

SOAP Research Network - Peer Evaluation Form

General guidelines for evaluating the proposal

Evaluators are expected to read the applications and all guidance documentation carefully. If any part of the application is missing or not readable, or if you are missing the information relevant for the review, notify the SOAP office. Should you become aware of any potential Conflict of Interest or potential bias that you could not identify before accessing the application you should inform the SOAP office without delay.

Confidentiality

Keep the proposal and all related documentation confidential. We are seeking your expertise and experience such that the review should not involve other researchers, including those under your supervision. Provide constructive criticism and feedback that would be useful for the applicant to improve their proposal while demonstrating respect to the applicant, their colleagues, and ideas.

Scientific Merit

i. Review of the Literature

Does the participant cite appropriate literature and is the literature review up to date? Does the literature review justify doing the research at this time?

ii. Originality

Is this a novel idea or does it repeat work done elsewhere? Is this project original and soundly builds upon and significantly contributes to the state of obstetric anesthesia?

iii. Hypothesis and objectives

Is the hypothesis clearly stated? What are the objectives (the specific goals) of the research?

iv. Methodology and feasibility

Are the methods used capable of answering the research question and achieving the stated objectives? Is the investigator capable of doing the work? Is the timeline realistic? Is it likely to result in a publication or eventual multi-centre collaboration. Does this project fit well in the research activities of the research group and in the personal development plan of the candidate, enhancing the feasibility of the candidate.

v. Relevance

What is the scientific and clinical importance of the research? Is this project a high-quality fundamental research project with good level of risks, challenges and inventiveness?

Research Logistics

i. Groundwork

Is there room for further groundwork projects (i.e. systematic review or feasibility projects) to strengthen this project likelihood of success?

ii. Budget

Budgets may or may not be submitted, but are there any hidden costs that might not have been contemplated in this line of research.

iii. Statistics and Analysis

Are there analytical aspects that require further expertise or collaboration. Do you know experts in this area that could help?

iv. Mentorship and collaboration

Given the topic and methodology are there experts that the investigator could speak to about mentoring or site collaborations?