



# Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe

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## „Airtightening“ DBSS collection

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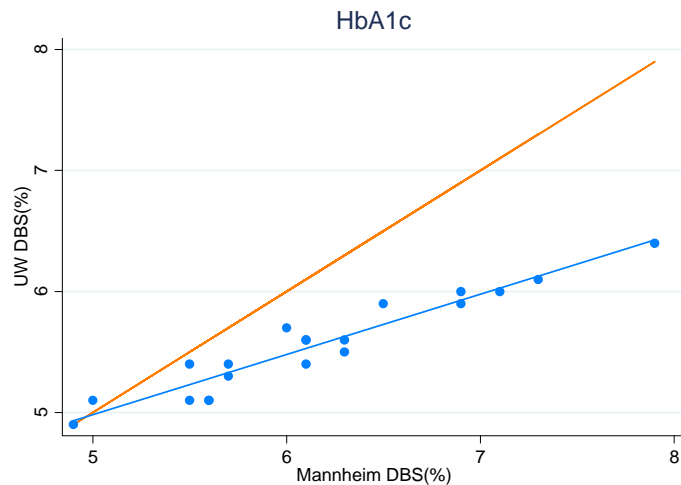
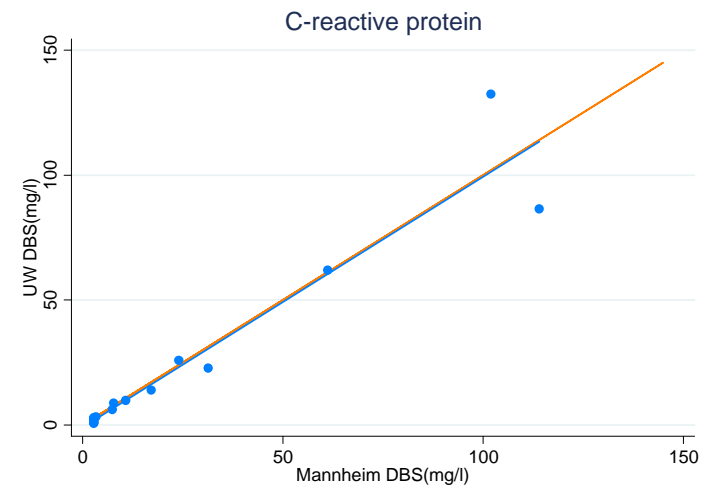
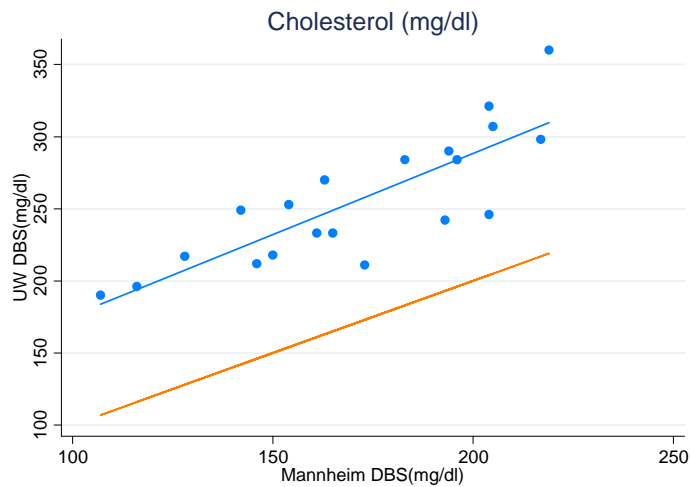
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# Comparison HRS - SHARE



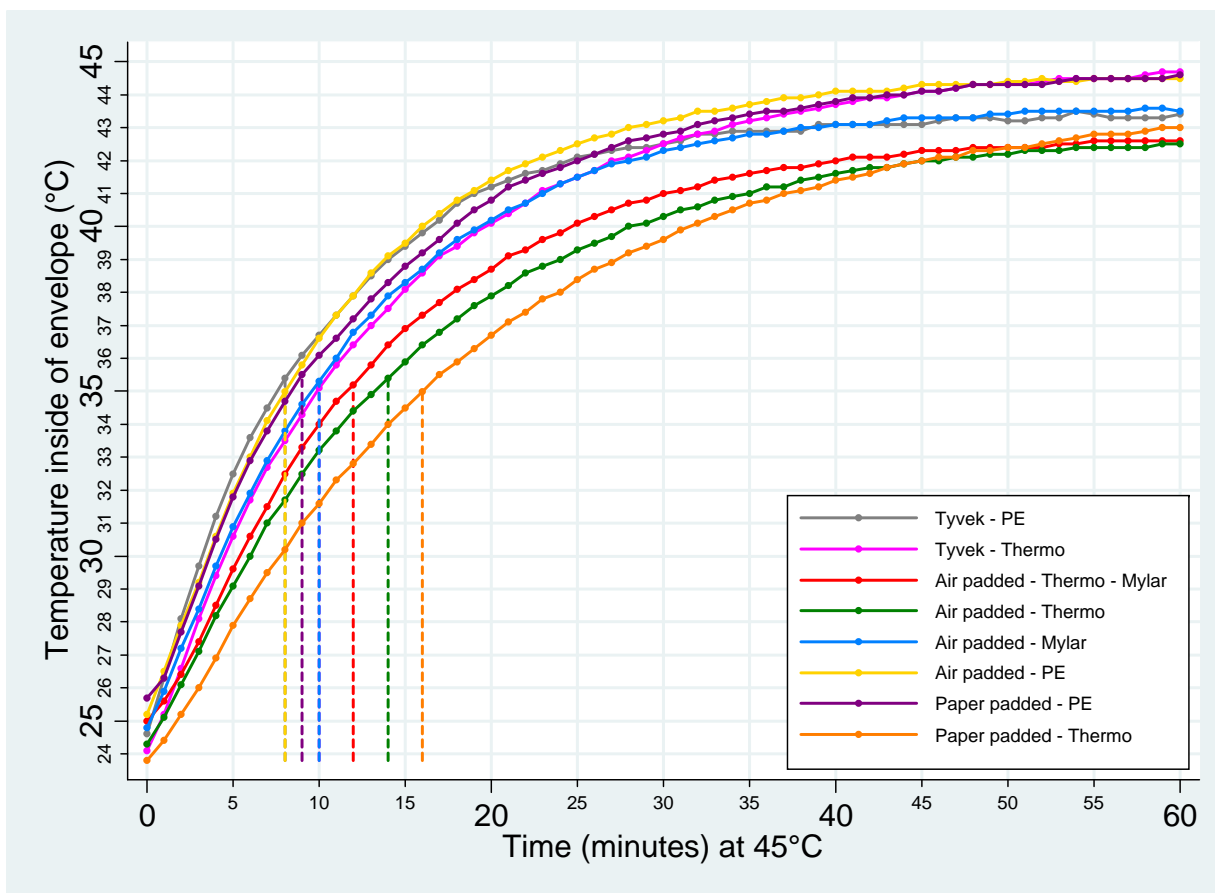
- ▶ Caused by different lab techniques? Alan?
- ▶ Caused by (unknown) conditions during shipment?
  - ▶ Temperature/Humidity

# Temperature testing

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- ▶ Temperature sensitive labels in SHARE wave 5 pretest
  - ▶ Most stay under 29°C (in summer!)
- ▶ Temperature loggers sent from Israel to Germany
  - ▶ No high temperatures
- ▶ Anyway: how to protect samples during standard mailing?

# Envelopes



▶ No significant advantage of paper padded or similar envelopes

# Humidity testing

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- ▶ Temperature and humidity loggers
  
- ▶ Ongoing:
  - ▶ Do Ziploc bags protect better than PE bags?
  - ▶ Do Mylar bags provide an advantage?

# Plans for SHARE wave 6 (2015)

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- ▶ Air padded envelopes plus PE bags
- ▶ Temperature sensitive labels??
- ▶ Temperature loggers travel accross Europe

Thank you for your attention!