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# Stellingen

1. Obtaining knowledge is counterproductive. – *Valérie N.E. Schuermans*
2. The results of a study are influenced by the selected outcome parameters. – *This thesis*
3. Adjacent segment pathology remains an unresolved clinical challenge. – *This thesis*
4. Although commonly used, pain is not the most relevant outcome measure in patients with cervical myelopathy. – *This Thesis*
5. Normal movement of the cervical spine only exists on an individual level. – *This thesis*
6. In neurosurgery, clinical outcomes take precedence over radiological measurements. – *This thesis*
7. 'A work of art does not answer questions, it provokes them, and its essential meaning is in the tension between the contradictory answers' – *Leonard Bernstein*
8. Sagittal balance parameters measured without standardized patient positioning are questionable. – *This thesis*
9. Anarchy prevails in economic evaluations concerning spine surgery; the published guideline offers a path towards order. – *This Thesis*
10. Artificial intelligence is not a substitute for human intelligence; it is a tool to amplify human creativity and ingenuity. – *Fei-Fei Li*
11. The line of a PhD trajectory is seldom a straight one. – *Valérie N.E. Schuermans*