



# INVITATION – PHD DEFENCE

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***“Small fiber neuropathy: Clinical and physiological characteristics with focus on adrenergic dysfunction”***

**Friday 1 April 2022 at 14.00**

In Auditorium J116-113, Entrance J, Aarhus University Hospital, Palle Juul-Jensens Boulevard 165, 8200 Aarhus N

The defence is public, in English and expected to last 2 hours.  
Following the defence there will be a reception.



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*Thorsten Kamlarczyk Rasmussen, MD, from The Danish Pain Research Center, Department of Clinical Medicine, will defend his PhD thesis titled "Small fiber neuropathy: Clinical and physiological characteristics with focus on adrenergic dysfunction" at 14.00 on 1st April 2022. The defence is in English and will last approximately 2 hours.*

## PRESS RELEASE

Autonomic neuropathy in small fiber neuropathy and type 2 diabetes

The autonomic nervous system is part of the peripheral nervous system responsible for controlling the internal organs and maintaining body homeostasis. The autonomic nervous system is typically divided into two antagonistic branches based on their clinical function – the parasympathetic branch responsible for the “rest-and-digest”-response, and the sympathetic branch responsible for the “fight-and-flight”-response. Damage of the autonomic nerve fibers is a common complication in patients with small fiber neuropathy, although typically only investigated through assessment of the parasympathetic nerve fiber function. Therefore, little is known about the extent of especially sympathetic dysfunction in these conditions.

In this PhD project advanced methods were investigated for their applicability in assessing sympathetic dysfunction in patients with type 2 diabetes and in patients with known small fiber neuropathy. Additionally, we investigated the extent of sympathetic dysfunction in patients with type 2 diabetes. The project was carried out by Thorsten Kamlarczyk Rasmussen, who is defending his dissertation on 1/4.

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The title of the project is "Small fiber neuropathy: Clinical and physiological characteristics with focus on adrenergic dysfunction".

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