

## Propositions associated with the thesis

# ***Mycobacterium tuberculosis*-Associated Uveitis: Infection and Autoimmunity**

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1. Uveitis of undetermined cause but with positive QFT in the Netherlands is commonly associated with occlusive retinal vasculitis and serpinginoid choroiditis.  
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2. In Indonesia, there is a clear excess of QFT-positive patients with uveitis of unknown cause, which indicates a link between latent TB and developmen of uveitis.  
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3. Human retinal pigment epithelial cells react with type 1 interferon signaling in early *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection.  
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4. Type 1 IFN gene signature has the potential to stratify QFT-positive patients and indicate the group, which has the highest probability to benefit from full regimen of ATT.  
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5. Antiretinal antibodies do not play a crucial role in the pathogenesis of *Mtb-associated uveitis*.  
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6. Infectious agents may be implicated directly or indirectly in the pathogenesis of presumably non-infectious uveitis in humans.  
*Forrester JV et al., Autoimmunity, Autoinflammation and Infection in Uveitis. American Journal of Ophthalmology, 2018*
7. Relative to developed nations in which ocular infections account for a relative minority of cases, infectious uveitis accounts for up to 50% of cases in developing nations.  
*London N.J.S et al., The epidemiology of uveitis in developing countries. International Ophthalmology Clinics, 2010*
8. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is one of the most successful and enduring pathogens of humanity.  
*Cambier CJ et al., Host evasion and exploitation schemes of Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Cell, 2014*
9. Medical science has proven in time and again that when the resources are provided, great progress in the treatment, cure, and prevention of disease can occur.  
*Michael J. Fox*
10. So verily, with every difficulty, comes ease.  
*The Quran 94:6*
11. Honesty is the best policy for difficult situations as in the end it will not get easier by any other way.