

**ZERO Data & Sample Access Application - Review Criteria**

REVIEW STAGES	Criteria	Final Status of Completion (Y/N)	Comments	Actioned by (Input Initials)
<b>Stage 1: Pre-screen &amp; Verification &amp; Eligibility</b>	DAA or SAA form is accompanied by supporting documents			
	Ethical permissions granted to the project(s) for which data are requested cover the applicant's proposed research uses			
	Assurances that practices, methods, or mechanisms are in place to protect participants'/data subjects' rights and interests in the project			
	Assurances that the application/project does not violate or potentially violate participant consent(s) or consent of their guardians where applicable			
	Assurances that the application/project for which the data are requested poses minimal risk of re-identifying individuals within the dataset			
	Any criteria specific to access to biospecimens if relevant to the DAC (e.g. a review of projects for finite samples given that any use may preclude subsequent future uses)			
<b>Stage 2: Scientific Assessment Criteria</b>	Research question is clear and demonstrates importance in advancing research			
	Project scope is feasible and aligns with data/sample use request and able to adhere to data/sample use restrictions			
	Data or Sample requested to investigate the research question are justified			
	Is the study is suitably powered to achieve the stated outcomes?			
	If power is not applicable, is the nature of the request justifiable for approval			
	Methodology used to investigate research questions is clear, with well-supported hypothesis			
	Method is accompanied with proof of concept & preliminary data or within the capacity/resource/expertise of the applicant team			
	If proof of concept & prelim data is not provided/ not applicable (eg requiring ZERO data to perform such proof of concept), is the nature of the request justifiable for approval?			
	<b>DAC FINAL DECISION:</b>			
	<b>DATE:</b>			
	<b>If to be <span style="color: green;">CONDITIONALLY APPROVED</span>, <span style="color: orange;">RECONSIDERED</span> or <span style="color: red;">REJECTED</span>, reason for applicant:</b>			