Specific Aims Checklist

☐ I keep to the one-page limit.

☐ Each of my two or three aims is a narrowly focused, concrete objective I can achieve during the grant.

☐ My text states how my work is innovative.

☐ I describe the underlying science to the extent needed for my reviewers.

☐ I give a rationale for choosing the topic and approach.

☐ I tie the project to my preliminary data and other new findings in the field.

☐ I explicitly state my hypothesis and why testing it is important.

☐ My aims can test my hypothesis and are logical.

☐ I can design and lead the execution of two or three sets of experiments that will strive to prove each aim.

☐ I use language that an educated non-expert can understand, to the extent possible.

☐ My aims highlight the significance of the research to science and health.

☐ My aims show my project's importance to science, and how it will close a gap in my field.

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