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Stellingen

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1. Pain is a prevalent symptom in Huntington's disease. (This thesis)
2. Pain and its detrimental impact on daily activities is particularly prevalent in the manifest stages of Huntington's disease. (This thesis)
3. Patients with Huntington's disease in the manifest stages experience a greater pain burden compared to healthy controls. (This thesis)
4. There is a tendency of undertreatment with analgesics, especially in the late stages of Huntington's disease. (This thesis)
5. The discrepancy between the (higher) prevalence of pain and its detrimental impact on daily activities compared to the (lower) prevalence of pain-inducing conditions in Huntington's disease, suggests that pain may be directly associated with Huntington's disease. (This thesis)
6. The progression and the distinct symptoms of Huntington's disease may influence both the prevalence of pain and the underlying pain-inducing conditions. (This thesis)
7. Pain is not the end-product of a linear sensory transmission system, but a dynamic and complex phenomenon emerging from a complex interaction between biological, psychological and social factors. (Melzack, R. & Katz, J., Wiley Interdisciplinary reviews. Cognitive Science, 2013)
8. Pain and suffering are distinct phenomena. (de Ridder, D., Adhia, D. & Vanneste, S., Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews, 2021)
9. It is the suffering, not the pain itself, that takes the patient to the doctor. (Loeser, J.D., Clinical Journal of Pain, 2000)
10. Falsehoods spread faster than the truth, posing a fundamental challenge to the scientific community. (Spurgeon, C., 1855)