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### **Curriculum vitae**

Aileen Martinia Adiciptaningrum was born in Semarang, Indonesia, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1980. From 1997 to 2001 she studied Chemistry at the Bandung Institute of Technology in Bandung. For her bachelor degree, she did research at the Physical Chemistry Department resulting in a thesis entitled 'Thermodynamical Studies and Thermal Analysis of Chlorination Reaction of Rice Husks into Silicon tetrachloride'. In 2001 she started a Master's Programme in Biotechnology at the Wageningen University, and did an internship at Numico Research BV. Her work with lactic acid bacteria resulted in a thesis entitled 'Eligibility of Bacterial Fermentations for the Generation of New Compounds from Various Raw Material' in 2003. In February 2003 she started her PhD research in the group of dr. Sander Tans at the FOM Institute for Atomic and Molecular Physics (AMOLF) in Amsterdam. At the beginning of her PhD she investigated *in vivo* mutation and evolution of *E.coli*, and in 2005 she started to work with type 1 fimbrial expression system in *E.coli*. The result of her work with the *fim* system is described in this thesis.