

**Marking Criteria - Procedural-based Research Skills Development (RSD)  
Laboratory 10: Microstructure of Nervous Tissues**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicators	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>The student with research skill ...</b>	<i>Students research at the level of a closed enquiry and require a high degree of structure/guidance</i>	<i>Students research at the level of a closed enquiry and require some structure/guidance</i>	<i>Student research independently at the level of a closed enquiry</i>
<b>A. Students embark on inquiry</b> and so determine a need for knowledge/ understanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Identifies an appropriate learning objective addressed by the activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearly & concisely identifies several learning objectives addressed in the activity	
<b>B. Students find/generate</b> needed information/data using appropriate methodology	<input type="checkbox"/> Information required to answer Q1 obtained primarily from a single source, e.g. the laboratory notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Information required to answer Q1 obtained from a range of sources, e.g. micrographs and display materials, lectures etc. in addition to laboratory notes	
<b>C. Students critically evaluate</b> information/data and the process to find/generate this information/data	<input type="checkbox"/> Answers generated after consideration & evaluation of only part of the overall laboratory activities <input type="checkbox"/> Presents general characteristics of nervous tissues in answering Q1(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/> Answers based on consideration & evaluation of most or all parts of the laboratory activities <input type="checkbox"/> Presents detailed, specific characteristics of nervous tissues in answering Q1(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D. Students organise</b> information collected/generated	<input type="checkbox"/> Figures 1 & 2 are partially labelled, or locations of some structural features are ambiguous <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas/ data not always presented in a logical sequence within answers	<input type="checkbox"/> Figures 1 & 2 are fully and accurately labelled <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas/data presented in logical sequence within answers	
<b>E. Students synthesise and analyse and apply</b> new knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding of neuron structure and function utilises data from activities prescribed in lab notes <input type="checkbox"/> Some valid reasoning applied in identifying pathway differences in Q1(v)	<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding of neuron & function utilises data obtained from prescribed activities as well as other sources (e.g. interpretations of additional micrographs and diagrams) <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of pathway differences in Q1(v) based on supporting evidence and valid reasoning	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>F. Students communicate</b> knowledge and the process used to generate it, with an awareness of cultural, ethical, economic, legal and social issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Aspects of the student's conduct indicate some awareness of laboratory protocols	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's conduct indicates a thorough awareness and understanding of laboratory protocols	<input type="checkbox"/>

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