

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2009 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Healing Power: Past or Present

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My objective is to determine whether honey or Neosporin have a greater impact on the reduction of bacterial growth.

Methods/Materials

Materials: 15 petri dishes divided into thirds, 24 oz. bottle of grade A clover honey, 1 liter of agar, tube of Neosporin Original, 45 cotton swabs, bulb thermometer, medium size Styrofoam cooler, desk lamp, and a 15-watt light bulb.

Method: I conducted three trials of five samples each. I swabbed bacteria onto the agar in my Petri dishes. I then put a drop of honey in one of the sections in each Petri dish and some Neosporin in a different section in each Petri dish. After three days I recorded the results, measuring the amount of bacterial growth within a 4 mm diameter in each of the substances.

Results

I found that within a 4 mm diameter, at the thickest section of both the honey and Neosporin, they both had no bacterial growth.

Conclusions/Discussion

It turned out that both, Neosporin and honey, had no bacterial growth and did a good job preventing bacteria from growing when measured at their thickest parts.

Summary Statement

Determining whether honey or Neosporin have a greater impact on the reduction of bacterial growth.

Help Received

Mother helped with gluing on display board.