

TABLE 1**Misconceptions identified in the student provided definitions of “evolution.”**

Misconception	Number of overall misconceptions	Representative examples
Creationism/intelligent design	6	“Humans starting out as monkeys then evolving slowly—scientist (sic) trying to disavow God and to try to make it seem he (sic) is not real.”
Humans only	26	“The scientific theory that we evolved from microorganisms.”
Lamarckian ideas	37	“The development of the human race through a series of growth and change.”
Progress/increasing complexity	7	“The progression of human biology with revision.”