Program Description

THE MAIN GOAL OF EB HAUS PROGRAM GRANTS IS TO IDENTIFY DRUG/THERAPY CANDIDATES FOR EB TREATMENTS.

Program Definition

A Program is broken down into smaller units – projects. Individual projects are divided into work packages, each leading to defined milestones. A program shall not be defined by time only but rather by the planned time required to achieve the Program Goal – which has to be a potential product candidate.

Format specification

Please use the following basic formats for the whole text: font type Arial, font size 11, line spacing 1.5.

We ask you to title the attachment "Program Description" and include page numbers on your document. All figures should be included within the 12-page limit and cannot be attached separately. Make sure the resolution of the attached figures allows proper review. The GANTT chart plan and the "Program Budget Overview" do not count towards your 12 pages.

The document must include the following sections and page limits. Note that applications that do not fulfill these requirements cannot be considered for funding:

Purpose and Background

Aims & applicability: Formulate the concrete research questions and objectives to be tested, number them for clear reference. The objectives should be achievable within the duration of the Program. Remember that the ultimate goal should be a potential new drug/therapy for EB. How will the outcomes of your proposal improve the well-being of EB patients? What is the effective clinical transfer potential of your proposal? Please identify which patient subpopulations this approach targets and how many patients could benefit from such treatment. **(1 Page)**

Summary of the pertinent literature and competitive landscape (state of the art): State the relevance and importance of the Program to the international EB research community and for the development of treatment for EB patients. Which barriers that block the progress in the field would/could be overcome by the Program and how? Describe the most critical competitive activities in the field and explain the key advantages and disadvantages of the applied Program. List the most relevant publications for the proposal representing state of the art in the respective field of the proposal. **(1.5 Pages)**

Preliminary data and current status: Provide supporting evidence from your lab or others for the Program, including any preliminary or feasibility data; if background information on existing patient cohorts exists, please indicate. **(1 Page)**

Methodology

Methods: Describe the methods and techniques used in the proposal to answer your research questions and test your hypotheses. A comment on whether programs are co-financed by other sources to achieve feasibility within the funding range should be added. Power calculations should be included to assess whether available sample numbers are statistically conclusive. **(1 Page)**

Workplan (Program development plan): Please outline the program schedule; a Gantt chart must be uploaded to illustrate an overview of the overall Program, all projects, and work packages, including milestones (short-term detailed 12 months and long-term overview plan for complete program duration) achieved during the program period. During the annual review (September/October), a detailed short-term plan for the upcoming 12 months and an update of the overall program plan has to be provided. Specify the periods and the respective responsible person for each project/work package and milestone. Possible dependencies of different work packages shall be described or illustrated. Please identify key go/no-go points for separate work packages, projects, and the overall Program. **(5 Pages + Gantt chart)**.

Pitfalls and contingency plans: Include an assessment of the feasibility and possible pitfalls and hurdles of the Program. Note any anticipated problems, pitfalls, challenges, hurdles, and contingency plans to address them. **(0.5 Page)**

Program Resources

Program team: Please provide a description of the program leader's experience and capabilities and all other program team participants and their responsibilities within the Program. **(1 Page)**

Environment facilities and services: Describe the resources available and the scientific environment in which the work will be done. If applicable, describe any required equipment or infrastructure. **(1 Page)**

Budget: Provide a program budget including personnel costs (program leader & staff), material costs and consumables, animal costs, admin costs, expenses, external costs, and third-party funding. **(Budget template)**

The attachment should be limited to 12 pages (+ GANTT charts, + budget) **in PDF format and is limited to 12 MB in size**.