



**GUIDELINES FOR THE CUMULATIVE DISSERTATION AT THE LMU MUNICH  
(Dr. med., Dr. med. dent., Dr. rer. biol. hum. and Ph.D. Medical Research)**

*The information in these guidelines can be found in the corresponding Examination Regulations or was decided upon by the Doctoral Committees.*

### **A. Requisites for a cumulative dissertation**

1. You do not need to apply for submitting a cumulative dissertation. However, only original work published in the top 80% of the subject-related journals (<http://admin-apps.webofknowledge.com/JCR/JCR>) will be accepted for cumulative dissertations.
2. A **minimum** of 2 articles must be accepted or published in peer-reviewed, international journals. At least one of these articles must be published as first author. A **shared first-author** is possible and will be counted as a regular first-author publication. Please note that as with co-authors, your own contribution must be shown in great detail. Further, you must submit an explanation as to how a shared first-authorship came to be.
3. The publications must be **original work**.
4. The publications used in the cumulative dissertation are **not** allowed to be part of a further (current or completed) dissertation, either of your own or one of the co-authors.
5. The following publication forms are **not** allowed to or can **only** be used in certain cases for a cumulative dissertation:
  - a. **Short Report** – if it corresponds to a publication on original work in form and content, then it can be used. Subject to decision on a by-case basis.
  - b. **Letter** – if it is published in a journal with a double-digit impact factor and the data presented is equivalent to that of original work, then it can be used Subject to decision on a by-case basis.
  - c. **Meta-Analysis** – you can submit a maximum of one meta-analysis for your cumulative dissertation. In case you submit two publications, then the other one must be based on original work.
  - d. The following publication forms may not be used: **review-articles, methodological publications**

### **B. Formal composition of a cumulative dissertation**

1. The dissertation can be submitted either in German or English.  
**Please note: only dissertations written in English are accepted for the PhD!**
2. Cover page (title, name, place of birth, year)
3. Affidavit

4. Table of contents
5. Abbreviations
6. Publication list
7. Confirmation of co-authors  
The contribution of all co-authors must be confirmed and submitted separately. Further, all co-authors must declare that they have taken note of point A4.
8. Introduction  
The publications must be preceded by an introduction (5 – 10 pages, German or English), which describes the research project, as well as showing which higher problem connects the publications and which aspects are highlighted by the individual papers.  
In case of co-authorship, your own contribution must be described in detail.
9. Summary  
The summary must be submitted in both German **and** English.  
**Please note: for the PhD, points 8 and 9 are combined in an "introductory summary", which is to be written in English.**
10. Publication I
11. Publication II <sup>(\*)</sup>
12. References
13. Acknowledgements
14. Curriculum vitae

*(\*) You are, of course, allowed to submit more than 2 publications for a cumulative dissertation, as long as these fulfil the criteria mentioned under (A.).*