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CURRICULUM VITAE

I was born on March 30 1990 at the *VU medical center* in Amsterdam. I went to *Laar & Berg* high school in Laren (NH) during which time which I took part in a bilingual study program called *Middle Years Programme* (MYP). I received my MYP diploma in 2006 and VWO diploma in 2008. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical sciences in 2012 at the *University of Amsterdam* after an internship at the group of Prof. dr. Joost Teixeira De Mattos. There I studied the adaptation of cyanobacteria (photosynthetically-capable bacteria) for use as a "fuel factory", with waste products and sunlight as input. Desiring a more analytical continuation of my studies I chose to pursue a Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Systems biology at *VU Amsterdam* as my next step. During this Master's I took part in an international exchange program called *CanSys* (a portmanteau of cancer and systems biology). As a result, I spent three months at the *Université du Luxembourg* (Luxembourg) for an internship in the activation of a receptor involved in gastrointestinal stromal tumors. I then spent 11 months in Buffalo (NY, USA) studying cancer at the *State University of New York at Buffalo*. This included oncology courses and an internship in the group of Dr. Moray Campbell at the *Roswell Park Cancer Institute*. During this internship I created an analytical pipeline for the integration of multiple sources of publicly available data in the context of a nuclear receptor that is involved in multiple types of cancer. I received the Master of Science degree in Natural sciences (interdisciplinary) from the SUNY at Buffalo in 2014 at the end of the CanSys program as well as a Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology from the VU Amsterdam.

In 2015 I joined the group of Dr. Stefan Semrau at *Leiden University* as his very first PhD candidate. My position was funded by the research program *Frontiers of Nanoscience* (NanoFront), a consortium of researchers from the fields of quantum nanoscience, bio-nanoscience and nanotechnology. During my time as a PhD candidate, I worked on a variety of subjects including gene regulation at the levels of the epigenome, genome, transcriptome and proteome. I also worked on developing a new technique and I set up the processing pipelines for transcriptomics data. I attended the workshop *RNA-seq data analysis* by *BioSB*, and the *EMBO* practical course *Single cell omics* in Heidelberg. I presented at various conferences in the Netherlands, USA, Germany and France.

Presently, I am working as a data scientist at the *Rijksinstituut voor volksgezondheid en milieu* as a data scientist dealing with COVID-19 data.

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