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Column E Explanation**

Procedure producing pain and/or distress:

The 7 rabbits were experimentally infected with antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria to study novel treatment regimens and strategies to suppress resistance. The animals are monitored closely for humane endpoints, however some animals that appear clinically normal develop a rapid evolution of disease which can result in sudden death.

Reason why anesthetics, analgesics and tranquilizers could not be used:

Humane endpoints are used in all experiments as a criterion for euthanasia. Some animals die without demonstrating clinical disease, despite careful observation, and therefore humane endpoints are not implemented. As it is unclear whether these animals were subject to pain or distress they have been categorized as E. Pain-relieving drugs are not able to be administered due to the nature of the experiments and the potential for confounding study results.