

A Long and Very Boring Story About What I Did This Summer that May or May Not Be Worth Your Time to Stand Here and Read: How NOT to do your poster

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Abstract

We did all this stuff and blah blah blah and then we did this but it didn't work so we read some stuff and it said to try this other method which was first proved in 1701 to not work but we tried it anyway and oh yeah we were working on some mice I think they were brown, or maybe white and anyways we did some stuff and there were these results and it said on the web that it meant something but blah blah blah and that's about all we did for the most part except for the time that the freezer broke down and we lost all our samples. Yackity yackity yack. And so on....

Introduction

This is kind of important if you are into this sort of thing but most people aren't but anyway we did this stuff and all and took some pictures that didn't turn out. Fales et al showed that veterinary students find poster writing to be really stressful but then somehow through the magic of experience they end up liking it, like whatever who believes that nonsense. It would be good to cite a paper here for that but that would take a lot of work. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. And the other reason that we did this project is that it is going to save mankind. Blah blah blah Etc., etc., etc, and so on and once there was this great special at Hickory Park so we all went there as a lab group and it was really fun and actually no one is still reading this on and on and on... This is kind of important if you are into this sort of thing but most people aren't but anyway we did this stuff and all and took some pictures that didn't turn out. Fales et al showed that veterinary students find poster writing to be really stressful but then somehow through the magic of experience they end up liking it, like whatever who believes that nonsense. It would be good to cite a paper here for that but that would take a lot of work. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. And the other reason that we did this project is that it is going to save mankind. Blah blah blah Etc., etc., etc, and so on and once there was this great special at Hickory Park so we all went there as a lab group and it was really fun and actually no one is still reading this on and on and on...

Study Aim

We did this thing so that we could show all this stuff and Dr. SoandSo said it was really important but I didn't get it so I think we were trying to show that reagent A worked better than reagent B but it could be that it was just rainy that day.

Methods

First, start by unlocking the lab door. This is achieved by putting your key in the lock and twisting to the left. Alternatively, you may have a key card, in which case you simply wave the card in front of the reader. It looks uber cool if you have the keycard attached to your keychain on your belt loop and then just stand next to the reader, unless you are short like Dr. Fales-Williams in which case it just looks pathetic. Next, turn on the light in the lab. Then walk to the lab bench. This is achieved by placing one foot in front of the other until arriving at your workbench. Upon opening and reading your lab notebook (see appendix on how to find and use bifocals), proceed to the drainboard to retrieve a beaker and other assorted glassware. Mix some stuff up (remember to use the NaCl from the shelf on the right, not the left) and then pour it into some other stuff

Methods continued

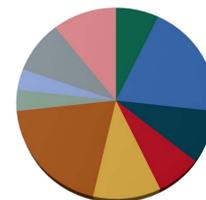
so that you can make this light green colored material that is kind of flammable so watch out. blah blah blah and Yackity yackity yack. And so on.... This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. Be sure to heat the solution to 56 degrees (C or F, your choice). Blah blah blah Etc., etc., etc, and so on and Hickory Park is actually quite good, if you've never been. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. This line is repeated. And the other reason that we did this project is that it is going to save mankind. Blah blah blah Etc., etc., etc, and so on and actually no one is still reading this on and on and on... We did this thing so that we could show all this stuff and Dr. SoandSo said it was really important but I didn't get it. In case the inattentive readers missed this first part, I'm repeating it here. First, start by unlocking the lab door. This is achieved by putting your key in the lock and twisting to the left. Alternatively, you may have a key card, in which case you simply wave the card in front of the reader. It looks uber cool if you have the keycard attached to your keychain on your belt loop and then just stand next to the reader, unless you are short like Dr. Fales-Williams in which case it just looks pathetic. Next, turn on the light in the lab. Then walk to the lab bench. This is achieved by placing one foot in front of the other until arriving at your workbench. Upon opening and reading your lab notebook (see appendix on how to find and use bifocals), proceed to the drainboard to retrieve a beaker and other assorted glassware. Mix some stuff up (remember to use the NaCl from the shelf on the right, not the left) and then pour it into some other stuff.

Results

We found all of this stuff and we think it means this and if you close your eyes and squint a little bit the results look significant. Obviously, that means that our experiment worked and everyone else was wrong. We found all of this stuff and we think it means this and if you close your eyes and squint a little bit the results look significant. It is important to breath in and out while walking across the lab to the lab counter. We used rabbit anti-goat secondary antibody and blocked with neutral buffered formalin. Cronbach's alpha and ANOVA were calculated for a regression analysis. X was higher than Z and there are marked interaction between W and Y. See Graph 1 for full explanation of our lab's amazing finding. We found all of this stuff and we think it means this and if you close your eyes and squint a little bit the results look significant. Obviously, that means that our experiment worked and everyone else was wrong. We found all of this stuff and we think it means this and if you close your eyes and squint a little bit the results look significant. Paper towels are not nearly as absorbent as those nifty square folded lab towels. Filling pipette tip boxes is really boring but not so bad when you're already tired and kind of bored. Oh, and we found that our new PCR strand is novel and unlocks the secret of life and has never before been recognized. Use of this PCR test will dramatically improve everyone's quality of life.

