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## Stellingen

## behorende bij het proefschrift getiteld "Endothelial pathology in preeclampsia" door R.J. Turner

- 1. Mutations within genes encoding factors from the coagulation and fibrinolysis system are associated with preeclampsia. *(this thesis)*
- 2. Loss of placental thrombomodulin contributes to the development of preeclampsia and is associated with the production of the anti-angiogenic factor soluble Flt-1. *(this thesis)*
- 3. In preeclamptic nephropathy, endothelial thrombomodulin expression is increased, indicative of a protective process. *(this thesis)*
- 4. In renal damage in preeclampsia, the angiogenic imbalance leads to damage to both sides of the glomerular filtration barrier: to the endothelial cells, and to the podocytes. (*this thesis*)
- 5. The splicing pattern of vascular endothelial growth factor is stable in kidney disease. *(this thesis)*
- Understanding the dysregulated antiangiogenic pathway in the syncytium and its role in mediating maternal vascular disease marks a significant advance in our efforts to explain the origins of preeclampsia. (*Karumanchi, Hypertension.* 2016;67:1072-1079)
- 7. Preeclampsia may serve as a marker for women at risk of developing cardiovascular disease. (Adapted from Garovic and August, Curr Hypertens Rep. 2013 Apr; 15(2): 114-21)
- 8. Podocytes "live and work" under precarious conditions. (*Kriz et al, Am J Physiol Renal Physiol. 2013 Feb 15; 304(4): F333-47*)
- 9. Future research should refocus from a podo-centric view back to one that examines the signals that pass between the three major different cell types in the glomerulus. (Adapted from Quaggin, Kreidberg, Development 2008 135: 609-620)
- 10. I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. (Thomas A. Edison, 1847 1931)

Studies where the null hypothesis could not be rejected (that yielded 'negative' results), should not disappear into oblivion; they can contain valuable information on the roads that have already been explored.