Variability in drug response: towards more personalized diabetes care
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I am looking back at a very thrilling and successful PhD time at the department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology of the University Medical Center of Groningen. In this part of my thesis I would like to express my gratitude towards my family, my colleges and all the people around who became part of my life during this important period and who supported me.

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