

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by:**

MSc Integrated Immunology Steering Committee [7<sup>th</sup> September 2016]

Chair of the MSD Graduate School Committee (Chair's action) [25<sup>th</sup> October 2016]

Deputy Chair of the Education Committee (on behalf of the Committee) [31<sup>st</sup> October 2016]

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]**

MSc in Integrated Immunology (by coursework)

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Change to assessment requirements of one paper.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcininteimmu/administratorview/> MSc Integrated Immunology

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT2016.

For first examination from 2016-17.

**Detail of change**

Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows:

<sup>1.10</sup>(iv) Each candidate will be required to submit to the examiners two copies each of ~~three~~ two clinical commentaries (printed) of ~~2,000~~ 3,000 words each by noon, Monday of Week 8 of Hilary Term. The subjects of the clinical commentaries must have been approved by the Examining Board. Each candidate will be required to make a public presentation of one of their commentaries and will be examined viva voce, at the end of Hilary Term at a time to be notified by the examiners. Candidates will have the opportunity to revise and re-submit their clinical commentaries by noon, Friday of the week preceding Week 0 of Trinity Term, in the event that they are deemed not to have passed this element of the examination.

**Explanatory Notes**

The Examiners felt that the current maximum number of words allowed (i.e. 2,000 words) per each of the three clinical commentaries prevented the students from elaborating on each of their cases in a sufficient manner. They agreed that the students would benefit from being allowed to write more on each of their chosen cases (i.e. up to 3,000 words) however, being conscious that this would increase student workload by a third, the Examiners also decided to decrease the number of cases

from three to two in order to preserve the overall maximum number of words related to this assignment (6,000 words in total).

The Examiners presented their case at the MSc Integrated Immunology Steering Committee meeting and the Committee agreed to implement the change at the earliest possible time. Subsequently, all current (2016/17) students were canvassed for their opinion on implementing this change with immediate effect and their response was 100% positive.