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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well written and covers a gap in our knowledge on this topic. In this manuscript, DPT is clinically relevant in predicting time from withdrawal of life support to death. Precisely, DPT is more useful in predicting death within 60 minutes of withdrawal of life support than within 30 minutes. Additional calibration and modifications of this important tool could help guide the intensive care team and families considering DCD. I think that some graphics will help the reader to understand better. Do all patients consenting to donations also consent for an autopsy? This data are relevant and this aspect can be highlighted in the manuscript.



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This is an interesting paper based on a very large number of PICU admissions. The numbers of patients entered into the study are however small because of the nature of the study. What is disappointing and ultimately makes the study impossible to interpret is that of the 70 patients in whom treatment withdrawal occurred only 2 donated organs. This makes the applicability of the data presented rather worthless. I would encourage the authors to work with other centres to try and increase the cohort of evaluable patients.