they are competing for a female. However, we have found that when a female is present, the males spend less time displaying to each other, and devote more time to interacting with the female.

CONCLUSIONS
This is an interesting and inexpensive project that can be conducted easily in the lab. The students enjoy observing the display behavior of the fish, and this research project provides students with an opportunity to be involved with every step of the experimental process. Leading students through several short directed laboratory exercises, such as the one outlined in this paper, provides an effective means of acquainting students with the scientific research process. Furthermore, the combined approach of conducting several short directed research projects followed by group independent research projects provides students with an opportunity to learn first-hand the procedures involved in scientific investigation. Anonymous evaluations at the end of the course show 100 percent of the students in the class believe that it had improved their ability to design and conduct their own research experiments. Moreover, 100 percent of the students reported that the course had increased their understanding of the processes involved with scientific investigation.

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