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Appendix

About the author

Vera van der Noord was born on the 10th of March 1994, in Woerden, the Netherlands. After obtaining her VWO diploma at Minkema College (Woerden), she started the bachelor's program in Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences at Leiden University in 2012. During her bachelor's, she undertook a 10-week internship at the Leiden Academic Center for Drug Research in the group of Prof. Dr. Bob van de Water within the division of Drug Discovery and Safety (then named the division of Toxicology). There, under the supervision of Dr. Ronan McLaughlin, she investigated the role of autophagy in drug resistance of triple-negative breast cancer. Additionally, she successfully completed the university's extracurricular Honours College program.

Upon obtaining her bachelor's degree (cum laude) in 2015, she continued with the master's program in Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences at Leiden University. During her master's, she conducted a 9-month research project under the supervision of Dr. Yinghui Zhang, also within the division of Drug Discovery and Safety. In this project, she explored potential new drug targets, including MEK and Akt, for the treatment of triple-negative breast cancer and contributed to research involving 3D models of triple-negative breast cancer cell lines. Subsequently, she worked as a student assistant for 5 months in this group to further continue with this research. After that, she performed her second 6-month research project at the department of Clinical Oncology of the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), led by Prof. Dr. Sjoerd van der Burg, under the supervision of Dr. Saskia Santegoets. Within this project, she investigated the suppression of T cells by myeloid-derived suppressor cells and regulatory T cells in the context of ovarian cancer and head & neck squamous cell carcinoma. Moreover, she successfully completed the extracurricular Leiden Leadership Program during her master's program.

After graduating the master's (cum laude) in 2017, she returned to the division of Drug Discovery and Safety at the LACDR to start her PhD project, supervised by Prof. Dr. Bob van de Water and Dr. Sylvia Le Dévédec. This project focused on exploring new targets for the treatment of triple-negative breast cancer, particularly "transcription-associated" cyclin-dependent kinases. Currently, the division has received funding from the Dutch Cancer Society (KWF) for the further continuation of this research, on which she is now working as a postdoctoral researcher.