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Stellingen

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'On the pathogenesis and clinical outcome of ANCA-associated vasculitis'

1. Genetic distinctions between PR3-ANCA vasculitis and MPO-ANCA vasculitis support the concept that these vasculitides are distinct auto-immune syndromes.
(this thesis)
2. The finding that patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis no longer have an increased risk of bladder cancer and haematological malignancies underscores the success of international efforts to find less cytotoxic treatment regimens for this disease.
(this thesis)
3. ENT involvement is associated with favourable renal outcome independent of ANCA-serotype and may be an important determinant of different phenotypes in ANCA-associated vasculitis.
(this thesis)
4. The mixed-class renal biopsies may be suffering from an identity crisis.
(this thesis)
5. Defining a patient's disease clinically is much harder in practice than it is when one is gathered for a consensus conference.
(prof. dr. R.J. Falk, 18th International Vasculitis and ANCA workshop, 2017)
6. For remission-induction of new-onset organ-threatening or life-threatening ANCA-associated vasculitis we recommend treatment with a combination of glucocorticoids and either cyclophosphamide or rituximab.
(EULAR/ERA-EDTA recommendations for the management of ANCA-associated vasculitis, 2016)
7. Clinical trials that have considered ANCA-associated vasculitis as a single entity must be interpreted carefully, since subsets defined by ANCA specificity may respond differently to therapeutic intervention.
(Lyons et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;367:214-23)
8. Thus, not all ANCA are equal.
(Jennette et al, Presse Med. 2013;42:493-8)
9. One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.
(Marie Skłodowska Curie, Letter to her brother, 1894)
Sometimes one must take a moment to appreciate what has already been achieved.
10. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
(Nelson Mandela, 1990)
Education is the most critical investment that both an individual and a society can make.
11. Of all the books in the world, the best stories are found between the pages of a passport.