

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR 2019 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title	
Does Nitrogen Affect the Oil Production Rate in Cyanobacteria?	
Abstract	
Abstract Objectives The objective of this study is to determine the effects of varying amounts of nitrogen on cyanobacteria oil production. Methods Tested the the affect of nitrogen on cyanobacteria by growing the cyanobacteria, then extracting the crude oil. Used cyanobacteria and varying amounts of nitrogen. Used a mortar and pestle to break the cell wall and release the lipids, and used a filtered the lipids. Results The oil produced was compared after growing and extracting the lipids from the cyanobacteria. The nitrogen showed to be unhelpful in the production of oil in cyanobacteria. Conclusions The nitrogen reduced growth, and oil production. This means that the nitrogen is harmful against cyanobacteria.	
Summary Statement	
I tested the effect of varying amounts of nitrogen on cyanobacteria oil production.	
Help Received	
None. I tested, and performed the experiments myself.	