Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift

Genetic Determinants of Skin Color, Aging, and Cancer

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- Malignant tumors and benign spots of the skin have a similar genetic risk profile.
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- Several pigmentation genes may have pigmentation independent pro-oncogenic effects.

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3. Although its role in melanogenesis is unknown, the basonuclein 2 (*BNC2*) gene is a novel and promising skin color gene.

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- 4. Skin aging seems largely unexplained by pigmentation genes. *This thesis*
- 5. Different skin color assessments have their own advantages and disadvantages. *This thesis*
- 6. "The predisposition to cancer and premature aging are intimately linked." JHJ Hoeijmakers, N Eng J Med (2009)
- 7. The risk of skin aging is up to 60% hereditary, so you may blame your parents for it. *DA Gunn et al, PLoS One (2009)*
- 8. The dark side of melanoma. JS Taylor, Science (2015)
- 9. Skin cancer risk seems largely explained by bad luck, so are genes are not that important.

Tomasetti et al, Science (2015)

10. Although non-European cultures may think differently, it is undesirable to have a very white skin.

LC Jacobs (2015)

11. Knowing yourselves is the beginning of all wisdom. *Aristoteles*