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INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(e) A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following:

(2) A rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used;

In the swine cardiovascular demonstration study, the protocol does not provide a rationale for the use of live animals. The protocol does provide adequate justification for the species used and the number of animals used. It also has documentation of the search for alternatives to animal use. During a discussion with the PI, he provided a good justification for why live animals are used in this study versus other models that are available. These justifications for the use of animals and their superiority over the use of available alternatives must be explained in the written protocol. It is the duty of the IACUC to review the protocols and determine if there is an adequate rationale for the use of animals in the studies. To be corrected before the next section of this study is activated.

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