

Grant Workshop

To Revise or Not to Revise.....that is the Question

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Rule #1:

Know your study section!

- They have to get it.
- Ideally, you want advocate(s) on the study section, but at the very least, the appropriate expertise must be represented.

Do some homework

Talk to a PO at the institute you plan to target.

Talk to the SRO.

No brainer:

If your reviewers were enthusiastic about your idea and found fixable problems (meaning you got scored), revising and requesting the same study section is usually the way to go.

It is possible to overcome a “Not Discussed”

- Are your individual criterion scores 3-4 or >6?
- Are specific, constructive comments provided that can be addressed?

ND, but good criterion scores

If your scores are fairly good, but nothing specific is suggested to improve the scores, you're in trouble.

ND, across the board bad scores

- Did the reviewers' expertise fit your topic?
- Were they knowledgeable about your methods?
- Did they understand the rationale for your research?

You have the option to revise and request a different study section (CSR does not have to comply)

OR

Rethink the project

ND, with only some poor criterion scores

If one of your individual criterion scores is very poor, particularly for Approach, it may be possible to fix it.

- Was a fatal flaw identified that you can eliminate?
- Can you add clinical relevance?
- Can you add an expert to your team?

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