

## Stellingen/ Propositions

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# Pathogenesis of testicular germ cell tumors from a developmental point of view

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1. Malignant testicular germ cell tumors of adults arise from defective fetal germ cell development (this thesis)
2. Transcription factor AP-2gamma is expressed in human germ cell tumors and is important for the normal development of embryonic germ cells (this thesis)
3. Bilateral germ cell tumors are associated with activation mutations in *c-KIT*; these mutations are, in contrast, rare in unilateral germ cell tumors (this thesis)
4. TCam-2 cell line resembles seminoma in cell culture (this thesis)
5. Aberrant epigenetic modifications including constitutive histone H2A/H4 arginine 3 dimethylation allows the fetal germ cells to escape the regular differentiation program (this thesis)
6. Common genetic variants in *c-KIT* ligand gene are involved in susceptibility for testicular germ cell tumors (Kanetsky P *et al.*, Nature Genetics 2009, 41:811-815; Rapley EA *et al.*, Nat Genet. 2009, 41:807-810)
7. The microRNA modulator Lin28 promotes transformation and is associated with advanced human malignancies (Viswanathan S *et al.*, Nature Genetics 2009, 41: 843-848)
8. Inhibition of Hedgehog signalling enhances delivery of chemotherapy in a mouse model of pancreatic cancer (Olive KP *et al.*, Science 2009, 324:1457-1461)
9. Females battle to suppress their inner male. (Sinclair A and Smith C. Cell 2009,139: 1051-1053, comment on Uhlénhaut NH *et al.*, Somatic sex reprogramming of adult ovaries to testes by FOXL2 ablation, Cell. 2009, 11:139:1130-1142).
10. Die Freiheit ist nicht die Willkür, beliebig zu handeln, sondern die Fähigkeit, vernünftig zu handeln. Rudolf Virchow
11. A deception that elevates us is dearer than a host of low truths. Alexander Pushkin