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***summa cum laude* Questionnaire for Evaluators**

Doctoral Degree Candidate: ………………..................................................

(First name, Last name)

1. At the beginning of the Auslagefrist (the period of time in which the dissertation and the corresponding evaluations are open to inspection by faculty members), at least one significant part of the dissertation:

* **has already been published, or been accepted for publication**, in an internationally recognized, peer reviewed journal. The signing evaluator confirms publication, or acceptance to publish respectively, and provides by citing below, proof of publication as well as confirmation of ‘sole’ or ‘joint’ first authorship of the above named candidate.

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(Full citation)

* **has been submitted, but not yet accepted, for publication.** Proof of publication**,** e.g.publisher’s acceptance letter/mail, is not yet available. If acceptance to publish takes place at the latest by the date of the candidate’s disputation/oral examination, the proof of publication (acceptance letter/mail) will be sent to the doctoral degree office together with the other examination documents.
* **Publication in a journal has not been planned and will not take place by the date of the oral examination.**

1. For the oral examination, I recommend that the above named candidate be considered for *summa cum laude* honors;

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| * Ja | * Nein |

Justification:

Place, date Signature of Evaluator

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**Information for Evaluators when recommending**

***summa cum laude* honors**

* According to the *Doctoral Degree Regulations* of the Faculty of Biosciences, the *summa cum laude* honors degree for outstanding accomplishment may be awarded by unanimous decision of the examination commission as long as the achieved grade point average is 1,0 (very good).
* Furthermore, the *summa cum laude* honors can only be awarded if at the least one significant part of the dissertation has already been published, or been accepted for publication, in an internationally recognized and duly appraised journal. The doctoral candidate must provide evidence of their *sole* or *join*t first authorship.
* Both evaluators must recommend the *summa cum laude* option in the above questionnaire (under 2.) and justify their recommendation in the text field underneath.
* Broad specialized knowledge must be tested during the disputation/oral examination.

(Decisions of the Doctoral Degree Committee from 11th Jan., 2012 and 18th Oct., 2016)