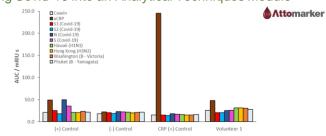


Teaching and Assessing Experimental Methods in a Pandemic



Integrating Covid-19 into an Analytical Techniques Module



Ethics approval was granted for the teaching team to be tested with the Attomarker triple antibody test. The theory and modification from blood to saliva test was discussed in class.

Having Fun During lockdo

During lockdown 2 we ran a cryo-EM competition where students reimagined ATP-synthase in food, Lego or art.











Student Feedback:

'I really enjoyed making the ATP synthase. My mum taught me how to crochet in the first lockdown, it's so therapeutic and I've convinced some of my friends to learn :)'.

Experimental methods teaching:





Bespoke videos were created showing us performing the experiments. Learning Science simulations and a Smart worksheet also used.

Experimental methods assessment:



Unique data sets generated from historical data using R (~130 lines)

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ns = not significant



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Staff pack: plotted data and answers

Open book online exams

- 24-hour exams preferred option by students
- Risk of collusion with unique answers
- Unique data sets used to deter cooperation
- · Students all downloaded their own data set

Average on data section of exam consistent with previous two years despite being open-book and online.

Coursework & Exam

Smart Worksheet used from 2019-2021 to support data analysis

Student Feedback:

raw data (numerical and images)



Student pack:

Liked the Videos and Smart Worksheet

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Did not like not being able to "check their answers" with a friend

X

Staff Feedback:



Unique data sets provided an authentic assessment for online exam which deterred students from collusion.

