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Note:

After close examination of the guidelines for column rating for uniform reporting (APHIS form 7023) as defined by the U.S.D.A.,¹ it is the conclusion of the authors that the strange relationship relating to non-human primates in Column B category when compared to all other categories is explained as follows:

43,634 non-human primates were kept in captivity for research purposes but experimented on during 2015, while 61,950 primates were actively used in experiments. The safest assumption is that the 43,634 primates were being kept to use them as needed but were not used throughout the year. Under this assumption, for every 1.4 primates being experimented on, one other primate waits in captivity to be experimented on.

The authors declare this to be an assumption that most reasonably explains the relationship identified in the report between the non-human primates declared in column B when compared to those declared in all other columns. The authors do not claim this to be the factual answer, but the best explanation.

¹ https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/SA_Obtain_Research_Facility_Annual_Report