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Propositions accompanying the thesis

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- 1. Hygiene is the best way to prevent mastitis-related infections with *Staphylococcus aureus*.
- **2.** MLVF is a fast and efficient genotyping method to classify a collection of bacterial isolates from a specific region (Chapter 2).
- 3. The presence of a plasmid does not always correlate with the sequence type or antibiotic susceptibility of different isolates from a bacterial population (Chapter 2).
- **4.** Trypsin shaving is a powerful tool to identify bacterial cell surface-exposed proteins for the exploration of potential vaccine targets (Chapter 3).
- **5.** Epitope selection is an essential step in the identification of immunodominant vaccine targets (Chapters 3 and 4).
- **6.** Targeting of specific immunogenic domains of proteins might be the best approach towards the development of effective vaccines that protect against *S. aureus* infections (Chapter 4).
- 7. The immunogenicity of a protein from a pathogen, combined with the specificity of the infected host's immune defenses will determine the efficacy of an immune response (or vaccine).
- **8.** The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated (*Mahatma Ghandi*).
- **9.** Protective measures against COVID-19, like washing the hands frequently, will help to decrease the cases of bovine mastitis.
- **10.** The best doctors in the world are the veterinarians. They can't ask their patients what is the matter they've got to just know (*Will Rogers*).