

Description of Reviewer Responsibilities

Scientific Reviewers (SRs)

The purpose of the Scientific Review is to review/identify:

1. Potential overlap with existing Concept Sheets
2. Scientific validity of the project
3. Feasibility of the study – do we have the necessary data and specimens for the project?
4. Assurance that the methodology is sound

Working Group (WG) reviews

1. Scientific validity of the project

Project Director Reviewer (PDR)

1. Review the feasibility and participant/site staff burden of the proposed research activities.
2. Review costs associated with the proposed research. All sub-studies that require data collection will need to ensure adequate CCS site funding for activities proposed in the concept sheet (e.g., administrative/personnel effort, protocol administration, data management, participant reimbursement, etc.).

Lab Reviewer (LR)

1. Review a concept sheet if any new specimens will be collected from participants, or if specimens will be withdrawn from any CCS central repository.
2. Review to ensure the assays being used are appropriate, specimens being used are appropriate, and proposed science justifies sample use.

Genetics Reviewer (GR)

1. Review a concept sheet if DNA is being requested from one of the CCS DNA Repositories.
2. Review if specimens will be used by the investigator to create his/her own genetic materials for study.
3. Review if GWAS will be used.

4. Review if any genetics analysis is to be done as part of the concept sheet.

Geocoding Reviewer (GeoR)

1. Review feasibility of the proposed research activities if the concept sheet is requesting contextual data from the CCS Geocoding Core.