



Curriculum Vitae

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Work experience

Present positions

Since 2015 Professor (Hoogleraar) of Translational Genetics at the Department of Human Genetics, Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC)

Since 2013 Visiting professor at the Institute of Genetic Medicine, Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK

Previous positions

2010 - 2015 Associate professor (UHD) at the Dept of Human Genetics, LUMC

2007 –2010 Assistant Professor, Dept of Human Genetics, LUMC

2007. Postdoctoral fellow, Dept. of Human Genetics, LUMC

2004. PhD student, Dept. of Human Genetics, LUMC

2000 (Jan-June) Research Technician, Biomedical Primate Research Center, Rijswijk, the Netherlands

Education and training

2000 MSc Biomedical Sciences, Leiden University (The Netherlands)

2005 PhD: "Development of an antisense-mediated exon skipping therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Making sense out of nonsense", supervised by prof dr G.J.B. van Ommen, head of the Department of Human genetics, Leiden University Medical Centre.

2015 University Teaching Qualification (Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs, an accreditation standard for teaching from Dutch Universities)

Additional information

Publications

H-Index: 57 (ISI Web of Science, cited 12,152 times)

H-Index: 68 (Google Scholar; cited 19,526 times); I10index: 208

H-Index: 60 (Researchgate: research interest score: 6,687.5; citations 14,337, reads 58,521)

Number of first author publications: 49

Number of last author publications: 57

Scientific journal publications

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 5. **Aartsma-Rus AM**: The future of exon skipping for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. *Hum Gene Ther*. 2023 Mar 16. doi: 10.1089/hum.2023.026
 6. **Aartsma-Rus A**, De Waele L, Houwen-Opstal S, Kirschner J, Krom YD, Mercuri E, Niks EH, Straub V, van Duyvenvoorde HA, Vroom E.: The Dilemma of Choice for Duchenne Patients Eligible for Exon 51 Skipping The European Experience. *J Neuromuscul Dis*. 2023 Mar 6. doi: 10.3233/JND-221648
 7. Q&A with **Annemieke Aartstma-Rus** on Individualized ASO therapy for rare diseases. *Commun Med (Lond)*. 2023 Feb 28;3(1):27. doi: 10.1038/s43856-023-00255-3.
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 9. **Aartsma-Rus A**, van Roon-Mom W, Lauffer M, Siezen C, Duijndam B, Coenen-de Roo T, Schüle R, Synofzik M, Graessner H.: Development of tailored splice switching oligonucleotides for progressive brain disorders in Europe: development, regulation and implementation considerations. *RNA*. 2023 Jan 20:rna.079540.122. doi: 10.1261/rna.079540.122.
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