Assessment instructions, Swedish Coeliac Association Research Fund 2024

Step 1. Rating in regard of 6 assessment criteria (excel spreadsheet)

Assess and rate each application and assessment criterion separately, not in relation to each other. There is no limitation in how many of the assessment criteria and applications that can get the highest or lowest rating: The only assessment that should be done at this time is whether each individual application meets each criterion, exceeds, or simply falls short of the criteria. The rating should be filled out in the attached Excel spreadsheet. **Also note potential conflicts of interests in the spreadsheet**.

The rating scale is 0-1-2.

0 = less than reasonable, *incomplete/non-existent, does not meet the lowest requirements for the normal standards within each individual criterion.*

1 = meets reasonable requirements, *but not far beyond the normal standard.*

2 = exceeds reasonable requirements, *well-thought-out, high importance and clearly exceeding normal standards*.

<u>Assessment criteria, with short definition of requirements.</u>

- **Feasibility** - If and how the application describes the implementation and the economy of the project in a relevant and trustworthy manner. The project is simply judged feasible in regard to relevant funds and timeframes.
- **Originality** - How the project in key parts is innovative and considered to contribute new knowledge.
- **Scientific quality** – The application and the project's scientific quality, in relation to existing science.
- **Clinical relevance** - How the application describes, and how the project is expected to contribute to the clinical activity.
- **Patient benefits** - How the application describes, and how the project is expected to lead to direct patient benefits.
- **Communication of research results** - How the application describes in what way research results will be communicated to the public and especially to the Swedish Coeliac Association members.

Step 2. Overall assessment of application (excel spreadsheet)

Since the different assessment criteria are not equal or even comparable, no total score can be compiled for the individual applications based on the scores for the assessment criteria (i.e. if the application is less than reasonable (0), meets reasonable requirements (1) or exceeds reasonable requirements (2)). The individual factor that should be given highest weight/attention/impact is if the project is considered at all feasible.

The overall assessment is not a summary of the scores of the different assessment criteria, and more than one application can be given the same score.

The overall assessment is done on a scale of 1-5 and filled out in the excel spreadsheet, where
1 is a rather poor, and probably not feasible application
3 is a normal, feasible application and
5 is a very good application.
The overall assessment should also be given a short, written motivation.

Step 3. Overall ranking of the applications (excel spreadsheet)

To aid the Scientific Council in the final ranking of the applications, each reviewer is to make an overall ranking of the applications in the excel spreadsheet. These rankings are to be used in the final ranking and decision on the distribution of the available funds.