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Nick Schopman was born on the 29th of December 1982 in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands. After secondary school, the Veluws College Walterbosch in Apeldoorn, he studied Biotechnology at Wageningen University and graduated in 2008. During this period he did a minor thesis in Cell Biology and Immunology, a major thesis in Virology and an internship at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) in Geelong, where he worked on the development of a new antiviral therapy against the Nipah virus. For this work the Smart Geelong Network Australia awarded him in 2007 the Researcher of the Year Award in subcategory Biotechnology. In December 2007 he started his PhD project at the Laboratory of Experimental Virology at the Academic Medical Center of the University of Amsterdam, headed by professor Ben Berkhout. The project involved the further development of the RNA interference-based gene therapy against HIV-1 and to study the interplay between the RNAi machinery and the virus. The results of this research are described in this thesis. In January 2012 he will move from science to the financial sector where he will be trained as a Financial Subsidy Services Consultant at Subtracers in Amsterdam, supporting companies in the acquisition of funding of innovative technical projects.