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Dear FDA/Dockets Mgmt. Branch: Re: Docket # 99D-0557

I'm writing to say that I am against ANY xenotransplant research. Responsible health authorities would ban all of it outright, regardless of species, particularly because of the threats of inter-species virus transfer (HIV learned from AIDS?). There is no evidence that pigs are any safer than nonhuman primates. Pig viruses + nonhuman primate viruses are both just as dangerous. The U.S. should follow Europe's lead: in '99, the Council of Europe, representing 40 countries, recommended a worldwide ban on xeno transplants. Safest humane alternatives include: aggressively promoting preventive medicine + increasing human organ donation rates.

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