Baylor College of Medicine
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Permission to Write

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MUST BE COMPLETED AT A TAC MEETING

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Student Name: _____   BCM ID #: _____

Graduate Program: _____   Are you in the MD/PhD program?   ❑ Yes   ❑ No

Date of TAC Meeting where this form was completed & signed: _____

ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE YES	Yes	No
Are all essential experiments completed and the results known for all key experiments?		
Will student graduate before next status report deadline (graduation expected in <6 months)?		
Is a thesis outline attached to this form and does it outline a sufficient body of work for a Ph.D.?		
IF ANY ANSWERS BELOW ARE NO, please explain in "Requirements & Recommendation"		
Has Responsible Conduct of Research (Years 1-4) been completed?		
Does the student have at least one 1st or co-1st author manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed research journal on the topics of their thesis research? (applies to students matriculating 2019 or thereafter). If yes, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter or first page of the paper. If no, please explain below, as well as complete the Publication Exception Form and submit with this form.		
Was Permission To Write granted? Permission To Write will extend only to the next TAC meeting deadline.		

Requirements & Recommendations (if any):

It is the responsibility of the student to notify GSBS when the requirements above have been met. Until all requirements are met student does not have permission to write.

Required Approvals			
	Printed Name	Signature	Date
Student:			
Major Advisor:			
Advisory Committee Members:			
Graduate Program Director:			

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GSBS AI & Student Guidance

- Students are welcome to use AI-based natural language processing chatbots (i.e. ChatGPT and others), machine learning or similar algorithmic tools as technologies to further their research goals and scholarly activities (i.e. improving language and readability).

- A major goal of Qualifying Exams, and MS and PhD defenses is to examine students' independent thinking, creativity, and originality. Accordingly, the use of AI tools to generate scholarly products (i.e. figures, tables, data summaries, text) for Qualifying Exams, MS Thesis and PhD dissertations should be disclosed within Methods sections or other appropriate location(s), citing the model or tool used.

- Students should be aware that presenting the ideas or copying the text generated by AI-based tools as their own, without proper acknowledgment, will be considered academic and/or scientific misconduct. In whatever form, if plagiarism or other misconduct is detected, the QE or the thesis defense committee can award a result of FAIL.

- Students are responsible for their use of AI technology, and should exercise appropriate oversight (i.e. fact checking for accuracy) as AI can generate output that appears to be authoritative (i.e. references to published literature) that can be incorrect, incomplete or biased.

- It should also be noted that AI tools may not be designated as authors on scholarly works (i.e. abstracts, status reports, manuscripts/publications). Students, as authors, are accountable for the quality, integrity, and originality of their scholarly work and are fully responsible for the contents.

- When preparing work for publication, students are strongly encouraged to check AI use policies at journals where they plan to submit their work (i.e., consult the Instructions to Authors).