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# STELLINGEN

Accompanying the thesis

## Unraveling VPS13A pathways: from *Drosophila* to human

1. *Drosophila melanogaster* is a suitable organism to study Chorea-Acanthocytosis.
2. Vps13 interacts with the only Galectin protein known in *Drosophila*.
3. VPS13A, through the interaction with the ER protein VAP-A, is located at the interface of ER and mitochondria.
4. Altruism is the best quality a scientist can have.
5. A failure is not always a mistake, it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying. (B. F. Skinner)
6. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference. (R. Frost)
7. Competition should not belong in science as pineapple should not belong on pizza.
8. If you knew what you were doing, it wouldn't be called research.(A. Einstein)
9. I do not know if the PhD is a good or bad experience, but it is worth it.

**Francesco Pinto**

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