

# Overly Honest Methods

A trending hashtag on twitter lets researchers reveal the lighter side of scientific methodology.

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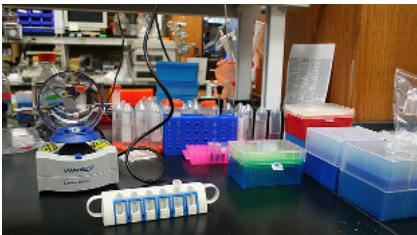
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Indrayani Ghangrekar @IndrayaniG

We used enzymes from NEB because the sales rep was nice and gave me free samples  
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Ben Seymour @benosaka

Blood samples were spun at 1500rpm because the centrifuge made a scary noise at higher speeds.  
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Ecological Society @ESA\_org

Study site remains anonymous for confidentiality reasons but obviously it's the University where I work.  
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Kat James @Kat\_James

Healthy control blood was taken from a donor with informed written consent. I know they were informed because it was me. #overlyhonestmethods

Rebecca Weinberg @sciliz

the eppendorf tubes were "shaken like a polaroid picture" until that part of the song ended  
#overlyhonestmethods #truth

dr leigh @dr\_leigh

incubation lasted three days because this is how long the undergrad forgot the experiment in the fridge  
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Bill Hooker @sennoma

pH of buffer B was adjusted with HCl. then back a bit with NaOH..then a bit more HCl.  
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dbaptista @dbaptista

Samples were incubated with primary ab for exactly 1 hr, or the duration of my lunch.  
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Snarky Stuff @BadPhysics

Study 3a was upgraded from double blind to triple blind when the key was lost. Correlation is left to the reviewer. #overlyhonestmethods

This Monday (January 7) a neuroscience postdoc named Leigh started the twitter hashtag #overlyhonestmethods for researchers to confess the dark secrets behind their precise protocols. Hilarity ensued as twitter-savvy scientists flocked to the conversation to vent the foibles and frustrations of scientific rigor.

Here's a roundup of our favorite tweets from the conversation: