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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)