

## CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2009 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Alexander P. Padilla **S1818 Project Title Effects of Supplemental Nutrients on Mus musculus** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** Determine the effects of vitamins on a mouse's ability to complete a maze. **Methods/Materials** 250 Ball Point Pins, 1 304.8cmx609.6cm bag of pine shavings, 2 boxes of mouse pellets, 8 Mus Musculus(4male, 4 female), 4 foam boards 508.cmx76.2cm, Clear White Trash Bags(one per mouse per trial), 1 532.3mL water feeder, 1 stopwatch, 1 bottle Centrum Silver Multivitamins, 1 bottle Centrum Silver Energy Mutlivitamins, 1 bottle Centrum for Men Multivitamins **Results** The mice were affected positively and resembled the shape of a reverse sigmoid growth curce when graphed. **Conclusions/Discussion** Vitamins positively affect the ability of a mouse to complete a maze but it cannot be said exactly why because of the many parts of the body affected by vitamins. **Summary Statement** Investigation into possible positive side effects of supplemental vitamins on living organisms. **Help Received** None