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Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

**Preclinical validation of putative targets in cardiovascular and metabolic disease**

1. Drug target validation can show differential pathological outcomes in associated diseases (*This Thesis*)

2. Proteoglycan 4 contributes to the pathogenesis of both atherosclerosis and metabolic disease (*This Thesis*)

3. Protein arginine methyl transferase 3 inhibition represents an interesting novel therapeutic strategy for both cardiovascular and metabolic disease (*This Thesis*)

4. The body’s ability to compensate for genetic defects limits efficient therapeutic targeting (*This Thesis*)

5. The “Registered Reports” manuscript submission process should be more widely implemented (*adapted from: Chris Chambers, The Guardian, 2013*)

6. A Master class in fairy tale writing will benefit the impact of scientific output (*adapted from: Olson, Science, 2013*)

7. Investing in the development of augmented reality games (such as Pokémon Go) alongside pharmaceutical intervention, will inhibit cardiovascular disease risk at multiple levels (*adapted from: Oley et al., Society of Behavioral Medicine, 2017*)

8. The current value of scientific consortia is compromised by the financial need to join them (*adapted from: Morrison et al., Life Sciences, Society and Policy, 2017*)

9. The ability to think outside the box is not only essential while designing experiments, but also for publication of the resulting work

10. To successfully complete either a PhD project or a Cuban salsa, three elements are essential: a leader with vision, clear communication and flexible partners

11. When picking a “favorite gene” one should be aware of the impact of unexpected outcomes

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