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)
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

2. Background and write up are well referenced
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

3. Background presents a critical evaluation of up-to-date knowledge on topic.
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

4. Background presents a clear justification for the study or a gap in knowledge that needs to be filled
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

5. Study addresses the needs of local community
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

Comments:

II. Originality/Pilot Studies

1. The study has relevance to basic scientific, medical/ health knowledge or clinical/practice
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

2. The study presents a novel concept or approach
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

3. Preliminary data acquired by investigator justify pursuit of study
III. Methodology

1. Describes what specific data will be collected

2. Describes how data will be collected

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

4. Statistical methods are clearly described and appropriate for analysis

5. Design of experimental plan is accurate

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

Comments:

IV. Anticipated Results

1. Expected and possible alternative results are described and interpreted

2. Limitations of techniques is discussed
V. Feasibility

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

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Time table for investigation is presented

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4. Potential risks to human subjects are considered

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Comments:

VI. Budget

1. Proposed budget is itemized

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Comments:

Overall Score: