

**O 41. XENOTRANSPLANTATION TECHNOLOGY AND ITS POTENTIAL EFFECTS  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**ABSTRACT:** Scientific research is currently geared towards making xenotransplantation a clinical procedure. Most articles and books have been written challenging xenotransplantation from the moral, religious and medical perspectives. However, little or no attention has been given to the potential threat of xenotransplantation to the environment. This work through critical reasoning takes up this daunting challenge of exposing the inherent potential threats that xenotransplantation could pose to the already degrading environment. It recommends a halt in the research on xenotransplantation to avoid its potential threats to humans and the environment at large.

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