SPECIFIC AIMS (one page only)

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SPECIFIC AIMS: State concisely the goals of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s), including the impact that the results of the proposed research will have on the research field(s) involved.

SIGNIFICANCE AND INNOVATION (one page only)

SIGNIFICANCE: Explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress that the proposed project addresses. Describe the strengths and weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research (both published and unpublished) that serves as the key support for the proposed project. Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice in one or more broad fields.

INNOVATION: Explain how the application challenges and seeks to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms. Describe any novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions. Explain any refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.

APPROACH (one page minimum, three page maximum)

Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Describe plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project. Describe the experimental design and methods proposed and how they will achieve robust and unbiased results. MUST include a section titled, “Plan for external funding.”

REFERENCES CITED

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**B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors**

**C. Contributions to Science**