

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observer's Report

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IMI2 17th Call for Proposals

Stage 2 evaluation

Date of evaluation: 27-28 November 2019

Name of the observer: Sophie Duport

Summary of Recommendations

- *The overall evaluation process enabled the panels to evaluate their respective proposal smoothly in the time allocated.*
- *The conduct of the hearings could be made smoother if the panels were provided with clarifications as to the types of follow-up questions they can ask.*
- *To support the merging of the individual evaluation report into a draft consensus report, it would be helpful to add the sub-criteria as sections in the online tool.*
- *To speed up the process of writing the consensus report, it would be helpful to invite the panels to concentrate on the weaknesses first and then wordsmith the strengths.*

IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations

- IMI2 JU is happy to have the confirmation of the independent observer that the proposals were smoothly evaluated by the panels and within the time allocated.
- IMI2 JU thanks the independent observer for providing valuable feedback regarding the conduct of the hearings and will strengthen experts' briefing in relation to this point.
- IMI2 JU is taking note of the recommendation regarding the further split of the text of the evaluation report by sub criteria and will analyse the benefits of introducing this change in the evaluation process.
- In relation to the last recommendation, while IMI2 JU does see the benefits of presenting to the applicant the proposal's weaknesses, it is important to keep in mind that the strict purpose of the evaluation report is to reflect the panel's assessment of the proposal 'as is', presenting both the strengths and the weaknesses.