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OF MICE AND MEN IN ACM

Novel Models and Biomarkers for Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

Propositions

- 1) Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy (ACM), a genetic heart disease affecting between 1:1000 and 1:5000 people in the world every year, continues to exact a heavy toll on society. (This thesis)
- 2) There are no real curative treatments for ACM, stemming in part from the lack of insight into what molecular mechanisms drive the disease. (This thesis)
- 3) There is no single gold standard test for ACM. (This thesis)
- 4) Endurance exercise can initiate or exacerbate ACM progression, making early and reliable diagnosis vital. (This thesis)
- 5) By comparing different models to each other we can detect common cores of alterations that lie at the base of ACM. (This thesis)
- 6) Learning never exhausts the mind. (Leonardo da Vinci)
- 7) Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. (Marie Curie)
- 8) Truth is not what you want it to be; it is what it is. You must bend to its power or live a lie. (Miyamoto Musashi)
- 9) Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing. (Wernher von Braun)
- 10) Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. (Winston Churchill)

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