

104 學年考試入學招生 英文科普文章測驗(筆試)

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**Insulin-infused venom helps cone snails net prey**

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*Conus geographus* actually produce multiple variants of the hormone, some of which, like one called Con-Ins G1, are more similar to fish insulin than snail varieties. Con-Ins G1 isn't an exact match of fish insulin though; it's a stripped-down version that the team suspects may be missing bits that would let fish detect the overdose and respond. If they're correct, the snail's venom may yield insight into the nuances of how insulin is regulated that may extend to humans.

**Answering Questions (佔筆試 50 分):**

1) 根據以上科學報告，地球上最毒的動物是什麼? (5 分)

2) 這種動物如何使用它的劇毒來狩獵它們的獵物? (15 分)

3) 根據您的理解，這種毒素能影響/毒殺人類嗎？請試著解釋為什麼您如此認為。(30 分)

請考生 Read First Paragraph 並請口試委員評分予下表 (佔筆試 50 分)

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