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Curriculum Vitae

Dafne Piersma was born in Alphen aan den Rijn on 3 April 1989. After obtaining her secondary school diploma at the Rölingcollege (location Belcampo) in Groningen in 2007, she began her study of Biology at the University of Groningen. She received a bachelor's degree in Biology in Behavioural and Neurosciences in 2010. After that she was admitted to the two-year Research Master Behavioural and Cognitive Neurosciences of the University of Groningen, and she graduated with distinction in Molecular and Clinical Neurosciences in 2012.

Since 2012, Dafne has worked as a PhD student at the department of Clinical and Developmental Neuropsychology of the University of Groningen in close collaboration with SWOV Institute for Road Safety Research and the Dutch driving licence authority (CBR). During her time as a PhD candidate, she supervised numerous psychology students with research projects, bachelor and master theses on human factors, older driver behaviour and driving with neuropsychiatric disorders. Her main project *Fitness to drive with cognitive impairments* (FitCI) concerned the development of a fitness-to-drive assessment strategy for use in clinical settings. She performed clinical interviews, conducted and analysed neuropsychological assessments and driving simulator rides with patients with a variety of cognitive impairments, including many types of dementia. The FitCI project resulted in this PhD thesis.

