

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observers' Report

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IMI2 9th Call for Proposals

Stage 1 evaluation

Date of evaluation: 13-16 September 2016

Name of the observers: Kate Barker and Hans Lehmann

Summary of Recommendations

The paragraph below presents the recommendations as indicated by the observers in their report.

We opened with our views that the evaluation of Call 9 of IMI-2 was conducted in a fully proper way. Several of our recommendations underline the importance of maintaining these aspects of the evaluation process:

- *The panel briefings by phone and the in-person briefings with all the experts before they split up into topic groups.*
- *The mix of expertise in terms of basic research, clinical research and application*
- *The standard working of the panels including the management of hearings*
- *The presence and contribution of EFPIA members*
- *The collaborative production of consensus reports by the independent experts.*

A strong plea from many experts is noted: that to evaluate the proposals properly takes much longer than half a day. Experts did not complain as such about their remuneration, but we recommend that the allocation be increased or that a flat rate per proposal is given.

IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations

IMI2 JU is pleased to have confirmation by the independent observers that the evaluation was conducted according to the procedures in place. IMI2 JU will also make sure that the same procedures are applied for future calls and will try to ensure high quality evaluation are maintained.

Regarding the second recommendation, on the remuneration of independent experts, IMI2 JU is aware of the complexity of proposals submitted in response to IMI2 JU calls for proposals and will explore how remuneration could be improved, while respecting the rules regarding reimbursement of experts.