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BEHOREND BIJ HET PROEFSCHRIFT: **ON THE PATHOLOGY OF PREECLAMPSIA. GENETIC VARIANTS, COMPLEMENT DYSREGULATION, AND ANGIOGENESIS.**

1. Genetic variants in the coagulation and fibrinolysis system as well as the renin-angiotensin system are associated with preeclampsia. (*this thesis*)
2. Placental C4d is strongly related to fetal loss in the setting of the autoimmune diseases systemic lupus erythematosus and antiphospholipid syndrome. (*this thesis*)
3. Preeclampsia is associated with placental complement dysregulation. (*this thesis*)
4. Presence of C4d in the preeclamptic placenta is related to placental dysfunction and injury. (*this thesis*)
5. sFlt-1 loaded placental material is retained in maternal lungs, and particularly in those of preeclamptic women. (*this thesis*)
6. The placenta—and particularly the diseased placenta—sends out a variety of messages to the mother.
7. Like no snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible, no single factor can be held accountable for the development of preeclampsia.
8. Autoimmune mechanisms may participate in the pathophysiology of preeclampsia.

9. A researcher must train herself to notice what she sees.

10. Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.
(Salvador Dali, 1904-1989)

11. If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you will find an excuse.

12. The grass is greener where you water it.

13. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it.
(Steve Jobs, Stanford commencement address, 2005)