Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift:

NEW FEATURES OF SIALYLATED LIPO-OLIGOSACCHARIDE STRUCTURES IN *CAMPYLOBACTER JEJUNI*

1. Ganglioside-like lipo-oligosaccharide structures prevent *Campylobacter jejuni* from bacteriophage infections. (This Thesis)

2. The *Campylobacter jejuni* CRISPR-Cas system is primarily involved in bacteriophage defense in isolates lacking ganglioside-like lipo-oligosaccharide structures. (This Thesis)

3. Ganglioside-like lipo-oligosaccharide structures and the CRISPR-Cas system are important *Campylobacter jejuni* virulence factors. (This Thesis)

4. The *Campylobacter jejuni* CRISPR associated gene *csn1* is a target candidate for novel antimicrobials. (This Thesis)

5. Bacterial co-localization with endosomal markers distinguishes intra-cellular and extra-cellular localization. (This Thesis)

6. Isolation of a ganglioside-like lipo-oligosaccharide negative *Campylobacter coli* strain from Guillain-Barré patients suggests involvement of other mechanisms than anti-ganglioside mimic antibodies alone. (This Thesis)

7. Bacterial pathogens are innocent bystanders although they are cultured from diseased patients; bacteriophages are the real causative agents. (Future Microbiol. 2007 Apr;2(2):165-74)

8. Swift Bird's nest soup stimulates the immune system. (Biodiversity and Conservation 13: 2209-2226)

9. Saving on scientific research is an economic disaster. (The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation)

10. Politicians wanted us to become Europeans, the current crisis shows that the real Europeans are not politicians.

11. The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He (or she) to whom this emotion is a stranger, whom can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed. (Albert Einstein)

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