

Table 1
Characteristics of Rejected Projects

1. Reliance on unreliable or invalid research measures
2. Inadequate procedures for obtaining or maintaining research participants
3. Ignoring powerful confounding variables
4. Selection of low-impact topic
5. Reliance on negatively motivated data collectors
6. Need for repeated or multi-grantor funding
7. Requests to cover costs of doing business
8. Failure to follow application guidelines
9. Educational or service project with no integral research component
10. Project not within our mission area
11. Procedures that are unlikely to work
12. Absence of clear scientific or practical benefits
13. Research alliance with a for-profit entity