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PROSPECTIVE BIOLOGY STUDENTS' VIEWS ABOUT MICROSCOPE PARTS AND USAGE

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to determine the views of the biology prospective students who took General Biology Laboratory I about microscope parts and usage. Study group included 8 fourth grade prospective biology students in Necatibey Faculty of Education in Balikesir University. Data was collected by a Questionnaire about Microscope Parts and Usage with three open-ended questions. The results revealed that prospective biology teachers knew the best parts of the microscope: Microscope table, coarse adjustment knob, eyepiece, lens and the light source as microscope parts. However, they knew at least parts of the microscope: Revolver, diaphragm, fine adjustment knob, and carriage lever.

Key Words: Microscope, laboratory, questionnaire, prospective biology teachers.