Results continued

Here are more numerical results. Some meaningless data are presented in Graph 1. Two was more important than one, except for when we used reagent B on Wednesdays but that was only because we ran out of reagent A and I forgot to tell anyone to order more. Orange had higher significance than red by the Pearson's Test. The Cubs are once again headed for mathematical elimination from the playoffs but the devoted Cubbies fans are undeterred. The highest satisfaction rating for fireworks was bestowed upon the large spider like explosions, with a negative correlation for the loud flashy banging kind of firework. Something in this poster, somewhere is relevant but who's ever going to see it? This line is repeated. So, then I'm like all whatever, and he's like, oh yeah, and then I go oh yeah and he goes, yeah, so yeah. I'm like so going to tweet this on facebook after I do a google so whatevs. It was a dark and stormy night, the best of times and the worst of times. Call me Ishmael. Global warming is a more inflammatory term than global climate change, but in any case we seem to have an awful lot of water around here. Please do not leave your baggage unattended. There is no smoking allowed in the airport. Do not park in the yellow zone. There's always something happening and it's usually quiet now. Our mum is quite house proud and a mess is not allowed. Insert the metal latch into the seat belt buckle and pull the strap firmly to tighten. In the event of a water landing, your seat cushions are supposed to work as a flotation device but does anyone really have much faith in that? Please place the oxygen mask over your own face before assisting someone else. Remember that the bag will not inflate but that oxygen will flow through the bag. Something in this poster, somewhere, is relevant but who's ever going to see it? This line is repeated. In the event of an emergency, please proceed quietly and calmly to the nearest exit.



Graph 1. Here's some data.

No one would actually produce a poster like this, right, although you'd be surprised... Also, somewhere in this mess, one ought to cite the IACUC number and grant support.

Best Places to Live

Money's list of America's best small cities

| Rank | City | Population |
|------|---|------------|
| 1 | Eden Prairie, MN | 64,000 |
| 2 | Columbia/Elicott City, MD | 155,000 |
| 3 | Newton, MA | 82,000 |
| 4 | Bellevue, WA | 124,000 |
| 5 | McKinney, TX | 125,000 |
| 6 | Fort Collins, CO | 141,000 |
| 7 | Overland Park, KS | 175,000 |
| 8 | Fishers, IN | 69,000 |
| 9 | Ames, IA | 60,000 |
| 10 | Rogers, AR | 57,000 |
| 11 | Plymouth, MN | 76,000 |
| 12 | Highlands Ranch, CO | 98,000 |
| 13 | Woodbury, MN | 58,000 |
| 14 | Carmel, IN | 67,000 |
| 15 | Eagan, MN | 64,000 |
| 16 | Allen, TX | 84,000 |
| 17 | Shawnee, KS | 61,000 |
| 18 | South Jordan, UT | 51,000 |
| 19 | Broomfield, CO | 55,000 |
| 20 | Apple Valley, MN | 50,000 |
| 21 | Missouri City, TX | 75,000 |
| 22 | Irvine, CA | 208,000 |
| 23 | Cary, NC | 130,000 |
| 24 | Rowlett, TX | 58,000 |
| 25 | Gaithersburg, MD | 59,000 |

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Conclusions

So clearly we have shown that this is the most important finding ever and everyone is going to benefit greatly from this work if only we could find the meaning somewhere in this poster. Lots of people did a lot of work on this and so we concluded that 1) the best hamburgers in Ames are indisputably from B-Bops, though there was a strong voting block for Hickory Park burgers. That voting block was deemed insignificant, however, so we'll just ignore that. 2) We found that the ice cream at Hickory Park is indeed quite good, but a little known fact in Ames is that Burgie's Espresso makes homemade ice cream and is really worth a visit. They have good sandwiches there too, but we weren't studying sandwich satisfaction, only burgers. Which is ironic since the place is called Burgies and they don't even make burgers, but anyhow, the ice cream is pretty good. C) the best fireworks were the large sparkling spider shaped ones and the smiley face ones, if you were facing the right direction. An important concept of this work is that the best place to view fireworks is from the big field across the street from the vet school as there is less ambient light from street lights, and actually not that many people, except that this year the lot was closed. Bug spray would be an important element to keep in mind since we forgot it and now my son looks like a giant welt.

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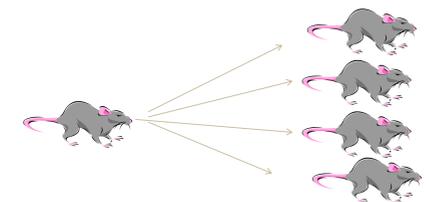


Image 1. Here's what we did with the mice.