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1. Despite overt differences in renal biopsies, there is no difference in outcome between patients with PR3- and patients with MPO-ANCA associated vasculitis (this thesis).
2. An elevated C-ANCA titer may pose a risk for relapse when a patient is switched from cyclophosphamide to azathioprine (this thesis).
3. A renal relapse is the only risk factor for renal failure in the long-term follow-up of PR3-ANCA patients (this thesis).
4. A more sensitive assay is needed to estimate the risk of accelerated atherosclerosis in patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis (this thesis).
5. It is time that the term 'ANCA-associated vasculitis' is replaced by 'ANCA vasculitis' (Xiao H, JCI 2002, 110:955-63).
6. An increment of matchable healthy control subjects increases the quality of results.
7. By now, there are many factors associated with the induction of ANCA-associated vasculitis; it is time some of them are proven in an animal model.
8. A nephrocentric view of the medical universe is not uncommon among nephrologists (Ritz E, NEJM 2003, 348:2349-52).
9. Even with the regular delays, forensing by train is preferable to forensing by car in the Randstad.
10. You can always trust a dishonest man to be dishonest (Pirates of the Caribbean, 2003).
11. Diplomacy is the ability to tell a person to go to hell in such a way that he is looking forward to the trip.