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Proefschrift stellingen

- 1 The addition of ribavirin to peginterferon treatment enhances and prolongs DC activation but is not sufficient to improve clinical response rates in chronic hepatitis B (*this thesis*)
- 2 IFN-lambda and HBsAg indirectly regulate NK cell function via macrophages (*this thesis*)
- 3 Monocytes and Kupffer cells are able to recognize and respond to HBsAg, the surface protein of HBV (*this thesis*)
- 4 Since HBV patients do not suffer from a constant cytokine storm induced by the virus and its components, it is likely that some form of immune regulation is in place in vivo (*this thesis*)
- 5 Production of cytokines among which some that are known to have an anti-viral effect on HBV does not necessarily yield an anti-viral effect (*this thesis*)

Overige stellingen

- 6 Nothing exists except atoms and empty space, everything else is opinion
- Democritus
- 7 It is better to be vaguely right than exactly wrong
- Carveth Read, 1898
- 8 The less we understand something, the more variables we require to explain it
- Rusell L. Ackoff, 1978
- 9 Kip is na alfalfa en champignons onze snelst groeiende groente
- Miquel Ekkelenkamp, 2011
- 10 Hoe beter een technologie werkt, hoe minder je geneigd bent om het apparaat te leren doorgronden: het doet immers wat het behoort te doen
- Maurits Martijn, 2014

Elfde stelling

- 11 Weekends don't count unless you spend them doing something completely pointless
- Calvin (Bill Watterson, The Complete Calvin and Hobbes)