Lab 3WS: Blood Pressure and Peripheral Circulation

Please pay attention to the intellectual content contained in each section of this **worksheet**. It is designed to help you learn how to construct effective lab reports.

(1) Use these statements of purpose to frame your thinking about this lab, complete them as needed:

Distance from heart -- *We demonstrate the predicted drop in blood pressure with **distance** from the central pump. We explore whether there is a greater drop in systolic or diastolic pressure with distance (in a full lab report you would set up your ideas for why it might go either way).*

Effect of gravity -- *We demonstrate the action of gravity on blood pressure. As vertebrates possess a closed circulatory system, vertical height should contribute to blood pressure in predictable ways.*

Dive response -- *When diving, peripheral circulation should be reorganized to reduce cardiac output and increase peripheral vasoconstriction, called the dive response. We aim to observe the dive response by measuring _____.*

Stimulus for dive response -- *What triggers the dive response in a simulated dive? We will test _____.*

(2) If these mechanisms are occurring in your data, what would you expect to see? Be specific and relate back to observable parameters: (explain how you controlled for confounding parameters, if appropriate)

Distance from heart

Effect of gravity

Dive response

Stimulus for dive response

(3) Display your results by **including either a figure or a table** for each important result (you may work together with your group to produce the figures or tables). Write **one sentence pointing out** what your data actually shows for each display item.

(4) Wrap-up: In paragraph form, briefly **Discuss** the **main take-aways** that you learned from these experiments on peripheral circulation and the dive response. Use specific results that back up your statements or speculate on the significance of the results. Organize by hypotheses above.

Individual assignment. Text must be your own, but you may work together with your group to produce figures/tables. You may edit this sheet. Submit by hard copy next week.