Stellingen behorend bij het proefschrift

Phosphatases in Cancer

shifting the balance

- 1. Dephosphorylation events by phosphatases do not always terminate signaling, but can also activate signaling pathways. *(this thesis)*
- 2. Low molecular weight protein tyrosine phosphatase (LMWPTP) acts as oncogene in prostate and colorectal cancer. (this thesis)
- 3. Protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B (PTP1B) is an independent prognostic marker of colorectal cancer disease outcome. (this thesis)
- 4. Inhibition of the enzymatic activity of the lipid phosphatase SHIP2 forms a novel treatment option in the battle against colorectal cancer. (this thesis)
- 5. While oncogenic kinases are generally linked to increased cell proliferation, the here identified tumor-promoting phosphatases may play a more important role in cell migration. (this thesis)
- 6. While cell migration is mostly considered as driver of metastasis formation, it is also a key factor in the initial growth of a tumor mass. (Waclaw et al. Nature 2015)
- 7. Negative results from well-designed studies are unlikely to find a home in a high-impact journal, and so the literature paints a distorted picture of reality. (Dorothy Bishop, Professor of Developmental Neuropsychology, University of Oxford)
- 8. Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfils the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things. (Winston Churchill)
- 9. The posting of numerous selfies is related to both higher narcissism and psychopathy. (Jesse Fox, Personality and individual differences 2015)
- 10. Sometimes it's not enough to know what things mean, sometimes you have to know what things don't mean. (Bob Dylan)
- 11. Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. (Babe Ruth)

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