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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD

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Re: DOCKET NO. 00D-1662

To whom it may concern;

Please register my **OPPOSITION** to the FDA's draft guidance report on xenotransplantation (animal-to-human transplantation), which is intended to provide guidance on the production, testing and evaluation of products used in xenotransplantation.

This procedure is a long way from being medically feasible. In fact, not one of the over 55 documented animal- to -human transplants has been successful. Recipients of animal organs have suffered major complications and all have died within months of their transplant. The animals used in these transplants are inhumanely housed away from their own species and natural habitat and suffer tragically because of the invasive surgeries that are performed on them before they are disposed of.

This is unacceptable to me. This is unnecessary exploitation and animal cruelty under the guise of Medical research. Therefore as a concerned citizen, I am asking the FDA to not approve it.

Sincerely,

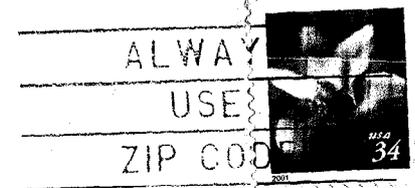


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