



Project Evaluation for Use of CARRA Data/Samples

The goals of CARRA are to advance understanding of pediatric rheumatologic disease and improve the treatment of pediatric patients with rheumatic diseases. Reviewers are asked to discuss/consider the following aspects to judge the likelihood that the proposal will have substantial impact on the pursuit of these goals. Please weigh the criteria as appropriate for each application. Note that an application does not need to be strong in all categories to deserve a high impact score. For example, a proposal may not be innovative but may be necessary to move a field forward.

Please Score each item: Strong, Present, Absent or Not Applicable

1. Significance/ Scientific merit:	Strong	Present	Absent	N/A
a. Does the study address an important problem in pediatric rheumatology?				
b. Will this study affect the concepts or methods that drive this field?				
c. Is there potential from this study for important new observations or knowledge that will have an impact on the health of children with rheumatologic conditions?				
d. Is the justification for use of samples/data from this study clear?				
2. Approach/ Clarity of Proposal:				
e. Are the aims clearly stated and well formulated?				
f. Are the design and methods clear and adequately developed?				
g. Is the statistical plan, sample size calculation and analysis of data clear and appropriate?				
h. Is the project proposed feasible?				
i. Is the rationale well grounded in review of the pertinent literature?				
j. Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?				
3. Originality/ Innovation:				
k. Are the aims original and innovative?				

4. Investigator:				
l. Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and collaborating researchers (if any)?				
m. Is there evidence of prior productivity or track record appropriate to the research proposed?				
5. Future Directions				
n. Funding status/plans described				
o. Plan for sharing study results with study PI				
p. If the main study is NIH funded, plan for data sharing from this sub-study				

Please check (only one) whether or not you feel this project should be:

Approved as written

Approved provisionally, based upon appropriate reply to queries from the parent study oversight committee

Not approved

Comments

Signature _____