

## GUIDELINES ON ARTICLE-BASED DOCTORAL DISSERTATION TOPIC PROPOSAL

1) THE CANDIDATE'S FIRST AND LAST NAME

2) DATE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

3) TOPIC TITLE

4) LIST OF RESEARCH PAPERS that are compiled and proposed as a doctoral dissertation

The research papers that are compiled and proposed as the doctoral dissertation must make a unified work that includes at least three papers on which the candidate is the first author and which have been published in journals with the impact factor of 1 or higher indexed in the Current Contents (CC) database. The compiled research papers that make a unified work must provide a new scientific contribution as opposed to each paper separately. The most recent research paper must be published within the previous three years. The research papers must be enclosed.

5) RESEARCH PROBLEM – The presented problem should be well-documented (references): what has been published on the problem, especially dilemmas and controversies (**up to 800 words**)

6) RESEARCH AIM – With respect to the presented research problem, describe the specific aim of the research in a succinct, clear, and unambiguous manner. List the hypotheses adequate for the type of the study, i.e. the expected findings (**up to 200 words**)

7) RESEARCH METHODS – Describe shortly the methodology in the compiled research papers that make the doctoral dissertation; list the types of the studies and their adequacy for being compiled; describe the statistical methods. (**up to 400 words**).

8) SUMMARY OF POOLED RESULTS – Succinctly and clearly present the pooled results of proposed research papers, describe the scientific contribution (**up to 1200 words**).

9) ETHICAL PRINCIPLES – Enclose the evidence of the ethical conduct of research described in the proposed papers.

10) REFERENCES – List the references according to the Vancouver style (**up to 25 references**).

Instructions on reference format are available at:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/br.fcgi?book=citmed>