

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2017 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

A Caffeine Kick

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My objective was to learn if and how caffeine affects Daphnia's heart rate.

Methods/Materials

Pipette, Daphnia Magna Culture, Caffeine, Petri Dish, Tripod and Camera, and Graduated Cylinder **Results**

Several Daphnia Magna were placed in various solutions of caffeine and spring water. Repeated trials were run to determine the effects of each solution on Daphnia Magna's heart rate. The difference between each solution's results were that as more caffeine is added to the solution, the heart rate is increased.

Conclusions/Discussion

Repeated trials with multiple Daphnia Magna is different solutions revealed that the more caffeine added to the solution, the higher the beats per minute. It is concluded the caffeine has a significant effect on the heart rate of Daphnia.

Summary Statement

As discovered by the change of heart rate of the Daphnia Magna by the different solutions, I found that as more caffeine is added to the solution, the heart rate is increased.

Help Received

With the help of online research and my science teacher, I was able to design the way to collect and test my data. However, I performed the experiment myself.