University of Edinburgh – Own Work Declaration

This sheet must be filled in (each box ticked to show that the condition has been met), signed and dated, and included with all assessments - work will not be marked unless this is done

This sheet will be removed from the assessment before marking

Name: …… **Number:** ……

Course/Programme: ……..

Title of work: ……

I confirm that all this work is my own except where indicated, and that I have:

- Clearly referenced/listed all sources as appropriate ☐
- Referenced and put in inverted commas all quoted text (from books, web, etc) ☐
- Given the sources of all pictures, data etc. that are not my own ☐
- Not made any use of the report(s) or essay(s) of any other student(s) either past or present ☐
- Not sought or used the help of any external professional agencies for the work ☐
- Acknowledged in appropriate places any help that I have received from others (e.g. fellow students, technicians, statisticians, external sources) ☐
- Complied with any other plagiarism criteria specified in the Course handbook ☐

I understand that any false claim for this work will be penalised in accordance with the University regulations ☐

Signature ……

Date ……..

Please note: If you need further guidance on plagiarism, you can

1. Consult your course book
2. Speak to your course organiser or supervisor
3. Check out `http://www.aaps.ed.ac.uk/regulations/Plagiarism/Intro.htm`

Please read the notes about the use of plagiarism detection software overleaf.

Use of plagiarism detection software

Note that computers may be used to detect plagiarism, whether by using something as simple as a search engine such as Google (it is as easy for a marker to find online sources as it is for you) or something more complex for specialized comparisons of work. Some courses will use the JISC plagiarism detection service.

The plagiarism detection service is an online service hosted at www.submit.ac.uk that enables institutions and staff to carry out electronic comparison of students' work against electronic sources including other students' work. The service is managed by The University of Northumbria on behalf of the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and is available to all UK tertiary education institutions by subscription.

The plagiarism detection service works by executing searches of the world wide web and extensive databases of reference material, as well as content previously submitted by other users. Each new submission is compared with all the existing information. The software makes no decisions as to whether a student has plagiarised, it simply highlights sections of text that are duplicated in other sources. All work will continue to be reviewed by the course tutor. As such, the software is simply used as a tool to highlight any instance where there is a possibly case of plagiarism. Passages copied directly or very closely from existing sources will be identified by the software, and both the original and the potential copy will be displayed for the tutor to view. Where any direct quotations are relevant and appropriately referenced, the course tutor will be able to see this and will continue to consider the next highlighted case.

Once work has been submitted to the system it becomes part of the ever growing database of material against which subsequent submissions are checked. The copyright in each work submitted remains with the original author, but a non-exclusive, non-transferable, licence is granted to permit use of the material for plagiarism detection purposes.

There is an on-line demonstration of the system available at

`http://www.submit.ac.uk/`