**Consulting agreement**

A statistical consulting agreement of a maximum of 4\_\_\_\_\_ working hours will be made between the Biostatistics Department and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department (Institute for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

The statistical consulting is carried out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The consulting is understood as "help for self-help" and therefore consists of the following activities:

- All communication with the persons to be consulted.

- Discussion of the experimental design

- Proposal and explanation of suitable evaluation methods

- Provision of further literature

The implementation of the proposed evaluation methods or their practical application in R or other software is explicitly not part of the consulting activity and must therefore be carried out independently by the persons to be advised.

A prerequisite for consulting is a credibly presented publication project concerning the experiments discussed during the consulting. For this purpose, three potential internationally recognized scientific journals and their publishers, as well as the intended time period until submission of the manuscript, must be named.

Journal 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Publisher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Journal 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Publisher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Journal 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Publisher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time period until intended submission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Prior to submission of a manuscript, the advisors (Dept. of Biostatistics) will be informed and the proportion of statistical advice to the total content of the manuscript will be briefly presented.

If the manuscript has not been submitted to a scientific journal for review within the agreed time period without a valid and understandable reason, we reserve the right to block the department from further consulting activities for 6 months.

Hannover, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Statistical consultant

Person seeking statistical consultancy

Head of Department (of person seeking statistical consultancy)