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12. Execution (Time 30 minutes)

You are going to carry out an investigation to find out: How is your pulse changing when doing static and dynamic muscle work, from resting pulse to working pulse and back to resting pulse?



- work according to your plan or the prepared experiment instruction.
- consider the safety instructions your teacher has informed you about.
- take notes on your measurements.



Experiment instruction for a systematic investigation in biology

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Material:

Stopwatch or similar, ruler and calculator.

Risks with the experiment:

Consider the safety instructions your teacher has informed you about.

Method of investigation:

Resting pulse

1. Calculate your resting pulse. See instruction on pulse measurements in the planning task.

Static muscle work

- 1. Stand against a wall with your legs in 90° angle.
- 2. Start the timekeeping and stay in this position as long as you can, or maximum 5 minutes.
- **3.** Stop the timekeeping and take notes on time.
- 4. Calculate your pulse after the work.
- 5. Repeat the pulse calculation after 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes and so on until your pulse is back to resting pulse.

Dynamic muscle work

- **1.** Do knee-bending for as long time as the static work.
- 2. Calculate your pulse after the work.
- Repeat the pulse calculation after 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes and so on until your pulse is back to resting pulse.





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13. Evaluation (Time 30 minutes)

a) Show the result of your pulse changes, when doing static **and** dynamic muscle work, by drawing in the diagram.



- b) From which muscle work, static or dynamic, does it take longer to regain resting pulse?
 - Draw a conclusion from your result and answer the question.
 - Explain the conclusion using your biology content knowledge.



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- c) One way to improve the investigation is to measure the pulse with a pulse meter.
 - Give **one** suggestion for **another** improvement of your investigation to gain a more reliable result.
 - Explain why your improvement would give a more reliable result.

