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Diederik van de Beek was born on May 18, 1974 in Huissen. He graduated from Secondary School (Blaise Pascal College Zaandam) in 1992. Subsequently, he started his medical studies at the University of Amsterdam and obtained his Medical Degree in 1999. During his studies, he worked as a tutor at the Dean of Students and as an assistant at the Department of Physiology (Prof. dr. L.N. Bouman). He was vice-chairman of the Educational Committee of the Medical Faculty. He also performed a systematic review on the impact of antimicrobial resistance on *Helicobacter pylori* eradication rates at the Department of Gastroenterology (Prof. dr. G.N.J. Tytgat), including almost 40 000 treated patients. In 1995, he started his research on bacterial meningitis with an antibiotic susceptibility study at the Netherlands Reference Laboratory for Bacterial Meningitis (Prof. dr. J. Dankert) and the Department of Neurology (Prof. dr. M. Vermeulen). Since graduation he works as a resident in Neurology at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. In 2002, he was awarded the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) Committee Award of the American Society of Microbiology, and in 2003 the yearly award of the Netherlands Meningitis Foundation. In 2004, he received a research grant of the Meningitis Foundation (United Kingdom) allowing a follow-up study on long-term (neuropsychological) outcome in adults with bacterial meningitis and the impact of adjunctive dexamethasone treatment.