

RPPR progress reports: needed text.

B.1 What are the major goals of the project?

List the major goals of the project as stated in the approved application or as approved by the agency. If the application lists milestones/target dates for important activities or phases of the project, identify these dates and show actual completion dates or the percentage of completion. Generally, the goals will not change from one reporting period to the next. However, if the awarding agency approved changes to the goals during the reporting period, list the revised goals and objectives. Also explain any significant changes in approach or methods from the agency approved application or plan.

Goals are equivalent to *specific aims*. Significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency (e.g., NIH Grants Policy Statement, 8.1.2).

The specific aims must be provided in the initial RPPR (i.e., first non-competing type 5 submission). In subsequent RPPRs this section will pre-populate with the aims/goals previously entered, and may be amended by answering **Yes** to question B.1.a.

B.1.a Have the major goals changed since the initial competing award or previous report?

Select **Yes** if the major goals/specific aims have changed since the initial competing award or previous report, and provide a revised description of major goals/specific aims. Remember that written prior approval from the awarding agency grants official is required for significant changes in the project or its direction. The RPPR is not an appropriate vehicle to request such a change.

The first year that an RPPR is submitted any revised goals should be entered into the text box for B.1. In subsequent years, if the user selects **Yes** the text box under B.1.a for entering revised major goals will be provided.

B.2 What was accomplished under these goals?

For this reporting period describe: 1) major activities; 2) specific objectives; 3) significant results, including major findings, developments, or conclusions (both positive and negative); and 4) key outcomes or other achievements. Include a discussion of stated goals not met. As the project progresses, the emphasis in reporting in this section should shift from reporting activities to reporting accomplishments.

Goals are equivalent to *specific aims*. In the response, emphasize the significance of the findings to the scientific field. For most NIH awards the response should not exceed 2 pages.

B.4 What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

If the research is not intended to provide training and professional development opportunities or there is nothing significant to report during the reporting period, select **Nothing to Report**.

Describe opportunities for training and professional development provided to anyone who worked on the project or anyone who was involved in the activities supported by the project. *Training* activities are those in which individuals with advanced professional skills and experience assist others in attaining greater proficiency. Training activities may include, for example, courses or one-on-one work with a mentor. *Professional development* activities result in increased knowledge or skill in

one's area of expertise and may include workshops, conferences, seminars, study groups, and individual study. Include participation in conferences, workshops, and seminars not listed under major activities.

For all projects reporting graduate students and/or postdoctoral participants in Section D., describe whether your institution has established Individual Development Plans (IDPs) for those participants. Do not include the actual IDP, instead include information to describe how IDPs are used, if they are used, to help manage the training for those individuals.

B.5 How have results been disseminated to communities of interest? (if applicable)

Describe how the results have been disseminated to communities of interest. Include any outreach activities that have been undertaken to reach members of communities who are not usually aware of these research activities, for the purpose of enhancing public understanding and increasing interest in learning and careers in science, technology, and the humanities.

Reporting the routine dissemination of information (e.g., websites, press releases) is not required. For awards not designed to disseminate information to the public or conduct similar outreach activities, a response is not required and the grantee should select **Nothing to Report**. A detailed response is only required for awards or award components that are designed to disseminate information to the public or conduct similar outreach activities. Note that scientific publications and the sharing of research resources will be reported under *Products*.

B.6 What do you plan to do for the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?

Describe briefly what you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives.

Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency (e.g., NIH Grants Policy Statement, 8.1.2.).

Include any important modifications to the original plans. Provide a scientific justification for any changes involving research with human subjects or vertebrate animals. A detailed description of such changes must be provided under Section F. Changes.

C.2 Website(s) or other Internet site(s)

List the URL for any Internet site(s) that disseminates the results of the research activities. A short description of each site should be provided. It is not necessary to include the publications already specified above.

For awards not designed to create or maintain one or more websites select "Nothing to Report". A description is only required for awards designed to create or maintain one or more websites. Limit the response to this reporting period.

C.3 Technologies or techniques

Identify technologies or techniques that have resulted from the research activities. Describe the technologies or techniques and how they are being shared.

Limit the response to this reporting period.

C.4 Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses

Have inventions, patent applications and/or licenses resulted from the award during this reporting period? Y or N

If yes, has this information been previously provided to the PHS or to the official responsible for patent matters at the grantee organization? Y or N

Reporting of inventions through [iEdison](#) is strongly encouraged.

C.5.a Other Products

Identify any other significant products that were developed under the overall award. Report other products and resources resulting from an individual component under that component.

Describe the product and how it is available to be shared with the research community. Do not repeat information provided above. Limit the response to this reporting period.

Examples of other products are: audio or video products; data and research material (e.g., cell lines, DNA probes, animal models); databases; educational aids or curricula; instruments or equipment; models; protocols; and software or netware.

C.5.b Resource sharing

If the initial research plan addressed, or the terms of award require, a formal plan for sharing final research data, model organisms, or Genome Wide Association Studies data, or other such project specific data, describe the progress in implementing that plan. For sharing model organisms, include information on the number of requests received and number of requests fulfilled during this reporting period. If the sharing plan is fully implemented, provide a final statement on data sharing. Report resource sharing for an individual component under that component.

F.2 Actual or anticipated challenges or delays and actions or plans to resolve them

Describe challenges or delays encountered during the reporting period and actions or plans to resolve them.

Describe only significant challenges that may impede the research (e.g., accrual of patients, hiring of personnel, need for resources or research tools) and emphasize their resolution.

F.3 Significant changes to Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, Biohazards, and/or Select Agents

If there are changes in any of the following areas check the appropriate box and provide a description of the changes. If applicable, report the change under the relevant component. Describe significant deviations, unexpected outcomes, or changes in approved protocols for human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents during this reporting period.

Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency