

BIO 3A LABORATORY
The Discussion Section
Assignment I

Objectives

- To become familiar with the structure of the *Discussion Section* of a scientific paper
- To investigate citations and their usage in the discussion section
- To investigate and understand how scientists convey meaning of the results of their experiments

Please download the journal article (Wickler and Gleeson, 1993) for Discussion Assignment I and answer each of the following question regarding the discussion section of this paper. All answers must be TYPED!

1. Create an outline for the Discussion of this paper.
2. What was the hypothesis (or hypotheses) being tested?
3. Did the results support the hypothesis? Please explain.
4. How many citations are in the Discussion section?
 - Are any of these citations also present in the Introduction?
 - How many of the Discussion citations are also found in the Introduction?
5. How many paragraphs are present in this Discussion?
6. Are there only mice and *Anolis* lizards mentioned in the discussion? If not, list the different number of animals that appear in this Discussion.
7. In one sentence, clearly state the overall conclusion the authors draw from their results.