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Edo (Edwin Oscar) Schraa was born in Leeuwarden (Friesland, the Netherlands) on 1st of June 1968. In 1980, he attended secondary modern school (undivided Atheneum) at the Lienward College in Leeuwarden from which he graduated in 1986. In the same year, he started the study Pharmacy at the University Centre for Pharmacy in Groningen. During his training and specialisation in pharmacology, it became clear that his interests were in animal-based research. After he graduated in 1992, he was appointed as a PhD-student at the Laboratory for Experimental Surgery and Oncology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, under supervision of dr. R.L. Marquet, dr. J.N.M. IJzermans and Prof. dr. J. Jeekel. The studies, concerning xenogeneic liver transplantation described in this thesis, have all been performed in this period. He interrupted his doctoral research in 1996, when he was offered a 'post-doctoral' position at the pharmaceutical company Novartis Pharma AG (former Sandoz Pharma AG) in Basle, Switzerland. With support of dr. H.J. Schuurman and others in the Transplantation Research area, he investigated the mechanism of chronic rejection in transplantation and the possibility for therapeutic intervention. In 1998, he returned to the Netherlands to finish the present thesis. His current goal is to reside in clinically related research in the Netherlands or abroad.

