Appendix: Questionnaire on Understanding Scientists' Aspirations in Pursuing Career Longevity

1. Part A

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I really enjoy a task that involves coming up with new solutions to problems.	0	0	0	0	0	0
it's enough for me that the job gets done; I don't care how or why it works.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I like to have the responsibility of handling a situation that requires a lot of thinking.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The notion of thinking abstractly is appealing to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I feel relief rather than satisfied after completing a task that required a lot of mental effort.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I prefer a task that is intellectual and difficult to one that is important but require little thoughts.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I prefer to think about small, daily projects to long-term ones.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I usually end up deliberating about issues even when they do not affect me personally.	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. Part B

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I find that a well ordered life with regular hours suits my temperament.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I don't like to be with people who are capable of unexpected actions.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I do not usually consult many different opinions before forming my own view.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I feel uncomfortable when I don't understand the reason why an event occurred in my life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
When I have made a decision, I feel relieved.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I feel irritated when one person disagrees with what everyone else in a group believes.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I don't like situations that are uncertain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I dislike it when a person's statement could mean many different things.	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. Part C

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Even if the organisation is not doing well, I would be reluctant to change to another employer.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would be very happy to spend the rest of my career with this organization.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I feel myself to be part of the organization.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think that I could easily become as attached to another organization as I am to this one.	0	0	0	0	0	0
To know that my work has made a contribution to the organization would please me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I do not believe that a person must always be loyal to his or her organization.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I was taught to believe in the value of remaining loyal to one organization.	0	0	0	0	0	0
If I got another offer for a better job elsewhere, I would feel it is alright to leave my organization.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I am quite proud to be able to tell people who it is I work for.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think people move from company to company too often these days.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think I am good in conducting my research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I actively seek out/create opportunities to further my research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I aspire to distinguish myself as a renowned scientist in my field of research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Doing research is fun for me.	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
I think the topics and questions I research are interesting.	0	0	0	0	0	0

4. Part D

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My employer provides benefits for me to balance my work and personal life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My employer values my contribution to the organisation.	0	0	0	0	0	0
If given the chance, my employer would take unfair advantage of me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My company's benefits have helped me get through some bad times.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My employer supports my working conditions with adequate resources.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to modify my job objectives (on what I am supposed to accomplish).	0	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to choose the approach to go about doing my job (the procedures to utilize).	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have been given sufficient degree of independence/freedom to pursue my research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have some control over what I am supposed to accomplish.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have some control over the scheduling of my work activities (when I do what).	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor is strict and is hardly around when I need to seek advice.	0	0	0	0	0	0

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My supervisor is helpful when I have personal matter to attend to which interfere with my work.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor supports me to attend seminars and conferences to further my knowledge domain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor coaches, guides and give suggestions to improve my projects.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor burdens me with works that are not beneficial to my career progression.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor is not open to my ideas and can be suffocating in my research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisor feels that I am important and is supportive of my contribution.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, I have a good supervisor who cares and nurtures me in my career advancement.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I can trust my team members to lend me a helping hand if I need it.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I believe I can rely upon my team members to do as they say they would do.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think most of my colleagues are friendly and supportive of each other.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I socialise with my team members outside organisation time.	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	0
I feel confident that management will always try to treat me fairly.	0	0	0	0	0	0

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I am not afraid of what might happen if I quit my job without having another one lined up.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Too much in my life would be dumped if I decide that I want to leave my organization now.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leaving this organisation would require considerable professional sacrifice.	0	0	0	0	0	0
It would be hard for me to leave my organization right now, even if I wanted to.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Right now, staying with my organization is a matter of necessity as much as a desire.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My co-workers value my contributions highly.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My co-workers may have trouble finding a suitable replacement if I leave the team.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My supervisors view me as a highly valuable contributor to the knowledge domain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have diverse skills and am confident of employability for better positions in my field.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would rate my overall professional performance at work highly.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Which of the below best describes your motivation to pursue a career in STEM
Participation in science club activities, competitions, talks by scientists.
Participation in research attachments/student research projects.
My parents/teachers/friends suggested that I should do a PhD.
I have a passion for research.
Other than the above
6. Approximately when, if ever, did you start to think about attending graduate school?
Before undergraduate school
During undergraduate school
Within two years of finishing undergraduate school
More than two years after finishing undergraduate school
When no jobs were offered
7. Which career track do you see yourself in eventually?
I intend to continue in the research field in an academic setting.
I intend to continue research but in the industry setting.
I'm not motivated anymore to stay in research field.
I have the passion for research but won't continue because the career is not rewarding.
I intend to take up a 'teaching-track' position with less/no research.
I intend to switch to a completely new career/profession
I have no idea; I just go with the wind.

8. How likely are you to take up non-academia or research careers after PhD?
1=very unlikely
2=unlikely
3≕unsure
4=likely
5≕very likely
9. How long do you see yourself working in research and development after your PhD?
Less than 2 years
Between 2 to 4 years
Between 4 to 6 years
Between 6 to 10 years
More than 10 years
10. Which of the following non-academia careers are you most interested in?
Banking and finance
Management and consulting
Investment and private equity
Pharmaceutical/Biotech corporate positions
Others (Please specify)
11. Will the remuneration or salary be a factor to your decision not to stay in the research field?
Yes
○ No
Please elaborate.

12.	Do you think the current remuneration that you are holding is fair and sufficient?
0	Yes
0	No
Plea	se provide reasons for your answer.
13.	What do you think should be improved or included in your current remuneration scheme?
	Increased monthly salary
	Provide better medical insurance and benefit
	Provide computer allowance
	Provide better annual conference allowance
	Provide housing rental allowance
	Provide allowance for purchasing of reference books
	Others (please specify)
14.	In the next 5 years, your most likely career plan is to:
0	Build/continue your R&D career in your current organization?
0	Pursue an R&D career outside your current organization (within Singapore)?
0	Pursue an R&D career outside Singapore?
0	Pursue other non-R&D, STEM-related careers? (e.g. IP management, research administration, industry/business development, education)

Personal interest
Opportunity to contribute to society
Intellectual satisfaction
Work life balance / flexible working hours
Job security
Career advancement or progression opportunities
Physical work environment (e.g. equipment, ergonomics, cleanliness, etc.)
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career? Please rank each factor from 1 (most important) to 8 (least important).
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