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Curriculum vitae

Johanna Maria de Gruijter was born in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 22nd of December 1975. In 1993 she passed her H.A.V.O. exam at the 'Veurs College' in Leidschendam, and two years later her V.W.O. exam at the 'Zandvliet' in The Hague. Subsequently, she studied Biology at Leiden University. As she was particularly interested in genetics, she chose to specialise in molecular biology. From 1999-2000 she conducted a research project on the genetics of *Oesophagostomum bifurcum* as part of her masters degree at the department of Veterinary Science, The University of Melbourne, Australia. This work became the foundation for her PhD at the Department of Parasitology of Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). The results of that project are described in this thesis. In February 2005, she was employed by the Dutch Forensic Institute (NFI) as a Postdoc to work at the Department of Forensic Molecular Biology at the Erasmus MC in Rotterdam. In this capacity, she aims to improve her knowledge on human population genetics and build a career in forensic science.