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Curriculum Vitae

The author of this thesis was born in Zagreb, Croatia, on the 13th of April 1981. After finishing his pre-university education (International Baccalaureate, Rotterdam International Secondary School) in 2000, he studied Pharmacy at the University of Groningen, obtaining a BSc degree in 2003 and MSc (PharmD) in 2006. His Master's thesis on the effects of endocannabinoids on intracellular $[Ca^{2+}]$ homeostasis in bronchial epithelial cells and the effects of growth factors on airway smooth muscle contractility was completed at the Department of Molecular Pharmacology, University of Groningen. During his studies he was a student assistant in the Pharmacology practical course and a member of the Education Committee for Pharmacy at the University of Groningen (2004-2005). In addition, he was a member of the Quality Assurance Netherlands Universities (QANU) Review Committee for Pharmaceutical Sciences (2005-2006). After graduation, he initiated his PhD-study at the Department of Molecular Pharmacology, on a research project entitled: "Development and properties of a new animal model of COPD", the results of which are presented in this thesis.

