

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2005 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Logan C. Hubbard **S0407 Project Title** Transformation of Plant Genome Using Agrobacterium **Abstract Objectives/Goals** The goal of the project is to impliment the luc gene of the firefly into a plant using Ecoli splicing and microinjection, protoplast fursion, and the use of the plant pathogen Agrobacterium Tumefaciens. Methods/Materials A. Tumefaciens; E.coli bacteria, luc genes of the firefly, dicot plants for incorporartion At the moment the project is still being done, due to the fact that there are so many restrictions on the pathogen I just recently got the bacteria and could begin the experiment. As for the other projects they were partially successful due to the fact that the plant cell glew as well as the E.coli bacteraia. **Conclusions/Discussion** The E.coli expressed bioluminecence, but when it was incorporated into the plant it did not succeed due to the fact that a cell can divide only so many times before it stops dividing due to biological law. The protoplast fusion experiment suceeded in making the plant cell glow, yet the same biological law came up and due to this it did not succeed either. Finally the luc gene was spliced into the A. Tumefaciens and then incorporated into the plant via incision or puncture. This is still being preformed and is waiting for results due the lengthy time for incorporation into the genome. **Summary Statement** The incorporation of the luc gene using different methods **Help Received**