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- 1. mRNA analysis has added value beyond DNA and protein analysis. (this thesis)
- 2. VWF propeptide persistence affects FVIII binding as well as VWF multimerization. (Casonato et al. Blood 2003 and this thesis)
- 3. A nonsense mutation is not necessarily a null mutation. (this thesis)
- 4. Plasma corrects the consequences of FV deficiency, but molecular therapies could correct its causes. (this thesis)
- 5. Since TFPI contributes to bleeding in several coagulation factor deficiencies, pharmacological modulation of FV-short splicing might be beneficial in multiple bleeding disorders. (this thesis)
- 6. Genetics plays a role, to a greater or lesser extent, in all diseases. (M. Jackson, *Essays in Biochemistry*. 2018)
- 7. Given the double role of FV in the coagulation process, deficiencies in FV may result in either haemorrhagic or thrombotic tendencies. (R. Asselta, *Semin Thromb Hemost.* 2009)
- 8. Rare diseases are rare, but rare disease patients are numerous. (Orphanet)
- 9. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. (St. Anthony of Padua)

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