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Candidacy Examination Guidelines: 1st Author Publication Policy

Upon formal request and approval by the Graduate Studies Committee, you may submit a published 1st author publication in place of your candidacy report with the following conditions:

- The published research must be performed while at WVU under your current advisor(s).
- You will compose an addendum document that describes in detail your specific contributions to the research reported (project conceptualization, physical laboratory work, data analysis) and the manuscript writing/revising process – **Addendum A**
- You will compose an addendum document that discusses your future proposed research direction(s) and provides appropriate in-text citations with a reference section – **Addendum B**
- Your final written candidacy report will be composed of i) The approval memorandum; ii) Published, peer-reviewed manuscript; iii) Addendum A; iv) Addendum B. Items ii-iv should be included as a single PDF document.
- Your graduate research committee will be tasked with evaluating the three documents and making recommended revisions before approving your written candidacy report. If any member(s) of your graduate research committee deems that you have not contributed enough to the research described in the publication then you will be asked to prepare a written candidacy document using the program template, following established program guidelines. The Director of Graduate Studies should be notified if the graduate research committee has concerns.