

Optional Column E Explanation Form

This form is intended as an aid to completing the Column E explanation. It is not an official form and its use is voluntary. Names, addresses, protocols, veterinary care programs, and the like, are not required as part of an explanation. A Column E explanation must be written so as to be understood by lay persons as well as scientists.

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1. Registration Number: 57-R-0023
 2. Number 6,945 of animals used in this study.
 3. Species (common name) NZW Rabbits of animals used in this study.
 4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress.

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5. Provide scientific justification why pain and/or distress could not be relieved. State methods or means used to determine that pain and/or distress relief would interfere with test results. (For Federally mandated testing, see question 6 below)

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6. What, if any, federal regulations require this procedure? Cite the agency, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title number and the specific section number (e.g., APHIS, 9 CFR 113.102):

Agency _____ CFR _____

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Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

The 6,945 rabbits listed under Column E of our USDA Form 7023 were used to produce *Treponema pallidum* organisms for the diagnosis of syphilis. Under this IACUC approved protocol, number 4B, we infected rabbits with the organism, and allowed them to develop the disease for 10 to 12 days before euthanizing them. A post mortem harvest collected the *Treponema* spirochetes.

We may infer that the orchitis associated with *Treponema* infection caused some distress, but treatment of the disease would destroy, or impact, the organisms the procedure is intended to produce.

Sincerely,

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