

Evaluator's Checklist – SNSF Spark Grant-Inspired Assessment

1. Novelty / Unconventionality of the Proposed Research Project (20%)

- Is the research idea distinct from established work in the field?
- Does the project address a topic with little prior literature or ongoing work?
- Is the methodological or conceptual approach clearly unconventional or original?

Score (0-20): _____

Comments:

2. Scientific Quality of the Project (30%)

- Is the research plan logically structured and scientifically sound?
- Is the proposed methodology appropriate for the research goals?
- Is the project feasible within the proposed timeline and resources?
- Are the hypotheses or research questions clearly stated and testable?

Score (0-30): _____

Comments:

3. Potential for Significant Impact (20%)

- Does the project have the potential to transform a central scientific question or field?
- Could it enable a new method, technology, or research direction?
- Does it show potential to influence wider scientific, societal, or technological developments?
- Is the level of risk appropriately matched to the potential impact?

Score (0-20): _____

Comments:

4. Effective Use of Figures (20%)

- Are the figures clear, well-labeled, and professionally presented?

- Do figures effectively support the text and clarify complex ideas or workflows?
- Is the visual storytelling compelling and relevant to the proposed research?

Score (0-20): _____

Comments:

5. Submission Timeliness (10%)

- Was the initial concept submitted by March 20?
- Was the first draft submitted by April 17?

Score (0-10): _____

Comments:

Total Score (out of 100): _____