



Multiple System Atrophy Trust

PEER REVIEW FORM

NAME OF LEAD APPLICANT	
TITLE OF APPLICATION	
NAME OF REVIEWER	
REVIEWER AFFILIATION	

Please provide details of any previous professional associations you may have had with the lead or co-applicants.

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REVIEW SUMMARY

Once you have completed the review, please assign a score of 1-10 (not fundable 1-5, fundable with minor changes 6-7 and fundable 8-10) and comment on your reasoning for the score.

Score	Comment:

NOTES:

- These peer review forms are edited and provided to the applicant in an anonymised form. Further editing may be performed by MSAT to remove any clues which, in our opinion, could enable an applicant to identify the reviewer.*
- You may wish to refer to the 'Guidance for Peer Reviewers' at the end of this document.*

PROPOSAL DETAILS

EVIDENCE OF CLINICAL NEED AND HEALTHCARE RELEVANCE

Please comment on:

- Is the proposal timely?
- Does it address an area of unmet need in the MSA field?
- How might the study outcomes impact upon our knowledge of MSA and help research move forward to better understanding the disease process?

Comment:

STRENGTH OF THE PROJECT PLAN

Please comment on the strength of the project plan, in particular whether:

- The aims and objectives of the project are realistic within the timeframe (given its current development status) and applying the resources proposed;
- the project plan adequately addresses the stated aims and objectives;
- the main technical barriers and key risks to successful completion of the project has been identified and appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate these;
- the arrangements for managing the project are adequate;
- the arrangements for involving patient/user representatives are appropriate.

Comment:

STRENGTH OF THE PROJECT TEAM

Please comment on the strength of the project team, in particular whether:

- It has a strong track record in relevant areas;
- It has the right skills and experience to deliver the identifiable benefits.

Comment:

VALUE FOR MONEY

Please comment on whether the requested resources, including staffing, are clearly justified and if they are essential for the work proposed.

Comment:

USE OF ANIMALS

Does the proposed research project use animals? If yes, please consider and comment on the following:

- Are the proposed species, numbers and procedures appropriate;
- Are there any opportunities for reduction in animal numbers, replacement of animals by alternative approaches or refinement of procedures to reduce any pain or discomfort?

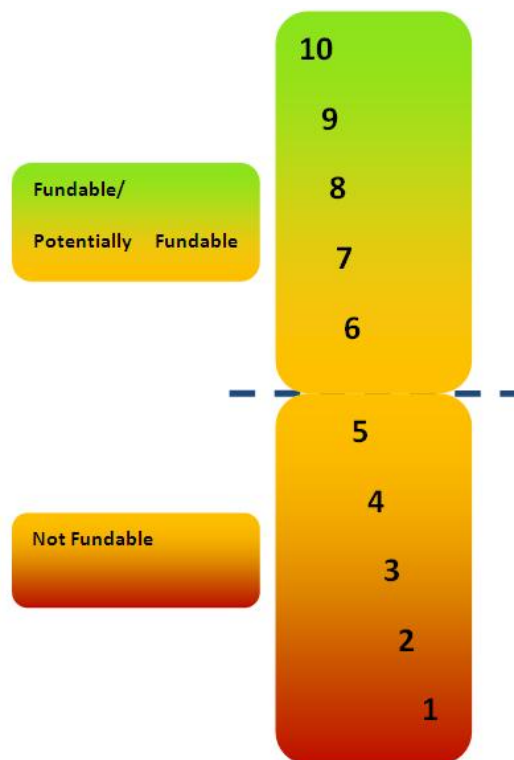
Yes Comments if 'Yes':
 No

Guidance for Peer Reviewers

Key criteria where the application needs to be consistently strong are the:

- Evidence of strong need and potential healthcare benefits
- Scientific and technical excellence
- Innovative nature of the proposal
- Value for money provided by the proposal

Score Chart



A 'Fundable' project would score highly on the 1-10 scale (8-10).

Projects meeting most criteria but having **minor** weaknesses may still be scored in the upper half (6-7). These projects display one or more aspects that need minor changes prior to funding. For example, a trial design may need refining.

When an application, as presented, does not give confidence that the proposed deliverables are either relevant or will be achieved without **major** improvements in one or more of its components, then it should **not** be considered fundable and be scored in the lower half (1-5).