**Template/outline for the assessment of the doctoral dissertation**

To the Academic Council, Health

The Dean has decided to accept the dissertation

*(title)*

prepared by

*(author's academic title/titles and name)*

for assessment with a view to determining whether it can be recommended for defence of the higher doctoral degree in

*(medicine or odontology).*

**Assessment committee**

The Faculty has therefore appointed an assessment committee comprising the following members:

* *(name of first external member together with the person’s academic titles and place of employment)*
* *(name of second external member together with the person’s academic titles and place of employment)*
* *(name of the internal member together with the person’s academic titles and place of employment)*

with the last-mentioned as chair of the committee.

**Academic assessment**

The assessment committee’s comments on

*(title of the author's dissertation -)*

are as follows:

*(this section contains a thorough academic assessment of the author's compressed account)*.

The dissertation also consists of the following articles

*(list of other included articles)*

The assessment committee’s comments on *(title of article no. 1)* are as follows:

1. Description of the strengths of article no. 1:
2. Description of the possible weaknesses of article no. 1 (Please state if no weaknesses are encountered):

The assessment committee’s comments on (title of article no. 2) are as follows:

1. Description of the strengths of article no. 2:
2. Description of the possible weaknesses of article no. 2 (Please state if no weaknesses are encountered):

*Etc*

**Overall assessment of the dissertation**

The assessment committee's overall assessment of the dissertation is as follows:

*(A summarising and well-reasoned, academic assessment of the dissertation as a whole, containing the following):*

* A brief presentation of the current issue in the research work or the groups of problems that are dealt with in the submitted articles.
* A brief presentation of the results obtained with an assessment of the conclusions that the author believes can be drawn on the basis of the overall results.
* A comparison with other researchers' results in as far as this is relevant for the presentation of the contributions that the author claims to have contributed to illustrating the issue in question. If possible, together with a summarising conclusion or guidelines for further research within the area.
* If a PhD dissertation or research results from such form part of the doctoral dissertation, this must be stated in the recommendation.
* Section 3(2) of the ministerial order: “The doctoral degree must be awarded in acknowledgement of the author’s considerable scientific insight and maturity, and of the author having contributed substantially to the advancement of science with the dissertation, see section 5(2)”. In its conclusion, the assessment committee must therefore decide whether both conditions are met.
* Section 5(2) of the ministerial order: “The degree can only be awarded if the doctoral dissertation demonstrates that the author has obtained new research results which in themselves have contributed substantially to the advancement of science relative to those submitted ealier” – this refers to e.g. a PhD dissertation. In its conclusion, the assessment committee must therefore decide separately whether this is the case.
* A final and unambiguous conclusion stating whether the dissertation can be accepted for defence or should be rejected. (Wordings such as "the dissertation in its current form cannot be accepted for defence" should be avoided.)

**Conclusion and recommendation**

On this basis, the assessment committee’s recommendation to the Academic Council is that the dissertation should be defended *(alternatively not defended)* for the higher doctoral degree.

(The faculty receives only one of the two above-mentioned types of recommendation, i.e. the dissertation must either be *recommended* or *not recommended* for defence).

Signatures:

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| *Name of first external member* | *Name of second external member* | *Name of chair of the assessment committee* |

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