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Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

The 1,381 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 10-12 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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