Nanosized blood microparticles

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1. To understand the role of microparticles in cancer-associated thrombosis the cell origin of blood microparticles bearing active tissue factor needs to be identified (Chapter 7 in this thesis).

2. Microparticles should be studied in fresh plasma (Chapter 3 and 6 in this thesis).

3. Published results on microparticle measurements do not consider the effect of pre-analytical and analytical procedures (Chapter 2 in this thesis).

4. Atomic force microscopy is an uncommon method to detect microparticles, but is the most suitable one (Chapter 3, 4 and 5 in this thesis).

5. The number of lipoprotein particles exceeds that of microparticles or exosomes in plasma (Chapter 6 in this thesis).

6. The nomenclature of blood microparticles should be revised.

7. A scientific hypothesis must be testable; otherwise it is just an interesting speculation.

8. The impact of a scientific article is not defined by the impact factor of the journal but by the impact on the reader.

9. A good cook understands science.

10. Nederlandse Spoorwegen should provide office space instead of a cup of coffee to compensate for extreme delays.

11. Only by swimming against the tide, one can reach the source (Chinese proverb).

12. An effective leader recognizes a problem, but focuses on a solution.