## Stellingen

- 1 Fixation of the eardrum onto the incus often results in erosion of the long process. (This thesis)
- 2 Surgical resection of an atrophic eardrum generally heals like a traumatic perforation. (This thesis)
- 3 Packing the ear after ear surgery is rarely necessary. (This thesis)
- 4 Surgery for atelectasis requires an optimum balance between operating too soon and waiting too long. (This thesis)
- 5 Watchful waiting may be wishful thinking in atrophic eardrums. (This thesis)
- 6 Effective treatment for rhinoscleroma requires an antibiotic with good intracellular penetration. (Lancet 1993:342;122)
- 7 The plasticity and redundancy of the human brain is such that removing one hemisphere at an early age may result in minimal disabilities and will not impede bilingualism.(Lancet 2002;359:473)
- 8 The estimated budget for a manned mission to Mars will maintain the entire Zambian health services in its present state for the next 2000 years. (Medicus Tropicus 2008;46,3:3)
- **9** There are indications that bile salts play a role in the pathophysiology of otitis media with effusion. (Laryngoscope:in print)
- 10 There are a number of possible theories as to the dramatic increase of managers in recent years. (Lancet 2003,362:265)
- 11 The idea that we share one reality is a collective hallucination.