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Dear Professor Angus

NHMRC Project – APP1029990 – The AGE/RAGE pathway in chronic liver disease; a novel target for prevention and treatment.

Thank you for applying for a NHMRC Project for funding in the year 2012. Please find attached the assessments for your application (identified above). You are now invited to respond to those assessments.

As in previous years, NHMRC sought two external assessments for your application. We received two such assessments for most applications and more than two for a relatively small proportion. In some instances, however, our requests for external assessments were declined and you may find that there are fewer than two.

We have provided all written assessments received for your application. Your responses to the comments in these assessors' reports will be provided to GRP members.

As your application will proceed to review by a Grant Review Panel (GRP), your Applicant Response **must be received by NHMRC within 7 working days** of the day after the date on your Assessment Rebuttal Letter. This will ensure that your response can be considered by the GRP.

No Application Response will be accepted if lodged after the 7 working day time limit. If this timeframe raises significant issues, or if you experience other problems with submitting your Response, please contact NHMRC's Research Help Centre (help@nhmrc.gov.au; Tel. 1800 500 983). Information on how to submit your Response is provided below.

To assist in the further consideration of your Response, it is important that you follow the requirements set out below, including in relation to the submission of your Response (see instructions at end of this letter). If you do not adhere to these requirements, the Response may not be considered by the GRP:

Format: A single document converted into a PDF file that **must not** exceed 2Mb in size. Applicants and RAOs are advised to retain a copy of the response, including a copy of the PDF file they submit.

Page Limit: Not more than 2 pages.

If the application is going to be assessed by the Indigenous Health Research Grant Review Panel (IGRP), applicants will be advised in a separate message. If this is the case, applicants will be permitted to use **an additional third page**. This additional page enables applicants to respond to *The Criteria for Health and Medical Research of Indigenous Australians* (refer: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files_nhmrc/file/grants/indighth.pdf).

References and updates to the Chief Investigator's publication list must be included within the page limit.

- Paper Size:** Standard A4 (210 x 297mm).
- Title:** Response should be titled "Applicant Response" in centred font with the Application ID in the top right hand corner.
- Margins:** All margins must be at least 2.0cm.
- Font:** At least 12 point and Times New Roman only.
- Line spacing:** Must be set to single or greater.
- Character spacing:** Spacing must be set to normal. Scale must be set to 100%.
- Web Links:** Do not include links to additional information on any website in the Applicant Response, excluding references to published peer review journal articles that are only available online.
- Graphics:** Graphics (pictures, diagrams etc) may be included in the response. The Applicant Response may be printed and reproduced in black and white and any colour graphics must be visible when reproduced in black and white.
- Tables:** Tabulated information containing text is not considered to be an image or diagram. Text within tables must comply with the above requirements concerning fonts and spacing.
- Labelling Graphs and Images:** Axes of graphs and labels of parts of images may be in a reduced font. However, the description and/or legends of all graphs and images must comply with the above formatting requirements.
- File name:** The PDF file must be named in the following format: "ApplicationID - CIA Surname - Applicant Response.pdf"

(for example: APP9011023 - Smith - Applicant Response.pdf).

We encourage use of the “Applicant Response Template for Project Grants” available at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/projects/index.htm#a6> and in the RGMS library, when preparing your response. Note that this template:

- a) has very restrictive text formatting. For example the use of bulleted lists, bold, italicised or underlined text within a paragraph is not possible.
- b) must be converted to a PDF file and must comply with all other requirements detailed above, before uploading into RGMS.

Please ensure your response is a single document of not more than two pages (three pages for applications being assessed by the IGRP) that has been converted into a PDF file not exceeding 2Mb in size.

How do I submit my Applicant Response (rebuttal)?

1. Log into RGMS (www.rgms.nhmrc.gov.au)
2. From the left hand menu select ‘*Results and Rebuttals*’
3. Locate your application using the relevant filter fields.
4. Click on the properties icon for the application you wish to view.
5. Select the ‘*Rebuttal*’ tab
6. In the left hand sub-menu click on ‘*Rebuttal*’
7. Use the ‘*Browse*’ button to locate your rebuttal file. Click ‘*Save*’ to upload the file to RGMS.
8. In the left hand sub-menu click on ‘*Submit my Response*’
9. From the drop-down list select ‘*Yes, Submit my response to NHMRC*’
10. Click ‘*Save*’
11. Your rebuttal has now been uploaded in RGMS and submitted to NHMRC.

Yours sincerely

[Authorised for electronic distribution by:]

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