## Stellingen

Behorende bij het proefschrift

## Promoting endogenous repair in osteochondral defects: exploring therapeutic strategies and the impact of inflammation

- 1. Joint inflammation plays a crucial role in the repair of osteochondral defects, with both proinflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines contributing to the process. *This thesis*
- 2. Immunomodulating strategies for osteochondral defect repair should focus on promoting the transition from pro-inflammatory macrophages towards anti-inflammatory and repair macrophages. *This thesis*
- 3. Triamcinolone acetonide is not the ideal candidate for immunomodulation during osteochondral defect repair due to its side effects. *This thesis*
- 4. The limited invasion of mesenchymal stromal cells is the major challenge for osteochondral defect repair with cell-free biomaterials. *This thesis*
- 5. Future studies developing new therapies for tissue repair should consider the involvement of the complete immune system rather than a single immune cell. *This thesis*
- 6. The peer review process is like a casino, to be successful you need a certain amount of luck and chance.
- 7. The confidence that doctors used to have in their diagnostic skills is being replaced by an increasing reliance on imaging techniques. Getting sick outside a hospital is therefore becoming increasingly dangerous.
- 8. The use of artificial snow in skiing resorts creates a false sense of security and may prevent skiers from fully understanding and addressing the impacts of climate change on the environment.
- 9. If the trends in the hospital landscape continue, there will come a time when doctors have to choose which patient to treat instead of which treatment to give to a patient.
- 10. Artificial intelligence will soon revolutionize medicine, but it will never replace the doctor.
- 11. Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts. *Winston Churchill*