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Curriculum vitae

Matthijs Brouwer was born on September 22, 1977 in Amersfoort, The Netherlands. He graduated from Secondary School (Het Nieuwe Eemland College, Amersfoort) in 1995. Subsequently, he started his medical studies at the University of Amsterdam. During his studies he participated in a polio vaccination project in Mpererwe, Uganda, organized by the International Federation of Medical Student Associations in 1998. His first scientific work was done in 1999 at the Department of Molecular Genetics of the Tromsø University in Norway (the Northernmost University of the world) on induction of single base pair alterations in the Presenilin-1 gene by transfection of circular DNA fragments into murine neurons. In 2000 he participated in a research project on genotyping of rhabdomyosarcomas and medulloblastomas in the Genetics Core Facility in the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam (Prof. Dr. F. Baas). After his graduation in 2002 he worked as a Neurology resident in the Onze Lieve Vrouwen Gasthuis, Amsterdam, for one year. He started his neurology training at the Academic Medical Center in 2004 (Prof. Dr. J. Stam, Prof. Dr. M. Vermeulen, Dr. J.H.T.M. Koelman). One year of the residency was spent in the Onze Lieve Vrouwen Gasthuis (Prof. Dr. P. Portegies). From 2004 he combined his Neurology training with a PhD project on clinical characteristics, genetic risk factors and adjunctive treatment in adults with bacterial meningitis at the Department of Neurology of the Academic Medical Center (Dr. D. van de Beek, Prof. Dr. M. Vermeulen), resulting in this thesis. He was awarded with a George McCracken ID fellowship at the Interscience Conference of Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in 2008 and the International Young Investigator Award from the Infectious Disease Society of America in 2009. He finished his Neurology training in May, 2010 and is currently working as a post-doctoral fellow in neurological infectious diseases at the Academic Medical Center. He is married to Suzanne Adema and they have a son Jasper.