OVERALL ASSESSMENT:

***1 Quality of research plan (rating 1–6; average score for two sections)***

* 1. **Scientific quality and innovativeness of research plan (sub-rating 1–6):**
* ***Guiding questions****: How significant is the project scientifically? How high is the potential for breakthroughs or exceptionally significant outcomes? To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development across disciplines)?*
* **Comments:**

***1.2 Feasibility of research plan (sub-rating 1–6):***

* ***Guiding questions****: Are the objectives and hypotheses appropriately presented and is the research plan feasible (bearing in mind the extent to which the proposed research may include high risks)? Are the research methods and materials appropriate? How well does the applicant acknowledge potential scientific or methodological problem areas, and how does the applicant consider alternative approaches? Is the management of the proposed plan appropriate and well planned? Does the research environment support the project, including appropriate research infrastructures?*
* **Comments**:

***1.3 Ethical aspects and open science (no numerical rating)***

* ***Guiding questions:*** *Are there any ethical issues involved and, if so, how are they taken into account? What is the intended level of open access to research results? Is a data management plan outlined in a sufficient way?*
* **Comments**:

***2 Competence of applicant(s), quality of research collaborations (rating 1–6):***

**2.1 Competence and expertise of applicant(s) (sub-rating 1–6):**

* ***Guiding questions****: What are the personal merits and scientific expertise of the applicant? Are they appropriate and sufficient for the proposed project? What are the personal competences of the applicant in terms supervising of PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers? Does the research plan advance the applicant’s professional competence and independence?*
* **Comments**:

***3.1 Main strengths and weaknesses of project, additional comments and suggestions***

**Strengths:**

**Weaknesses:**

**Comments:**