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The award-winning paper focuses on the explicit and implicit aspects of task interpretation based on Hadwin’s model. Laboratory activities improve students’ conceptual understanding, as they utilize cognitive ability to integrate the new experiences these provide. The purpose of this paper is to investigate how students’ interpretation of a task assigned during laboratory work may change during the task process, and how this relates to their conceptual understanding.

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