



Morris Animal Foundation Abstract Scoring Rubric

Scientific Merit & Proposed Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study design contains fatal flaw(s) • Other component of proposal contains fatal flaw (i.e. guideline infraction, applicant ineligible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study design contains significant flaw(s) • Other component of application weak (i.e. scientific team lacks relevant experience, statistical analysis lacking) • Concerns about proposed approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study design contains moderate flaw(s) • Proposed approach appropriate • Timeline adequate • Approach somewhat innovative/novel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent, well-described study design; hypothesis, objectives, specific aims clearly specified • Scientific design adequate to answer question • Objectives achievable within timeline • Innovative/creative approach (pilot studies particularly)
	< 5 (low)		5-7 (medium)	8-10 (high)
	Does not qualify to advance to full review		May qualify to advance to full review	Qualifies to advance to full review
Impact of Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic not in animal health • Will not impact identified field in animal health as written • Proposed species to benefit not in Morris Animal Foundation funding area • Will not impact identified field as written 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is disease/issue that causes low morbidity in a small number of animals • Research has been done, duplication • Impact on identified field not clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is disease/issue that causes low morbidity/mortality in large number of animals or higher morbidity/mortality in fewer animals • Some need for research in this area • Research likely to make some impact on identified field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is disease/issue that causes high morbidity/mortality in a large number of animals • Research will improve the survival of endangered species or exotic captive animals. • Great need for research in this area • Research likely to make significant impact on identified field
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