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- 1. Elevated plasma unesterified cholesterol levels rather than the absence of SR-BI in bone marrow impairs megakaryopoiesis and platelet production in SR-BI knockout mice. (*this thesis*)
- 2. Cholesterol efflux transporters ABCA1 and ABCG1 play unexpected and functionally opposing roles in proplatelet formation. (*this thesis*)
- 3. ApoA1 deficiency stimulates T cell production through long-term changes in bone marrow progenitor cells. (*this thesis*)
- 4. The natural anticoagulant Protein C plays a significant role in atherothrombosis prevention in mice. (*this thesis*)
- 5. Combined targeting of plaque stability and blood coagulation will allow for the development of the highly needed murine model for atherothrombosis.
- 6. Due to the paucity of atherothrombosis in mouse studies, the use of inferential terms such as vulnerability and stability in the context of murine atherosclerotic plaques should be discouraged. (*adapted from: Daugherty et al., Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol, 2017*)
- 7. Understanding the pathophysiology of plaque erosion is an important avenue for the cardiovascular field to pursue. (*adapted from: Libby & Pasterkamp, Eur Heart J, 2015*)
- 8. Increasing knowledge on HDL composition, function and mechanism of action is a prerequisite before HDL can become of therapeutic value. (*adapted from: Kajani et al., Int J Mol Sci, 2018*)
- 9. Playing volleyball is considerably easier than performing doctoral research, as in volleyball only one ball needs to be kept in the air.
- 10. Rock bottom is an excellent foundation on which to build a new life. (*adapted from J.K. Rowling*)

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