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## STELLINGEN

behorend bij het proefschrift Molecular Remodeling in Atrial Fibrillation: Protective Roles of Small HSPs Lei Ke

- 1. Calpain activation represents a key factor underlying cardiac troponin degradation, myolysis and contractile dysfunction in atrial fibrillation. (*This thesis*)
- 2. The Rho pathway plays a prime role in the reduction of calcium transients and induction of atrial fibrillation. (*This thesis*)
- The chaperone-like activity of small heat shock proteins is not of prime importance for their protective role on molecular remodeling in atrial fibrillation. (*This thesis*)
- 4. Every disease is a physician. (Irish Proverb)
- Maintenance of sinus rhythm (rhythm control) appears preferable for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. However, studies to date have failed to demonstrate tangible advantages of rhythm control. (*Dobrev and Nattel Cardiovascular Research (2011) 89,689-691*)
- I am sure that even the simplest cell is still more delicate than a super-computer. (*Zhai Zhonghe, translated from "我确信哪怕一个最简单的细胞,也比迄今为止设计出的任何 智能电脑更精巧" 裡中和*)
- 7. The purpose of original research is to make a meaningful contribution to knowledge, rather than to identify niches where "original" work can be done.
- 8. Imitate it until you have it.
- 9. While Dutch claim to be "gezellig", this is certainly not substantiated by their behavior in trains, where they spread their luggage on the nearby seats, thus preventing anybody to sit next to them.
- 10. Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it. (*Ferris Bueller*)
- 11. 人在高潮时,享受掌声:人在低潮时,享受人生。(*吴宗宪*) Life's ups provide one with self-esteem, but life's downs provide one with the cherished love from friends and family.
- 12. No one realizes how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old, familiar pillow. (*Lin Yutang*)