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National Institutes of Health  
9000 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

**Application for the NIH Research Grant Program R01**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to submit a grant proposal entitled “The Role of Glial Cells in Midbrain Neurodegeneration” for consideration under the NIH Research Grant Program R01, PA number PA-13-302, as discussed with Program Officer Robert Jones. This application is in response to RFA-AA-00-000, “Basic Research of Midbrain Disease,” released on January 1, 2015.

Please assign this application to the following:

**Institute**

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

**Scientific Review Group**

Cellular and Molecular Biology of Glia Study Section – CMBG

I have requested that this application be assigned to the NINDS because it contains both basic and translational research aimed at increasing knowledge of the brain and neurological disease, consistent with the Mission Statement of the NINDS.

I have requested that this application be assigned to the CMBG because this study section includes experts on the glial-neuronal interactions that are the main focus of this application. In particular, we propose the use of molecular imaging approaches to dissect the relationship between these cell types.

I kindly request that Dr. James Jenkins is excluded from reviewing this application due to longstanding competition between our laboratories.

I have also included an approved ARA form concerning direct costs over \$500,000 per year in the budget section of the application.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith, Ph.D.  
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City University