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About the author

Wesley de Jong was born on October 1st 1985, in Gouda, the Netherlands. He grew up in Schoonhoven, a city in the so-called *Groene Hart*, a relatively thin populated area in the Dutch *Randstad*. He attended the Coornhert Gymnasium in Gouda, from which he graduated in 2003. He was admitted to the medical faculty of the Erasmus MC (Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands) by means of *decentrale selectie* (decentralized admission, a program for admission of students based on personal qualifications). His studies in medical school were characterized by several extra-curricular activities which contributed to his current interest in healthcare organization and management. After finishing his internships in 2012, he started as physician in the department of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology in the Amphia hospital, Breda. His wish to complement his medical profession with a PhD title, could be effectuated after he met prof. dr. Eric van Gorp in 2014. During the period 2014-2019 he worked as physician researcher, PhD candidate – under the supervision of the before mentioned, dr. Marco Goeijenbier and dr. Rob Gruters, in the department of Viroscience, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands – the results of which is in the reader's hands. The author is currently in training to become an internist (internal medicine specialist) in the Maasstad hospital, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.