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School girl Scientists in Surprising Discovery

Two New Zealand school girls got surprise results in their school science experiment recently. They were measuring the amount of Vitamin C in a blackcurrant drink, Ribena. The manufacturer's advertising claimed that the blackcurrants in Ribena had four times the Vitamin C of oranges. But the girls found that there was only a tiny amount of Vitamin C in Ribena, even less than a rival brand of orange juice. The girls, Anna Devathanan and Jenny Suo thought that they had made a mistake and they had been doing the experiment wrongly.

The girls contacted the manufacturer of Ribena, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). They were told that the information in the advert referred to blackcurrants, not the product itself. Then a TV programme, Fair Go, said that they would broadcast the story.

At first, GSK suggested that the girls had tested the wrong product, but after another investigation GSK reported that some of their products in Australia and New Zealand were affected. They stated that they could confirm that Ribena drinks in all other markets including the UK, contained the stated amount of Vitamin C described on product labels. GSK said they were going to change the labels on the Australian and New Zealand products and they invited the girls to visit their offices so that the company could thank them for bringing the problem to their attention.



Picture caption: The information in the ad referred to the blackcurrants, not the product itself.

READING

Read the news again and answer the questions that follow. Your answer should not be more than five words.

1) What did Anna Devathanan and Jenny Suo do in their school recently?

They did a _____ in their school recently.

4) Where can you find the information about the amount of Vitamin C in a product?

On the _____.

2) What did they do with the blackcurrant drink?

They measured _____ in the blackcurrant drink.

5) What would GSK do with the affected drinks?

They would _____ on the affected products in Australia and New Zealand.

3) Who did the girls contact?

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