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CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2001 PROJECT SUMMARY

Your Name (List all student names if multiple authors.)

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Project Title (Limit: 120 characters. Those beyond 120 will be ignored. See pg. 9)

Get A Grip: Is an Individual's Dominant Hand Stronger in Grip Strength?

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Division
Junior (6-8) X Senior (9-12)

Preferred Category (See page 5 for descriptions.)

15 - Physiology

Abstract (Include Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion. See samples on page 14.)

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Objective: My project was to determine if an individual's dominant hand is stronger in grip strength than their non-dominant hand.

Materials and Methods: I used a JAMAR dynomometer to test each individual's hand grip strength. I tested 50 adult individuals to determine if my hypothesis is correct. I used statistics to determine if my results were correct.

Results: My results showed that right and left handed people tend to be stronger in grip strength in the right hand.

Conclusion: Contrary to medical journals, I conclude that dominance and hand grip strength are not directly related.

Summary Statement (In one sentence, state what your project is about.)

I tested 50 individuals to determine if hand dominance and hand grip strength are directly related.

Help Received in Doing Project (e.g. Mother helped type report; Neighbor helped wire board; Used lab equipment at university X under the supervision of Dr. Y; Participant in NSF Young Scholars Program) See Display Regulation #8 on page 4. Dr. William Bowen gave me medical advise on the subject. Mr. Tim Hanna helped with statistical analysis.