

Proposed Investigation

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 "Proposed Investigation" 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 does 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 won't be considered for funding.

Project Description (Purpose and Background)

- **Aims & applicability:** Formulate the concrete research questions and objectives to be tested, numbering them for clear reference. The objectives should be achievable within the duration of your project. How will the outcomes of your proposal improve the well-being of EB patients? What is the effective clinical transfer potential of your proposal? In which of the major areas of EB research (diagnosis, treatment, symptom relief or curative therapy) do you expect that your project will have the highest impact? **(1 Page)**
- **Summary of the pertinent literature (state of the art):** State the relevance of the project to international research ongoing in the field. How could the project break new ground in research? How will the project overcome barriers that block the progress in the field? Describe the importance of the expected results for EB research. List the ten most relevant publications for the proposal representing the state of the art in the respective research area(s). **(1,5 Page)**.
- **Preliminary data:** Provide supporting evidence from your lab or others which has led up to the project including any preliminary or feasibility data; if background information on existing patient cohorts exists please indicate. **(1 Pages)**.

Methodology

- **Methods:** Describe the methods and techniques used in the proposal in order to answer your research questions and to test your hypotheses. A comment on whether projects are co-financed by other sources in order 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:** Please outline the project schedule and strategies for dissemination of results; a gantt chart must be uploaded to illustrate an overview of milestones achieved during the project period. Specify the time periods and the respective applicant responsible for each milestone. **(5 Pages + gantt chart)**.
- **Pitfalls and contingency plans:** Include an assessment of the feasibility and possible pitfalls of the project. Note any anticipated problems or pitfalls, and contingency plans to address them. **(0.5 Page)**

Project Resources

- **Investigator applicants' roles:** Please provide a concise description of the project responsibilities and competences of the applicants. Which role will each individual play in the project? What is their expertise and experience, and which objectives of the project are they responsible for? **(1 Page)**
- **Environment facilities and services available:** Describe resources available and the scientific environment in which the work will be done. **(1 Page)**

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