

## IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observers' Report

**Call ID: H2020-JTI-IMI2-2017-12-two-stage**

**IMI2 12<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals**

**Stage 2 evaluation**

**Date of evaluation: 5-7 June 2018**

**Name of the observers: Dr. Shosh Merchav and Prof. Ian Kitchen**

### ***Summary of Recommendations***

- 1. We recommend that consideration be given to ensuring a reasonable level of anonymity of expert panel members during hearings with consortia members by removing their name cards during the hearing and by abstaining from introductions at that stage.*
- 2. We recommend a more detailed agenda for the panel meetings and that moderators use a more defined approach to directing panels to prepare the list of questions for consortium hearings and to achieve a consensus score on each criterion. In particular we recommend adding the item "Scoring of Proposals" to the formal agenda and that consideration should be given to determining the proposal scoring as a basis for completion of the consensus report comments, rather than vice-versa.*
- 3. The process of introducing the panel members to the Consortium representatives at the hearing may benefit from a consistent approach to mirror the fact that the evaluators' names are not provided in the letter of approval/rejection sent to the consortium at the end of the evaluation process.*
- 4. We recommend the independent observers are routinely provided with a copy of the list of questions formulated by the panellists prior to the hearing.*
- 5. We recommend providing the independent observers with a dedicated chair at the meeting table to facilitate taking notes during the panel meetings.*

### **IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations**

IMI2 JU takes note of the recommendations received from the independent observers regarding the hearings with consortia members. As the hearings are face-to-face at stage 2, ensuring full anonymity is difficult, however, IMI2 JU thanks the independent observers for the suggestions and will investigate how best to apply recommendations 1 and 3.

IMI2 JU is happy to implement recommendation 2, with inclusion of an agenda item on scoring the proposal.

IMI2 JU is happy to receive feedback regarding the way documents are provided to the independent observers and will make sure the suggested recommendations will be implemented, as much as possible.