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	Concise (less than 20 words), describes grant	0	0	2	2	0	
	Summary of proposal that could be understood by an educated non-specialist. This can be general, encompassing the overarching aims	0	0	3	5	0	
	Within the 100 word limit	0	0	2			
	Abstract is a scientific summary of the proposal. Structured appropriately, including background/context, project aim/research question, methodology, results and conclusion.	0		3	5	0	
	Within the 150 word limit	0		2			
	In depth but focused literature review with evidence of critical thinking in selection and coverage of published scientific evidence relevant to the grant proposal	0		10	25	0	
	Thorough grasp of concepts. The importance (background to grant, knowledge gaps) or rationale for the research is made clear, provides solid foundation for the subsequent hypothesis/aims.	0		12			
	Appropriately cited throughout, with evidence from authoritative sources used to support the statements made	0		3			
	Clearly defined research question / hypothesis, logically derived from the background provided. If aims are included, these should link to interrogation of the hypothesis	0		5	5	0	
	Clearly defined experimental / research strategies presented to interrogate the hypothesis. Sound choice of methodology. Logical flow throughout the sections. Where applicable, some idea of sample size, statistical analyses.	0		20	25	0	

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