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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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