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Stellingen

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1. Mutations in *ERCC2* are associated with an improved response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy in muscle-invasive bladder cancer (this thesis).
2. Neoadjuvant treatment with high dose ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab leads to encouraging pathological responses in patients with locally advanced muscle-invasive bladder cancer (this thesis).
3. Clearance of ctDNA in plasma prior to surgery is associated with excellent long-term survival in patients with locally advanced muscle-invasive bladder cancer treated preoperatively with ipilimumab plus nivolumab (this thesis).
4. Preoperative ipilimumab plus nivolumab for the treatment of locally advanced bladder cancer does not affect incidental prostate cancer (this thesis).
5. Despite the effectiveness of novel treatments, there will still be a role for cisplatin-based chemotherapy for patients with locally advanced or metastatic bladder cancer in the foreseeable future
6. Immune-related adverse events of neoadjuvant treatment with high dose ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab is manageable in specific centers with experience with immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment
7. A bladder-sparing approach should be offered to eligible patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer
8. ctDNA is a very promising biomarker, rivalling pathological response as a surrogate marker for long-term disease free survival
9. Running an even pace or a slightly negative split leads to optimal race performance in long distance running (INEOS 1:59 challenge, 2020).
10. Certainly strength and mastery, but also weakness, folly, and failure. Yes, failure most of all is the greatest teacher (Based on Yoda, *The Last Jedi*, 2021).
11. In this life, we could be oh-so smart, or oh-so pleasant. For years I was smart; I recommend pleasant (Based on James Steward, *Harvey*, 1950).
12. Aren't we all like poor players on a stage? Enjoying a brief moment in the spotlights to then disappear into the wings (Based on William Shakespeare, *McBeth*, 1606).