

Hvordan leser vi søknader?

How do we read proposals?

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Reader – Applicant Agreement

There is a bias in who report EQ-5d... data. Those who report are younger and less injured.

- The goal is funding
- I am not a scientific expert (but I am a cand psychol...)
- The feedback shall be honest, polite and constructive
- No hard feelings
- No promises about funding
- No opinion about under threshold for funding
- It is a personal and individual feedback from one person
- I do not correct grammar or language as long as I can understand the meaning
- No guarantee that all formalities in the call is fulfilled (it is the applicant's responsibility)
- Focus is on the proposal text. Only limited comments on budget, CVs and attachments
- We only read once

Jeg savner et eller annet sted noe om individuelle forskjeller.

The reading process

Intro er veldig lang og holdt i en beskrivende form. Det blir derfor litt fagbok uten noe klar retning.

- Similar to what an evaluator/reviewer will do
- Read from the start
- Make comments when reading
- Comments vary a lot between proposals. Every proposal triggers different comments
- Limited time to go back and forth in the text (review jobs are not well paid) i.e. if I did not see the point the first time there are no second chance
- Yes, I Google
- Yes, I check references – old, relevance, does not support argument
- Yes, I use Wikipedia
- Reading time: Two hours to half a day

Lurer litt på hva er det nye og hvordan vil dette gjøre en forskjell.

Dette ble litt rotete. Jeg synes du først skal ha hypotesene. Lag dem punktvis og ikke kombiner to ting i en hypotese.

How to handle the comments

Jeg synes further development var litt svakt for kunne si at det var noe nytt.

- You are free to agree or disagree
- You do not need to defend yourself
- Use the comments and do changes that give meaning to you
- Do not argue against comments on formal errors or omissions; just fix
- If time is limited; do not make changes based on the comments that will disturb the structure of your text
- However:
 - If the expert do not understand, thinks it is no logical, is ill explained, missing etc. there is probably something that should be corrected
- The number of comments or the emotion of the comment do not mean that the proposal is good or bad

Ta bort logoene i heading. De er ikke i malen

Det mangler et kap om risk. Hva kan gå galt og hvordan vil du fikse det.

Most common comments

- No presentation of the idea at the start
- Structure and story
- Introduction is too long
 - Too much focus on how bad the disease is and not on what the project will cure
- Must read two pages to find out what it is all about
- It is hard to see what is new
- Objectives do not describe achievements that can be verified
- Missing hypothesis, risk assessment or statistics
- Work Plan and objective do not match i.e. your objectives will not be fulfilled with what you plan to do
- Impact does not come from the results

Mulig dette bør flyttes og at det ikke er need. Kanskje det kan brukes i innledningen,

Her er noe av essensen i prosjektet, men det kommer på side 3 og da må man lese ganske langt for å komme på track. Få dette mer frem og tidligere. Og kutt ned på intro.

Det hopper litt frem og tilbake og dette blir igjen et nytt tema som ikke helt er integrert med en hovedide eller klar story.

Looking for minor details

- Incorrect claims or statements
- Negative statements about research or researcher
- Anything politically incorrect
- Ethics – any showstopper
- Clinical trials: Consent – register – secondary use – anonymous etc.
- Use of animals – 3Rs Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement
- Break of genre; poems, fiction
- Bad English or incorrect term (is it google translate?)
- Esoteric words or internal lingo
- AI

Påføre smerte?

Kan dette forståes som en
karakteristikk av en yrkesgruppe
så ville jeg reformulert.

Er det ok å dra inn frivillige på
et slik medikament?

Hva har man av samtykker i
dag? Må nye innhentes på gamle
data for gjenbruk her?

Hvor mange griser? Trenger man
gris? 3Rs

IQ er forholdsvis konstant
gjennom livet så dette er ikke så
merkelig.

Why it is meaningful

- It may be the difference between funding and rejections
- Hopefully, there is a learning effect
- Preventing pitfalls
- Improving skills of younger researcher
- Get to know a lot about medical science and forefront research
- The feedback from the applicants
- It is fun and it is challenging (the best part of my job)
- Wondering about the X-factor

How to?

If you want us to read your text, send to grants@ous-hf.no

Conditions:

- First in first out
- As early as possible before deadlines
- It should be a full text
- 2 – 3 weeks before deadline is ok
- Capacity close to deadline is limited
- The closer to the deadline, the less time for you to implement the comments
- We read for the whole HSØ