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Curriculum Vitae

Djemila Saphyra Sophy Pit was born on July 9th, 1968 in Algiers (Algeria). With her family, she lived in several African countries. In 1987, she passed her Baccalauréat C exam at the “Lycée français de Nairobi”, and began to study Physics at the University of Leiden. The following year she started her study in Biology at the same University, and specialised in Medical Biology. Practical field work for the Department of Parasitology of the Leiden University, was carried out in Mali (West Africa). There she studied the presence of circulating anodic antigen (CAA) and circulating cathodic antigen (CCA) in urine of *Schistosoma haematobium* and/or *Schistosoma mansoni* patients and the effect of praziquantel on *S. haematobium* infections. After obtaining her MSc-degree in 1994, she started her PhD research for the Department of Parasitology (Leiden University Medical Centre) in Dapaong (northern Togo). After two and half years of field research, she returned to the Netherlands to analyse the collected data and write this thesis.

