

## APPROVAL OF WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic of Written Comprehensive: \_\_\_\_\_

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Director, Graduate Education Program                      Date

Written Comprehensive Examination: The written portion of the comprehensive examination shall be in the form of a "proposal" using the format of an NIH application (minimum number of pages: 15 single-spaced or 30 double-spaced; maximum number of pages: 25 single-spaced or 50 double-spaced – omit budgetary information). The student will choose a topic taken from outside or within their immediate research area. The detail given in each section, e.g. Background, Experimental Methods, etc., should be comparable to that in an NIH proposal. The topic chosen will be approved by the student's committee.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I AFFIRM THAT:

1. I read the final draft of the student's Written Comprehensive Examination.
2. I found it finished except for grammatical alterations, typographical corrections and/or minor content modifications.
3. I found it ready to defend because I have read earlier drafts, conferred with the student and the major advisor regarding needed corrections.
4. I confirm that all necessary substantive changes have been made and agree to examine the student when the Oral Comprehensive Examination is scheduled.

Approved by:

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Major advisor                      Date

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Committee member                      Date

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