Committee Member:
Grade (Pass/Fail):
A grade of “Fail” by two or more committee members will result in remediation or termination from the Ph.D. program.

**Hypothesis or Experimental Question**
The student must have a hypothesis or experimental question which is clearly stated, testable, and well-justified. The rationale for this hypothesis or question must be clear, and the student must be able to defend his/her proposed hypothesis or question.

Comments:

**Experimental Approach**
The experimental approach must be clearly described and logical. The approach must directly test the hypothesis or experimental question. Discussion of expected and alternative outcomes, potential pitfalls, and alternative approaches must be included.

Comments:

**Background Knowledge**
The student must display a deep understanding of the Qualifying Exam topic and supporting literature. The student must also have broad knowledge of the general biomedical sciences and experimental approaches, especially in their specific track.

Comments:

**Oral Presentation**
The student must be able to clearly articulate and describe the research proposal. The student must be able to defend his/her rationale for specific approaches and respond to critiques in a professional manner. Overall oral communication skills are evaluated in this section.

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