



**CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR
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Project Title Zap! Analyzing the Effectiveness of Oil Free Acne Cleansers and the Eradication of Escherichia coli	
Abstract Objectives/Goals The purpose of my investigation was to find a store bought acne cleanser to help eliminate bacteria and acne. Methods/Materials For my experiment, I used E.coli, Neutrogena Oil-Free Acne Wash, Clean & Clear Oil Free Foaming Facial Cleanser, CVS Oil Free Foaming Facial Cleanser, agar plates, filter paper, test tubes, sterile cotton swabs, distilled water, and chlorine bleach. I had my coach swab E.coli onto two agar plates and I grew them for 3 days. Next, I swabbed the grown E.coli onto 75 different agar plates and then labeled the agar plates with the cleanser's name and trial number. I then mixed water and the cleanser into a test tube and, dipped a filter paper disk into the solution and, place it onto a agar plate with the use of tweezers. I grew the plates again for three days and then I found the width of the killed bacteria by measuring the width between outside edges of the filter paper disk and the circle of killed E.coli. Lastly, I added bleach and water to a bucket and put the agar plates into the bucket and let sit. I disposed of the agar plates into a waste basket. Results The results of my experiment showed that the Neutrogena brand cleanser had an average of 3.232 cm of eliminated bacteria while the Clean & Clear had an average of 2.624 cm of bacteria eradicated. Lastly, the CVS brand cleanser had an overall average of 2.204 cm of killed bacteria. Conclusions/Discussion From my experiment, i learned that the Neutrogena and Clean & Clear brand can be very effective in eradicating E.coli. The CVS brand, though much less expensive is not as effective and is a generic store brand.	
Summary Statement I chose to do this experimentation because I wanted to find an effective way to help clear acne.	
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