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### **Propositions**

- 1. Analysis of Functional Annotation can be used to create a rationale for novel combination therapies, and therefore may prevent unnecessary trial-and-error combination studies (this thesis).
- 2. Preclinical research suggests that prostate cancer patients may benefit from treatment with antimitotic agents such as aurora kinase inhibitors and polo-like kinase 1 inhibitors, particularly in combination with other therapies (this thesis).
- 3. Retrospective clinical studies suggest that patients with metastatic castrateresistant prostate cancer who responded well to docetaxel treatment may need to be treated with cabazitaxel before abiraterone as second-line therapy when the patient's condition allows for additional chemotherapy (this thesis).
- 4. Eg5 is a marker for docetaxel response and tumor aggressiveness in prostate cancer patients (this thesis).
- 5. Preclinical research indicates that irinotecan and cetrimonium bromide may prevent or reduce prostate cancer metastases by selectively targeting prostate cancer cells deficient in the metastasis suppressor gene N-myc downregulated gene 1 (this thesis).
- 6. A current priority in prostate cancer research is to identify markers predicting disease and therapy outcome.
- 7. The United States Food and Drug Administration and similar institutions need to involve cost of a cancer therapy in their decision to approve new drugs.
- 8. Despite the introduction of various targeted therapies, chemotherapy remains of importance for the treatment of patients with metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer.
- 9. The approval of radium-223 for the treatment of bone metastases proves that targeting of metastases is an effective antitumor strategy in prostate cancer.
- 10. The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet Aristoteles (384-322 BC)
- 11. The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease William Osler (1849-1919)
- 12. Medicine sometimes snatches away health, sometimes gives it Ovidius (43BC-17AD)