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Lab #2 Skin Receptors Lab Completed on 12/11/2013

Question: Which part of the skin is the most sensitive?

<u>Introduction</u>: in this experiment we are finding out which part of the skin is most sensitive. We will use a pen and a ruler to measure now close my partner was when I touched her with the pen. We will use centimeters to measure the distance from the actual spot to the guessed spot.

Variables: Independent- Location of body parts

Dependent- Sensitivity of skin (levels)

Constants- Person, Pen

Hypothesis: If I poke the wrist, then it will be more sensitive because the wrist has a lot of nerves?

Equations: N/A

Materials: -Ruler

-Pen

-Lab Partner

Procedure: First with eyes closed have your lab partner touch your body part with the point of the pen gently. The touch should be gently where as not to hurt, but firm enough to leave a small mark. Then with their eyes still closed they must try to put their finger on the spot where the lab partner touched it with the pen. Once found they should hold it there. Have your partner measure the difference in the distance between the two spots. Then you would record data on the table. Repeat these steps until your entire table is completed. Once you've finished you would have to calculate the average of the distance for each body part.

Data:

location	Trail 1 left	Trail 2 left	Trail 1 right	Trail 2 right
Wrist	1 cm	2 cm	.5 cm	0 cm
elbow	0 cm	3 cm	1 cm	1 cm
Top of arm	.1 cm	1cm	4 cm	2 cm
Bottom of arm	1 cm	2 cm	2 cm	4 cm

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Front of knee	0 cm	.5 cm	.5 cm	1 cm
Lower leg	11 cm	4 cm	3 cm	4.5 cm
Back of hand	3 cm	3 cm	0 cm	.5 cm
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chin	0 cm	0 cm	0 cm	0 cm
cheek	3 cm	4 cm	3 cm	4 cm
nose	.3 cm	0 cm	1 cm	1 cm
Upper back	8 cm	6 cm	3 cm	4 cm
Lower back	2 cm	1 cm	2 cm	1 cm
Tip of thumb	0 cm	0 cm	0 cm	0 cm

Discussion/ Conclusion: In my hypothesis, I stated that my wrist would be more sensitive than my other body parts. In this experiment my hypothesis was proven to be incorrect. This is evident through my data. For example my wrist had a lot of nerves in it which allowed me to touch the exact same spot that she did with the pen.

Overall, the experiment was successful. However there were some sources of error that did affect my results. One source of could be the fact that my wrist has more nerves than I thought. Another source of error would be the fact that I have a lot of thumb reflexes. There is a possibility that the poking was a little hard.

After having done this experiment some questions came into my head. I wonder what would happen if my partner poked the spots that didn't have that many nerves. I also wondered what would happen if I used a different poking utensil.

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