**SPECIFIC AIMS TEMPLATE**

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**Content Instructions**

* Limited to **one page**.
* State concisely the goals of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s), including the impact that the results of the proposed research will have on the research field(s) involved.
* List succinctly the specific objectives of the research proposed (e.g., to test a stated hypothesis, create a novel design, solve a specific problem, challenge an existing paradigm or clinical practice, address a critical barrier to progress in the field, or develop new technology).
* Additional Instructions for Multi-project: The Specific Aims attachment is required for both the Overall Component as well as Other Components.

**Review Criteria and/or Questions to Consider**

* Has the PI addressed a highly significant problem?
* Is the proposed project innovative?
* Can the Specific Aims be achieved within the time allotted for the grant? Are there clear endpoints?
* Is there a hypothesis that is well focused and testable by the aims and experiments?
* Are there experiments outlined to address the aims? Are the experiments feasible?

**Suggested outline**

We have provided a suggested outline on the second page of this document. If you would like, you can enter your text directly below each subsection header (delete additional guiding comments). This document is already formatted appropriately (0.5 inch margins, Arial font, 11 point text). Just delete the first page and you are on your way to a complete draft!

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1-2 Paragraphs: Focus on setting up the problem you want to address, and how you will address it.

Include **objective** and **central hypothesis** statements if appropriate.

**Aim 1.** State your research aim and concisely describe the specific tasks you will perform to fulfill this aim.

**Aim 2.** State your research aim and concisely describe the specific tasks you will perform to fulfill this aim.

**Aim 3.***(if applicable)* State your research aim and concisely describe the specific tasks you will perform to fulfill this aim.

1-2 sentence conclusion: State the outcomes or what you expect to have learned through the completion of your aims and the positive impact of those results on the field.

*Optional but recommended*: Include a figure to illustrate the key points of your study.