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PROPOSITIONS

1. During brain death, the liver acts in solidarity with others organs.
2. Organs suitable for transplantation, suffer from brain death with different intensity (and form).
3. In brain death not everything is inflammation.
4. Single or multi-organ preconditioning can be difficult within the brain dead donor.
5. Mean arterial pressure not always reflects organ perfusion.
6. Mitochondrial dysfunction seems to be affordable.
7. We have to do, what we have to do (J. Cornejo. Chilean Surgeon).
8. To succesfully perform a PhD in the Netherlands follow this rule: Fill the form and be on time.