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Propositions

- Despite the importance of both placebo effects and hormones for health outcomes, the relationship between these factors has hardly been systematically studied (This dissertation).
- 2. Placebo effects have been shown to influence not only symptoms of various diseases but also immune parameters and hormonal responses (This dissertation).
- 3. We can train our body to produce oxytocin in response to a smell (This dissertation).
- 4. Mere verbal suggestions about analgesic effects of a sham treatment lead to significant pain reduction (This dissertation).
- 5. The placebo effect is a great example of the unity of body and mind.
- 6. Placebo effects demonstrate what a powerful impact our expectations and previous experiences have on our health.
- 7. Placebo effects have a great potential to be used in clinical practice, however, we need to find ways to do it in an ethical and efficient way.
- 8. Placebo effect is an essential part of every treatment: from homeopathy and shamanic rituals to scientifically proven medical procedures.
- The future of science is the open science: open access, open data, replications, collaborations and publications of null findings.