

Score Sheet for Evaluating Research Proposals

Instructions: Score from 1 to 10 (10 being highest or best score). Please note that in calculating the overall score the individual scores are weighed as per the “Weight” value in the table.

I. Hypothesis/Specific Aims/Background/relevance to the the developing country

1. Hypothesis driven proposal (Specific aims and hypothesis driven)

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2. Background and write up are well referenced

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3. Background presents a critical evaluation of up-to-date knowledge on topic.

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4. Background presents a clear justification for the study or a gap in knowledge that needs to be filled

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5. Study addresses the needs of local community

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Comments:

II. Originality/Pilot Studies

1. The study has relevance to basic scientific, medical/ health knowledge or clinical /practice

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2. The study presents a novel concept or approach

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3. Preliminary data acquired by investigator justify pursuit of study

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Comments:

III. Methodology

1. Describes what specific data will be collected

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2. Describes how data will be collected

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3. The methods and procedures chosen directly test the hypothesis and answer the posed questions

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4. Statistical methods are clearly described and appropriate for analysis

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5. Design of experimental plan is accurate

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6. Inclusion and exclusion criteria (for human subjects) are described clearly and are justified

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Comments:

IV. Anticipated Results

1. Expected and possible alternative results are described and interpreted

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2. Limitations of techniques is discussed

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Comments:

V. Feasibility

1. The investigator (or associates) has the necessary experience and competence to conduct the studies, or has published similar work

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2. Logistic matters are considered (eg. Handling, storing, or transport of samples, tissues etc.)

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3. Time table for investigation is presented

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4. Potential risks to human subjects are considered

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5. The proposed work can be accomplished in the proposed time period

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Comments:

VI. Budget

1. Proposed budget is itemized

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2. Amount and type of requested items in proposed budget is justified by the description of methods and procedures

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Comments:

Overall Score: