

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR 2019 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number Arianne Daw J0505 Project Title** How Do Genetics Affect the Way People Respond to Drugs? Abstract **Objectives** The purpose of my project is to figure out why some people have a better response to drugs than others. **Methods** Materials: Laptop, Writing Utensils, Notecards, PharmGKB.org, NCBI SNP database I tested my hypothesis by using the PharmGKB website to find alleles associated with alternate responses to the drugs. I then used the NCBI SNP database to find out whether the SNP is in an exon, intron, or near the gene. **Results** I found that some people had an increased or decreased response to the drugs, based on their genetic makeup. I discovered that the SNPs and different alleles played a part in the drug responses. Conclusions I realized that not everyone has the same response to a certain drug. Because of the differences in out DNA, such and SNPs, some have an increased response to drugs, while others have a decreased response. Although some mutations do not occur in the coding part of the gene, they may still have an effect on the response to the drug. **Summary Statement** I showed that differences in genetics affected the responses people have to drugs. **Help Received** I conducted the research and experiment myself.