

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL 1

Category	Sub-category	Excellent	Possible points
Content	Comprehensive introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enough background is provided to introduce the topic Significance of the topic with regards to (neuro)inflammation is explicitly articulated 	10
	Evidence-based argument(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empirical evidence is used to support the investigation of the topic in the context of (neuro)inflammation 	10
	Hypothesis statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explicit mention of the research question and the team's hypothesis Evidence-based prediction(s) 	10
Format	References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 5 scientific articles are used as reference References were properly and consistently cited in text and bibliography 	5
	Length and structure guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a minimum of 2 pages of well-written text Formatting: 1" margins, 12-font, single or 1.5 space 	5
Overall Assessment	Overall organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written document follows a logical and sequential order 	5
	Well-written paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof-read and free of typos 	5

S1. Grading rubric for the research proposal.