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37 **Running Head: Early frailty in diabetes and neuropathy**

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39 **Key Messages:**

40 **Diabetes (obesity and diabetes mellitus) has been identified as a potential**
41 **contributor to early onset frailty. Peripheral neuropathy in diabetes increased the**
42 **likelihood of being moderately or severely frail in people younger than 65 years of**
43 **age. The group with diabetes and peripheral neuropathy was 7.4 times more likely**
44 **to be physically frail than those without neuropathy.**
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