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### **Validity and diagnostic value of tests used in the diagnostic work-up of haemostatic disorders**

1. Improvement of diagnostic pathways has a great potential to enhance patient care and stabilize public health budgets (*this thesis*).
2. Implementing a phased evaluation of laboratory and medical tests will stimulate development of rational diagnostic pathways (*this thesis*).
3. Well-trained patients manage anticoagulation at least as effective as medical doctors (*this thesis; PLoS ONE. 2014; 9(4): e95761*)
4. Thromboelastometry analysis is subject to inconsistency in many situations (*this thesis*).
5. Thromboelastometry analysis is a fast assay to determine fibrinogen deficiency in patients with massive bleeding (*Blood. 2014; 124(11): 1727-1736*).
6. There is no single laboratory test predicting bleeding or thromboembolism in a large range of clinical situations (*this thesis*).
7. Applying diagnostic tests subjects patients at relevant health related, emotional and financial risks (*this thesis*).
8. No test can replace well-performed history taking and physical examination.
9. "In the fight which we have to wage incessantly against ignorance and quackery, diagnosis, not drugging, is our chief weapon of offense." *Sir William Osler (1849 – 1919)*
10. "If God had wanted to put everything into the universe from the beginning, He would have created a universe without change, without organisms and evolution, and without man and man's experience of change. But he seems to have thought that a live universe with events unexpected even by Himself would be more interesting than a dead one." Karl Popper

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