

## Stellingen

1. In BD, there is a tendency towards an auto-inflammatory nature because of the profound innate immune system activation, clinical resemblances with other auto-inflammatory syndromes and the positive effects of treatment directed against components of the innate immune system. *This thesis.*
2. The abnormalities observed in peripheral blood of patients with active BD, result from recruitment of memory B-cells from the circulation to the site of inflammation. *This thesis*
3. Altered TLR-expression and activity can contribute to the inordinate innate immune activation in BD. *This thesis*
4. Adalimumab treatment is effective in long term suppression of disease activity and decreases the frequency of flares in patients with BD. *This thesis.*
5. Screening for anti-adalimumab antibodies during treatment is not expedient, but necessary in case of disease relapse to determine the nature of the relapse. *This thesis.*
6. Behçet's disease should be considered as a MHC-I-opathy. *McGonagle, D. et al. Nat. Rev. Rheumatol 2015*
7. When the sun rises after the COVID-19 pandemic it will be vital for governments to maintain funding to fuel the future stars in immunology. – *Immunology shines in the dark. Nat Rev Immunol 2021*
8. We have not succeeded in answering all our problems—indeed we sometimes feel we have not completely answered any of them. The answers we have found have only served to raise a whole set of new questions. In some ways we feel that we are as confused as ever, but we think we are confused on a higher level, and about more important things. *Earl C. Kelly, The Workshop Way of Learning (1951)*
9. Health professionals have an extraordinary opportunity to become trusted voices in support of global efforts to reduce emissions and protect people from the threat of climate change. *Kotcher, Lancet 2021*
10. That's the good thing about science: It's true whether or not you believe in it. *Neill deGrasse Tyson*
11. It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living. – *Sir David Attenborough*