matter of timing?

- 1. We are all astonishingly capable of messing up our lives, whatever prestige of our university degrees, and are never beyond making a sincere contribution, however unorthodox our qualifications (*Alain the Botton, THE SCHOOL OF LIFE, 2019*)
- 2. When combined with calorie restriction and weight loss, increases in physical activity and fitness are an important contributor to type 2 diabetes mellitus remission (*Magkos, Hjorth & Astrup, Nat Rev End, 2020*)
- 3. Restoring the natural, human day-night rhythm by altering the timing of eating and physical activity can improve metabolic health (*Chapter 2, this thesis*)
- 4. In the general population, the time-of-day at which most moderate-to-vigorous physical activity is performed is not associated with sleep quality (*Chapter 3, this thesis*)
- 5. The metabolic aberrations that lead to diabetes, diabetic complications and other related diseases are chronic in nature and need long-term, if not lifelong, interventions (Adapted from: Blond et al., Diabetologia, 2023)
- 6. "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself" Andy Warhol
- 7. Disruption of the internal hormonal rhythms due to stress, aging, or conditions affecting circadian rhythms such as shiftwork, jet lag, and mistimed eating alters circadian gene expression and metabolic processes and predisposes individuals to develop metabolic syndrome (*Adapted from: Deota & Panda, JCEM, 2021*)
- 8. Eliciting a more pronounced fasted state by either prolonging fasting duration or by use of SGLT2 inhibition can improve nocturnal fat oxidation in healthy and metabolically compromised individuals without type 2 diabetes (*Chapters 4, 5 and 6, this thesis*)
- 9. In healthy lean males, the day-night rhythm in energy expenditure is independent of food intake, whereas the day-night rhythm in substrate oxidation is mainly driven by food intake (*Chapter 7, this thesis*)
- 10. A 24-hour approach, with standardized fasting time, can provide a more comprehensive investigation of metabolic health, both in the research- as well as the clinical setting, as compared to measurements performed at one time-point only (*Impact paragraph, this thesis*)