

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 serpiginoid 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.