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Femke Jansen was born in Naarden, the Netherlands, on March 16th, 1989. She graduated from secondary education in 2007 at Goois Lyceum in Bussum, and started studying Health Sciences at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. After obtaining her Bachelor's degree in 2010, she continued her studies with the research Master Lifestyle and Chronic Disorders, also at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She graduated in 2012 as a Health Scientist and obtained her Epidemiologist A registration in 2014. In October 2012, she started working as a research assistant at the department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery of VUmc for the research group 'Living together with cancer' (chair prof. dr. I.M. Verdonck-de Leeuw). After a year, she started her PhD-project on supportive care in head and neck cancer patients at the same department. During her PhD-project, she visited the University of Bristol for three months to investigate the association between the course of symptoms of depression and survival in head and neck cancer patients, using data of the large prospective Head and Neck 5000 cohort study (PI prof. dr. A.R. Ness). After obtaining her PhD, Femke will continue her research as a postdoc researcher at the department of Clinical, Neuro and Development Psychology, section Clinical Psychology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.