

## **ATRIAL FIBRILLATION FROM A SINUS RHYTHM POINT OF VIEW**

1. As long as the arrhythmogenic substrate underlying atrial fibrillation remains poorly understood and cannot be evaluated in the individual patient, none of the available anti-arrhythmic treatment modalities will be effective. – *This thesis*
2. Even during normal sinus rhythm, there is no such thing as “the normal conduction pattern”. – *This thesis*
3. It is utopic to assume that the electropathological substrate underlying atrial fibrillation can be captured with just one biomarker. – *This thesis*
4. Focal waves are most likely the result of transmural conduction. – *This thesis*
5. Heat Shock Proteins are not suitable biomarkers for staging of atrial fibrillation. – *This thesis*
6. The absence of statistical relevance can be of great significance.
7. Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps the brain. – *Arthur Weasley (Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets; J.K. Rowling)*
8. Strive not to be a success but rather be of value – *Albert Einstein*
9. However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results. – *Winston Churchill*
10. A balanced diet is a piece of chocolate in each hand.
11. Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. – *Leonardo da Vinci*