# Poster Evaluation for

The Distribution of Japanese Giant Salamanders (*Andrias japonicas*) in Tributary Streams in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

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| Layout and Appearance |

## APPEARANCE

The design is visually appealing. The orange and blue color scheme matches Bucknell University’s colors.

The black text stands out against the white background. Consider using white text on the blue background to improve contrast.

Consider making the axes and axis labels black (rather than gray) to make them more legible.

The font colors and sizes are used consistently.

## SECTIONS

Each section has a descriptive heading.

The sections are clearly marked.

The sections flow naturally from top left to bottom right.

## BALANCE

There is a nice balance between text and figures. The blue boxes draw attention to the main hypotheses and results. The bulleted lists summarize the most important points. However, the extended blocks of text make it hard for the reader to grasp the important concepts quickly.

## PROOFREADING

In the Introduction, “Research suggestions these streams…” should probably be “Research suggests these streams…”

A period is missing in the sentence above Figure 1.

The comma in the sentence above Conclusions should be a period.

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| Content |

## TITLE

The title accurately describes the research. How the salamanders are distributed is not immediately clear from the title. When more is known about the interesting spikes in Figs. 4, 5, and 6, the title could be reworded to evoke curiosity.

## AUTHORS

The authors’ names, affiliations, and contact information are provided.

## INTRODUCTION

The objectives are clearly stated. Sufficient background information is provided to understand the system. The hypotheses are reasonable.

## METHODS

The methods are described clearly and concisely. Figs. 1, 2, and 3 help visitors understand how the salamanders are measured, how water samples were collected, and what the streams look like.

## RESULTS

The graphs are easy to understand.

The main results are clearly stated. The statistical results are interpreted for visitors.

## CONCLUSIONS

The most important conclusions are stated. The data support the conclusions. Implications for the big picture—conservation—are given.

There is a clear connection between the conclusions and the original hypotheses.

The authors note that further study is required to try to explain the “unusual spiking patterns.”