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Dear Dorothy,

Thanks for your letter about solvent detergent FFP. I find it impossible to give a straight answer as I think it is ethically very dubious to say that we would give a safer product to some patients and not others, and I would also guess that medico-legally such a practice would be totally indefensible.

Therefore I am forced to say that we would either use all our fresh frozen plasma as solvent detergent treated or none, and I find it a little disappointing that the transfusion service is not providing a lead here; it is rather like asking us which patients we would give HIV tested blood to and which ones not.

Sorry to be so unhelpful.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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*totally facile
& inaccurate
comparison
which indicates
the person has either
not read or failed
completely to understand
the information before
on the topic*

*When given freedom
of clinical choice
they don't know how to
exercise it*

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