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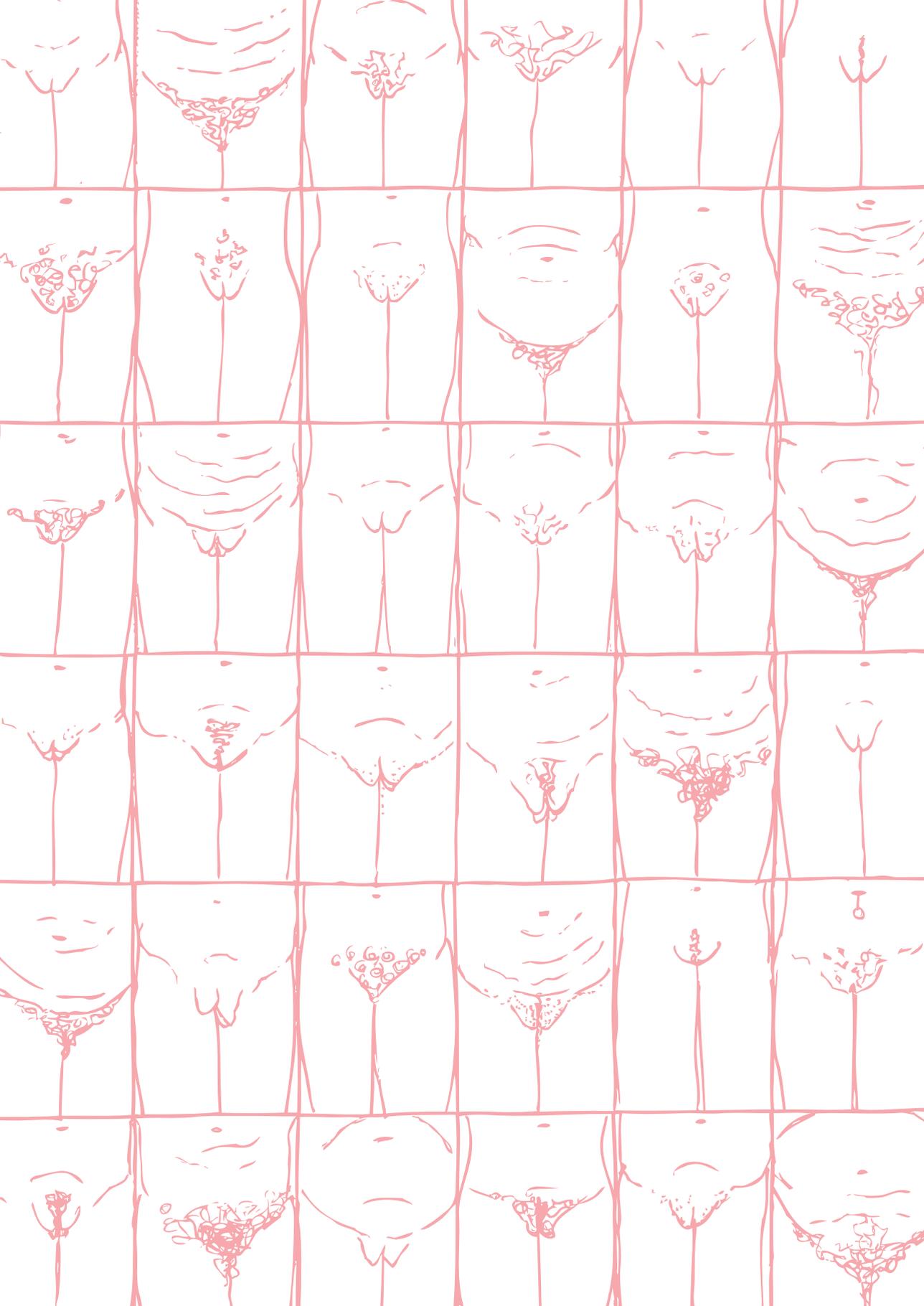
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PREFACE

This thesis is submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for a postgraduate doctorate qualification at the University of Groningen for both Chantal Panman and Marian Wiegiersma. It contains work done from 2009 to 2014 for The Pelvic Organ Prolapse in Primary Care: Effects of Pelvic Floor Muscle Training and Pessary Treatment Study (POPPS project). The supervisors of the project were Dr J.H. Dekker and Prof Dr M.Y. Berger of the Department of General Practice at the University Medical Center Groningen. Given the close relationship of the work completed by both candidates, it was felt that the thesis was best presented in a single document to unite the different components into a more meaningful whole, rather than artificially separating the data. Therefore, all aspects of the research, data analysis, and writing undertaken by both Chantal and Marian in completing their individual theses as part of the POPPS project are detailed in this joint work. It is believed that this will help provide a better understanding of the rationale and flow of the research. During the PhD ceremony, both Chantal and Marian will be responsible for defending chapters 1, 2, 5, 9, and 11; however, Chantal will specifically defend chapters 4, 6, and 8, while Marian will specifically defend chapters 3, 7, and 10.

