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Violin Strings

My project was to determine if high quality violin strings really sound better than low quality strings. My hypothesis was that high quality strings would sound the best. I made three different recordings using high quality strings, medium quality strings, and low quality strings on the same violin, playing the same song. I recorded in the same room, with the same recorder for all three recordings. There was no background noise. Then I emailed the recordings to a list of people, asking them to rate the recordings. I purposefully did not tell them which recordings used the high quality strings, the medium quality strings, and the low quality strings. Most people said that the high quality strings sounded best, the medium quality sounded second best, and the low quality sounded worst. Therefore, my hypothesis was confirmed.