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#### Stellingen behorende bij dit proefschrift

### Towards a tailored therapeutic approach for vulvar cancer patients

- 1. Not all vulvar squamous cell carcinomas should be tarred with the same brush. This thesis
- 2. The prognostic value of the current FIGO staging system for vulvar squamous cell carcinoma will become obsolete, and should be complemented with clinically feasible tools that include molecular subtypes and the immune infiltrate. *This thesis*
- 3. Hot vulvar squamous cell carcinomas are eligible candidates for immunotherapeutic targets. Strategies to turn up the heat in cold tumors may sensitize these tumors prior to immunotherapy. *This thesis*
- 4. CD39-positive CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells are tumor-reactive and can be used for adoptive T cell therapy in cancer. *This thesis*
- 5. To measure is to know. When you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind. *Adapted from William Thomsom, 1st Baron Kelvin & this thesis*
- 6. Predictive and prognostic models should not replace clinical reasoning of healthcare workers. *Inspired by Kappen et al., Evaluating the impact of prediction models: lessons learned, challenges, and recommendations, Diagnostic and Prognostic Research 2018;2:11*
- 7. Collaborations among researchers, pharmaceutical companies, and clinicians are vital to translate laboratory findings into bedside practice. Adapted from Goldblatt et al., From bench to bedside: the growing use of translational research in cancer medicine, American Journal of Translational Research 2010;2(1):1-18
- 8. A multidisciplinary approach to treat cancer should be rephrased as transdisciplinary approach. Health care workers need to cross disciplinary borders. *Inspired by Vyt et al., Interprofessional and transdisciplinary teamwork in health care, Diabetes Metabolism Research and Reviews 2008;24(1):106-109*
- 9. Quot homines tot sententiae: suus cuique mos. *Terentius, freely translated from Latin language:* There are as many opinions as there are people with their own perspectives.
- 10. Deadlifts or dinner, more plates is always the goal. Inspired by CrossFit Aroma 2018
- 11. The ones who are out of one's head and think that they can change the world, are the ones who do. *Inspired by Steve Jobs 2005*
- 12. Difficulties are opportunities.