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Evaluation parameters

Sl.No.	Criteria	Max Marks
1.	**Research Question / Theme of the study**	
	Originality and / Novelty a. Purpose (Novelty/Innovation) b. Tools (Bio-medical/equipment related development) c. Technique (New clinical technique/ improvement over existing technique) d. Procedure (Improvement/ Simplification)	**5**
	Expected contribution of the proposed research to knowledge base a. New research with any impact on clinical care /public health/ health sciences b. Upgrading the existing knowledge c. Supports change in policy (Social/Public Health) d. Supports Cost saving or / simplifies process / procedures e. Alignment with local / national / global priorities	**5**
2	**Appropriate Summary**	**5**
3.	**Clearly Stated SMART Objective(s)**	**5**
4	**Methodology** - Appropriateness of study design - Sample size determination - Sampling design - Validity/reliability of tools used - Ethical issues listed and addressed adequately	**20**
5	**Results and discussion** - Clarity and logical sequence - Adequacy in addressing each objective Effective use of tables/figures with minimal redundancy - Appropriate statistical analysis done - Depth of interpretation beyond description - Balanced comparison and discussion with Indian & global studies - acknowledgment of limitations	**20**
6	Realistic conclusions, policy/program implications	**10**
7	References and citation appropriateness	**5**
8	**Document** -Clarity and grammar	**10**

	-Scientific writing -Good presentation / formatting	
9	**Submitted for publication / Published**	**10**
10	**Ability of the proposal to get grants in future –** - Indication of future plans? - Project fits within major funding drives/collaboration - Any scope for future research/contribution	**5**

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- ☐ Academic Integrity Indicator:
  - Plagiarism Similarity Score (iThenticate / Turnitin / DrillBit): ____ %
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- ☐ Institutional Ethics Committee certificate

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