

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Does Eating Poppy Seeds Affect Opiate Drug Tests?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective of my project was to determine if eating a single poppy seed muffin will cause an opiate drug test to appear positive.

Methods/Materials

With the consent of each subject, they were tested for opiate drugs. Once the tests were determined negative, they were fed a predetermined amount of poppy seeds or a poppy seed muffin. Their urine was then tested for traces of opiates using an opiate drug test kit.

Results

If five grams of poppy seeds, or the equivalent found in one poppy seed muffin, are consumed then the subject will show a positive result on an opiate drug test.

Conclusions/Discussion

These results prove that some opiate drug tests will appear positive, even if the subject hasn't consumed any opiate drugs.

Summary Statement

My project is to determine if poppy seed consumption causes a positive result on an opiate drug test.

Help Received

Mother purchased tests; brothers were tested.