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| **Behavior** | **Description** |
| Resting | Non-movement under normal, healthy conditions |
| Swimming | Movement of the tadpole’s tail in over two consecutive oscillations without ‘intent’ (see below) with respect to the other tadpole. Sometimes tadpoles contract their muscles or displace by floating up or down the water column; these behaviors did not qualify as swimming in this experiment. |
| Biting | A tadpole attempting or successfully grasping/clutching any body part of another. This behavior was allowed if it was isolated and its duration lasted less than 2 seconds. If the bite was followed by a “hold” by a tadpole that could result in permanent injury or death of the counterpart, the trial was terminated and categorized as ended by a means of “potential lethal attack”. |
| Chasing | A tadpole swimming after its counterpart with intent; “intent” was perceived by the observer as rapid changes in swimming speed and direction of swimming being towards the other tadpole |

*Supplementary Table 1. Categorization of behaviour observed during aggression trials between tadpoles.*