

Column E Explanation

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.

1. Registration Number: 73-R-001

2. Number 373 of animals used in this study.

3. Species (common name) Rabbits of animals used in the study.

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress.

The rabbits were used to feed small ticks as part of a tick production project.

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 Item 6 below)

Once the ticks have completed feeding, the rabbits are returned to the vendor and humanely harvested for meat production. No medications have been identified that could lessen any minor discomfort from the feeding ticks without leaving an inappropriate drug residue in the meat.

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 _____