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CSI Policy on Pilot Studies

In order to foster innovation and develop new, funded research at the Emory Center for Systems Imaging, the center leadership is committed to support pilot time on the scanners and in each of the service lines. Up to 15% of available scanner time may be committed to pilot studies.

Eligibility: All Emory and Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute partner institution* faculty (and post doctoral fellows with a faculty sponsor) are eligible for pilot time on the CSI scanners. A Principal Investigator (PI) on a pilot study may have only one active pilot study on-going at any given time.

Procedures:

1. Pilot proposals should be submitted in NIH-style format (no more than 5 pages) and Provide sufficient detail to enable evaluation of scientific merit.
2. Protocols will be evaluated as they are collected (except for specific RFPs, which may have specific review deadlines) and discussed at weekly CSI Program Director meetings. When necessary, outside expertise will be enlisted on an ad hoc basis for review of proposals. Target turnaround for review is approximately 14 days.
3. A definitive decision to approve or not to approve will be provided for each protocol. Revision and resubmission may also be recommended. Pilot studies must be completed within one year of approval date; requests for extensions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

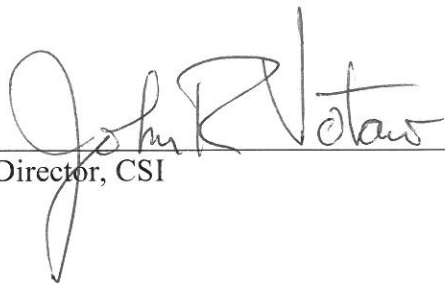
Review Criteria: In addition to scientific merit, protocols will need to show technical feasibility and potential for leading to or enabling future funded research. The award of scanner time will be based on the minimum data needed to demonstrate feasibility or preliminary studies for funding applications, not that needed for publication or study completion.

Costs Not Eligible for Support: CSI pilot funding may be requested for scanner time, Radiopharmaceutical production, and limited data analysis. Such support does not cover Volunteer payments, laboratory or other ancillary studies, or other research fees, such as the cost of radiopharmaceuticals not produced by CSI.

Progress Report: A brief (1-page) progress report will be required by each PI within 90 days of the end of the approved period. This progress report will be taken into consideration when reviewing future applications by the same investigator. Future pilot study support is contingent upon submission of a grant application that uses data generated through the current support, or strong justification of why this was impossible.

All publications and grant applications that include data generated from this mechanism, should acknowledge the support received with the following: "these data were generated with the support of the Emory University Center for Systems Imaging."

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