

**Evalveerimine 2010 Application EV36 National Institute for Health Development, Health**

**Expert's opinion: The volume and level of R&D activities in comparison to international criteria.**

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The research and development in the field being evaluated is characterized by a sufficient volume of financing taking into account the particularities of the field of research and the profile of the institution.	Positive	
Research and development at the institution is characterized by contemporary and innovative range of topics for research.	Positive	There is a clear need for modern developments and this could be provided by local and other collaborations, such as interaction with Biobank activities in Estonia, and beyond.
The Institution has International cooperation projects in the field being evaluated and/or participates in various International cooperation networks.	Positive	There is need for national as well as international collaborations to make optimal, productive use of the unique databases.
Experts' summary assessment	Positive	

**Expert's opinion: R&D infrastructure (working premises and auxiliary facilities).**

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	Positive	It is not necessary for the NIHD to build up independent equipment and expertise to make best use of their databases, but links should be built for such purposes in Estonia.
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal, in the case of experimental themes, the necessary equipment and instruments.	Positive	
The equipment and instruments at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are, in the case of the experimental themes, modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have access to databases, specialized literature and other research infrastructures.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Positive	

**Expert's opinion: Qualification of researchers in comparison to international criteria.**

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
A sufficient number of research staff are employed at the institution taking into account the volume and particularities of the R&D activities of the institution and the field being evaluated.	Positive	
A sufficient number of the research staff have a recognized academic degree corresponding to Estonian legislative acts.	Positive	

Doctoral dissertations have been successfully supervised in the last five years. Positive

Research staff in the field being evaluated have received sufficient national or international honours and/or awards. Positive

Research staff have published per researcher in the last 5 years a sufficient number of articles in international journals or peer-reviewed research monographs taking into account the particularities of the field of research being evaluated. Positive

Research staff have filed applications for patents or for plant variety rights certificates in the name of the institution in the last 5 years. Positive

Experts' summary assessment Positive

**Subcriteria for evaluation Evaluation**

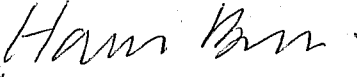
**Comments**


Final assessment Positive


In view of the long-term, serviced databases available, higher-impact journals could be targeted, especially if the work were suitably supplemented by collaborative wet-lab input.

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