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# A case study A simple method to prevent cockroaches Nancy Abdel Fattah Ahmed

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Abstract: Background/aim: Cockroaches are one of the most successful organisms that remained alive till now, cockroaches borne diseases are many so the aim of this study was to find a simple, easy and cheap way to prevent it. Methods: A direct light was used. Results: No cockroaches were found at all. Conclusion: It can be concluded that direct light is a simple, easy and cheap way to prevent cockroaches.

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# Introduction:

Cockroaches are one of the most successful organisms that remained alive till now, <sup>1</sup> it can live one week after cutting its heads and a month without food, <sup>2</sup> cockroaches induced bronchial asthma is a public health problem <sup>3</sup> also, cockroaches borne diseases are many as salmonella, typhoid, cholera, leprosy and others by its vomit and mechanical transfer through its body parts. <sup>4</sup> So, the aim of this study was to find a simple, easy and cheap way to prevent it without using chemicals.

## **Methods:**

I've been using this method since twenty one year till now. After being sure of absence of any cockroaches in both the house and furniture or preferably a new house and furniture, a direct electric lamp light was used above the sinks in the kitchen and bathroom after removing its cover and putting a transparent one, it is crucial to leave this light day and night.

### **Results:**

No cockroaches were found at all in my different residence places till now.

Discussion: This idea is not done before so I'm a pioneer in this method.

Limitations: New ideas are not believed easily so I tried it alone.

#### **Conclusion:**

Overall, it can be concluded that a direct electric lamp light is a simple, easy and cheap way to prevent cockroaches without using chemicals.

## **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that drainage pipes to be designed with a side way higher than ground level tube for putting a direct source of light before the end of the pipe that reaches the sinks.

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#### Note:

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