



Curriculum Vitae

Marijke Wasielewski was born on May 8th, 1978 in Rüsselsheim, Germany. She moved to the Netherlands in 1983 and completed her

secondary school (VWO) in 1996 at the Stedelijke Scholengemeenschap Scheldemond in Vlissingen. After her graduation, she studied German Language and Culture at the Leiden University but she soon discovered that this was not her niche. She made a complete switch and started her study Biochemistry at the Hogeschool Zeeland in Vlissingen in 1997. As part of her study she did a practical training under the supervision of Dr. M. Schutte in the Department of Medical Oncology at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam. She characterized the *p53* mutation status in human breast cancer cell lines, which was the starting-point for the study described in chapter four of this thesis. In May 2001, she obtained her Bachelor's degree after which she continued working as a research technician in the research group of Dr. M. Schutte. Here, she was closely involved in the identification of *CHEK2* as a novel breast cancer susceptibility gene, providing the basis for the Dutch Cancer Society grant *"Identifying hereditary breast and colorectal cancer susceptibility genes by using CHEK2 as a genetic tag"*. Supported by this grant, she started her PhD under the supervision of Prof.dr. J.G.M. Klijn and Dr. M. Schutte in February 2005. As a PhD student, she presented work described in this thesis at the annual joint Medical Genetics Centre - Cancer Research UK Graduate Student Conference in Luik, Belgium (2005), the annual Dutch Cancer Society Cell Biology meeting in Lunteren, The Netherlands (2007) and at the Nature CNIO Conference *"Oncogenes and Human Cancer: the next 25 years"* in Madrid, Spain (2007).