Anthelmintic Activity - Earthworm Dataset

Experiment 25 - Practical Notes

Name: _____ Roll no.: _____ Date: _____

Teaching mode: use approved simulation, prepared demonstration records or supplied experimental data. No live-animal dosing, surgery or challenge is prescribed in these notes.

Aim

To evaluate an assigned earthworm-screen data table

Principle

A supplied earthworm-screen endpoint is a model observation; it does not establish activity or safety against all human parasites.

Requirements

- Instructor-provided labelled diagrams, traces or data for this activity.
- Calculator, graph paper or spreadsheet, and the activity record.

Procedure

1. Define the endpoint

Record predefined movement/response endpoint and recorded time and its units or scale definition.

2. Read and compare

Compare the stated endpoint and controls, distinguish reduced movement from the method-defined terminal endpoint and discuss model limitations.

3. Present the evidence

Create a labelled table or graph with all supplied groups and time points; preserve replicate values.

4. Assess the conclusion

State the direction/magnitude of the observed change, variation and the limitation of the model.

Observations and Record

Record item	Entry
Activity / material identifier	_____
Measurement or visible feature	_____
Comparison / calculated outcome	_____
Interpretation and limitation	_____

Worked Example

The numbers below are illustrative; enter your own observations in the record.

- Summarise the observed times with units and variation; do not invent a missing endpoint time.
- Example: times 8, 10 and 12 minutes have a mean of 10 minutes in the supplied record.

Result

The recorded finding is ____; the supporting observation or calculation is ____. The main limitation is ____.

Precautions

- Use the supplied teaching material; distinguish a measured observation from an assumed value.
- Keep units, axes, labels and measurement conditions consistent.
- Record limitations and seek instructor review before applying a conclusion to a live case.

Viva Questions and Answers

1. What is the measured endpoint?

Predefined movement/response endpoint and recorded time.

2. What prevents an overstatement?

Use the defined model, valid controls, variation and known confounders; do not generalise beyond the supplied evidence.

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