Answer on Question #45013 - Math - Statistics and Probability

Problem.

The table below gives the results of a matched-pairs study comparing two different foot creams D and E, for treating timea pedis (athlete's foot), with each subject given Cream D on one foot, Cream E on the other foot. Is there sufficient evidence showing one cream better than the other?

Treatment with Cream D

Cured Not Cured 16 17

Treatment with Cream E

Cured Not Cured 38 14

Solution.

The cream D has cured $\frac{16}{16+17}=\frac{16}{33}\approx 48\%$ of patients, while cream E has cured $\frac{38}{38+14}=\frac{38}{52}\approx 73\%$. The cream E has cured 73-48=25% patients more, so we may say that cream E is better than cream D.