**Community Representative Sample Assessments:**

**Question 1 – Overall Assessment Summary:** Provide feedback on: 1) The relevance of the proposed research project to MS; 2) Potential impact of the research to people affected by MS and/or the field of MS research; 3) Applicant's motivation and enthusiasm to pursue research training in the field of MS and for conducting the proposed research project. (Maximum 500 words or 3000 characters)

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| **Sample Assessment** |  |
| Within my own MS circle of friends and colleagues, fatigue is the symptom that brings everyone the greatest frustration as it impacts work life, the ability to enjoy activities with family and friends and overall quality of life. In creating a clinical trial that looks at cognitive fatigability, **this research project addresses an important challenge for people living with MS and based on my experiences is extremely relevant to the MS community.**That the applicant's project proposes to include patient feedback throughout all stages of the clinical trial and have a Patient Advisory Committee guide decisions about and planning for a future clinical trial is very **exciting, practical and will certainly resound in a good way with the MS community.**Who better to know how well the interventions are working and how to make them more effective than the very people affected by MS?! **The applicant's experiences have clearly given him/her a good understanding of the impact that cognitive fatigue has on all aspects of daily life and ultimately mental health.**It is exciting to read how the accumulation of these experiences have led him/her to want to help people affected by MS.​ | * Explains how the project is relevant and impactful to the MS community.
* Shares personal and shared perspective.
* Showcases their enthusiasm for the project.
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| The goals of this study are to determine if a specific anti-aging treatment is effective in reducing neuronal damage in MS. This work will also validate if MS has an effect on neurons that is similar to that of aging. Neuronal degeneration is the marker of progressive disease which is a significant focus area for the MS community. It appears that this connection to anti-aging therapies is a current knowledge gap that would be very helpful if it was better understood. **This proposal brings hope and excitement to me** given the potential ability to leverage other treatment options that are being developed for anti-aging. **I wasn't clear from the application if the two treatment options being studied are commercially available, in trials, or still at a laboratory stage so it would be helpful to know how quickly this could be implemented if the study results were positive.** There is the potential to make a lasting impact but I wasn't clear how close that was.   | * Explains how the project is relevant and impactful to the MS community.
* Shares personal and shared perspective.
* Outlines what is missing and/or what can be improved from the project summary .
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**Question 2– Application Language and Accessibility:** Please indicate any comments you may have on the application's language and accessibility. If applicable, what feedback can you provide the applicant that would assist them in making the non-scientific documents more understandable and relevant to the general public? (Maximum 250 words or 1500 characters) ​

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| **Sample Assessment** |  |
| The non-technical portions of the application were **well written and easy to comprehend**. The background information and key concepts for the study were **clearly explained**. ​ | * Describes the accessibility of the non-scientific documents.
* Indicates use of appropriate language to clearly explain background information and key concepts.
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| The actual details of the project were **difficult to understand**. The summary would have benefitted from an explanation of methionine, its role, and the benefits of having more or less of it, and a less detailed and wordy description of the research steps. The applicant says this research could lead to a new, safe and cost-effective dietary intervention - something that would be well received by the MS community. **The key would be to express that passion in simpler terms.**​ | * Describes the accessibility of the non-scientific documents.
* Provides clear feedback to improve readability for non-scientific audiences.
* Provides examples on what can be improved in the non-scientific documents (e.g. terms that need to be defined).
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