

Propositions accompanying the thesis
‘Cerebral microbleeds: a marker of vascular brain disease’

1. A single cerebral microbleed already indicates the presence of diffuse brain damage. (*this thesis*)
2. Cerebral microbleeds reflect progressive vasculopathy in the brain. (*this thesis*)
3. The increased risk of mortality in people with cerebral microbleeds is not solely due to an increased risk of fatal cardiovascular events. (*this thesis*)
4. Both genetic and non-genetic evidence shows that lobar microbleeds are precursors of intracerebral hemorrhage. (*this thesis*)
5. Cerebral microbleeds are a link between vascular disease and amyloid pathology in neurodegenerative diseases. (*this thesis*)
6. The ability to detect disease in a pre-clinical stage will deprive some people from the privilege to live their lives in ignorant bliss.
7. There is no evidence that pre-publication peer review improves papers or detects errors or fraud. (*Richard Smith, editor BMJ 1991-2004*)
8. In this digital era the art of handwriting is diminished, and with that the training of hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills. (*Journal of Motor Behavior; 2011;247-51*)
9. Lack of ambition is not the reason why women are still significantly underrepresented in academic leadership positions.
10. The economic benefits of war are detrimental to world peace. (*Doing well out of war: an economic perspective. Paul Collier*)
11. Of you there are some who are sent back to a feeble age, so that they know nothing after having known (much). (*The Holy Quran [16:70]*)

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