

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observer's Report

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IMI2 8th Call for Proposals

Evaluation of the 5th cut-off date

Date of evaluation: 12-13 April 2018

Name of the observers: Dr. Nicole Haeffner-Cavaillon

Summary of Recommendations

The overall opinion is that the evaluation process was carefully and fairly implemented, of excellent quality and conformed to international standards of peer review.

All IEs were not involved in any applicant consortia and were not subject to any kind of conflict of interest.

As for one stage evaluation the scoring includes thresholds for two out of three items the discussion were quite hard and some IEs indicated that the threshold of 4 for criterion 1 and 2 is too high.

All IEs took an active role in the discussion held during the Panel meetings and drafting of the final Evaluation Summary Reports. The consensus reports were formulated from an in-depth discussion.

The evaluation was supported by the IMI2 staff in a very professional way. The evaluation involved important logistics preparation of the meetings (travels, hotel booking, printing evaluation reports, call documents, applicant proposals, IT system etc..). No complaint of any expert was expressed.

It should be emphasized that the IMI2 assessment procedures have reached a very high level of quality directly connected to the expertise, professionalism and competence of its employees.

IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations

IMI2 JU takes note of the conclusions expressed by the independent observer and is pleased to have the confirmation that the evaluation process was carefully and fairly implemented, according to the international standards of peer review and of excellent quality.

Regarding the scoring, as this is a single stage evaluation process, a threshold of 4 is deemed necessary to ensure that proposals that are recommended for funding are of high quality.