

Mid-term assessment protocol
Minutes of the meeting of the mid-term assessment Committee

The mid-term assessment was carried out on the basis of:

- doctoral student's report,
- opinion of the supervisor / supervisors / assistant supervisor,
- an oral or multimedia presentation by a doctoral student,
- discussions with the doctoral student.

The implementation of the doctoral student's individual research plan was assessed remotely via the "Zoom.us" platform. The course of the public part of the mid-term assessment Committee meeting was recorded on video.

Assessed PhD student

professional title, name and surname of the doctoral student	Robinson Ajana
supervisor/supervisors	Prof. Dominik Rachoń
assistant supervisor	Dr Grażyna Gałęzowska
scientific discipline	Health Sciences
the title of the doctoral dissertation project	Potential role of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) exposure in the pathogenesis of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) Report on

Mid-term assessment Committee comments:

The Committee had possibility to see Student Robinson Ajana presentation in which the aim , methods and progress of the doctoral project was presented. Professor Robert Olek asked additional question to clarify issues of applying for external funding for the project. Student Robinson Ajana explained that the project was granted by Young Investigator Grant by Medical University of Gdansk and that the project team decided not to apply for NCN Preludium Grant due to lack of initial results of experiments. Professor Tomasz Śledziński asked questions about course of recruitment of the examined and control groups and how presence of polycystic ovaries syndrome was excluded in the control group. Student explained the methodology of excluding PCOS diagnosis in the control group. Further question of Professor Śledziński focused on performing the mass spectrometry procedures. Student explained that the procedures were performed by him under supervision of the Scientific Supervisor. During the closed part of the meeting of the Committee the members of the Committee discussed mild delays in the progress of the project agreeing that although they are noticeable they do not threaten realisation of the project.

Mid-term assessment result of doctoral student

Robinson Ajana

: positive / ~~negative~~ *

Name and surname of the doctoral student

* check appropriate

Detailed justification by the mid-term assessment Committee regarding the result of the mid-term evaluation:

The Committee assessed positively the Student Robinson Ajana due to following reasons:

1. Realization of the Individual Plan according to schedule with minor delays not threatening achieving the final goals of the project.
2. Recruitment of high number of patients and healthy controls
3. Performing high number of laboratory experiments with significant amount of data ready for further statistical analysis.
4. Satisfying level of preparing publications related to the project
5. Clear and realistic plan of further tasks to be realized within the project.

The mid-term assessment Committee composed of:

- 1) Prof. Mariusz Siemiński – Chairperson of the mid-term assessment Committee
- 2) Prof. Robert Olek
- 3) Prof. Tomasz Śledziński

The mid-term assessment was carried out on 25th September 2024



Signature of the chairperson
of the mid-term assessment Committee